

Train Trip to London is Thrill for Kiddies' Group



"Watch your step, Santa," says the CN conductor as he offers a helping hand to a famous passenger who joined the French Association train trip, Sunday.

Some of the French Association group which enjoyed a round trip to London by rail on Sunday, leave the train at the end of the ride.

Merrily we roll along, goes the old sing-a-long chorus. It describes perfectly 106 children of Georgetown French Association members who, with a few adults merrily rolled along in two Canadian National passenger cars on a rail excursion to London, Sunday.

The happy group sang songs en route and returning, accompanied by Santa Claus himself. Queen of the French Association Carol Goodreault played guitar to add to the entertaining time.

After dinner in a London restaurant the youngsters had a

play in the new fallen snow before boarding for the return ride. They ranged in age from kindergarten to teenage and for many it was the first train ride.

Back at Georgetown station, Santa had bags of treats for the little ones who had stayed behind but came with their parents to greet the rest of the family.

The French Association executive which arranged the trip includes president Roger Proulx, Miss T. St. Jean, F. Landry, Bernard Jacques, Mrs. O. Parent, Andre Trudelle, Jacques Trudelle, A. Albert and Ed Hayes.

Teacher, 35 GDHS Students Joining Mediterranean Cruise

Education afloat? The ultimate in outdoor education will be experienced by a group of thirty-five senior students from Georgetown District High School who will accompany their teacher, Mrs. Verna Darvie on a Ship's School cruise of the Mediterranean in March.

The Georgetown students, joining a group of seventy others from Acton and Milton, will board their floating school at Naples after a jet flight from Toronto to Rome.

HISTORY FIRST HAND
Their 18 day journey, which will cost them about \$500, will show them history and geography first-hand by taking them to such places as Cyprus, Rhodes, Lebanon, Turkey, Marseilles, and Rome.

Seminars held aboard ship will add to the knowledge already in regular classes about their ports of call.

At each port they will be expected to seek out the places and events of history they have been told about.

CHRISTMAS CANDLES
Candles always have been associated with Christmas and many legends give them a place in the observance of a holiday.

In Ireland, for instance, a large candle was burned on Christmas Eve, which could be snuffed out only by one named Mary.

In our country, the settlers found that the bayberry gave off a wax that would make fine candles. It was usually the task of the children to gather the berries.

An old verse repeats the tradition, that burning bayberry candle would ensure one of a long and happy life.

To learn your luck for a year, they say,
Burn a bayberry dip on Christmas Day.
If the flame burns bright
and the light shines clear,
Good-luck will be yours
throughout the year.



ART WINNER . . . Madonna by a Lily Pond, a water color with pastel blue dominating, was done by Lemuel Patole, Bombay, India, was a winner in the annual Christmas Art contest by the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literatures.



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Officers investigated 27 gen-

eral occurrences during this time period including: 1 assault investigation, 1 escapee apprehended, 1 impaired driver was apprehended, 4 thefts and 2 instances of breaking and entering. Other offences were of a minor nature and required little investigative time to clear.

Property damage was estimated at \$61,780 in the 21 motor vehicles accidents which were investigated by officers this week. Twenty-one persons received injuries in 11 of the mishaps, many of which were caused by icy road conditions. Other collisions occurred as a result of careless driving, improper lane change and improper turns. One accident occurred when a deer ran into the path of a car and 1 pedestrian was injured when struck by a car. To date 6 charges have been laid as a result of investigations and others are pending.

Provincial Constable T. R. Penner spoke to classes at Stewarston and Robert Little Public Schools. A total of 647 students were contacted.

A reminder to pedestrians! Now that the winter season has arrived, may we urge you, when on foot in traffic, to be extra alert. Remember it's harder for drivers to slow or stop when roads are slippery. Also, it's harder for drivers to see you when it's snowing, or in darkness when you're in dark clothing. And don't forget, if you're walking headdown against winter wind and weather you can walk right into an accident. Remember — as a pedestrian in winter, be extra alert and cautious — for your own safety.



POPULAR ONE . . . Of all the plants associated with the Christmas season, none is more popular than the poinsettia. With proper care, the poinsettia has brightly colored leaves surrounded by tiny creamy white flowers.

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