



SANTA'S ELVES WERE busy at work at Speyside school December 17 as the grade fours occupied the stage for a short skit "Getting ready for Christmas" during the school's Christmas Concert.



PRETTY LITTLE Roxanne MacDonald rhymed off her part in the Kindergarten's Christmas Acrostic at the Speyside School Christmas Concert December 17.

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Ballinafad

Summer holidays are starting in New Zealand

by Mrs. R. Shortill Sr.
A variety concert was "put on" in the Community Centre on Friday night. It was a good concert — not a Christmas Tree one — but it was poorly attended, we are sorry to say. Maybe not enough people knew about it. Several of our local talent took part.

band, to her two sons Reginald and Delmar French and their wives Catharine and Marguerite, as well as her grandchildren. Her illness was long and painful. Even though Mr. and Mrs. Campbell moved to Acton some years ago, they always seemed a part of this Ballinafad neighborhood.

The fourth Sunday of Advent Service, the Sunday before Christmas was a

heart-warming one. The men sang a fitting anthem with Mrs. McEnery at the organ. With awe and wonder once again we greet the great incarnation when God came to us as a little child and dwelt among us, two thousand years ago. Still we greet the season with carols and greetings of good will. Peace? Sometimes we wonder if ever there will be peace.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith were surprised and happy to greet them at this service. They are now living in Northern Ontario, where Don has a position in the rehabilitation school there. They were visiting close by and wanted to meet the friends here. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith were devoted workers in our church when they lived here.

In New Zealand we received a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Barnes last week. They have arrived in New Zealand, having travelled by train, bus, ship and plane. At the present time they are living with John and Brenda in North Palmerston but expect to find a place of their own after the summer holidays, which are just beginning. In New Zealand only about 400 people are unemployed, which makes it about 7 per cent, not quite one per cent. There has been a change in government which is sure to cut back severely the immigration and make many other changes.

We look out at our snow and cold weather and think of "down under" where Mrs. Barnes says flowers are blooming everywhere. The temperature averages 70 degrees with cooler nights.

Pioneer dinner was a feast

Christmas dinner is traditionally a feast. However, a typical everyday farmhouse meal in 1826 as described by Joseph Pickering was "bread or cake, and butter and potatoes, or mush-and-milk if for supper." The latter dish was ground Indian corn boiled in water to the consistency of hasty pudding, then eaten with cold milk.

Considered a favorite dish, it was popular because of its wholesomeness and lightness as a supper meal. Occasionally Johnny cake and meat were added. The cornmeal must be referred to by Pickering was sometimes called "supper" by Americans, and was the only porridge until the late forties, when oatmeal came into common use.

New-laid eggs
In the homes of the more prosperous settlers the food was better. Sometimes the dinner consisted of fried pork, the standard dish of the country, eggs, new potatoes and pancakes. This was considered an excellent meal.

Breakfast often consisted of tea and coffee, rich cream, delicious hot cakes and new-laid eggs.

The best food was saved for great occasions such as Christmas and New Year's days. In some homes fish, ducks and venison were served with potato soup.

Potato soup
The soup was made by boiling a lump of pork, an onion and a dozen or so potatoes until "it acquired the desired consistency." Pea soup was described as "not so good, consisting of hard, black peas floating about in weak greasy broth."

Limehouse

Service, concert
Cubs in report

by Mrs. A. Benton

A festival of lessons and carols was enjoyed by a good crowd at Limehouse Presbyterian Church last Sunday. Miss Laura Stevens on her pipe accompanied Mrs. Roughley at the organ in opening. The ladies choir sang "Caroling On, and Christ is Born, and led in carols.

Those reading Christmas Scriptures included A. C. Patterson, Wilfred Kirkwood, Margaret Appleyard, Ted Brown, Inez Crichton, Beryl McEnery and Rev. Peter Barrow.

Members of the Georgetown High School Band and the organist played for the hymns.

The minister announced at Christmas Eve service would be held at 9 p.m. on Dec. 24, with Mrs. Moffat of Guelph providing music for carols with her hand bells.

Concert
Limehouse School auditorium was filled for the students' annual Christmas concert of songs, recitations, drills, etc., on Wednesday evening. Introduced by principal Mr. Beckett, Marcus Knoespel was chairman throughout. All took their parts well.

by Mrs. Hannah Cubtrip

The Cubs ended the full season by going to see "The Wizard of Oz" in Georgetown. Seventeen Cubs, three Scouts and three Leaders attended the performance and thoroughly enjoyed it. The boys paid their own way and for their refreshments by selling Scout calendars.

