

#### 1965 Executive of the North Halton Association for Retarded

1965 EXECUTIVE of the North Halton Association for the Mentally Relarded pledged at the Association's annual meeting to increase their efforts to help the mentally retarded in the area during the coming year. Shown seated are recording secretary, Mrs. Irene Randall, president Mrs. Peggy Treaty and corresponding secretary, Mrs. Lena Hazlitt. Standing are second vice-president Harry Isham, treasurer Jim Sproat and aducation committee chairman fred Bickers.

# Santa Claus Pays Annual Visit to Halton Manor

ember 5th, Santa Claus came pearance for this first event of Rene Roberge played Tammy ars or chocolates.

As was the case in all of evergreens and Christmas balls. Santa's activities that after. The president of the group, ton Branch of the Royal Canad. Jerry Salmers was the music tifully decorated auditorium on American Christmas card.' ists born in the U.S. ian Legion. The Firemen who director and Mrs. L. Hill was Wednesday night, December 9. Frang, a lithographer who Women artists were well rep-V. Coulson and H. Coulson and in very gracious fashion. tiuisi.

presenting these gifts.

men who are members of the Bells. their annual Christmas visit to strumental numbers alternat-

to some hillside or lot.

ioned' Christmas tree.

It Happened in 1891

FOR CHRISTMAS ENJOYMENT

President Sought

'Good Old Day'

lights had been decorated with of these tunes.

The residents appreciate this Wonderland to sacred numbers passages from Scripture and obtain the best of American Florence Taber. Innual visit of Santa Claus as O Holy Night and The Carol other sources, read by Mrs. G art for cards. very much and are grateful to of the Drums. In A Star Was Farthing alternated with an Hundreds of paintings were cards is owned by Norcross Inc., the Firemen and to the Legion. His Candle a lovely solo was thems and carols sung by the entered in Prang's contest, for greeting card publishers. maires for their generosity in sung by Mrs. D. McGlashan choir to tell the Christmas and in O Holy Night another story. Capt. Nelson, Commandlovely solo was sung by Mrs. ing Officer of the Brampton On Monday night, December Velma Jones. The last number Corps was the expert music 7th, fifteen ladies and gentle- sung by the Choir was Silver director and Mr. R. Walker

South Peel Choral Group paid | There were a number of inthe Manor. The auditorium ing with the choral selections.

On Salurday evening, Dec-presented a very striking ap- Ywo guitarists, If. Suths and to the Manor to pay his annual the Christmas season. An imi- and two encores. An orchestra visit to the residents. He visit- tation fireplace with a mirror made up of these two guitarists. ed them in the four dining shove it had been placed ag. a violinist Truman Roberge and rooms of the Manor and in the ainst the rear wall of the stage, an accordionist Jerry Salmers infirmary and presented a A decorated Christmas tree at played several lively tunes. gift to each one. The women the front of the auditorium and which included Redwing and residents received very attrac- small Christmas trees affixed Down Yonder. By request of give brush and comb sets and to the walls added another the visitors Mr. N. Viggers join-

While this lovely program was progressing, other members of the Corps were distributing bags of fruit and candy in the bedrooms of the resi-

#### NORVAL

AT PINEGROVE SCHOOL

A double presentation was held in the old Pinegrove School on Monday, December 7th when Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. C. Cordeiro (Patricia Brander) were honoured by their neighbours and mings, decorations and gifts. Preparing foods for feasting friends. Both couples were mar-· Everybody had more fun - was doubtless fun - and hard ried this fall. Mr. and Mrs. so the feeling goes - during work - in the good old days. Cordeiro live in Brampton. Mrs. those good old fashloned Christ- But not all Christmas cookles, Mac Alexander read the address mases when life was simpler candies and fruit cakes today to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wilson and and, according to tradition, the are 'store bought.' Many a fam- they were presented with a hall snow drifts: were always piled ily cherishes the tradition of mirror and a table flower arrangement. Mrs. Tom McGce were always home-grown and ther as the holiday cookies are read the address to Mr. and Mrs. Cordeiro and they were

made and the tree itself always foods have their traditions. For a flower arrangement. chopped down by the head of instance, some families deliver The evening was spent playthe house on a personal foray gift packages of cakes or can- ing a friendly game of cuchre dies to friends when they make followed by lunch.

