



MUSIC TEACHER Elaine Diggle is surrounded by singers and players at the concert at the Robert Little school last Thursday evening. Combined choirs of the Robert Little and M.Z. Bennett schools and the high school orchestral ensemble

presented the concert at both schools for students in the afternoon and for the public in the evening. Carols, familiar and unusual, formed the seasonal program and the youngsters sang with special enthusiasm.

the painted box



Choirs, orchestra present concert

by Wendy Thomson
I didn't extend Season's Greetings last week, but will do so now in the form of a poem recited by Room 105 at Speyside School's Christmas Concert.

THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
The debris is piled high - (There's no room for the mouse!)
The stockings that hung by the fire so red
Are still hanging today, each reduced to a shred
The drum we gave John (we were careful to hide it!)
Has taken the rap - Jimmie's head is inside it!
The rattles won't rattle - the trumpet won't toot -
The dolls won't say mama - the scooters won't scoot.
The tree decorations we hung with such care -
The balls, the bright tinsel, the doll with real hair,
The toy candles, the holly, the wreath from the door -
All add to the wreckage that litters the floor.

Away from the chaos, confined to a bed,
Poor mother lies beaten, ice packed on her head.
While her family voiced and received Christmas wishes,
Ma spent the whole day with a sink full of dishes.
And father, poor pa, is the man of the minute,
His head feels as though the eight reindeer were in it!
He bought dresses, fur coats, sleighs and bikes,
But what did poor pa get? Not much that he likes.
He sits almost buried in loud socks and ties and says, "Oh boy,
that's great!" but we feel that he lies.
A package just came, very handsomely tied and we rip off the
ribbons to see what's inside.

"Merry Christmas, - God bless you." From Aunt Martha (the
dear!)
It's that horrible cushion we sent her last year.
Oh yes, Santa's been here with reindeer and sled,
And the things left behind - well, it's better not said.
(Piled high on the mantle, but not on display.
Are the bills that poor father will soon have to pay.) Poor pa!

P.S. I HOPE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU HAS A
MARVELOUS NEW YEAR.

A delightful Christmas program by the combined public school choirs and the high school orchestra was presented before the holidays at both schools. Performances for the public on two evenings.
The teachers' walkout Tuesday caused postponement of the Robert Little program until Thursday evening and by then the snowstorm cut attendance. More were out for the evening in the M.Z. Bennett school Monday.
However both audiences were enthusiastic in their applause and joined heartily in carols.
Special programs had been prepared with cover design by Bill Waites.

Interim pastor Baptist church

Since the pastor of Acton Baptist Church, Rev. Frank Bryne, left at the close of November to teach theology to native pastors in Menado, Sulawesi (Celebes) Indonesia, the church has been ministered to by Dr. Melvyn R. Hillmer, Associate Professor at McMaster Divinity College at Hamilton, who is acting in an interim capacity at the church.
Dr. Hillmer's sermons have been greatly appreciated, the Christmas morning message being on the fruits of the

Old-fashioned church concert

The old-fashioned Christmas concert at the United church was arranged for the first time by the couples' club. All the Sunday school and youth groups took part and the church choir sang. Between numbers, the large crowd joined in carols directed by Steve Ormsby with George Elliott playing the organ.
Climax of the program was the arrival of Santa down the centre aisle of the church.

Kathy Dills and Jeffrey Patterson's primary class acted out the nativity scene. Karen Hillman's Sunday School class play was called the Symbols. The C.G.I.T. girls had a lively song and play directed by leader Mrs. George Musselle.
Hot chocolate and cookies were served downstairs to the large and friendly group.

Shoemaker, Kathleen Cheyne, Rhona Silcock and Kim Jackson.
Members formed the choir and also presented three conversations. Candles were lit during the service.
Joyce Ribey is leader with the assistance of Bobby and Gay Nessett.

Vesper service held by C.G.I.T.

Proposes rezoning

Hutton Regional Planning Committee was advised of a move underfoot to have 800 acres of land now in Esqueving Township zoned industrial. Hugh Thompson representing John Montague Planning Consultants told the committee the area his client hoped to see rezoned was immediately north of Highway 401 and as far north as Five Sideroad. The land is bounded on the east by the CNR track and the west by the First Line.
Mr. Thompson said his client was Bill Johnson of Milton and noted he owned 200 acres of the 800 involved.
The proposal was referred to regional planner Ed Cumming and the Town of Milton. While the land is in Esqueving now, it will form part of the new Town of Milton on Jan. 1.

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Presentations

The second of two Halton 4-H Homemaking Club Achievement Days for the project, Accessories for the Bedroom, was held December 15 at Stewarttown Sr. public school. Clubs participating in the day's program were Ashgrove, Ballinacree, Ballinacree II, Bannockburn, Limestone, and Norval.
During the morning the club members reviewed the work they had learned, with quizzes and a judging class. Assisting Mrs. Doreen Bannister, county home economist, was Mrs. Margaret Loewen of Mississauga.
Each club presented a skit or exhibit after lunch, when a good number of visitors was in attendance. The bedroom accessories made by the girls were on display throughout the day along with their record books. Articles chosen in the project included cushions, bedspreads, bulletin boards, and runners trimmed with Italian hemstitching.

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