

# Night School Recesses for Christmas Holidays



IN THE FLOOR-LENGTH DRESS, Mrs. Diann Barber. Fitting it is Mrs. Edna Buehlow. Both of Advanced Sewing class.



MR. E. P. HASSETY, Basic English Class teacher, reads the daily paper with pupils, a technique that gets amazing results. Native tongues of pupils enrolled include French, Hungarian, Dutch, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Yugoslavian, Czech, Danish, Turkish, Polish and Russian.



A CLASS that perennially attracts large enrolments is Typing. Here some of the pupils show their tough typing progress.

While all the night school classes recessed for Christmas holidays last week, only the sewing classes finished for the year. Most of the women in the sewing classes have dresses, suits or even formal-wear, to show for their twelve weeks of effort.

The other classes will resume after the new year and continue till March 7.

Included in the night school courses are, "Home Beauty Care," oil painting, typing, shorthand, bookkeeping, electronics, conversational French, small engines, machine shop and basic English.

If enough interest is shown, a course in rug-looping will be started after the new year.

## Benefit by W.I. Centennial Gifts

Twenty one members of Georgetown Women's Institute sat down to a delicious pot luck supper at their meeting in Knox Church hall on December 5th.

In a short business meeting it was decided to remember the Georgetown people who reside in Halton Manor at Milton with a card and a small gift of money.

For the W.I. centennial project, three arm chairs were donated to the Georgetown hospital. Three benches were purchased to be placed in the Greenwood Cemetery in the spring, so anyone visiting the cemetery could rest. This was brought to their attention as a very needy convenience.

After a singsong of Christmas carols led by Mrs. Ern Thompson with accompanist Mrs. Newhouse at the piano, there was an exchange of gifts and then a social half hour.

## Tree Of Nineties Was Simple

Ever wonder just what old timers were talking about when they spoke of a 'real old fashioned Christmas tree'?

Back in the 1890's, it seems, Christmas trees were both charming and simple.

At the very top of the tree was a gilded, sparkling star. The branches were adorned with such things as streamers, flags, popcorn and cranberries, strung together, chains of gold and silver paper, candles in holders (we don't recommend this, seems a fire hazard), peppermint canes, strips of gold paper, Santa Claus dolls, angels and cornucopias (horns of plenty) filled to the brim with candies.

Hard candies like sourballs and peppermint canes were the typical 'penny candies' of the Nineties. The canes were placed right on the tree, the sourballs either hung in little bags or used to stuff the gifts such as wagons and drums at the base of the tree.



Practically everyone knows that jolly old St. Nick was a real-life bishop in ancient Turkey, the original Santa Claus who liked to distribute anonymous gifts. Yet it is not so well recorded that he was also the patron saint of pickpockets, robbers and pirates.

The oddity came about when St. Nicholas intervened to persuade a robber band to return stolen treasure. Pirates looked to St. Nick for accurate tips on the weather, even flew his supposed likeness on flags of their ships. In later years, swindlers in France were popularly referred to as the 'Knights of St. Nicholas.'

St. Nicholas was apparently very wealthy and exceedingly generous. The best-known gift-giving tale concerning this first Santa Claus — bags of gold secretly thrown into a house to provide three luckless, daughters with dowries — is today symbolized by the signs of the pawnbroker — three gold balls.

The good bishop supposedly possessed miraculous powers. While on a voyage to the Holy Land, he calmed the waters of the sea to save a drowning sailor.

Sailors and pirates adopted him as their patron saint. Pirates even stole some of his relics from a Turkish church and took them to Bari, Italy, where a church was built for him in 1087.

Born in southern Turkey, of wealthy Greek parents, Nicholas joined the church and became bishop of Myra. It is said that he went on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and was there imprisoned by Emperor Diocletian for his faith. Later released by the Christian Emperor Constantine, he returned to Myra, where he died on December 8th, 342.

GLEN WILLIAMS

# Collect White Gifts For Needy in City

The annual White Gift Service was held in the United Church on Sunday morning.

Those taking part in the service were Don Staddon, David Inglis and Peter Wagstaffe, Bob Inglis and Brett Giles. The junior choir sang 'God Sends the tiny snowflakes' and 'Star of Stars.' The gifts were placed in large white containers and will be sent for the needy at St. Luke's Church, Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf Spence, Cheryl and Angela spent Sunday in Kitchener visiting her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chaikin and had a very treacherous trip home on the icy highway Sunday evening.

On Sunday evening about 40 members of the Public School choir under the leadership of Mrs. Kildney, their music teacher, sang carols unaccompanied in the United Church. Rev. R. W. Ridley showed a film.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Murdoch and little son, Timmy, have moved into their new home on the ninth line near the mountain.

On the evening of December 20th listen and you will probably hear carollers passing by. The young people of the United Church are planning a pot luck supper at 5 pm and then out around the village, especially to any shut-ins and senior citizens.

Anyone is welcome to join them — come to the church for supper first.

We send get-well wishes to Mrs. Nellie Appleyard who is in hospital in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Sharpe of Rochester, N.Y., spent a few days with Mr and Mrs. D. Starret and family.

The United Church choir are very busy getting ready for the Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. Many of the young people, CGT girls and Explorers will be taking part. Plan to attend and sing the old carols for a nice start to your Christmas celebrations.

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FUN FOR KIDS - - Make-and-play toys are high on the youngsters' gift lists this holiday season. One such unit enable kids to make all sort of creepy people and things, using a plastic liquid that is heated and poured into a mold.

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