

# Santa Claus in Indiana

## Nativity Pantomime at Norval Christmas Party

St. Paul's Anglican Sunday School annual Christmas party was held at the home of Mrs. Mary H. McLaughlin on Thursday afternoon, December 14th with the Nativity pantomime as the main attraction.

The last meeting of the United Church Women's Aid of the past, in the Norval church.

Mrs. Norman Laidlaw gave the devotional consisting of Scripture, prayer and a lovely Christmas story.

Recommendations regarding the new United Church Women's Aid of the past, in the Norval church.

Santa Claus is the special friend of the young, which makes it only fitting that the town of Santa Claus, was named by children.

Today, thousands of children, from all parts of the world, write to Santa Claus, to Santa Claus, Ind., and each of them receives a return letter from Santa Claus himself.

The stage was set for this happy situation more than one hundred years ago. The citizens of this small Indiana town were gathered to select a new name for their community. Originally, it was called Santa Fe, but postal authorities suggested selection of another name, because there already was a Santa Fe in New Mexico.

**Timely Arrival**

Community leaders were considering a number of names for the town when someone dressed as Santa Claus came in immediately the children in the audience shouted "Santa Claus" "Santa Claus". The adults thought the name sounded fine, so the town of Santa Claus was born.

**Business booms in the Santa Claus post office each year as Christmas approaches.** Last year the post office handled well over 10,000 letters addressed to the old gentleman with the red suit and white whiskers — and each child who enclosed a return address received a personal reply from Santa Claus himself.

Many of the letters received are in foreign languages, but Postmaster Elbert E. Reinke enlists the aid of monks at nearby St. Meinrad Monastery and they translate. Answers to foreign letters, the postmaster explains, are adapted to the different customs and ideas that children of other lands may have about the holiday season.

**Personal Reply**

The American Legion at Santa Claus handles the letter writing operation each Christmas, sending a personal reply to each child who has included a return address.

Adults don't write to Santa Claus, but many of them do have their Christmas cards mailed from Santa Claus, Ind., so they will bear the unusual postmark. In all, the busy Santa Claus post office handles well over 3,000,000 pieces of mail during the holiday season.

**Pollution Level Varies in Credit**

The level of pollution in the Credit River varies drastically from one day to the next, according to a survey conducted this year by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

Though the report states that the river is "in fairly good condition," considering the built up area it travels through, it cautions that unfavourable conditions could exist at any point in its course from time to time.

"The extreme variability in the sanitary conditions of the stream is not too surprising," states the report, "since the Credit is a fast flowing stream. The rapid turnover of water conditions in the river should not belittle the problem of pollution, for even a few hours of a toxic slug of chemicals or a heavy load of silt can destroy a biological regimen that would take years to re-establish."

Sixteen points along the river were chosen for samples. Sanitary, chemical and bacteriological analysis were conducted at the Ontario Water Resources Commission Laboratory, and E. Cell analysis of samples from Belfountain Conservation Area, the mill site at Limehouse, and the bridge on No. 5 highway at Erindale, were conducted at the Ontario Dept. of Health Laboratories.

**Much Time Spent on Briefs and Submissions**

OTTAWA (Special to The Herald) — How much attention does the government pay to briefs and submissions from national organizations? According to officials of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, who recently made their annual submission to the federal cabinet, their efforts have borne considerable fruit over the years.

