

Progress By Inches

**IN THIS EXAM  
IT'S WHAT YOU  
LOST THAT COUNTS**

At left, Lois Kowalchuk gets the tape measure test from Mary Simpson during a final get-together of students enrolled in the Y's Slimnastics and Charm Course. Mrs. Simpson was Slimnastics instructor for the thirteen week course recently completed. The windup was held at the home of Mrs. G. F. K. Smith who handled the charm end of the lessons.

Below, pupils Donna Robbins and Mollie DeBoer combine to demonstrate the kind of slimming exercises included in the program. Forty-six women signed up for the course.

**Fire Chief Lewis Advises  
Holiday Safety Precautions**

Special precautions against fire should head the list of every sensible family's preparations for Christmas. Fire Chief Erwin Lewis warned today that a happy Christmas can change in a few seconds into family tragedy, in homes where such precautions are neglected. He urged the public to exercise special care in the setting up and decoration of Christmas trees, and drew attention to the following points.

Only fresh green trees should be bought and they should be kept outdoors in an unheated garage before being brought into the home for decorating. Then, a tree should have one or two inches cut diagonally from the butt, and should be set up with the butt in water, which should be maintained above the level of the cut.

**CHECK LIGHTS**

Electric lighting strings should be checked for frayed cords or short circuits. Only CSA-approved lighting sets, and only non-flammable decorations should be used. Declare the tree a no-smoking area, and keep matches out of the hands of children.

On Christmas Day, do not allow gift wrappings to accumulate under the tree. Dispose of wrappings as soon as gifts are opened. Even a moist tree will burn if ignited by burning wrappings or similar material around the base.

**NOT NEAR FIREPLACE**

Set up the tree away from such sources of heat as a fireplace, TV set or radiator. Be sure it does not block access to doors or windows in the event of fire. Switch off tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

Chief Lewis points out that tests have proved that the safest tree is a tree with its butt set in water. However, if a tree is dried out before it is set up, it cannot regain its safe moisture level. A dry tree can be ignited by a single match, to burn violently to a charred state in a few seconds.

**METALLIC TREES  
CONDUCTORS**

Even artificial trees can be serious fire hazards. Metallic trees are conductors of electricity. Do not decorate them

**Canadian Nurses  
Express Support  
for Halton Unit**

The public health nurses of Halton County, negotiating for collective bargaining rights, have received a shot in the arm with a statement from the 80,000 member Canadian Nurses Association last week.

In Ottawa Friday, the association supported nurses' rights to collective bargaining and strike action.

The Halton Nurses recently made an application for certification with the Ontario Labour Relations Board which, if accepted should come through in January.

The statement from Ottawa said the national association threw its weight "squarely behind the efforts of professional nurses seeking improved salaries and working conditions through collective action."

