

Gala Christmas Party for Halton Manor Residents

When Santa Claus trotted into the huge auditorium on Wednesday afternoon, beaming and 'ho-ho-ing and ringing his silver bells gaily, he was greeted by the 200 or so waiting for him with a little self-conscious applause and a lot of smiling faces.

But some of the other faces were gentle with sleep. It was time for the afternoon nap. The warmth of the room and the carol singing had lulled them into drowsiness and some heads drooped. And most of the heads were grey.

It was Christmas party time for the residents of Halton Centennial Manor. Most of those present were eager and excited about the tea, and the entertainment planned, and the gifts. But some were obviously beginning to find the festive season a little wearying.

Although the Centennial Manor is an old people's home, the residents are not missing out on the color and activity of the season. Many volunteer organizations have made sure of that.

Since the beginning of December there has been a program of some kind put on for the residents every day — sometimes in the afternoons and sometimes in the evenings. The entertainment has ranged from a concert by the Lorne Scots band to gospel singing by members of the Rexdale Gospel Hall.

There have been girl guide choirs, Baptist church carollers, the Burlington Concert Band, a cub pack meeting at the Manor and the formal decorating of the tree by the Pineland Presbyterian Church CGIT who also sang carols.

The old people like to have young people around them so they thrive on all these visits

from youth groups. In fact many youth groups visit all the year round but, of course, their appearance here has special significance at Christmas.

The Manor is decorated just the way the residents would have decorated their own homes. Some of them make wreaths for the doors of their two-and-four-bedrooms. There are strings of Christmas cards from corner to corner. And home-made decorations take away some of the stiff formality of the television lounge with its leather-covered chairs.

Many of the decorations have been made in the 'craft class' under Mrs. T. Green, craft supervisor. Like most of the staff members Mrs. Green was kept busy 'delivering' parcels to the residents seated at small tables and in wheel chairs as Santa lifted them, one by one, from the train of foil-covered boxes the 'Manor Special' Miss Isobel Cuthill, a member of the staff, wore the red velvet suit.

There is a volunteer organization of women workers at the Manor, and with their president

Mrs. S. A. Allen, they had been responsible for tempting trays of Christmas cookies which were placed on each table. Sandwiches were made in the kitchen.

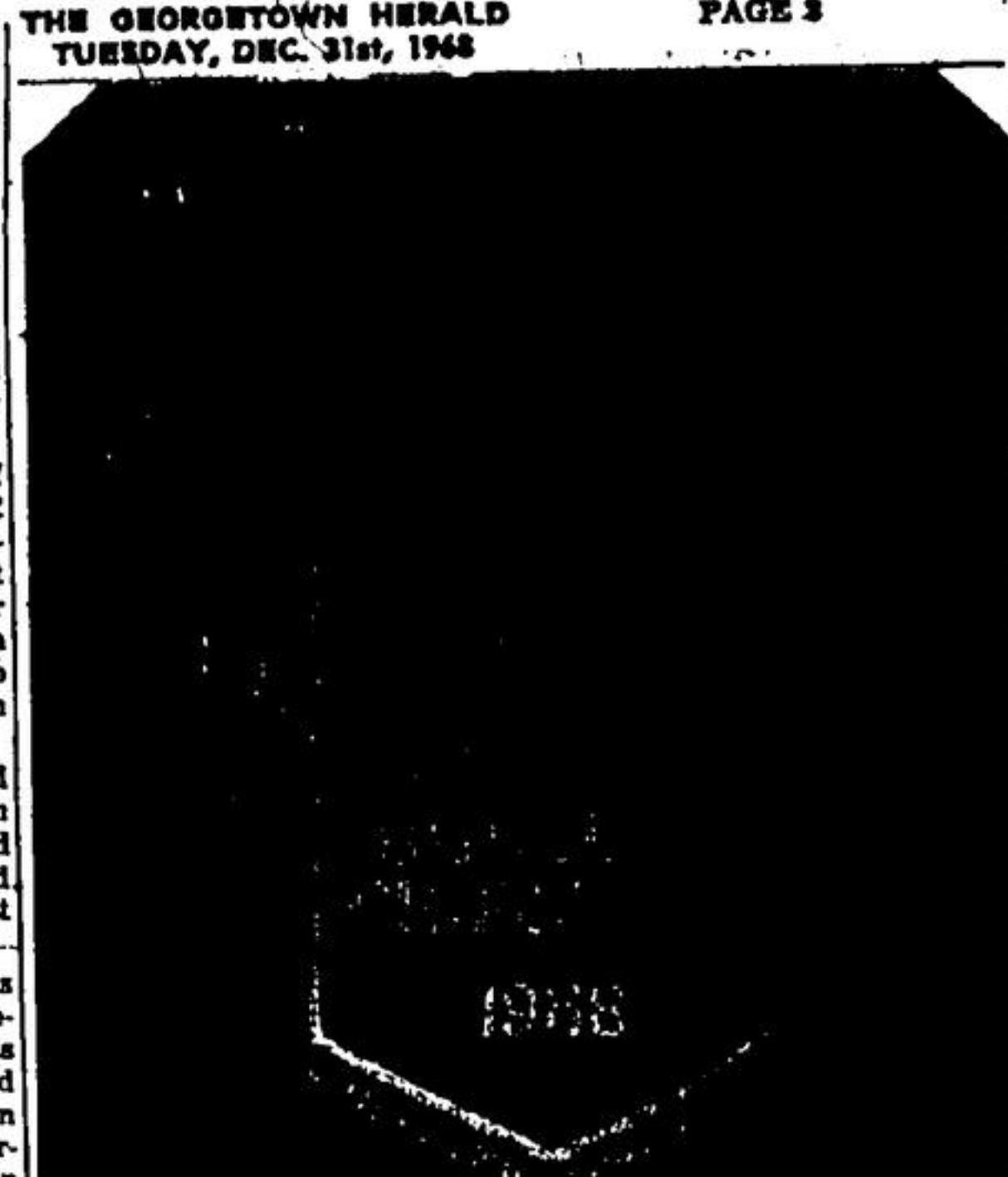
Mrs. Allen is closely involved in the Manor when she is not working there, because her husband is the administrator.

