

Brampton Native Mrs. Gordon Johnson Dies in Toronto

A Brampton native and a Dale Estate employee before her marriage, Mrs. James Gordon (Bud) Johnson, 44, died on December 7th at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Toronto. She was the former Margaret Jane Arthur.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson had lived in Islington since their marriage, at 62 Poplar Avenue, Three Children.

She leaves her husband; three children, William Gordon, Dianne Jane and Patricia Gayle; her mother, Mrs. A. Finbow of 20 Byron St., Georgetown; and brothers and sisters, Don Arthur, Sam Arthur and Mrs. Roy Snell, Georgetown; William Arthur, Mrs. Ted Green, Eleanore Arthur, Mrs. George Riddall and Mrs. Keith Maltby, Brampton; and Mrs. Merv Brocklebank, Streetsville.

Interment took place in Brampton Cemetery, following funeral service on Saturday at the McKillop Funeral Home, Brampton.

Candlelight Service At Norval United

In spite of the freezing rain on Sunday evening, December 17th, the United Church annual choir Candlelight Service was well attended and the music was the usual high caliber.

The choir came in with lighted candles singing "O Come, All Ye Faithful" for the processional hymn and sang 13 different Christmas numbers and anthems during the service and in addition there were several solos and duet numbers. Those singing solos were: John Will Laidlaw, Julian Reed and Jean May, Wilfrid Coombs, and Joyce McLean. A trio of Ruth Lyons, Glenn Laidlaw and Jean May sang "Hear The Bells" and Ruth Lyons and Glen Laidlaw sang a duet "Dear Little Stranger."

About half way through the service the Christmas Story was read from the Bible by Rev. L. Free, followed by the congregation singing several carols.

The recessional hymn was "All Hail The Power," after which tea and cookies were served in the church hall and the choir presented their leader, Kathleen Coombs, and their organist, Ron Laidlaw, with gifts. The ladies of the church were pleased with their renovated kitchen. A well was drilled in

the fall and two double sinks with hot and cold water installed in new kitchen cupboard. Toilets and hand basins were also installed with almost all the work now complete. After having no water at the church all these years, it is wonderful to turn the tap and get all the water you want — hot or cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Meadows of Caledonia visited at the home of Mrs. Meadows' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Fishburn on Sunday, December 17th.

Toronto, Localites Get Holiday Bowl

Four localites and a Toronto resident got an assist for their holiday budget when they won prizes in a lucky draw last Tuesday.

The draw was held in conjunction with an All Star hockey night of the Minor Hockey Support Group. Three Brampton teams played the local all stars and won the Pee Wee and juvenile matches. The local novices took the opener 4-2.

In the draw, turkeys were won by B. Lewis, 110 Wells St., Toronto, and Ernest Bell, 63 Main St., S. Keele, J. Edwards, 11 King St. and Robert White, 12 Young St. Fifth prize of two chickens went to Charles Biehn, 26 Queen St.



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Santa, Christmas Much In Evidence at Manor

by Muriel Thompson

A practical and generous gift, a gift that will be used at all seasons of the year but especially at Christmas time, was presented to the Manor recently by Mrs. A. E. Tufford of Milton. This was a desk magnifying glass, by the aid of which some of the residents are planning to read their Christmas mail.

The residents had two pleasant connections with Santa Claus on Saturday, December 2. Early in the afternoon, some of the residents were transported in cars provided by Rotarians and Rotary-Annes to the downtown business section where they watched the annual Santa Claus parade. Then at supper time when the residents gathered in the four dining rooms of the Manor, Santa came in person to present a gift to each resident. Every woman received toilet water in a bottle shaped like a lamp and every man a box of cigars. Santa was assisted by several members of the Milton Fire Dept. and several Legionnaires who belong to Branch 136 of the Royal Canadian Legion in Milton. Among these visitors were Mr. Dennis Rowley, chairman of the Santa Claus committee, who is also a Legionnaire, and fire chief A. E. Clement. The residents wish to thank the Milton branch of the Legion and the Milton fire department for enabling Santa Claus to visit them and present them with gifts at every Christmas tide.

