

Clerks, treasurers present gift

Clerk Don Brown of Oakville was elected president of Halton County Clerks' and Treasurers' Association when the group held a business meeting and luncheon at the Charles Hotel in Milton, last week. Mrs. Audrey Brush of Milton was elected vice-president and Ed Badger of Burlington will serve as secretary-treasurer.

A presentation from the association was made to retiring county treasurer Miss Margaret Maxted of Milton. The Bank of Nova Scotia also made a presentation to Miss Maxted.

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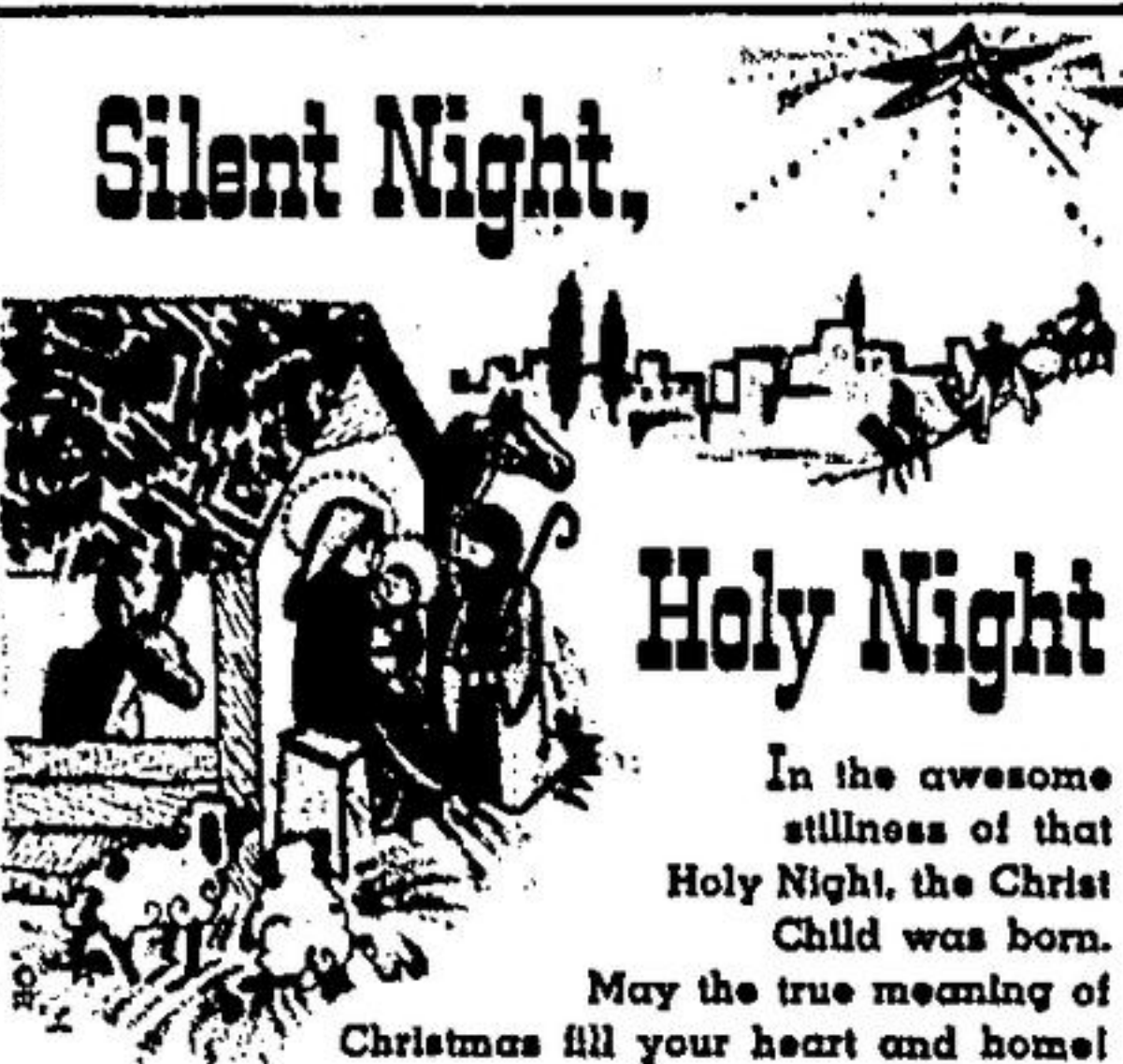


SILENT NIGHT

May the peace of that first Noel shine brightly on you. May its true meaning fill your heart and home with love, understanding, happiness.

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Silent Night,

Holy Night

In the awesome stillness of that Holy Night, the Christ Child was born.

May the true meaning of Christmas fill your heart and home!

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GREETINGS

During Christmastime we extend to all our neighbors and friends warmest wishes for a wonderful holiday.

BRADLEY'S MEAT MARKET



GREETINGS

Christmas wishes and perennial thanks to all our fine patrons and friends. May joy brighten and fill your homes. Merry Christmas.

Pearl, Jack and Grace

Caroline Nurseries



MICHELLE EATON performs for the benefit of King Herod's court as the dancer Nephretia, in the Brookville school's presentation of A Child Is Born, adapted from the story by St. Luke. Nephretia's dancing was ordered by King Herod (Grant



STEVE BUCHANAN and Valerie Knight played Joseph and the Virgin Mary in the Brookville production which used lighting and musical effects for added dimension to the nativity story. —(Staff Photo)

Three presentations

Nativity production at Brookville school Christmas treat for audience, players

One of the most elaborate nativity plays ever undertaken in Halton County public schools was presented by the Middle School Drama Club of Brookville school, Wednesday and Thursday.

