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## School Concerts Disappear

Consolidated rural schools hereignany modern advantages but they lack one important facet of the little old red schoolhouse.

Since planeer days the Christmes concert was a highlight of the school year. Teacher and students spent weeks of work properate for an evening when parents and Grands jamened the building. The concerts ere happy memories among district folk who received their elementary education ed use of the dozen or more small schools which dotted the countryside around town.

Yoday's problem is that, despite the larger five and six room schools, there isn't enough room to hold a proper concert. No desertion is big enough, nor is there enough corridor space. And it's Impossible to Jam five or six rooms in one for the timehonoured ritual.

Now, if there's a concert at all, it must be moved to another location, and this takes away some of the drama. Or, as in the case of one district school, the concert has been dropped altogether, to be replaced by an outdoor carolling jaunt.

The old schools, themselves, what's left of them, will have lonely memories these nights as they swait the gala evenings which won't be coming. Like the horse and buggy, they have given way to progress, to replacement by something in most weys Letter, but which lost something too along

# Fine Holiday Fare

The concert presented Saturday by the Citizens Bend and Gloria Patri choir was an outstanding musical treat for those who attended.

It was a deverty devised performance, combining some of the lesser-known carols with the familiar. Choir and band were uniformly excellent, stegling was professional, and the inclusion of the polgnant O Henry story, 'Gift of the Magi' and the always nostelgic 'Night Before Christmas' added to the evening.

The only thing lacking were spectators to the empty seats, for although some two hundred attended, a concert of this magnitude deserves a full house. It is unfortunate that at this time of year, there are conflict-

## Startling Revelations

Allegations of bribery in government circles, and evidence of political intercession on behalf of notorious criminals shook Canada on its heels last week.

One must be careful not to interpret charges as fact and to wait for a calm assessment of matters until a commission spac-Sally appointed to get to the root of the charges completes its assessment.

However, enough has been heard to date to surmise that all is not as it should be, particularly in the case of a Windsor man who, despite his uncavoury record, sp-

Clas of Canada.

ing engagements which make any event difficult to draw a large segment of the public.

The work of choral director Charlie Crimes and band director Art Hilliard is particularly to be complimented for the excellence of the musical numbers. Syker was a happy choice as emcee Debbie Strite's contribution in song story was on a par with the professional quality of the performance.

We hope the group was encouraged by audience of the size it deserves.

pears to have had powerful friends in high circles of our two major political parties.

We have always shuddered at the acceptance of gangster elements in the States and the apparent inability to cope legally with their infiltration into government. If this is spreading into Canada, then it is time to nip it in the bud before a foothold is gained.

It is the least for Canadians to expect that our political system must be incorrupt-Ible and that the men we choose to govern us be cautious of their associations.

HARLEY TO

HALTON

WEEKLY OBSERVATIONS BY DR. HARRY HARLEY,

THE MAJOR PART of the lous. It is a rule that was in-matter back again to the Com-

May bettle is over. It finished voked because the other rules mittee. It was defeated 162 to

et approximately 2 a.m. on Tues of Parliament were taken ad- 80. This slight increase in vote

day morning, with the concur vantage of by prolonging and in support of the Government

gence in the flag report recom- repeating debate. It was appar was added to in each subse-

bers on each end as the national have been delayed indefinitely. prior to the 12.55 a.m. dead-

closure, a parliamentary device vote itself (it must be approved and the Leader of the Opposi-

serely used, to prevent a minor- in a formal vote) was done wh tion both rose and the Speaker My from preventing the will of thout any fuss as the House of recognized the Prime Minister

the majority to carry. To com- Commons opened. It carried because we had had no speaker

pere this to closure as used in 152 to 85, Members of all Par- for some time. The Conservat-1956 is no comparison at all. In ties voting on either side of the lives immediately moved that

1966 it was brought about before question. Throughout the day Mr. Diefenbaker be heard de-

Sebate, at the present time it the debate carried on in almost spite the fact they had had 3 was brought about after almost routine fashion. The second of the previous four speakers.

mending a single red maple leaf ont last evening that without quent vote.

