

Active Year Behind, Now Red Cross Plans for 1965

Due to moving circumstances Mrs. Ronald Lytle had to resign as Secretary of the branch after several years of excellent service.

In 1965 the Georgetown and District Red Cross Branch will be listed in the Georgetown Telephone Directory. The regular branch meeting will be held every first Thursday of the month in the Georgetown Public Room at 8:30 p.m. sharp on Tuesday, January 26.

HOME NURSING COURSE

A 15 week course will start on Monday, January 4, 1965, from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Building, which will be instructed by Mrs. M. D. Simpson K.N.

BLOOD DONOR CLINICS

Again three clinics have been planned for Georgetown and District. The dates have been set for Mondays, February 15, June 7 and October 4, 1965. Further information will follow in this paper.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Gifts were wrapped by the Chairman, Mrs. E. J. Atkinson, to be presented to all gentlemen Senior Citizens attending the Annual Rotary Club Christmas Dinner, at the Rotary Annex. Mrs. Atkinson and her committee also will make visits to some of our shut-in senior citizens.

WATER SAFETY

Winter Water Safety posters have been distributed over the schools and are shown in var-

Kensdale Dispersal Sale Brings an Average of \$301

A complete dispersal of the Kensdale Holstein herd owned by Y. Trebble, Queensville was held at the Georgetown Sales Arena with Rockwood International Ltd. acting as sales managers.

The top price of the sale was \$675 paid by McDonald Bros., Georgetown for a milking female. She is Kensdale Rag Apple Helen who is rated as "Very Good" for body conformation. Rock Realty and Investments Ltd. of Queensville paid the second highest price of \$425 for a five-year-old milking female.

Altogether 47 head averaged \$301 each. One male averaged \$200; 34 milking females \$301; 8 bred heifers \$283; 7 open yearlings \$186 and 5 calves \$223 each.

Other good prices were: \$850 paid for Rock Realty and Investments Ltd. for a milking female; \$530 paid by McDonald Bros. for a milking female; \$525 paid by Howard Tarrwell for a heifer calf; and \$500 paid by Rock Realty and Investments Ltd. for milking female.

lous stores all over town and district to warn the parents to keep the small children away from "this ice."

FALL FAIR

Besides blood donor clinic in formative material this year 300 ballpoint pens were handed out to the children visiting the Red Cross booth as a treat for the branch's 25th Anniversary.

VOLUNTARY SERVICES

Mrs. E. H. Jones was presented with a Red Cross Volunteer Lapel pin for her services.

Holy Meaning of Christmas Expressed in Church Services

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Like the shepherds who left their flocks to seek the Babe of Bethlehem, men, women and children of this community will put aside not only their everyday concerns but the more immediate interests in tree-trimming and package wrapping and go to find once again the holy meaning of Christmas by solemn midnight masses.

To commemorate the Nativity, Protestant churches will hold candlelight and communion services and children's programs.

The custom of saying mass at midnight derives from an old belief that Christ was born at that hour. Actually, mass may be said at any hour during the night before Christmas and in some countries the first Christmas mass is said at four or five in the morning.

According to early Roman regulations, Christmas mass was celebrated "when the cock crows" — about 3 o'clock in the morning. Spanish speaking people still call midnight mass "Misa de Gallo," while the Portuguese term is "Missa do Galo" — in both cases, "mass of the cock."

Candlelight services held in

is the branch for over two years.

Approximately 150 hours were given by volunteers, not to forget members of the Cancer Society and the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service. Of course these hours do not include the time put in by the blood donors and chairmen of the various committees.

DISASTER

A visit was made to the Op House of the Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department by this committee.

Protestant churches symbolize Christ as the light of the world, and the shining beams of the candles call to mind the Star that shone to guide the Wise Men.

Exemplifying the spiritual side of Christmas are programs which include special sermons, reading the Christmas story, prayers, carols and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

"Oh Christmas Tree" Means Fir to Most

Traditional for trimming, the fir is the tree most people think of when they sing "O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, how lovely are thy branches".

Although there are close to 40 species of firs found in Central and Southern Europe, Asia, North America, the holiday favorite — the Douglas fir — is not even a true fir.

Originally named "false hemlock" with yew-like needles, the Douglas fir is neither a yew, hemlock, spruce nor fir. But it does have some of the characteristics of all four evergreens, and its identity confused botanists for years.

The Douglas fir's graceful, upturned growth and ability to hold its needles when cut have put it in the top spot for Christmas use. It also produces top

quality lumber. The state of Montana is an important source of Douglas fir.

Next popular Christmas tree is the balsam fir. Also called Canad. balsam or Balm of Gilead, according to the Encyclopedia Americana, balsam grows from Newfoundland to Virginia, west to Iowa and north and west deep into Canada.

Balsam retains needles well and gives off a pleasing fragrance. It is especially well liked in the Eastern United States.

Included among the many other Christmas trees are the eastern and Canadian red cedar, black spruce, Scotch pine Christmas trees, from seven provinces, are part of the holiday scene in many countries.

The U.S. alone, accounts for about 80 per cent of Canada's annual production of trees still others are shipped abroad, from Ethiopia to Venezuela.

Season's Greetings

Happy Yuletide, you all... Christmas is here, time for everyone to be in the very best of cheer!

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SANTA GETS HIS GARS FROM POEM, CARTOON

Santa first appeared in his now traditional guise as a plump, jovial, white bearded and pipe-smoking old gentleman — "a right jolly old elf" — in the poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," written by Dr. Clement C. Moore in 1822.

Earlier, "Santa Claus" had been pictured dressed as a bishop, in a book called "The Children's Friend" and in Washington Irving's "Knickerbocker History of New York," published in 1809. Santa was said to wear a broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches.

Even Dr. Moore's poem did not apparently clothe Santa in a red suit. "He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot," says the poem.

Santa as he looks today was first sketched by cartoonist Thomas Nast in 1860. The cartoon showed Santa in his familiar red garb, smoking a pipe.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE

First National Community Christmas Tree in the US was placed on the White House lawn in 1923, while Calvin Coolidge was President. The tree was a spruce from Coolidge's native state, Vermont.

In the following year Coolidge presided at a ceremony under the sponsorship of the American Forestry Association, to urge the use of living Christmas trees.



The shepherds were simple men
Doing an honest job,
Men with hopes and homes,
With faith and fears.

But they were awake that night,
Awake and aware;
And they heard the proclamation,
"Peace to men of goodwill!"

In our day
Let men with the shepherd heart,
Honest men, awake and aware,
Heed the timeless tidings,
"Peace to men of goodwill!"



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