



—Peter Jones Photo

AT LEAST THE KIDS LIKE IT

WINTERTIME IS STILL FUNTIME for the small types even if it does confound driving adults. Getting into the spirit of the season early are Hilary and Stephen McMullin, 60 Guelph St.

Car Hits School Boy One of 6 Accidents Here

A six year old Harrison public school Grade 1 pupil was treated for a bruised right leg after being hit by a car on his way home from school Monday.

Terry Turner of 64 Prince Charles Dr. was apparently crossing Prince Charles to his home when struck by a car driven by Knute Keire, 41 Queen St. Police said the accident happened near No. 67 Prince Charles Dr., just west of the Rexway intersection at 4:20 p.m.

The Mountainview Rd. Guelph St. intersection was the scene of another collision Saturday which did an estimated \$400 property damage to cars operated by Douglas Marshall, 32 John St. E., and Carl M. Weir, 180 Geoffrey St., Acton.

Cpl Scott investigated the mishap. His report said Marshall was driving south on Mountainview and Weir west on Guelph when the cars hit at 9:30 a.m.

There were three accidents Friday. At 5:15 p.m. cars driven by Doug Murray, 73 Windsor Rd., and David McNally, 29 Market St. bumped at the corner of Guelph and Windsor Rd. doing minor damage.

Both cars were westbound on Guelph and the surface was icy at the time.

At 2:55 at the corner of Guelph and Sinclair a rear end collision involved cars driven by Thomas Joseph Nolan, 35 Albert St., and Pietro Palero, Toronto.

The Nolan car had just exited from the Delrex Market Centre when struck from behind. Damage here was \$125.

Three cars tangled in another accident in almost the same spot two hours earlier. When Dennis Ernest Kenny, 126 Prince Charles Dr., found his windshield icing up fast

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Get well wishes are extended to Mr. Percy Markham who is a patient in Georgetown Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Markham live in the Presbyterian cottage on Draper Street.

Sympathy is extended to the Hyatt family on the death of Mrs. Earl Hyatt. To Mr. Earl Hyatt, Mr. & Mrs. Spencer Wilson (Kay), Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hyatt, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Leslie (Elaine), R.R. 4, Georgetown, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Somerville (Ethel) of Port Arthur, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Mason (Doris), of Brampton, and Mr. and Mrs. Mac Hyatt.

—Read the advertisements this week and do your Christmas shopping in Georgetown.

Fire Chief's Message

In issuing this year's reminders about Christmas fire hazards to Fire Chief Erwin Lewis, Ontario Fire Marshal M. S. Hurst asked that all residents of Georgetown be made aware of the additional dangers from fire brought about by the traditional trappings and costumes of this season.

"Christmas trees and decorations add very largely to the possibility of home fires," the chief said. "I would urge that all householders double their fire precautions at this time of year."

Outlining a few of the basic precautions, the chief said it is important to select a green, fresh tree and to keep it outside or in a damp, cool place until it is time to put it up. According to the Forest Research Branch of the Canadian Department of Forestry which recently conducted a series of tests,

"Trees allowed to dry can be ignited with matches and will burn with great violence when moisture content falls below 20 per cent." It is important,

then, the chief pointed out to have the freshest tree possible and to keep it standing in water when in the house because trees standing in water retain their moisture content.

Christmas tree lights offer one of the greatest potential causes of tree fires, Chief Lewis explained. When purchasing new strings of lights, look for the CSA label, your assurance that they are safe from fire and shock hazard. Your old tree lights could be worn and defective and it is essential that you check them for frayed wires and possible short circuits which could cause a spark and ignite the tree. A spark is all that is necessary to set a Christmas tree blazing furiously and reduce it to charred wood within 18 seconds.

Other important things to remember are: keep the tree away from all sources of heat such as radiators, fireplaces and TV sets; set it up away from windows and doors so that it would not obstruct an

exit from the room in the event of an emergency and never go to bed leaving the tree lights burning. Always use fire-proof ornaments.

The time of greatest danger comes when Christmas gift wrappings are strewn about on the floor and could easily be ignited by a carelessly used match, lighter or cigarette. These wrappings should be disposed of in a safe place immediately after presents have been opened. Remember: keep matches and lighters from the reach of small hands.

Your observance of these holiday fire safety rules might spell the difference between a tragedy and a happy, fire-free Christmas.

Advantage to Slow Learners

Inspector of public schools W. L. McNeil said yesterday this area had six slow learners who could take advantage of the sheltered workshop proposed by North Halton Association for Mentally Retarded Children.

"They can't get a job and are just roaming the streets," Mr. McNeil stated. "They can not gain much from any course offered at the high school."

He said these slow learners have an IQ from 50 to 70, retarded children being under 50. The sheltered workshop would provide light factory work to retarded children and slow learners. They would be trained for

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it and supervised while they do it. Sunshine school takes retarded children up to 18 years old. Anyone older than that just spends his time at home doing nothing in most cases.

It had a boy and girl graduate at 18 last year. There is nothing but bleak future for them unless we can set up a workshop," school principal Mrs. M. P. E. Jeffares said.

Secretary of the association, Mrs. Peggy Treahy Georgetown, said that many think that these two are the only retarded children. (Continued on page 21)

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