

MARCH OF THE TOY Soldiers, complete with teddy-bears and drummers added color and excitement to the Speyside School Christmas concert. The march was presented by Grade 5 and 6 students under the direction of Miss Gail McHugh. (D. Gibbons photo)

## DIPPING CUSTOM

Long ago, families welcomed the New Year by observing the "Dipping Custom". With eyes closed, the head of the family would open the Bible and indicate

to the

The message from

the sacred manger brings

hope and happiness anew.

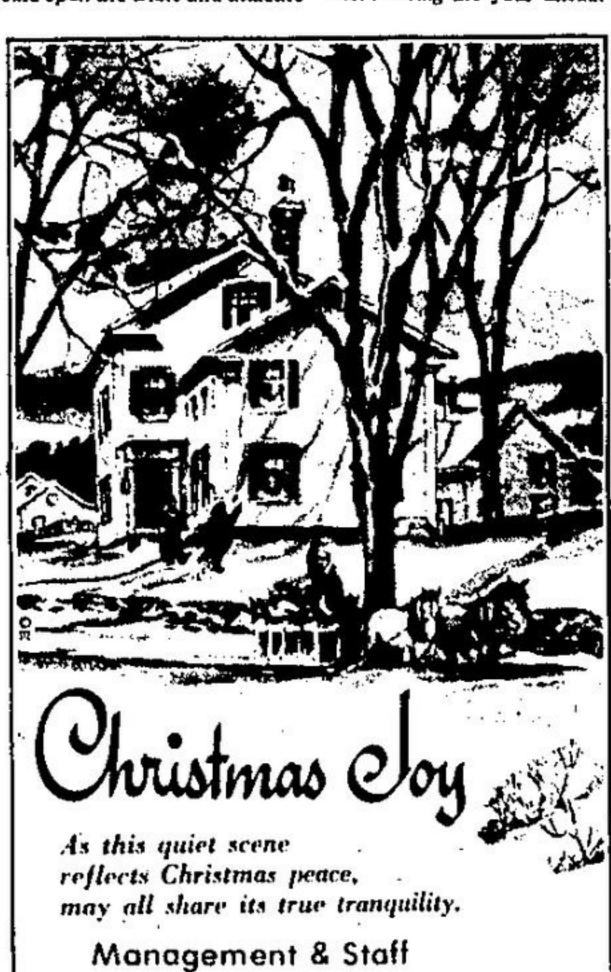
Merry Christmas

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a passage with his finger. The text, read and interpreted by the family, was indicative of the luck, good or bad, that was in store during the year ahead.



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best wishes to all.

RUTH, KEN HULFORD AND STAFF



STAR DRILL was performed at the Speyside Fraser's class of Grade 4 and 5 students. School Christmas concert by girls in Miss (D. Gibbons photo)



THE PREDOMINANTLY Christmas theme square dancing by students in Mrs. Currie's of the Speyside School concert was broken Grade 4 class. (D. Gibbons photo) momentarily by some good old-fashioned

## Speyside presents concert

Speyside public school auditor-ium was almost filled to capacity for the annual students' Christmas concert Thursday evening. The event was originally scheduled for the previous evening, but blustery weather

forced a postponement.

Master of ceremonies andrew
Norris first introduced Mrs. Mulder's kindergarten class, which performed "The Sleeping

Princess" and sang "Jingle Bells" to the accompaniment of

rhythm instruments. The popular carol "Once in Royal David's City" and a choral reading, "Stocking Song" were presented by Mrs. Preston's group of Grades two and three.

Mrs. Paquette's Grade 1 class sang two songs, "Mary Had a Raby" and "Comp and Sing a

Baby" and "Come and Sing a

Varied program Square dancing, a choral reading "A Christmas Poem" and carols "Away in a Manger" and "Frosty the Snowman" were performed by Mrs. Currie's Grade 4 class, in a varied

A pantomine, "Dance of the Elves" was performed by Grades

1 and 2 under the supervision of

Grade 3 students sang "Twelve Days of Christmas" and "Up on the Housetop" under the direc-

tion of teacher Miss Hopkin.

Mrs. Lawson,

program.
Miss Fraser's Grade 4 and 5 students performed a star drill and the play "The Great Walled

"The March of the Christmas
Toys" and "The Parade of the
Wooden Soldiers" were
presented by students in Grades 5
and 6 under the direction of Miss

McHugh.
Mr. McGregor's Grade 6 class
presented the play "The Bell
That Couldn't Ring."

## **CHRISTMAS IN**

MIDSUMMER In Central and South America, where the holiday comes in midsummer, Santa Claus and Christmas trees are seldom seen. But after midnight mass on Christmas Eve, or at dinner on Christmas Day, families gather to enjoy the traditional roast suckling pig and their wide assortment of desserts.





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Here comes Santa Claus! Hope his pack is brimming with lots of good things for you and your family and friends.

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