dent of the U.S. It was every- The same is true of that 'good one's duty, the President felt, old days' habit of making to make Christmas merry. He gifts. In this 'new day' of inand his family, he declared, creasing interest in sewing, were going to have an 'old-fash- many lovingly home-crafted gifts are found under . Christ-. | mas trees - and yesterday's A search through recent mom would no doubt have been newspapers, or even through glad to trade her treadle sewing Fecent history, would provide machine for one of today's elecno detalls, however, about this tric models.

resolve. For the President was Can't Chop Yree Benjamin Harrison, who, on Deember 22nd in 1891, announ- to chop down a tree for the faced to reporters his plan for a mily (conservationists of our "good old fashioned Christmas." 'good old forests' wouldn't ap-Most people" today whose prove), a look: at any place ethoughts turn to Christmases where trees are sold in the days of yore would certainly settle before Christmas reveals that for a date much later than 1891 | choosing the tree is still a as the time when the 'good old | personal, all-family matter, in-

sed to exist. But if the spirit of an old- Almost every nostalgic dream fashloned Christmas didn't va- of Christmas long ago seems to mish as early as President Har- have its counterpart in the prerison feared it had; when did sent. And all the while new it go? Or has it\_really disap- traditions are building up, as peared forever? Most of all, an 'old fashion- creates and treasures its cus-

ed Christmas is made up of toms. traditions. Even in northern In another 70 years, perhaps, climates, only hope, luck and some public figure may say, the weatherman can say, each 'It's time to get back to the year, whether the traditional good old ways of celebrating Other traditions, however, may loned Christmas, nowl

At Christmas time, nostalgia | not necessarily belong only to for 'the good old days' is as the past. Not All 'Store Bought' prevalent as turkey and trim-

high, the foods for feasting having the children 'help' Mohome cooked, the gifts and dec- |concocted.

coration always lovingly hand. Even the ready-prepared presented with a floor lamp and Christmas nostalgia has even Christmas calls; others set forth been known to affect heads of a table of treats in the home, state - to be specific, a Presi- ready to shares with callers.

While dad may not be able fashioned Christman' had ces- volving plenty of old-fashloned

each family, each community



'Dashing thru' the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh; O'er the field we go, laughing all the way; Bells on bubbail ring, making spirits bright;

What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight! "A day or two ago I thought I'd take a ride;

And soon Miss Fannie Bright was seated by my side. The horse was lean and lank, misfortune seem'd his lot; He got into a drifted bank, and we, we got upsot. "Now the ground is white; got it while your's young, Take the girls tonight, and sing this sleighing song. Just geta bobtailed bay, two-forty for his spead; Then hitch him to an open sleigh, and crack! you'll take the

"Jingle, bells! Jingle, bells! Jingle all the way! O What fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh!"

### Lithographer 'Fathered' American the men received boxes of cig. seasonal touch. The ceiling ed in with the bones for two Greetings, Encouraged Artists

The events and special sig To Louis Prang, a native of prizes from two bundeed to Boon, Santa's visit to the Man- Mrs. G. Good, was among the nificance of the Christmas sca- Breslau, Germany, goes the one thousand dollars. Winners, or was sponsored by the Mil. fifteen members who came. Mr. son were described in the beau- credit for being father of the with two exceptions, were art-

essisted Sants at the Manor the accompanist. Mrs. June when twenty songsters who be began a greeting card business resented among winners. Rosina were Fire Chief A. E. Clement, Cook did all the announcing long to the Brampton Corps of in Roxbury, Mass, exhibited his Emmet was the mother of the the Salvation Army visited the own cards at the Centennial Ex- late author and playwright, Ro-Legionnaires Bill Ferguson, L. The Group sang nine choral residents. The songsters pre- position in Philadelphia in 1875. bert Emmett Sherwood. Others Elwood, M. Black and A Mat- numbers ranging from secular sented a very appropriate and He then had the idea of hold- were Dora Wheeler, Anne songs like My Hero and Winter impressive program in which ing an annual competition to Morse, Liebeth Humphrey and

