



PUTTING ON MAKE-UP before the performance is a big deal at every class performance. Actresses and make-up assistants are seen working together before the presentation of Santa Goes Modern seen at the M. Z. Bennett school assembly Friday morning, Dec. 20.



WITH A HO-HO-HO Santa arrives on stage at the M. Z. Bennett public school last Friday at the morning assembly as the grade seven and eight class of Mrs. Kathy Wood performed in a hilarious presentation of Santa Goes Modern.

Standing with Santa are some of his many elves who think his costume is absolutely terrific. The assembly was a wind-up of the school's fall term. Classes were treated to a morning of movies and two play productions.

# Glenna Douglas on committee

Mrs. Glenna Douglas, 47 Esqueping councillor, who became the first woman to serve on the Committee of Adjustment in the three former municipalities of the town of Halton Hills, when she was appointed Tuesday night, by council. She replaces W. F. Hunter whose term expires at the end of the year.

The other members of the committee whose terms have not expired are Denney Charles, H. E. Ruppert, and W. R. (Bill) Smith, R. W. E. Hill and J. B. Lindsay.

Mrs. Douglas moved to Georgetown three years ago. She has been a teacher both in high school and Conestoga College. She is a graduate of Western University. She worked for a short time in real estate but does not intend to enter that field again.

She said the experience in real estate and related law would be a benefit to her on the Committee of Adjustment.

The other vacant spot on the Committee of Adjustment was filled by Wilfrid Leslie, formerly an



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## Silent Night

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DECORATIONS IN THE halls of the M. Z. Bennett school are unique and beautifully made. Seen is a Nativity scene which has been erected annually as part of the school's Christmas

tradition for a number of years. Children look forward to its placement as an important part of the festive season.

## Christmas assembly at M.Z. Bennett

## High receipts

Final count on receipts of the October UNICEF Walkathon shows it as one of the most successful financial endeavors yet. Total amount collected was \$1,427.62. Ed Leatherland, organizer of the event, feels the students did a great job.

Children from Robert Little and M. Z. Bennett school in Acton and Speyside public school walked from Hillsburgh to Acton to participate in the annual fund drive.

It was sponsored by the Y's Men's Club. The same group has been promoting the UNICEF drives for the past three years.

## Italian Foods at Christmas Vary According to Regions

Feasting is an integral part of the Christmas celebration, symbolizing not only rejoicing at the coming of Christ but, also, the spirit of sharing and brotherly love which is characteristic of the season. Like so many other aspects of Christmas, it is a blend of Christian and pre-Christian traditions, strongly influenced by local customs.

In Italy the dishes of the Christmas feast vary widely depending on the region. In the north, for example, the meal may begin with cappelletti ("little hats") stuffed with meat or tortellini, a sort of ravioli, followed by a main dish of meat, which may be anything from roast turkey with chestnut stuffing to zampone, a pork sausage packed in a pig's leg smothered with lentils.

In the area around Rome, the traditional dish of Christmas Eve is "capitone," a large female eel, roasted, baked, or fried, following a religious tradition which prescribes a meatless dinner on Christmas Eve, the Vigilia, or Christmas vigil. In accordance with this tradition, the Roman fish market, held the night of December 23rd, is a peculiar feature of the Christmas observance.

In the south of Italy, the feasting usually begins with macaroni with meat and tomato sauce, followed by chicken or meat in jelly.

Particularly characteristic of Christmas feasting in all regions are sweets: fruitcakes of various types (panettoni) and other sweets in which nuts and honey figure prominently.

The Christmas season coincides with the lengthening day and the beginning of the New Year, and from ancient times nuts have been a symbol of fertility and a promise of the next year's harvest, also representing hope for increase in herds and flocks, and the family, as well. The use of honey, the most common sweetener in ancient Rome, was a traditional way of conveying the wish that the new year might be as sweet as the gift.

## Students and parents enjoy first MZB supper

Over 180 people enjoyed the first grade seven and eight Christmas supper held at M. Z. Bennett public school last Thursday night.

Sponsored by the student's council under direction of teachers, Mrs. Kathy Woods and Mrs. Marlene Titon, the dinner was a special one. Students had decided to include parents in the seasonal treat and they were the guests of honor.

Delicious turkey and

casseroles were the menu provided by the parents; decorations were made by students. Both the main hall and auditorium were decorated with cheery holiday ornaments and student art-work.

Many of the school's teachers also attended. After supper the hall was cleared and, from 8 o'clock until 9:30 p.m., students enjoyed dancing to records.

Friday assembly

A Friday assembly was the Christmas highlight for the entire school. A movie, two skits and a presentation of special awards were part of the morning program. Under direction of Miss H. McHugh,

grade four children presented The March of Christmas Toys a short skit where animated toys came to life. Grade seven students of Mrs. Woods acted out Santa Goes Modern.

Following skits, presentations were made to the two bantam cross-country teams. They had taken the coveted Halton county championship earlier in the term. Winners on the girls' team were Elke Zeissig, Susan Kinal, Mardie Phillips and Lori Drysdale. Bantam boy champs were Gary Lumbers, Wilson Cochrane, Ted Kri and Jim Reynolds. All athletes were presented with individual awards. A master trophy will be retained at the M. Z. Bennett school.

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