

# the painted box



All good wishes for Christmas and 1972 Wendy Thomson

## Lady curlers make draws

Fifty ladies enjoyed the annual Christmas party at the Curling Club Thursday, Dec. 16. A delicious pot luck supper was followed by a Christmas singing accompanied by Mary McKenzie at the piano. The remainder of the evening was spent in hilarious games of musical chairs and charades.

The party closed with the exchange of Christmas gifts.

**Draw winners**  
Winners of the Christmas draw sponsored by the Ladies' Curling Club were first Lil Stapleton; second Shirley Hunter; third John Fedora; fourth Carolann Sprout.

## Consider school questions O.S.S.T.F. president urges

Tom Ramantasingh, president of Halton district 9 of the Ontario Secondary school teachers' federation, directs teachers attention to a series of questions in a Christmas letter to members.

"Do you want others to control your destiny?" Mr. Ramantasingh asked as he seeks to initiate discussion of the questions. Teachers must be aware of innovations which can have far-reaching consequences on the profession, he says.

Some of the questions he poses for teachers are:  
**Para-professionals**  
Will there be an increase in the pupil-teacher ratio? (At the present time we have one of the highest pupil-teacher ratios in the province - 18.5:1)

With the ceilings on education will there be a reduction in supplies, e.g. paper, stencils, ditto, audio visual equipment, etc.?

Will para-professionals be hired in place of teachers, and how will they effect the pupil-teacher ratio?

Will para-professionals be in supportive roles, or actually take the place of teachers in the classrooms?

Since para-professionals certainly cost less than teachers, will the Board hire fewer teachers and more para-professionals?

How soon will the four-day week be introduced in the educational system, and will teachers prefer a four-day week on an eleven month basis rather than the present set-up?

Will it be a feasible innovation for schools to function from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.?

Should Boards of Education give students a chance to rate their parents (re methods of discipline, financial generosity,

temperament, etc.) in order that such information be used to help teachers understand the students?

Will the campus type schools be introduced in Halton County? How would this affect staffing in this type of school?

Will Regional Government separate Burlington from the rest of Halton County, and how will this affect District 9?

Are we going to jump on the semestering bandwagon for the sake of innovation?

Would semestering mean the hiring of para-professionals?

Would you like to see para-

## Red Cross seeks grant

A \$4,000 grant from Halton County to the Georgetown Red Cross came under fire once again at a meeting of the Social and Family Services Committee last week. Last year the grant was made only after it was made clear that it would be on a "one-shot" basis only. Georgetown Red Cross applied for renewal of the grant last week.

**Question grant**  
Although the committee questioned the grant they did pass it on to the budget committee for consideration. Director Jim Gray told the committee he wasn't satisfied with the service in the north.

He said it was difficult for the Red Cross to provide homemakers in that area. He said they were paid \$15 a day for their work but there were very few trained for the job.

## Soft sell approach Yule moderation

Few events can equal the glow inspired by the warm conviviality of a holiday season gathering.

With its ancient message of love and peace, the season is always enhanced when we are surrounded by old friends.

No wonder, then, that so many of us are planning celebrations for the coming weeks. Not surprising, either, is the temptation to make the evening as unforgettably lavish as our inflation-era budgets will allow.

**Hidden threat**  
And therein lies the one threat to all those pleasant memories that should linger well after the New Year. For all too often, much of this lavishness is directed toward liquor.

For a long time now, HAC has reminded party-givers that overimbibing guests who head for home in their cars can be a serious hazard to themselves and other... especially when their driving is combined with the dangerous weather conditions that often prevail at this time of year.

The wise - and responsible - party host can do much to prevent this situation and still provide an entertaining evening for his guests.

**Soft sell**  
Here are some of the "soft-sell" approaches to alcoholic moderation the Hamilton Automobile Club recommends:  
1. Serve that first drink yourself, if you wish, but thereafter let guests mix their

own at a self-service bar featuring a variety of low-alcoholic beverages and soft drinks along with the "hard stuff." (Even if you're having a large party, stifle the urge to hire a professional bartender. He'll be even more generous with your refreshments than you would.)

2. Starchy dishes can be overwhelmingly tempting and help to stymie alcohol's effects. Tasty sandwiches and hot, homemade rolls, French pastries and cheesecake may sprinkle a few calories around, but who are you to deprive your guests of such gastronomic delights?

