



SCRUMPTIOUS HOT ROLLS are eyed by Mark Virus, pupil at Sunshine School in Hornby. Mark and his other schoolmates helped prepare and organize the annual

Christmas dinner held at the school. Guests were invited to attend and all enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner. —(Staff Photo.)



SANTA CLAUS CORSAGES were given to each pupil at the Sunshine School Christmas dinner at the school in Hornby. Pinning a corsage on Frances Leben is teacher Mrs. Donna Hancock. The students made all the arrangements and decorations for the dinner as well as cooking the food. —(Staff Photo.)

Happy Christmas party at Sunshine School



A TABLE OF GOODIES is awaiting Garry Elliott of Acton at the annual Christmas dinner for pupils of Sunshine School, Hornby. The dinner was prepared by the students and guests were invited to join in the festivities. —(Staff Photo)

HAPPY HOLIDAY

We welcome the holiday season with the sincere hope that it proves to be the happiest one ever for you and your family.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

It's Christmas . . . families gather 'round the tree . . . friends exchange greetings — and best wishes to all.

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The clergy speak out



By Father V. J. Morgan
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TIME AND ETERNITY

Today we hear a great deal about TIME. Now is the time to get going. Now is the time for Progress. The busy man or woman will say "I wish there were more hours to the day. I'm away behind in my work, I never seem to get caught up."

Six days doesn't seem long enough for man to accomplish what he wants to do. So he works on the Sabbath, Sunday, and makes it like an ordinary working day. And to be inconsistent he now works only eight hours a day, where previously it was 10 hours - and also often overtime. And now with Saturdays off where formerly it was a ten hour working day.

There is also a great deal of time given to recreation and sports. Some, of course, is necessary and good for body and soul. But there is more time now than ever before spent under this heading since Sunday sports are permitted, approved and encouraged in many countries today.

You no doubt have heard people say they lie awake at night planning a schedule for the next day or present week, but never thinking because of weather conditions, visitors, interruptions, sudden sickness, and sometimes even death, it might not be carried out.

We hear of the Five or Ten Year Plan of Russia, China, or some other large country, or the look into the future plan of a province or municipality.

Then there is the group who don't worry too much about time - or take time to see the purpose of time. They say the world owes them a living and they leave it to the other fellow to provide it for them. So they drift along with the time - call it what you will. They forget that "time and tide waits for no man", that tempest fugit (time flies) and that procrastination is the thief of time.

It is true youth, more or less, does not realize how short time is or how fast it goes. It is when man becomes fully matured and aged that he knows more about what time really is. So that naturally brings up the question - what is Time?

Time is a succession of Nucs (Nows). As the pendulum of the clock strikes in succession it is saying the Now, Now, Now of the present moment. And it no sooner strikes than it fades into the past and the future is coming in to strike NOW.

Time is measured into seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years and centuries. Time is limited. For man it is that period, which at times may seem long, but in relation to eternity is very, very short. It is only from that period of existence or conception to his death. It may be only for a few months, or years, a century, or little more.

Time is a period of probation, of preparation, given to us to do all the good we can; to all the people we can; in all the ways we can; just as long as we can; for the greater honor and glory of God. It is that period given to us to have Faith, Hope and Charity in God every minute of the day and to help and love our neighbor; mankind of every description, and without any exception of persons, even those who injure us and differ from us in religion; in preparation for eternity.

Time is that short period given to us to practice Prudence, Justice, Temperance and Fortitude. Time is that limited period to have infused into our souls the Supernatural free gifts of God - Wisdom, Understanding, Council, Knowledge, Fortitude, Piety and the Fear of the Lord.

Time is that short period for us to worship God in the manner He has desired.

Time is that period given to us to do good and avoid evil.

Time in itself is good. It is the schedule for the departure and arrival of trains, buses, boats and planes. The factory whistle at a certain time indicates when employees start and quit work. The office clock tells the staff to close the books and records for the day. Church bells signal when service begins, and the calling to prayer with the ringing of the Angelus at 7, 12 and 6. The fire alarm sirens or whistle warn us of danger.

Time is given to man for the good of the world and man's use and benefit. But since man lives in this world for only a time, he was intended by God for eternity. Therefore time has an important relationship to eternity.

BOARD OF EDUCATION BRIEFS

At the regular meeting of the Halton County Board of Education the Board:

+ Learned Halton County School Children provided half of the eyeglasses in the province of Ontario for Operation Eye glass. Secondary school children collected glasses, sent them to optometrists-in-training at the community colleges where they were classified and then sent on to the Carribean or other parts of the world to needy persons.

+ Learned Lambton Board of Education is opposing tax relief for farmers. The Lambton County brief noted there was no tax relief for urban people.

+ Approved membership to the Ontario Trustees' Association and the Ontario Trustees' Council.

+ Approved sketch plans for the addition of a library resource centre and conversion of the existing library into two classrooms at a tentative budget of \$213,000 at Nelson High School in Burlington.

+ Agreed to engage a psychologist-in-training for four months at a salary of not more than \$600 a month. J. K. Armstrong said only if a student of high calibre was available for the four month break would he be hired. Mr. Armstrong said the psychologist would help clear the backlog of referrals and help meet the demand of pupils who had been proposed for special class placement. A similar arrangement was arranged last year.

RINGING BELLS

Among the merry sights and sounds of Christmas, none is merrier than the ringing of bells.

Since earliest times, the pealing of bells has announced important events, both happy and sad. The first use of bells to call Christians to worship took place, it's believed, at Christmas in Italy, about 400 A.D.

Tradition once held that Christ was born exactly at midnight. In medieval Britain, church bells tolled sadly.

GREETINGS

We bring good tidings and glad greetings to you and your kin, with wishes for happy holidays and a Merry Christmas.

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GREETINGS

Santa's on his way with a sleighful of merry wishes for you, plus a hearty "Thank you" from us, too!

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Christmas Greetings

To the happy tempo of jingling bells, we sing out a cheery "Merry Christmas" to all. Best wishes for a season filled with good health and good fortune. Warm thanks for your loyalty.

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