



ENGRAVED CUFFLINKS were presented Thursday night to three veterans of the Esqueving township works department, each of whom have completed 25 years' service. Reeve Tom Hill (left) and roads superintendent C. E. "Bud" Snow (right) congratulate l. to r., Bill Corley, Herb "Red" Roshier and Bob Lindsay.

Honor Esqueving trio at dinner in Glen

A total of 75 years service to Esqueving township's works crew by three employees, Herb "Red" Roshier, Bob Lindsay and Bill Corley was recognized at a dinner and presentation in St. Alban's Church Hall, Glen Williams, Thursday night. Reeve Tom Hill and roads superintendent C. E. "Bud" Snow officiated at the ceremony, as the three were presented with engraved cufflinks. Former township clerk K. C. Lindsay spoke in appreciation of the men's service.

The dinner was attended by about 25 couples, including council members, works staff and office staff and their husbands and wives.

Following the dinner Mrs. Snow led the group in a song she composed in honor of the three works employees. The words listed below were sung to the melody of "You are my Sunshine".

They had Bill Townsend, he has departed,
And then by snow the men were led,
He tries to rule them, sometimes they fool him,
And the council still is head.

You are our road gang,
Our good old road gang,
You make us happy by day and night,
You never refuse us, You do

amuse us
But for You we'd have a plight.

There's near a dozen, we've added to them,
Men of the "Land of the tall pines".
They work together, Esqueving knows it
and now Bud's dog that whines.

You are our road gang,
Our happy road gang,
You ought to know we really care,
Some guys are bearded, some are bald headed
But it matters not the hair.

First comes Sam Mileham, and the Red Roshier,
Bob Lindsay, Corley joined the crew.

More men were needed and hired
Fisher, And Dave McEnery, he's not new.
We have Merv, White, folks,
And Paddy Wood's jokes,
Keith Preston and his pipe did come.
They're dandy boys, folks,
they're our own lads, folks,
And by gosh, They make things hum.

Sometimes too busy, avoid a tizzy
So Burt and Benton lend a hand,
There are some others, but we'd be dizzy
If we named all in the land.

They are our road gang,
Our faithful work crew,
No matter what there is to do,
Snow, dust, or fixing, or icy mixing.

And we're thankful that they do.

And now my good friends, we are together
To honor men of our fine land,
We're never sorry, it's to our glory
For this day we have at hand.

We have our road gang
Our good old road gang
We think they're finest in the land
Don't ever leave us, you'd only grieve us
Please don't take our road gang away.



THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

As you worship with your family at Christmas, may the true spirit of the season greatly bless you. Sincerely, we extend our greetings.

FROM Management and Staff
FOODLAND STORE

No rebate cheques in '72

Tenants should not expect a property tax rebate cheque from landlords this year, Ontario Treasurer Charles MacNaughton said this week.

Instead, tenants and homeowners will be applying for tax credits when they file their 1972 income tax returns early in 1973. Ontario's residential property tax reduction program of the past four years is being replaced by a new property tax credit plan.

Mr. MacNaughton said the new provincial plan is designed to more equitably distribute the property tax burden among homeowners and tenants. It will work through the personal income tax system and be administered for Ontario by the Department of National Revenue.

The property tax credit will come as an income tax refund cheque or as a reduction in income tax. However, I should advise Ontario homeowners that to qualify for the new property tax credit, 1972 municipal taxes must be paid during 1972," he said.

Mr. MacNaughton said the new system will reduce the total property tax burden by at least \$160 million. Low income groups will benefit most. The plan is also being extended to roomers and boarders.

The property tax credit plan is restricted to Ontario residents and applies to principal residences only. Residents in homes for the aged or tax-exempt institutions do not qualify.

The majority of Ontario residents will receive more money back under the new plan. Some will receive about the same as last year, while high income earners will receive less.

Homeowners, tenants and others who may be eligible — such as roomers and students living on-campus — will receive instructions on how to apply for and calculate the property tax credit when they receive 1972 income tax return forms early next year.

Six new year's days

Six New Year's days in a year? Certainly - it depends on where you are at the time. Here they are:

1. January 1.
2. In that part of the Occident where the Greek Orthodox faith prevails Jan. 1 falls upon our Jan. 13.
3. A traditional Chinese New Year's celebration starts Feb. 8 and lasts to Feb. 13.
4. If you visit the country of Thailand, April 1, you'd find a great ceremonial festivity underway - nothing less, in fact, than New Year's.
5. In Arab nations, the Mohammedan New Year's is celebrated Sept. 4.
6. Sept. 10 is New Year's in the ancient country of Ethiopia.

New Year's day has been observed for over 500 years. Nearly everywhere and at all periods it has been a day of rejoicing.

True delights of Christmas

"You can't see the woods for the trees" . . . so goes an old saying.

To paraphrase this, "you can't experience Christmas because of the tinsely litter that covers and surrounds it."

How easily one can become engulfed in the wrappings, in the outward and visible display of the season . . . and lose sight of the true meaning!

Worthwhile

After all, the secular Christmas is based on worthwhile things . . . communicating with family and friends in various, time-consuming ways . . .

There are cards to be addressed and mailed . . . or taken to a special mailbox for distribution. There is an air of hospitality you should observe. (Only a Scrooge would frown on this!) There are fixings-up of the house, choosing decorations, foods to prepare . . . gifts to make or buy. Even if the purchase costs little, there is the special time for the special gifts.

And who would begrudge the spending of time on these happy duties? In fact, most of us enjoy the doing, even though we get footsore and weary, and perhaps foolishly overspend.

True delight

Just so we do not lose the whole point of Christmas, just so the celebration is not squandered and

becomes dull, or part of a too-often repeated pattern.

Let us try to salvage the true delights of Christmas, as a child would enjoy it. Not in childishness, but in childlike wonder, a renaissance of the joyous spirit that we sometimes permit to become jaded.

SWITCH WITCHES

One of the most popular symbols of the Christmas holidays, candy canes, began with an old superstition during the Middle Ages Europeans of the period carried glass canes filled with colored candies to distract witches.

They believed that the witches became so interested in sorting the candies that casting of evil spells was forgotten.

Greetings
It's the season of fun and laughter. We wish your family the best the Yuletide can offer. Merry Christmas.
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Let the bells ring out —
It's Christmas!

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.....Father Morgan

Merry Christmas

Bright and happy wishes are coming your way.

May your hearts be happy and your Christmas merry.

ACTON DRIVING SCHOOL

BEST WISHES FOR Christmas

Carolers sing, candles gleam, children laugh. It's Merry Christmas time...time to greet our friends with every good wish for a happy holiday. May your Christmastide be filled with many joys and rich in the blessings of love and peace.

from all of us to all of you
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