MLP. FOR HALYON

THE LAST DAY of debate line were 3 Conservatives and



## FROM ALL OF US WHO PUT OUT YOUR NEWSPAPER

to present the Prime Minister too was rejected and the final

Season s

Bill from speaking as the deadline vote was recorded 163 to 78, of 1 am had passed. The Speat more than two to one for the ker ruled that the Prime Min- new flag. As the vote was calister had risen before I am led out, the House of Commons and should be heard. The Prime led by the Broposents of the Minister had 20 minutes to new flag stood and sang 'Oh speak and offered ten minutes Canada' followed by God Save to Mr. Diefenbaker in a sporting the Queen.' The galleries which the enthusiasm of those who attended to gesture but the Leader of the were jammed to over-capacity plan another for next year and that the Opposition rejected this rudely also rose to pay homage to O The Prime Minister, noting Canada and God Save the enthusiasm will spread and command an that the flag would obviously Quren. It was a stirring and pass, asked the opponents of memorable night in the House the flag to not register a vote of Commons and I was pleased against the flag to be Canada's, and honoured that I was a Memif they could not support it, at ber of Parliament on this hisleast not vote against it This toric occasion.

Hanging Stackings

Shepherds watched, angels help the daughters of an impovsang and wise men travelled far erished merchant, he threw & to behold the miracle of the bag of gold down the chimney,

first Christmas. Since that holy night a mul- hung up to dry. titude of legends and customs, both religious and secular, have today's custom of tucking 'gold developed as part of the holi- - an orange or tangerine day. Each legend was once told, into the toe of a Christmas each custom observed for the stocking. first time, and though origins of many traditions are now lost TRIMMING TREES in time, other Christmas 'firsts' have been recorded for poster-

mas 'firsts', attested by church Revolution. Hessian soldiers records and by scientific re- with the British forces started Christianity, as well as 'fireta' of later history and 'firsts' that blend fact with myth.

Satting the Date December 25 was first assigned as the date for the celebration of the Nativity in about AY THE ROUND TABLE the year 320 AD. Since the New Testament was written as religious instruction rather than mas feast in England was held

on a white background with red this move the matter would THE LAST FOUR speakers Christ's birth is not known. as a means of unifying the ob- the famous king in medieval THE GOVERNMENT brought really was quiet and orderly un one :Creditiste. Just prior to servances of Christmas, 'the legends have been traced back the matter to a vote by moving til almost I a.m. The closure 12.55 a.m. the Prime Minister mass of Christ.'

Story of the first Christmas stocking is associated with the real St. Nicholas, a fourth century hishop known for his many kind deeds. Wishing to present an anonymous gift to where it fell into a stocking

The legand is reflected

Trimmed Christmas trees first appeared in the United States There are historical Christ: probably during the American search into the early years of the practice to relieve their nostalgia for their homeland.

An early diary, written at Fort Dearborn, Ill., in 1804 relates the practice of trimming the Christmas tree with ornaments of the time

Traditionally, the first Christhistory, the exact date of at the Round Table of King Arthur. While the specific date The present day was selected is undetermined, references to to as early as 600 A.D.

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of a different hue. Ask the

Jerry Mahusky

### my wife, the abyes of debt into band sporing on the chesterwhich I am plunging. I know how much sympathy lid set.4" Alk the shap who drops is for s drink-just one-before faring But with the boliday season the mouse and spawn, after coming up, secondarded by the work. He gets than with the bend parties, I thought it might

white linen tablecleth; a purple

splotch on her lemon carpet;

28 dirty glassés; a lady's hand-

bag; a man's bet; 14 empty rig-

arette peckages; and her hus-

SUGAR

by Bill Smiley

There is little use

plaining about the rigours

putting up my tree, the horrors

of trying to find a present for

We're all in the same buil-

be a good thus for your friend

ly old uncle Bill to pouse so

the second half of the 20th ten

temelow, they tound respect

It's like 'Nourotic' The lady

WES IT nutty as a fruit cake wi

inform you with some pride

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wouldn't have announced

freely that she was batty.

Sucial Drinker.

