

### Charlton Succeeds Hibbert As County Assessors' Head

Georgetown's assessment commissioner, Clifford J. Hibbert, ended his year as chairman of the Halton County Assessors' Association at the group's final meeting of 1965 Thursday night in the new Oakville municipal building.

John Charlton of Milton was named chairman, and Aubrey Pickard of Oakville, was named secretary by the twenty-eight attending.

Special guests attending were Oakville Mayor Allan A. Mason, Oakville manager-administrator Kenneth Needham, and Reginald Easton of the Assessment Branch of the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Municipalities represented included Georgetown, Esquesing, Milton, Acton, Nassagaweya, Oakville and Burlington.

John McMullin concluding with the epilogue.

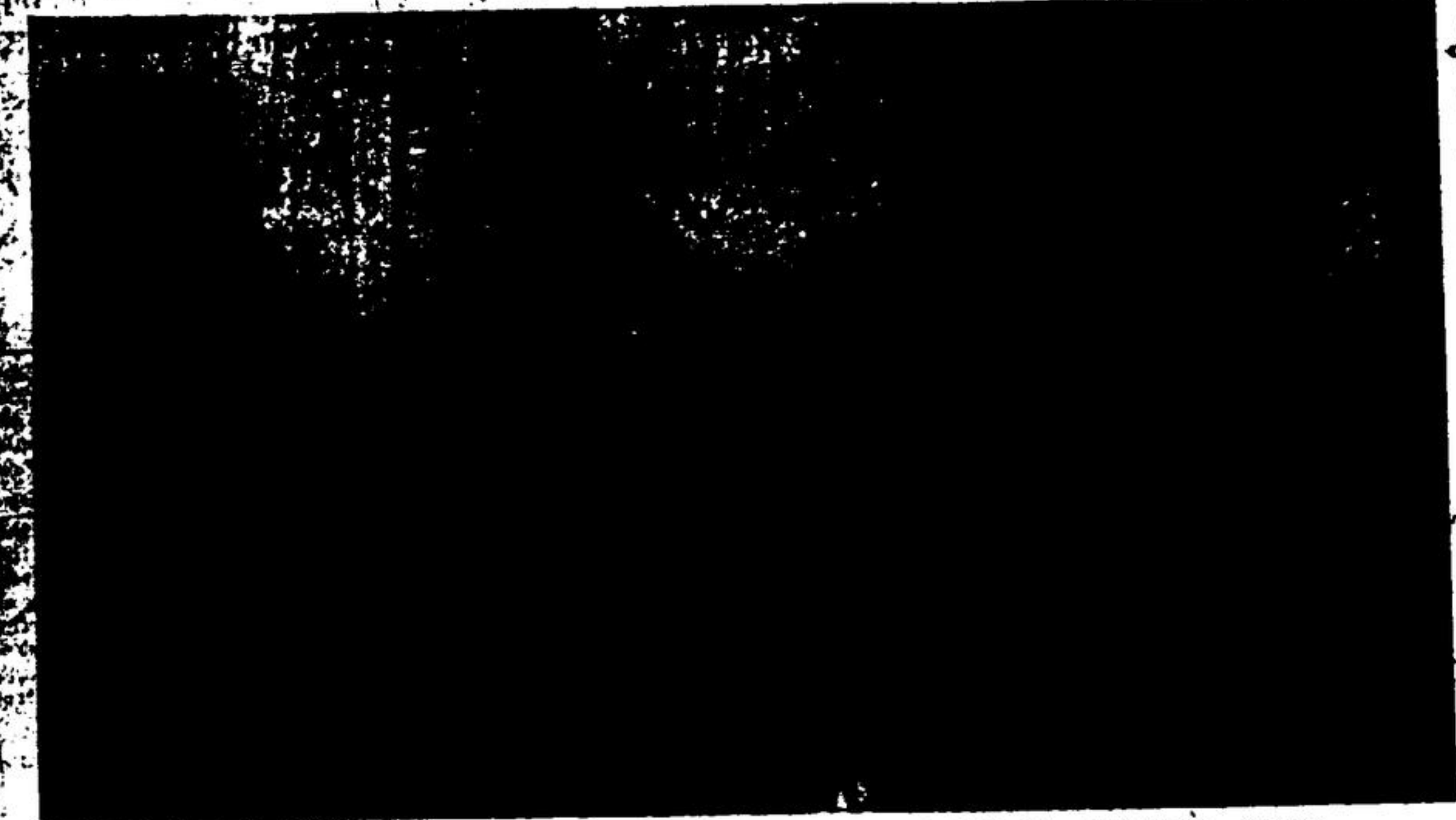
The service ended with the First Noel as the senior and junior choirs recessed down the aisle. Choirmaster and organist George DeKleer conducted the choir in several anthems during the service.

The Toronto Santa Claus fund gained \$19.14 when eight young girls from the Normandy Blvd. area pooled their efforts for an evening of door-to-door caroling. The girls, who thought up the idea, and spent the afternoon rehearsing, are Leanne and Laureen Lewis, Laurie and Lisa Bradley, Joan and Susan McDonald, Mary Timlock and Mary Gudgeon.