Written, produced and directed by Harold Mahatoo of the school teaching staff, there were three performances so everyone would have a chance to see the play, entitled "A Child Is Born." Adapted from the nativity story of St. Luke, there were eight scenes with a three part prologue and two part epilogue that took up the best part of two and a half hours. It was a Christmas treat.

Never lags the production, which never seemed to lag, despite its length. biblical period that showed a surprising amount of ingenuity on the part of those responsible for clothing characters. Props had authentic costumes of that

that went into an extraordinarily well conceived and produced production, especially considering the time available for rehearsals.

The entire production was excerpts from the musical works of Rimsky Korsakov, Handel,

Dvorak, Miklos Rosza, Tchaikowsky, Manos Hadjidakis and Ippolitou Ivanov. The director showed extraordinarily good taste in his selection of music for the scenes which shifted from the simplicity of the living room at the house of Mary

to the pomposity of Herod's court, without any of the confusion that usually marks this in school plays.

Dialogue, although keeping the reverence due a biblical theme, also had some humorous parts,

especially in Herod's court, where the writer pokes fun at the monarch without departing from the original story.

Costing was also particularly well done. The principal characters showed enthusiasm for parts and did their best to portray the traditional characters of the biblical play. Direction was excellent, making the audience feel at ease without straining to catch inflections of tone and follow the plot.

Although the nativity story is well known, the audience responded by sitting attentively through the entire production and these ranged from tots to parents. This in itself was a tribute to the general appeal of the play.

A children's choir from the school directed by Mrs. Lenora Vickery and accompanied by Kenneth Harrison, sang carols between scenes, which also added to the pleasure of the audience.

Cast

Cast of the production included Leslie Kidd as the priest Simeon, Michael Hanousek as the priest Hanan, Alec Pitt as the priest Zacharias, Valerie Knight as Mary, Steve Buchanan as Joseph, Tamie Thomson as Elizabeth, Molly Hurren as the angel Gabriel, Grant Gibson as King Herod, Brad Martin as the guard Armon, Wayne McKerracher, Scott Early and Ellen Gadd as the three wise men Casper, Balthazar and Melchior respectively, Danny Thomson as the innkeeper Saor, Alice Summerfield as the innkeeper's wife Reba, Brad Buchanan as the village elder Salathiel, Matthew Jarvis as the old shepherd Sadoo, Dan Kidd as the shepherd boy Amos, Heidi Kuschnik as the shepherd boy Samuel, Denise Daigle as the shepherd boy Joel, Mike Staudt as the shepherd boy David, Kathy Popp as a friend Joanna, Barry McKerracher and David vanTol, palace guards, Gina Popp as an angel, Michelle Eaton as the eye pleasing dancer Nephretia and the narrator was Mr. G. Kerr.

Scenario (background and stage management) was supervised by Mr. D. Hines of the Industrial Arts department, Mrs. Walker of the Art department, Mrs. M. White of the Home Economics staff and Joe McLean and his team.

Lighting was looked after by Willy McLaren and Mark Munro. Choreography was supervised by Mrs. E. Hansen of Guelph.

The entire production was well done and a credit to the students and teachers of Brookville school. The author-producer-director, Harold Mahatoo deserves a special bouquet for the polish of the production. We hope there will be many more efforts from the middle school drama club of the school.

SONGS BIG PART

Carol sings are a traditional part of the holiday season in New Orleans. Many of them are held across the street from St. Louis cathedral. This historic cathedral in the French Quarter is a focal point for the community's religious observances of Christmas.

Here youthful carolers from a private elementary school, La Petite Ecole, convene to sing the familiar songs, in both French and English.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May the season shine with warmth, peace and happiness for you and your family.

RELAXO LAUNDROMAT
Main St. S. - Acton

peace

"Peace on Earth, Good Will to All" is our hope at Christmas. May you have a joyous celebration.

Jack and Herb
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THE ANGEL GABRIEL and part of the heavenly host appear to shepherds in the fields around Bethlehem to announce the glad tidings of great joy. Matthew Jarvis is the old shepherd, while Holly Hurren plays the Angel Gabriel. Gina Popp is the other angel.—(Staff Photo)

Half county council "swan song"

Seven of the 14 members of Halton County Council bid farewell to their comrades at Tuesday's final meeting of the 1970 council in Milton.

Deputy Reeve Bill Gillies of Oakville said if there was anything he learned in his three years on county council it was that Halton didn't really end at Number Five Highway.

George knows more He said one of council's greatest achievements was the

coming together of urban and rural ideas. He referred to retiring reeve of Esqueping George Currie, the senior citizen on council. "I learned he knew more about council work than I did too," Gillies said.

Mr. Currie said he preferred not to say how long he was on county council because he'd make even the veterans feel like infants.

Quite a stunt "If we convinced the south that

Halton doesn't end at Number Five Highway, that is quite a stunt," he quipped.

Gordon Agnew of Nassagaweya, Allan Day of Oakville, Bill Hunter of Georgetown, Gordon Gallagher of Burlington and Ted Tyler of Acton all thanked the staff for their co-operation and the Warden for the privilege of working with him.

Members recognized Warden Allan Day's contribution with a standing ovation and for seven members of the council it marked either an interruption in their term of service or in some cases an end.

Concluding the back patting, Warden Day suggested the group move the meeting of the "mutual admiration society" to the next room where a lunch was set up.

FIRST TREES

Trimmed Christmas trees first appeared in the United States probably during the American Revolution. Hessian soldiers with the British forces started the practice to relieve their nostalgia for their homeland.

A Merry Christmas wreath surrounds our best wishes for your happiness.

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