3. Parties tend to break up into small conversational groups, often stationed strategically around the bar. But a party host who is with it knows that group-involvement is the new thing. He won't be faulted for arranging an activity that involves everyone, including the swizzle stick crowd. Party games can de-emphasize the importance of the bar.

4. Serve coffee - and make it delicious - about an hour before guests are due to leave. It won't sober anyone up, but a cup or two is fine substitute for "one for the road."

5. So you've done your best and still wind up with a tipsy guest. Do him a favor by letting him spend the night or making arrangements for someone else to take him home.

That about sums up what the Hamilton Automobile Club means when it says, "Be First A Friend - Then A Host!"

## Free Press Personals

The happy season of family gatherings and parties is here. Please phone items of interest for the "Personals" column to the Free Press.

Mrs. Bob O'Hara is a patient in Guelph General Hospital.  
Grant Usher acted as host to planning board members for a fathering at his home after the last meeting of the year.

Mrs. A.B. Lyon of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, is here to spend the holidays with her sister Mrs. G.A. Dills.

The Guelph Community concert was well-attended Wednesday evening Dec. 8 at War Memorial Hall by members anxious to hear the superb artistry of Ma Si-Hon, violinist, and his wife Tung Kwong-Kwong, pianist in a duo-recital. A reception followed the performance when members greeted their guests.

Monday the Acton School of Dance pupils had their Christmas party at the parish hall. Parents joined them for the Christmas smorgasbord, games and carol singing. Joyce Carpenter, Cathy Ashley and Bonnie Bristow directed the entertainment for the annual event. Still in high spirits the dancers sang carols and dropped in to visit friends on their way home.

**Merry Christmas**  
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## Free Press Family page

## Re-structure U.C.W. units

On Sunday, December 19, a representation from Trinity United Church Women executive presented Mrs. C. Rognavaldson with a gift of a crystal vase to express their appreciation for her leadership and devotion as president of Trinity U.C.W. from January 1, 1970 to October 1, 1971. Mrs. G. W. McKenzie, past president; Mrs. C. Denny, treasurer; Mrs. W. Coats, nominating chairman and Mrs. H. D. Patterson, acting president expressed the thanks of every member to Mrs. Rognavaldson.

**Pot luck dinner**  
At the pot luck dinner meeting held at the church on December 8 a very delicious meal was enjoyed by members of both units of the U.C.W. Jean McLean and Dorothy Simons led in singing of carols. Scripture was read by Mrs. G. Usher and Mrs. W. Coats gave a meditation on a Christmas theme.

A short business meeting followed and nominations were

called for a nominating chairman from the floor. Since the chairman Marion Patterson was unable to secure a nominating chairman and therefore no slate of officers for 1972 is prepared, the U.C.W. as such is disbanded at the end of 1971.

**Restructure units**  
It is the wish of the afternoon unit to keep on with their regular Tuesday meetings and mission study. They wish to retain support for a child in Viet Nam. The women of the evening unit are planning their first meeting in 1972 the third Wednesday as usual at the home of Mrs. N. Hoy. These women want to restructure their unit and important decisions will be made at that time.

The acting president has informed the area president of Presbytery of the disbanding of the former structure. Members hope 1972 will bring a fresh start under a structure suitable to both units.

## Plan distribution of annual gifts

"Joy to the World, the Lord is come!" was the theme for the program when the members of the Afternoon Auxiliary, W.M.S. met in the Ellen Anderson Room of Knox Church for the December meeting. Miss Isabel Anderson presiding.

The committee, consisting of Mrs. Moran, Mrs. Algie, Mrs. MacDonald and Miss Clark presented a fine Christmas program, centering around the beautiful story of Christmas, with carol singing and readings given by Miss Clark, Mrs. R. L. Davidson, and Mrs. F. McCutcheon, while a medley of Christmas carols was presented by Mrs. Moran and Mrs. Algie on piano and guitar.

Plans were carried out for the

distribution of white gifts to the needy and Christmas greetings to sick and shut-ins.

At the conclusion the committee served a lunch of festive fare in the tastefully decorated room and all enjoyed a cheery chat and exchange of Christmas greetings.

## L.O.L. winners

at euchre

L.O.L. euchre winners last Saturday: men's high Sylvia Williamson 124; low John Dewar; ladies' high Bea Anderson 138; low Mrs. Storey; lone hands Bea Anderson six, door prize Mrs. Willard Britton.

## Sing for centennial

Joyce Carpenter's Acton School of Dance students will be out enrolling tonight (Wednesday) and will be collecting for the town's centennial project. A few friends will join the strolling singers for the evening.

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