**Every Year**

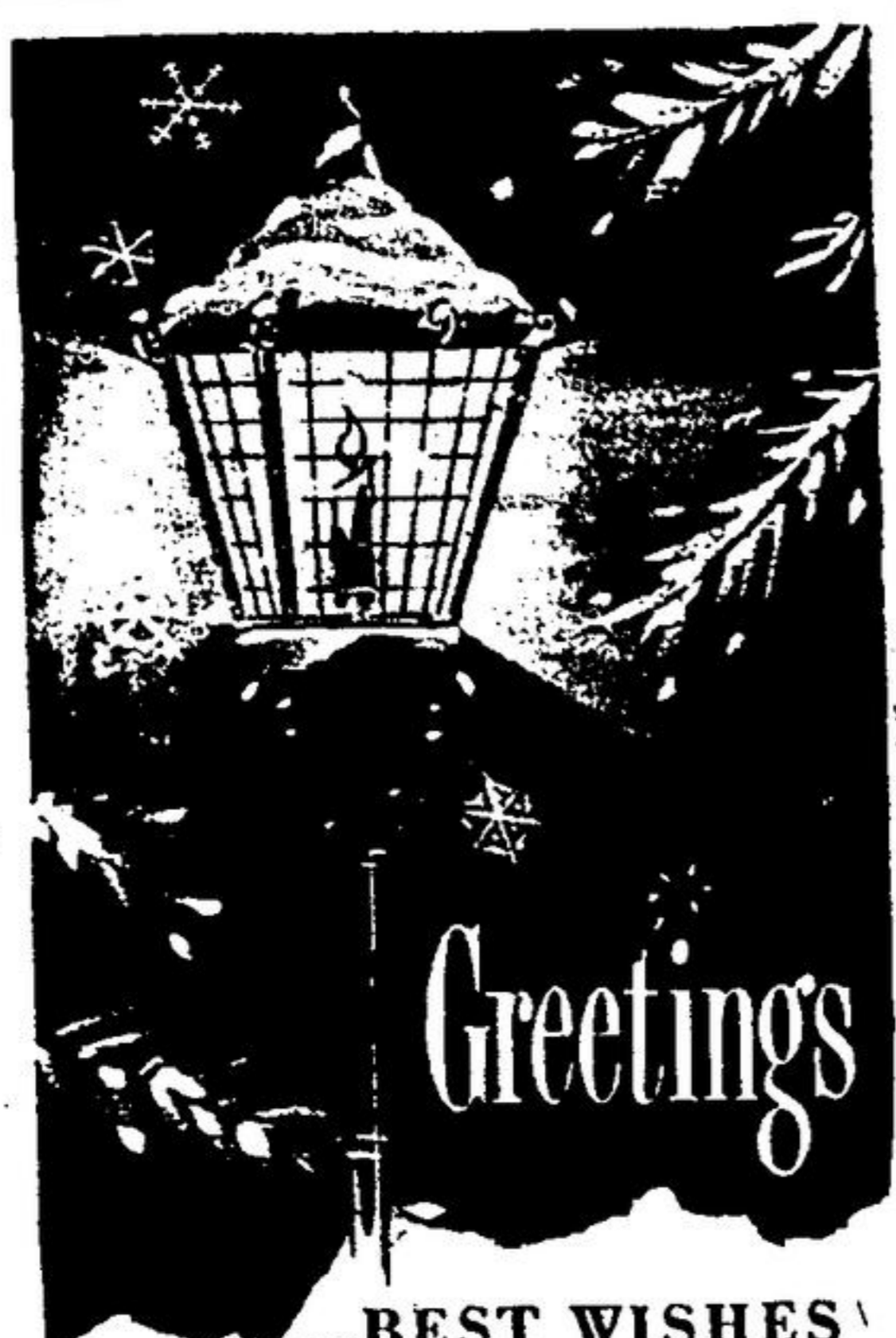
Each year a number of national groups, representing business, labor, agriculture and other interests, make an appearance here. Each comes armed with a bulky brief detailing the actions it hopes the government will take in the next few months. The briefs are presented at meetings attended by as many of the cabinet as are available in the capital and the reading of a preliminary statement is followed by questions and answers. The meetings are usually terminated when the prime minister thanks the delegation and promises that careful consideration will be given to the proposals.

**Followed Closely**

"We don't suggest that the government acts on matters only because we have made recommendations," explains a Chamber official here. "However, over the years, we have noted that a number of measures brought in as government legislation have followed some of our suggestions fairly closely. We like to think we have had some part to play in influencing the cabinet's thinking."

**For Instance**

For some specific, the Cham-



**...BEST WISHES**

This is the time when joy fills the air and men come together in a spirit of good fellowship...when we wish all of our friends a very

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**Bill Bailey THE OIL MAN**

GEORGETOWN BRAMPTON

and the children are left with their boredom. Give the kids a chance to help. Put them to work with a cookie cutter. Draw simple designs on cardboard for them to cut out and color. Let them paint holiday messages on boiled eggs with water colors. They will be happier and, once you get them started, you will find that you have more free time of your own.

**Season's Best**

HAVE A FIRE-FREE FESTIVE SEASON...

**GEORGETOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT**

ONCE AGAIN THIS YEAR OUR REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE CALLING RE TICKETS FOR THE ANNUAL FIREMEN'S BALL

*Merry Christmas*

WE WISH OUR FRIENDS A SHINING HOLIDAY!

**T. H. BRIGGS**

Upholstered Furniture Recovering & Repairing

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**Season's Greetings**

from

**BURNS' TRANSPORT LIMITED**

*Merry Christmas*

**SIENKO**

SHOE REPAIR

Mill St. E.

**HOLIDAY GARBAGE PICK-UP**

Over Christmas and New Year's, garbage normally picked up on Monday will be picked up on the following day

Season's Greetings To All

**KEEP CHILDREN BUSY AS HOLIDAY NEARS**

Children get bored during the Christmas season. Sure, Christmas is a season of excitement for the young ones. The trouble is they get so excited waiting for Santa to come that they become impatient — and need something to occupy their time.

The wise mother will give them something to do. Children enjoy making things with their hands. They are anxious to help decorate the house and the tree.

Many parents brush them aside, saying "You are too little"



**MIXED REACTIONS:** The young lady seems pleased but the reaction of her young gentleman friend is a bit different. He isn't quite sure of his opinion regarding the new boy dolls on the holiday market this year as companion to more familiar girl-type dolls. "Well... if you like dolls..."

**NOEL**

"Chirping in" with our wishes at Christmas!

**BOUGHTON JEWELLERS**

3 MAIN STREET NORTH

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!**

**MURT ALLISON**

FUEL OIL FARM IMPLEMENTS

**NOTICE**

**Nomination Meeting**

**WEDNESDAY**

**DECEMBER 27th 1961**

**HOLY CROSS SCHOOL**

7 p.m. to 8 p.m. — NOMINATIONS

8 p.m. to 9 p.m. — ELECTIONS

for the purpose of electing trustees to the R.C. Separate School Board

**ALL THOSE INTERESTED ARE ASKED TO ATTEND**