Mr. Harry Goring, who was accountant at the Bank of Montreal branch here twenty years ago, is planning to spend part of the Christmas holidays in town with Mr. and Mrs. Harold McClure, 83 Maple Ave. W. Mr. Goring now lives at Kew Gardens, Long Island, and is employed with a bank in New York City.

"If Canada's 19,000,000 people each assumed the moral responsibility of being 'his brother's keeper,'" said Gay McLaren, General Manager of NSL, "Christmas would not be blighted by hundreds of deaths and injuries."

Harry Lewis, who joined the Royal Canadian Regiment last fall and is stationed at Wolery, Harrocks, London, is home for the Christmas holidays with his flameproof.



### FOUR WAY CONTEST FOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARD SEAT

A NOMINATION MEETING IN Esquesing's municipal building last Thursday produced four candidates for the one vacant seat on the Esquesing Township School Board. From left to right are the four nominees: James Leonard, Andy Strull, Alan Thompson, and Julian Reed. One will be elected Thursday.

## It's "Merry Christmas" All Through the Town

"Merry Christmas!" In these two familiar words, often heard and often repeated, there lives and glows the meaning of the first of all Christmases, on that Holy Night nearly two thousand years ago. As the happy day approaches, this community, like many hundreds of thousands of other towns and cities around the world, proclaims the spirit of the season in ringing bells and happy carols, in gleaming light and festive decorations.

Through all the celebrations — community, church, family — the simple words of greeting run like a glowing thread, weaving together in one joyous whole all the many glorious things that Christmas stands for. "Merry Christmas!" The words remind that Christmas is traditionally a time of merriment, a time for family and friends to gather together.

"Merry Christmas!" the words remind that Christmas is, indeed, more than merry. The lights and the laughter, the fun and the feasting are but the surface symbols of all Christmas truly means. It is a time of giving and sharing, a time to remember others, not only family, friends, neighbours, but all mankind, and especially the less fortunate among us.

As gaily wrapped packages make their way to Christmas trees around our town, the gifts once again recall the spirit of giving that began with the gold, frankincense and myrrh of the Wise Men, and fragrant evergreen trees represent the message of the Christ Child the inspiration of life eternal.

"Merry Christmas," we say, and with the words we seek to share our reverent wonder at the age-old story; our joy in ever-present blessings.

How Celebration Began

"Merry Christmas!" The words are simple, familiar, even old-fashioned, yet they still contain a newness and freshness, a significance to thrill the heart of mankind.

Whence did they come, these familiar words? As a holy day and a holiday, Christmas means both festive merrymaking and prayerful worship, and both meanings expressed in the traditional greeting, "Merry Christmas."

Christmas, commemorating the birth of Christ, derives its name from the medieval "Christes Masse," the mass of Christ. Yet, in the first centuries of the Christian church, there was no celebration of the birth of Christ, no Christmas.

The December festivals of those days were pagan in nature — the Roman Saturnalia in Southern Europe, the Yuletide, festival of the winter solstice in Northern Europe.

When, in the fifth century A.D., Christmas began to be celebrated on December 25, the old custom of the pagan festivals were connected with the Christmas feast. The merry-making continued, but it gained a deeper meaning, as pagan

traditions were hallowed by association with the Nativity.

Thus Christmas became "Merry Christmas!"

#### Sending Greetings

"Merry Christmas!" The custom of extending holiday greetings to friends undoubtedly goes back many years, but the Christmas card as a means of expressing those greetings is a relative newcomer to Christmas traditions.

Christmas cards had their beginning only 122 years ago in England, but despite the comparatively recent start, saying "Merry Christmas" in card form was a custom that quickly caught the public fancy.

The wish to say, "Merry Christmas" to friends and neighbours is strong, and the ways of expressing it are many. Today's edition of this newspaper, for instance, is one big "Merry Christmas" card, in which businessmen of this community offer special greetings to their customers and friends.

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Georgetown Upholstery  
A. MAHAFFY

## Greetings

We're glad of the opportunity to wish each of you the merriest of Christmases!

Reid Equipment & Supply Co.  
ALLIS CHALMERS  
R. R. 2, Georgetown HERB REID

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CHEERY GREETINGS TO ALL!

BARCLAY HAULAGE  
STEWARTTOWN 877-7991

may the joys of the Season be with you! wishing you Peace!

REXWAY B-P SERVICE  
corner Guelph and Rexway Drive 877-3951  
JOHN ELLIS

## JOY TO YOU!

May the bells of Christmas ring a message of good cheer!

A Sincere Thank You to All Our Customers.

**SPEIGHT'S AUTO ELECTRIC**  
AND MOYOR TUNE-UP  
32 WATER ST. ART SPEIGHT 877-2726

to all our friends and Patrons

**M & M TAXI**  
WALLY MAGDY ..... 877-3817

## Merry Christmas

As you gather 'round the Christmas tree with family and friends to sing the glad songs, remember our wish: A happy, happy Christmas to all!

**Stan's Restaurant**  
IN DOWNTOWN GEORGETOWN

BEST WISHES FOR Christmas

To all our good friends, the very happiest of holidays, and a sincere thank you to all our Customers.

**Halton Welding**  
No. 7 Highway west of Georgetown  
HARRY VERHEY

## Blessings upon You and All Your Loved Ones at this Holy Time.

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