

# Speyside celebrates Christmas at concert

## Night school set for Jan.

Advertisements are being prepared for the next session of night school classes. They will appear soon in the Free Press. Registration night is early in January.



A LITTLE white rabbit accepts a meal of broccoli from "The Lonely Fir Tree" and keeps him company for awhile in the grades 5 and 6 play. The Speyside school gymnasium was filled for the Christmas Concert.



A DIFFERENT idea for a Christmas concert was the grade 5 and 6 gymnastic display at Speyside School. Fifteen students went through a variety of gymnastic moves.



Mr. McGregor's grades 1 and 2 do a Scottish dance, "Strip the Willow," at Speyside school's Christmas Concert, amusing the audience with their great enthusiasm.



## Greetings of the Christmas Season

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### Not enough circuits for holiday calls

Bell Canada will have hundreds of extra operators on duty through the holiday season, the busiest calling time of the year, but even so the number of holiday calls will far exceed the number of telephone circuits available, Bill Barnes, local Bell manager, said today.

When calls are delayed or just can't go through because of the volume, it is frustrating and disappointing for all concerned, he said.

**Make it easier**  
Mr. Barnes suggested two things to facilitate successful calling:

**Avoid busy calling times**, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day and the Sunday in between.

**Get the overseas number** you will be calling, now. You can get it from the overseas operator (without charge) so you'll have it when you need it.

**Domestic long distance** holiday calls should also be made at off-peak hours, he said.

### Holiday hints from St. John

St. John Ambulance wants your holiday season to be happy and safe. They advise you to take a few precautions that will avoid accidental injuries:

1. Be sure your Christmas tree is standing in a pail of water to keep it from drying out.
2. Make sure your tree lights are in good condition with no frayed cords.
3. Keep your sidewalk and steps free from ice.
4. Make sure that presents for small children have no sharp edges.
5. Keep your tree a safe distance from a fireplace and be sure to use a screen to keep sparks from your floor and rugs.

- Safe areas**
6. Make sure you and your children ski, skate, snowshoe, toboggan, or snowmobile in safe designated areas.
  7. Enjoy winter sports without being reckless.
  8. Avoid painful frostbite by wearing the proper protective clothing.
  9. Teach children not to eat berries, leaves or flowers of Christmas plants such as Holly, Jerusalem Cherry, Mistletoe and Poinsettia. They can cause digestive upset, intestinal irritation and sometimes vomiting. Cattle have been killed by eating wild mistletoe.
  10. Drive carefully when winter road conditions are icy or snow causes poor visibility.

### Xmas news:

#### Poinsettia who named it?

The poinsettia plant was first introduced in the United States in 1825 by Joel Robert Poinsett. While serving as the United States Ambassador to Mexico, Mr. Poinsett found the plants growing in the area around Taxco and had some of the plants sent to his home in Greenville, South Carolina. In 1902, Albert Ecke, a horticulturist from Germany and Switzerland, began growing flowers in California for the local market. The family started to specialize in the growing, the breeding and the selection of the poinsettia in early 1909 and from that time till now, they made it their profession and art to develop the plant.



SNOWCLOUDS LAMENT that they started The First Snow Storm which cancelled out the wedding of Old Man Winter to the Snow Bride, seen here with the Sun. The skit was presented by grades 5 and 6 at Speyside School last Wednesday.



GRADES 4 and 5, dressed as the toys in girl-and-boyland harmonize at the Speyside School Concert in "Santa Claus is Coming to Town."

### Is that toy safe?

- When you choose a toy for an infant or small child select one that:
- is too large to swallow.
  - does not have detachable small parts that can lodge into the windpipe, ears or nostrils.
  - is not apt to break easily into small pieces or jagged edges.
  - does not have sharp edges or points.
  - is not constructed with straight pins, sharp wires, nails, etc. that might be easily exposed.
  - is not made of glass or brittle plastic.
  - is labelled "non-toxic" and "non-flammable". Avoid painted toys for youngsters who put playthings in the mouth.



# Merry Christmas

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**