



THE ATMOSPHERE IS ROGER'S BEAT

A GEORGETOWN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, Roger Smith, makes an entry in his weather records journal. Roger is The Herald's new weatherman, replacing Mrs. Alicia F. C. Scott, who retired from the job recently. His weekly resumes of Georgetown weather will include high and low temperatures, rain and snowfall, hours of sunshine, and averages compared to normal. He records the weather data at his home at 9 Guelph Street.

Halton Fun Fund Not Overspent: Spooner

Municipal Affairs Minister Wilfrid Spooner said today he feels that Halton County Council did not overspend its limit of \$2,500 for travel and entertainment in 1965.

Our staff people have examined into all the accounts," he said. "We have a report by the elected and appointed officials. The amount spent for receptions comes to \$73 less than the allowable amount."

He said the actual amount spent was \$2,427, a loophole in the municipal act providing an out for our treat-and-trip spending.

When asked about the \$9,571.41 spent for conventions and parties, Mr. Spooner replied, "I would refer you to section 377 of the municipal act. It provides for those expenditures."

Section 377 permits the municipality and any corporation of officers to become a member of any union of Ontario municipalities and provides that the municipality may pay the fees of membership and any expenses of officers attending meetings of the union or association or for its business."

However, section 377 also provides "that bylaws may be passed by council of all municipalities for the purposes provided within section 377."

Mr. Spooner said that it appeared some items were set in the wrong accounts and that the actual cost for council and entertainment of guests was \$2,427.

He declined to comment on the actual figures, saying they had been sent to Garfield Brown, Halton county clerk. "You can contact Mr. Brown for the figures," he said.

The total amount spent by the county for receptions and conventions for 1965 was \$12,845.50. Of this amount, \$2,914.06 was allocated for receptions and entertainment.

However, this included an amount for \$517.93 for the cost of a display at an international plowing match.

THE LORDS OF MISRULE

At the king's court, as well as at universities and manor houses a Lord of Misrule had charge of the sports, games, and ceremonies during the Yule season. In London, for instance, this personage paraded along the streets with his followers and organized festivities for the populace. In homes games were played, one of the favorites being Snap Dragon, the attempt to pull a raisin from a bowl of flaming spirits.

DOMINICAN HOLIDAY

Christmas remains a religious holiday in the Dominican Republic. The Christmas dinner is enjoyed generally after the Christmas Eve midnight mass. Carols are sung in the streets. Through trade and social relations with the United States, Santa Claus is becoming more popular, but the children continue to receive their presents on January 6, when gold, frankincense, and myrrh were traditionally given by the Wise Men.



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Dominion Life Member Baptist Mission Circle

A dominion life member of the Baptist Mission Circle Society, Mrs. Carmel McLellan, 63, died in Georgetown hospital on December 6.

Mrs. McLellan, who was the former Annie Alma Morrison, was born in Picton and spent most of her life there. She had made her home in Georgetown for the past six years with her daughter, Mrs. Donald Reed, 24 Durham St.

Mrs. McLellan, who was the and active worker at First Baptist Church, Picton and the funeral services on Friday was conducted by Rev. E. Black, pastor of that church. Pallbearers were six grandsons, David McLellan, Belleville, Thomas, Paul and John McLellan, Picton, Levern McLellan, London and Jim Way of Toronto.

Predeceased by her husband and by one son Donald, she leaves three children, Carman Andrew, Picton, Carl James, London and Betty, Mrs. Donald Reed, Georgetown; 19 grandchildren; and three sisters, Mrs. Irma Dunlape and Mrs. Nellie Miller, Picton and Mrs. Gladys Williams, Oshawa.

Interment took place in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown following the funeral service.

Christmas Meeting UCW Held at Laidlaw Home

The Christmas meeting of Unit Two of Norval United Church UCW was held on Thursday evening December 8 at the home of Mrs. Bill Laidlaw with president Mrs. Peter Pomefroy in the chair. During the business a report was given on the bazaar. The pattern to be used in making the Junior Choir gowns was discussed, also the Sunday School concert and the Couples Club dance.

The devotional was given by Mrs. Bill Hyatt and Mrs. Ed. Burk. Mrs. Paul Johnson and Mrs. Jack May were in charge of the program. They had a Christmas carol and song jumble contest. As the carols and songs were named the song was sung making an enjoyable song of favourite Christmas numbers. This was followed by an exchange of gifts and a delicious pot luck supper.

Officers for 1967 elected were President, Mrs. Peter Pomefroy, secretary, Mrs. Earl Wilson, treasurer, Mrs. Jack May.

At a recent Vestry meeting of St. Paul's Anglican Church Mr. George Phillips was appointed as Peoples Warden. He replaced Kees VanGent who has moved to Hamilton.

Union Presbyterian Church WMS held their Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. R. Duncanson, the Manse, Norval, on Wednesday afternoon Dec. 7 with Mrs. Lee Campbell presiding. The devotional was given by Mrs. Fraser MacDonald and Mrs. Frank Dolson. The Christmas message was given by Mrs. Owens MacDonald. Mrs. Andrew McDonald was presented with a Christmas corsage on the occasion of her birthday. White gifts were presented by the members to go to Evangel Hall, Toronto.

Mrs. R. Duncanson installed the officers, President, Mrs. Lee Campbell, 1st vice, Mrs. C.G. Blshop, secretary Mrs. A.J. Von Zuben, assistant secretary Mrs. A.H. McKane, treasurer, Mrs. F. Dolson.

Assistant hostesses were Mrs. Leslie Young and Mrs. A. Von Zuben.

THE CHRISTMAS ROSE

It was the night of Christ's birth in Bethlehem. Outside the stable of the Inn where the Holy Family had taken shelter for the night, a group of people had gathered. Among these were the shepherds who had come to worship the Babe. All of them were bearing gifts for the Child.

There was a young girl in the gathering. She joined the group to find out what had brought them here. When she heard their story and knew that the young child born this night had been called the Saviour, she too wanted to go in and worship.

But she had no gift to offer, and tears of disappointment fell from her eyes. As her tears touched the ground, at that place there sprang up a bush and on it was the most beautiful white blossom she had ever seen! She plucked it happily and reverently offered her gift to the Christ Child.

According to the legend, it was in that way, the Christmas Rose came into being.

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