#### Pagan Feasts Are Source Of Customs

Most of the customs now as sociated with Christmas were originally pagen or non-Christian, according to The Encyclo Yule log and wassail bowl pedia Americana. Saturnalia, a Homan Yeast relebrated in mid December, provided the model for many of the merry-making customs of Christmas. From this celebration, for example, were derived the elaborate feasting. the giving of gifts and the

burning of randles. Lights also played an important part in most winter solstice festivals. An obscure figure in the early mythologies of the Esst emerged as a sun god. From the 1st century B.C. this figure, Mithras, was adopted by an increasing number of Roman soldiers and others. Mithray greatest featival was that of the winter solstice, the time when the god began to return to his worshippers.

In the 5th century the Western church ordered a feast celebrating the turth of the Savior to be observed on the day of the Mithraic rites of the birth of the sun and at the close of the Saturnalia.

Among the German and Cel TH tic tribes the winter solstice was considered an important point of the year and to commemorate the return of the sun they held their chief festival of Yule, which, like other

pagan celebrations, became ad apted to Christmas. The Teutonic Yule feast also provided customs for the Christmas festivities, such as the

Norpegians hide an almond in the Christmas pudding. Tradition says the finder will be married in the next year.

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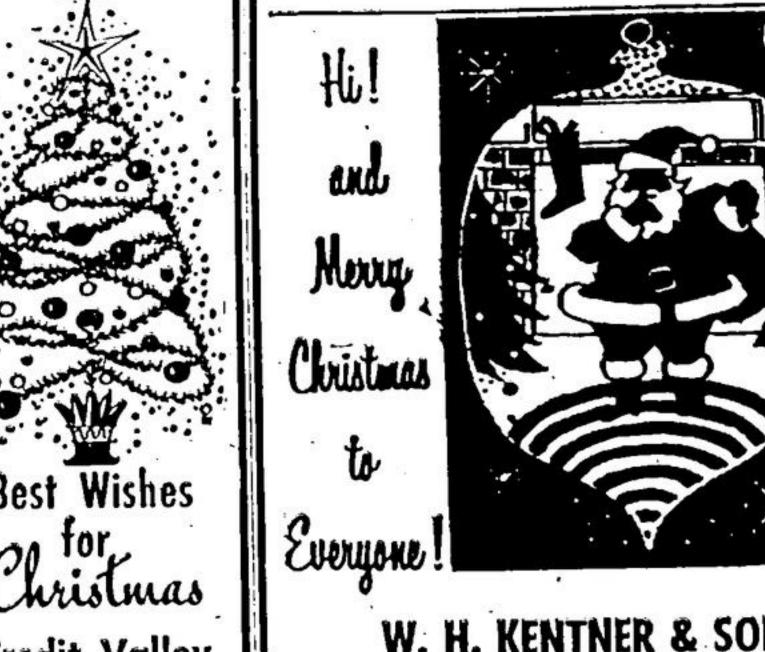
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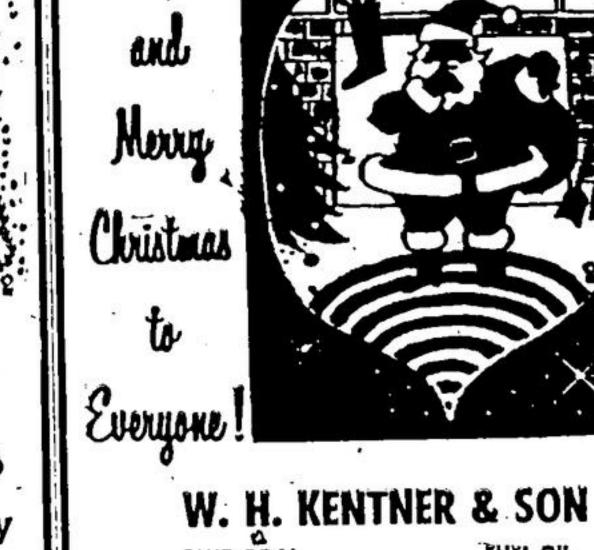
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