Their last meeting of the season was a combined Christmas party with the Scouts. Special guests were invited: Gord Douglas, District Commissioner; Terry Colter, assistant district commissioner for Cubs and Murray Harrison, assistant commissioner for Scouts. Presents were exchanged, carols sung, games played and a few skills acted out.

Meeting
The Limehouse Group Committee held their December meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Book on Fourth Line. Problems with the furnace in the Scout Hut were discussed and a decision made to purchase the carpeting as well. Volunteers were asked to help sort papers at the end of each month.

The Cubs and Scouts wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

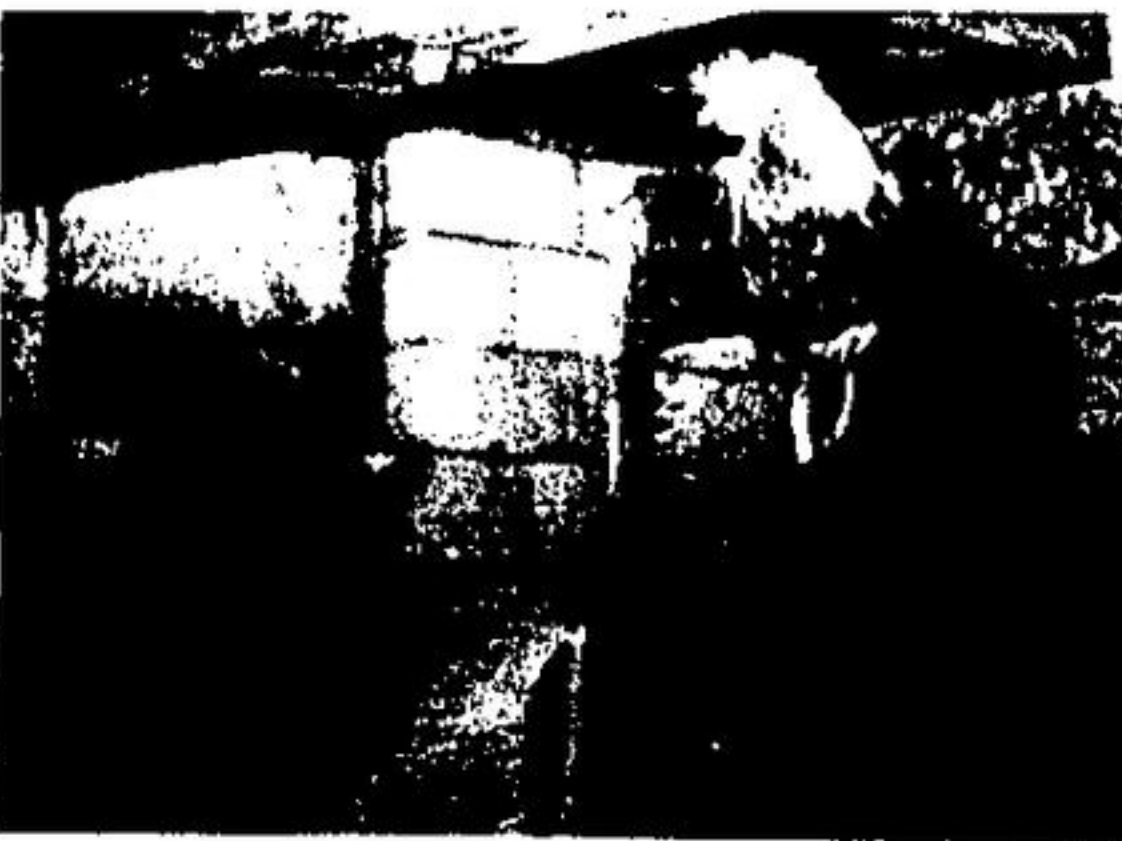


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Pet of the week



PET OF THE WEEK, Jacques, the Bantam rooster, finds nothing warmer these cold winter nights than a cosy horse back on which to roast his feet. The colourful fellow is named after Jacques Cousteau (they both have hairy legs). He and his mate Jill, just visible near the horse's head, are great pets.

SHOCKING

The Ontario Safety League suggests using spotlights on aluminum trees. The fine aluminum can catch in sockets of string lights and give you quite a shock.

GET OUT FIRST

If fire should strike, first get everyone out of the house, then sound the alarm and call the fire department before attempting to fight the fire yourself. Your first rule in the event of fire is Get Out Safely.

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Woman joins police force

Another woman has joined Halton Regional Police Force, Miss Susanna Pasuta, Campbellville is now working at general headquarters in Oakville.

puddings, soup, corned beef and pancakes.
On Christmas day, 1800, he enjoyed a heavy repast of "soup, roast beef, boiled pork, a turkey, plum pudding and mince pies."

So our traditions were formed.

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We chorus our thanks and wishes for a very Merry Christmas

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