There was a traditional Christmas dinner on Christmas Day for those whose diet allow it.

"It is amazing how many of our residents will stay here," says Mrs. Audrey McKee, secretary to the administrator. "A lot of them look upon this as their home and when they get to a certain age they don't like to break their routines — even for Christmas."

There was roast turkey and cranberry sauce with fresh green peas and squash topped with steamed plum pudding and brandy sauce to tempt a sweet tooth.

The staff of the home was maintained almost in full because a lot of the residents are bed-care patients. These old people who could not get down to the auditorium for their party didn't miss out on all the fun though. They had their own party — specially organized to eliminate all the problems and inconveniences — on the following day.



APRIL — Gary Miller and Bob Montgomery win National Bank ten doubles bowling championship in Edmonton.

OCTOBER — Mountainview Road bridge is officially opened.

LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

BY BILL COATS

Many contracts at bridge are "cold". That is, the tricks are there for the taking, all that is required is to reach the correct contract.

Some other hands are such that only one line of play will succeed so you proceed on that basis. Yet a third group exists and these are often the most interesting. These contracts have several lines of play and you cannot know until you begin to play which ones will work and which ones won't work.

Here is such a hand from the regular Monday night game at the Acton Bridge club.

North dealt with both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
S-K Q 9 3
H-A 10 9 5
D-Q 9
C-K J 6

WEST
S-A 7 4 3
H-3 2
D-K J 7 4
C-0 7 5

EAST
S-J 6
H-K 7 6
D-10 6 5 2
C-Q 10 8 4

SOUTH
S-10 8 5
H-Q J 8 4
D-A 8 3
C-A 3 2

The bidding:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1S Pass 2H Pass
3H Pass 4H All Pass
Opening lead D of clubs.

The bidding, for a change, is straight forward. Three no trump was also a popular contract with these cards but it is an inferior contract.

The lead of the club nine does not look like a lead from any club holding that would include the queen. But if the club finesse works now, it will work later. At this time declarer should not try the club finesse.

The heart finesse should be tried next. There are two reasons for this. First, if it succeeds the lead will still be in South's

hand. Second, if it fails, East cannot make a damaging lead and South can get back to his hand with a trump. So South led the heart eight and let it ride to East who won. East makes a neutral return of a trump.

South must win this and lead a diamond to the queen. Again he really doesn't care who wins this trick. If West wins, then South has two diamond tricks and if East wins he cannot lead clubs.

As you can see West wins and leads a club. No, declarer does not need the club finesse. Declarer goes up with the king of clubs, cashes his good queen of diamonds and returns to his hand with a trump. On the dummy's last club. Now all he needs is a favourable spade suit and this he finds.

He leads a spade to the king and if West does not take his ace, the spade queen will drop the jack.

Declarer does not know in advance how this hand will play.

But he does know that he wants East to have the lead where this is possible. His plan develops as he finds out which cards East does have.

Monday, December 23 results:

1st pair, Mike Lorusso, Tom Warnes; 2nd pair, Mrs. Betty Ashley, Mrs. Kay Coats; 3rd pair, Duke Wilson, Bill Coats; 4th pair Lloyd Keir, Dick Prust.

SMILE
Farmer's daughter says she can't understand why they put so many holes in Swiss Cheese when Limburger needs ventilation so badly.

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NOTICE OF ELECTRIC RATE ADJUSTMENT

A steady increase in the cost of bulk power, wages and materials, particularly in the last two years, made it necessary to review the existing rate structures. As a result a comprehensive rate study has been undertaken by the Commission in conjunction with Ontario Hydro. This revealed the need to adjust rates to provide additional revenue and at the same time to correct some inequities that have developed in the present rate structure.

A new rate schedule has been approved by this commission and will go into effect with all billing dated on and after March 1st, 1969, subject to Ontario Hydro Commission approval.

NET RATES

In the past the rates have been gross, with a prompt payment discount of 10%. The new rates will be net and will be subject to a proposed late payment charge of 10% if the bill is paid after the discount date.

RESIDENTIAL

IN 1967 the AVERAGE use of electrical energy by residential customers was 573 kilowatt hours per month. Under the proposed rates the charge for this amount of electricity will be increased by APPROXIMATELY \$1.00 per month from the net payment at the old rate to the net payment at the new rate.

COMMERCIAL, SMALL COMMERCIAL & POWER

Commercial, Small Commercial and Power customers will now be billed under a general service classification, in which more emphasis is placed upon total energy use rather than demand. The change in the amount of each customer's bill due to this transition to a more equitable method of billing, varies widely, depending on the ratio of the load to the amount of energy used. Because of this, it would serve no purpose to indicate the effect of the average bill.

The new rate structure will be published when Ontario Hydro approval is received.

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