



SNOW LAND . . . Like an imitation fairyland is this mountain scene, but it's for real. It shows the ski house, sanctuary for snow lovers at Badger Pass, Yosemite National Park in California. The snow here reaches great depths but winter sports lovers are undaunted and log fires in the ski house are warm.

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

Six Month's Hospital Operation in Review

Firstly, may the staff of your Hospital now wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Your local hospital is rapidly coming to the end of its 1961 operation which will represent its first six months of service to the community. We who make up its staff hope that you who have come as patients or visitors have liked what you found. We have done our best to serve you in every way with courtesy and sympathy and if we have erred it has been through no deliberate desire to give less than full measure. Please accept this as our assurance to constantly strive for improvement in all respects so that your hospital will be the pride of the community.

By the time the year comes to a close it is expected that almost 200 new citizens will be able to claim that they were born in Georgetown. (Technically, in Esqueving Township. — Ed.) There have been 184 births up to Saturday, December 16th, which is an indication that this is likely to be a busy section of the hospital in time to come. 964 adults and children have been admitted during the same period and many of these have undoubtedly received emergency care that at least helped to make recovery more certain and perhaps some may not have recovered at all without the early treatment now possible in Georgetown. By the year end, the adult admissions will not doubt reach the 1,000 mark and the days of care will be about 6,500. All in all a very good beginning for this new year service.



GRAHAM GILHOOLY

Talented Staff
If you have visited lately you will perhaps have noted that the lobby is decorated for the festive season and that a number of windows are also showing appropriate themes. All the work has been done by some of the talented staff members who have been very busy lately. Beginning on the 17th and continuing through the holiday period a group of staff members will be enrolling over the call system for short periods during the day. The staff recreation association, besides setting up and running a most interesting bowling league, has found time to arrange for a children's party for all staff members at the Legion Hall next Saturday. A staff organization such as this does a great deal to build a really cooperative hospital staff and the staff personnel who have given so much of their own time to this work deserve commendation for it.

Not Practical
It has not been found practical for the hospital to maintain a 24 hour switchboard service and some persons may have found difficulty when they came to gain entrance after 10 p.m. at night. We have now installed a bell system on the admitting entrance and if you will merely ring the bell you will get immediate attention when the doors are locked. The doors must be locked after the switchboard closes as there are no persons whose duties will allow them to remain near the entrances. Much valuable property would be left unwatched unless we lock up. Of course, you can always reach the staff by phone as we do have a by-pass feature on the switchboard which goes into operation when the operator leaves at night. The hospital year runs from January 1st to December 31st for all purposes, the end of the year then is a time of intense effort to meet the deadlines for submitting to the Federal and Provincial Governments the many forms required

to substantiate the activities and costs of the previous year.

Standard Ward
The insurance plan is based on the fact that every hospital will receive a full reimbursement from the plan to meet the costs of providing patient care at the standard ward level. The accuracy of records and reports then are vital to ensure that the hospital does not lose any funds that may be due. All the year's activities are carefully reviewed and adjustments made at the year end. If over the next few weeks you notice our pre-occupation with details you will be aware of the importance of the end results.

The operating budget for the coming year, 1962, was submitted to the Ontario Hospital Services Commission before last October 31st. It has now been approved and the following will be the expenditure required for 1962 for the provision of standard ward care.

Total expenditures, \$521,217; Salaries, \$353,198; Medical Surgical supplies, \$16,057; Drugs \$21,410; Other supplies and direct expense, \$130,552.

This means that the daily charge for those who do not have insurance coverage will be \$20.53.

Semi-private care will cost an additional \$3.00 a day over standard ward.

Private care will cost an additional \$6.00 a day over standard ward.

THE MAIL BAG

'Mony a Mickle Makes a Muckle

10 Albert St., Georgetown, Ont., December 19, 1961
Dear Mr. Editor:
This is the week of the year when all of us have, or should have a thought of appreciation for the very faithful day to day service we receive from our various delivery people, particularly the paper boy (or girl), the milkman, the baker, the postman, etc. — Granted these people are paid for making the daily rounds, but come rain or hail, snow or sleet, they seem to find their way in our door, and seldom, if ever, complain of their lot.