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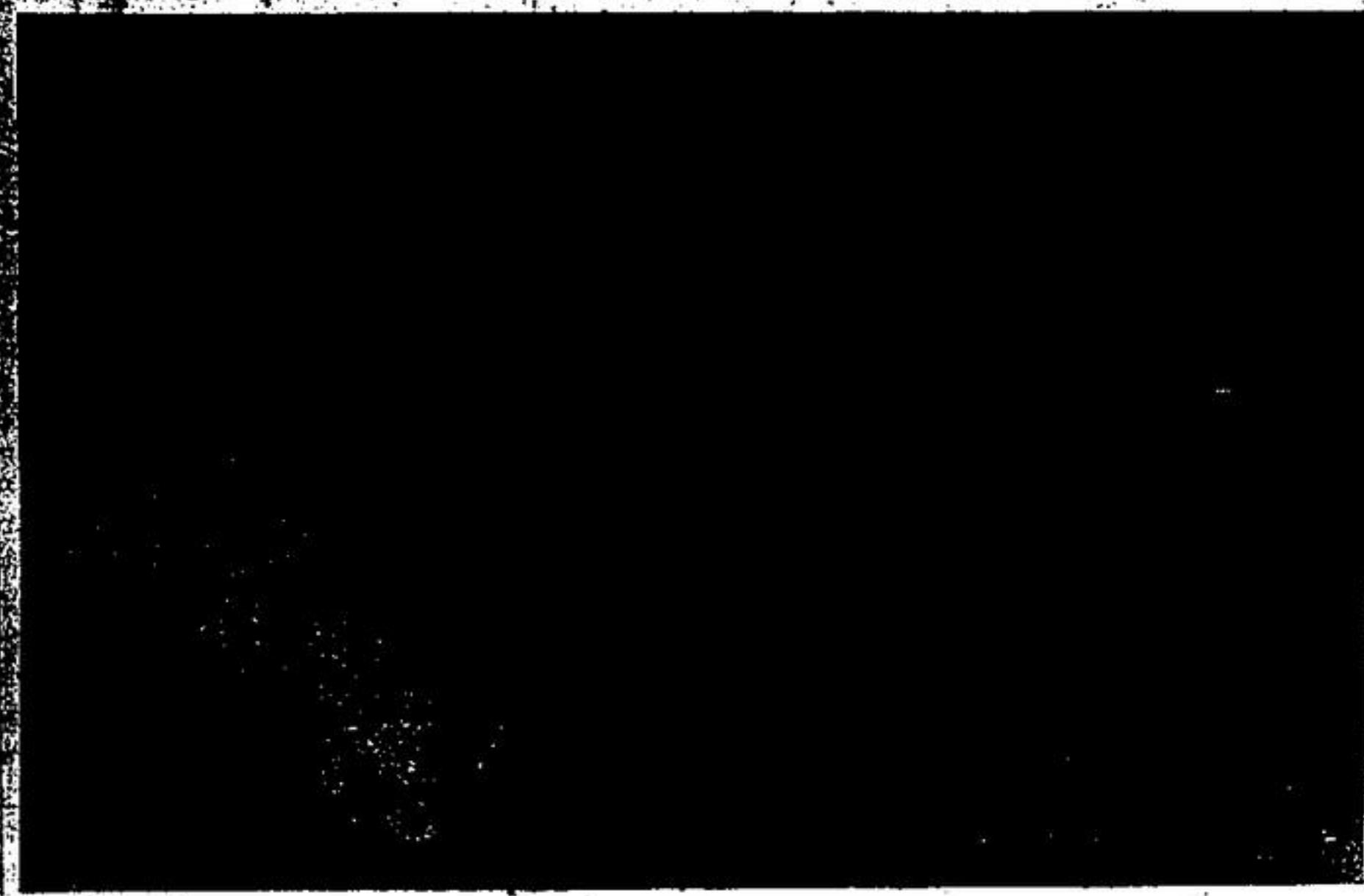
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**Funeral at Holy Cross  
For Accident Victim**

Requiem mass was held in Holy Cross R.C. Church on December 1st for Mrs. Edward H. Merry, 62, who died in Peel Memorial Hospital following a traffic accident near Brampton. She was a passenger in a car driven by her husband which was in collision with another car at the intersection of Airport Rd. and Steeles Ave. the previous Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Merry had been Georgetown residents at 35 McIntyre Crescent since September when they moved here from Mount Dennis. The former Hilda Lillian Bland she was the daughter of Mrs. Hannah Bland and the late

John George Bland of London, England. Following their marriage in 1927, Mr. and Mrs. Merry lived in South Harrow and emigrated to Canada in 1932. Mrs. Merry had been a typist at English & Mould, Ltd. on Weston Rd. and later was secretary at the Cradleship-Creche a nursery school on Rogers Rd. She leaves her husband, who is still in hospital recuperating from injuries sustained in the accident, two daughters, Mrs. Hilda Green, Cooksville and Mrs. Pamela Mowder, Scarborough; her mother in England, and four brothers, John Bland of Scarborough, William and George Bland, South Harrow and Frederick Bland, Elstree, England.

She also leaves six grandchildren, Christopher, Stephen, Debra-Ann, June, David and Patricia-Ann. Father Otger DeVent conducted the funeral service and pallbearers were Charles Zammit, Cecil Tiddy, Newton Mills and Vic Bland. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