"I'm terribly neurolic, you

Social Drinking is similar

The fellow who is so bung over

the blood is running out of his

eyes, will tell you, "I'm strictly

Everytime I hear the term be

ial Drinking, I utter a couple of

short, barking laughs Kortal

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Drinking is just an excuse for

gatting plastered in public, in

stead of quietly and decently at

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by sating a cracker, with a dead

sarding on it, with every titth

Don't confuse sociable drink-

ing with Social Drinking. Socia-

ble drinking is a quiet glass with

an old friend, by the fire, a

couple of bottles of cold beer,

out fishing; a hot noggin, ' in

company, after a winter's day

But Social Drinking is a horse

Party, head thumping like

bongo, and is confronted by the

following a cigarette burn on

her new coffeetable; a pures

of whiskey and ashes on her

outside.

examine that phenomenon

tury - Social Drinking.

AND SPICE

Social, But Not Sociable!

boys, arrives bome an bour late. He's a little high spirited, but scarcely a reeling drunk. Know what he gets for dinner?" Cold shoulder and hot longue

Yet all be was doing was a lit-Social Drinking is one of those tle Social Drinking ... besutifully vague terms we are Actually, Keckel Drinking was to laid at these days. They car tine, his work has beeny before er a multitude of sink and yet.

things, before weman got in but their women started boos ing, and things have gone from had to hopeless Mixed drinking developed. And the only thing

worse than mixed drinking is miring your drinks. Social Drinking has all the potential destructive power of The Bomb. It leads to broken promises, broken dishes, broken

poers and broken bomes. The only good thing about it, and the only reason it is so popular, is that it enables one to put up with all the bores and boors, the knucklebeads and knotheads, the dopes and dullards, with which society seems to be infested nowadays (except

for the sparkling people like bome, or out behind the barn. you and me) Social drinking and the Cock-Now I hope I haven't thrown fall Party we hand in hand. A a wet blanket on your plans Cocktall Party le any mathering for a wet holiday session. But of Social Drinkers, slopping free just to end this little bomily, liquer into empty stemache at may I remind you the lines e rate which suggests prohib written in eleventeen seventytion is about to become law wi seven by that great Welsh poet. thin the hour. Yhey make a goo

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# NEWS ECHOES

DAX DEVELOPMENTS

Rev. Fr. V. J. Morgan, pastor of Georgetown and Acton Roman Catholic churches was at Cap de la Madeleine near Three Rivers, Quebec, last week to attend ceremonies connected with the Marian Year.

From the pages of the Herald 1954 and 1944

10 YEARS AGO

Muskoka Lodge, an ultra-modern summer resort on Mary Lake near Port Sydney has been sold by Samuel and Israel Ginsburg to a Detroit syndicate: Mrs. Ginsberg, the former Pearl Saxe is a former Georgetown girl and both she and her husband are well-known locally.

A lawyer here for the past four years, James F. McNabb, has moved his law office to Toronto. Mr. McNabb had his office in the Norton Building on Main St. N. since coming here in June, 1950.

### 20 YEARS AGO

Georgetown is experiencing's building boom at present with a new factory and fourteen new homes under con-struction. The new factory on the former site of the Richmond Hosiery Mills on King St., which was partially FOR THE WEEK destroyed by fire, will house the Federal Sales & Enginearing firm which is moving here from Toronto.

Credit Lodge met in the lodge rooms last Friday evening, "For he that soweth to his December 8th, for their annual election of officers. The Hesh shall of the flesh reap following were elected: Worshipful Master Bro. Ross corruption; but he that soweth Thompson; Senior Warden, Bro, Denney Charles; Junior Spirit shall of the Spirit read Warden, Bro. T. Wold; Chaplain, Very Won Bro. W. G. life everlasting." O. Thompson, Secretary, Wor. Bro. W. Ford; Treasurer, Wor, Bro. E. Cole; Senior Deacon, Bro. Howard Wrigglesworth; Junior Deacon, Bro. T. Eason; I.G., Bro. W. Cleave) Tyler, Bro. C. Sinclair; S.S. Bro. Efmer Dron; J.S., of sowing the harvest won't Bro. A. Hunter.

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