Instead of giving lip service only, or what is less desirable, "one for the road," let's this year make it a point to give fifty cents or a dollar to these faithful individuals — Perhaps this year then is a time of intense effort to meet the deadlines for submitting to the Federal and Provincial Governments the many forms required

but if all of us give . . . 'mony a mickle makes a muckle.'

Merry Christmas,
— CEC DAVIDSON

A CARIBOU CHRISTMAS

placed around an altar in the auditorium of a church fed a blaze. They were ignited when a small girl knocked over a tree which fell on lighted candles nearby.

In Caribou, Christmas trees placed along the altar rail fed a blaze of undetermined origin.



MOUNT OF BEATITUDES VISITED BY THOUSANDS
Thousands of visitors to Israel each year visit the Chapel on the Mount of the Beatitudes in Lower Galilee. The Holy Land monument is built on the site where Jesus pronounced the Sermon on the Mount. "Blessed are the poor, Blessed are the meek, blessed are the merciful . . ."

From the chapel, the visitors can retrace the footsteps of Jesus, downward from the Mount of Beatitudes to the Sea of Galilee, where He performed the miracle of the loaves and fishes, and where He preached on the "Bread of Life." Nazareth and Cana are but a short distance away.

JACKSON'S BARGAIN CENTRE

26 MAIN ST. N. GEORGETOWN

BALLINAFAD

Church Groups Holiday Events

The December meeting of the W.A. was the annual Christmas Party at the home of the president, Mrs. P. Given, on Tuesday afternoon. Roll call was answered by an exchange of gifts and each member also remembered her unknown friend of the year with a gift.

Mr. Beaton was present for a short time to present more information about the new organization of the United Church Women. A delicious lunch was

served by the social committee assisted by the hostess.

The W.M.S. also held their Christmas and final meeting prior to their being a part of the new United Church Women's Group, at the home of Mrs. J. Black on December 13th. A beautiful devotion on Love and Unity was read by Mrs. Shortill who also gave a short reading on Stewardship. Each one present gave a few thoughts in keeping with Christmas and the roll call was answered by a Bible verse from the Christmas story.

As the final missionary topic of study, a chart was used with trees of good and evil comparing the fruits of both. Christmas hymns were sung and in closing Miss Hills, the president, offered a most suitable prayer of gratitude and for guidance as we go forward into this new era in the life of our Church.

The annual congregational supper and Christmas concert was enjoyed by all the children and groups in the Church on Friday evening. Awards for the year were given out and each class contributed something to the program. The children all received a treat and the evening ended with a visit from Santa Claus.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lawr visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Lawr, Victoria Harbour.

MISTLETOE IS PLANT OF MANY CHARACTERS

Boys are fond of mistletoe because of its power to invite a kiss from a pretty girl. Birds like mistletoe, too, for a different reason.

The white-berried plant serves as winter food for mockingbirds, robins and waxwings. These small birds are responsible for the spread of the damaging parasite. After eating the berries, the birds clean their beaks on the trees, firmly planting the mistletoe seeds they do not eat.

The tap roots of the seedling pierces the tenderest portion of the tree — young branches or buds — and the tree sap is drawn into the thick leaves and translucent berries of the guest plant.

TOYS NOT DIFFERENT FOR CHILDREN IN OTHER LANDS

What kind of toys do children in foreign countries like? Pretty much the same as kids in America.

For instance: some popular toys in France last Christmas were a Davy Crockett watch and a cowboy outfit of the type worn by a leading TV star. For the girls, dolls of course, and miniature household appliances.

The best foreign market for French toys last year — the United States. Best export items: boxwood chessmen; wooden darts with turkey feather-tails and steel points; perfect-scale miniature doll prams; and dolls themselves.

BE SURE THAT TOYS YOU GIVE ARE SAFE

The anticipation of a visit from Santa Claus makes Christmas an exciting time for youngsters. The wide variety of toys on the market today makes the adult job of shopping for the kids likewise an adventure. But a word of caution is as timely as the season.

Some of the toys on the market today — such as miniature rockets, airplanes and automobiles — use kerosene, gasoline, or carbide for fuels. Parents, uncles and aunts should be certain that the toys they buy for children are safe.

Electrical toys or those using fuels and chemicals, are wonderful gifts, but parents or adults should supervise their use.