**BELL  
LINES**

by Arnold Blachford  
your telephone manager



Canada's annual Safe-Driving Week is over for another year. By stressing defensive driving techniques during this week, the Canadian Highway Safety Council, hoped to make motorists aware of every known safe driving procedure so that they will better remember and practise them for the other 51 weeks of the year. We at Bell Canada — at least all of us who drive our own cars on business or the familiar green vehicles — well know the importance of driving defensively. All of us who do any driving as a part of our work at Bell Canada must take and pass a pretty rugged Company course even though we have provincial driving permits. And, in recent years this course has stressed defensive driving. Really, defensive driving is little more than common sense. It means learning how to recognize potentially dangerous situations, learning how to avoid them, putting this knowledge to use. Since 42 percent of the people surveyed in connection with The Canadian Drivers Test television program some time back failed the test, it seems that few people know where danger lurks. With winter setting in with its snowstorms, sleet, ice and sub-zero temperatures, defensive driving becomes more important than ever. Driver Improvement courses have been held in many parts of the country this year and more are planned for the month to come. Driving conditions have changed since many of us received our first permits, and a fresh look at our driving habits could make motoring safer and more enjoyable on our crowded streets and highways. And, it could make for a happier holiday season, when so many people will be travelling to join families and friends for Christmas and New Year's celebrations.

**YOUR 1947 DIRECTORY**

Georgetown's new telephone directory will be going to press shortly, so please check your listing. Is your name spelled correctly? And what about your address and phone number? Have you thought about additional listings? Other members of your family and relatives, roomers or boarders would benefit from having their names listed in the telephone book. If you're a businessman, you can use extra listings to associate your name and residence telephone number with your firm name — or to show after-hour numbers for you and your key employees. Remember, extra listings, at little cost, make it easier for people to find you. For any changes in your listing, or any additions, call our Business Office without delay.

On Christmas day, 35 years ago, telephone lines carried the first radio broadcast of a complete opera — Hansel and Gretel. It was transmitted coast-to-coast from the Metropolitan Opera House in New York.

Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas followed by a Happy New Year from all of us at the Bell.

*Arnold Blachford*

**Your Georgetown  
Fire Department  
wish You and Yours a  
Fire Safe Season**



Please see that Christmas tree lights are extinguished when you are not in the room . . . keep trees away from radiators and fireplaces.

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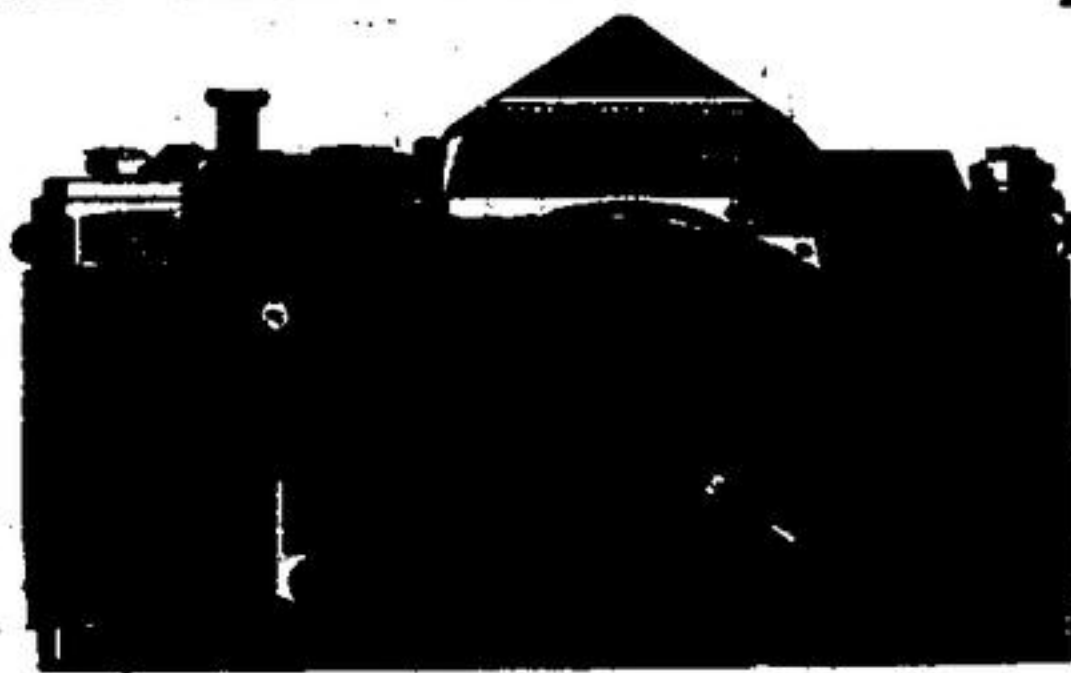
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