Christmas carols were sung for the first time in the Chapel in the current Christmas season on Sunday, December 3rd, when Mr. Clayton Coles, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Milton conducted an inspiring service that was very suitable for Advent. Mrs. Norman Hare played the organ and also read a fine little poem "The Ministry of Prayer."

Mr. Coles read verses 1-14 of Chapter 14 of St. John's Gospel and then delivered an earnest sermon on the topic "Brighten the corner where you are." He said, "in part, 'that Jesus is the Light of the world and has Himself told us that we as his disciples can be the Light of the world also. When we make Him known among people we honour God and fulfill our greatest purpose in life."

As has been the case for several years now the season of Christmas entertainment at the Manor was ushered in with a very enjoyable concert by twenty members of the South Peel choral group on Monday evening, Dec. 4th. The group included the president, Mrs. June Cook.

Mr. S. Lamb was the genial chairman for the evening. Mr. Jerry Salmers conducted the choir and Mrs. L. Hale played the accompaniments in their usual expert fashion.

The ladies looked lovely in blue ankle length evening gowns trimmed with scarlet ribbons, and the men wore smart costumes consisting of white jackets and black trousers.

After extending greetings from the entire group to the audience, Mr. Lamb announced a program of Christmas numbers. All these numbers were sung in very acceptable fashion whether they were the old familiar carols or the more modern ones such as "A Star Was His Candle" or the catchy popular tunes such as "Winter Wonderland."

A musician who is very popular with the residents, in the person of Mr. Steve House played several old time jigs and waltzes on his violin. He was accompanied by Mr. Salmers at the piano, and, at the request of the visitors, by Mr. N. Viggers, a resident, with the bones.

Dressed in a comical bedtime costume, Mrs. Dorothy Whitbread, read the perennial favourite "The Night Before Christmas." The chairman, Mr. Lamb, read the original words of the old carol, "Good King Wenceslas."

During the singing of the song, "Calling Santa Claus," the jolly old Saint entered the room

What About Frankincense and Myrrh?

Gold has always been one of man's most treasured possessions; but what about frankincense and myrrh, the other substances which the Wise Men chose to offer as gifts to the infant Jesus? Why were they so highly significant?

Frankincense and myrrh are resins taken from trees and shrubs found on the dry rock-strewn hills of Somaliland and southwestern Arabia. Peoples of antiquity used the two substances for a variety of purposes — for embalming and in cosmetics, perfumes, medicines, and incense.

Frankincense

Somaliland is chief producer of frankincense, although some comes from Arabia. Most frankincense comes from a small shrub like tree with stout trunk and pale brown and yellow bark. Its flowers are grouped in slender clusters and the fragrance of the blossoms is discernible for a considerable distance.

The resin flows from natural fissures in the bark of the tree, or from man-made incisions. It emerges as a whitish, viscous liquid that turns yellow and clings to the wound in the tree like tears. Every few days, the resin is collected and the wound in the tree is freshened.

Ancient Arab traders introduced frankincense to many peoples. Today, the yellow tears and brown lumps of resin are sent to the seaport of Aden to be shipped to Europe, America, or Bombay.

Myrrh from Somaliland

Myrrh is obtained from trees of several species and most of it comes from Somaliland. Some of the trees are from ten to thirty feet tall, other myrrh-producing plants are mere bushes.

Myrrh flows freely from a break in the bark of the tree or plant and is collected in brownish yellow or red brown masses that may be as large as a hen's egg.

The ancients used myrrh in embalming; the Egyptians used it in the mummification process, and Roman physicians prescribed myrrh in treatment of dropsy, earache, eye diseases, bladder stones, abscesses and broken heads.

Frankincense was chiefly used for incense yet was an early ingredient in prescriptions for chest pain, hemorrhoids, hemmorrhages from the mouth and throat, broken heads, paralyzed limbs, bruises and ulcers.

TOYS ACCIDENT PROMPTED CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

Christmas tree lights were born, according to some reports, after a little boy crawled under his Christmas tree and upset a candle. Luckily, only the lady's hair was singed.

The child's father, a telephone man, decided that the candles would have to go. In their place, he soldered several dozen switchover lamps to wires and covered them with brightly colored paper.

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AIR-MINDED — Rockets and satellites are popular, yet the model airplanes still holds great fascination for boys of all ages.