ALWAYS CHRISTMAS . . . Wherever they happen to be, Americans can make the most of Christmas. The scene above shows Coast Guardsmen aboard a World War II combat cutter. A map decorated with a single strand of Christmas tree lights isn't much, but it's enough to remind the men of the spirit of Christmas — the Christmases of old and those yet to be.



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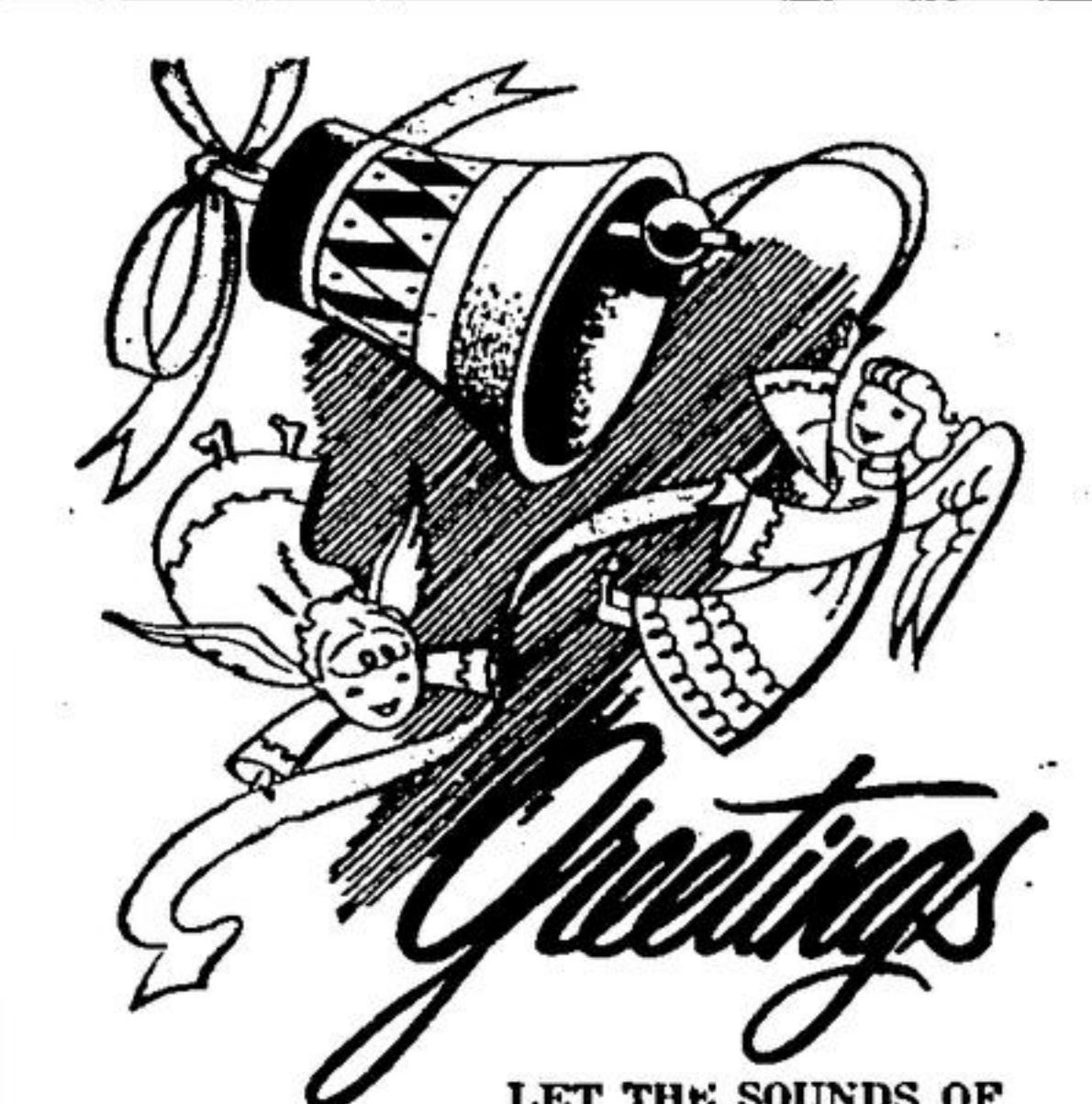
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