

In Deep Now

Predicts Halton Welfare Will Have \$80,000 Deficit

Halton County's welfare budget went in the hole during November. Its deficit as of Nov. 30 is \$48,600.

One month ago deputy director Rennie Vivian predicted an \$80,000 deficit for 1971.

The general welfare assistance budget of \$633,000 has been exceeded by \$60,000. Surpluses in four of five other assistance areas lower the deficit to its \$48,600 mark.

The department is \$800 over on supplementary assistance and has modest surpluses in special

assistance, homemakers and nurses services and indigent hospital care. The major surplus is \$9,700 in day nurseries allotments.

In November 189 employable and 235 unemployable people, up from October's 150 and 22, were on the rolls. October was the lowest point of the year in both categories.

CLIMBS
After an almost continual decrease through 1971 the number receiving welfare started to climb slightly in many of the 10 areas of assistance.

DROPS
In January there were 273 employable and 292 unemployable people on the rolls. Figures fluctuated until April when the job market opened up

The Santa Idea - Good or Bad For Kids

A clinical psychologist and director of child guidance clinics said that in his 21 years of working with children, he has never seen a child who was psychologically damaged by the truth about Santa. In fact, he said, that especially in pre-school years, when a child is most likely to believe in Santa, fantasy is beneficial.

From a scientific standpoint, all research shows that the fantasy creations that we see in children's thinking are actually the forerunners of what is later called conceptual thinking or the ability to form thought processes.

The director believes that a parent must distinguish between myth and legend when deciding what he should or should not tell his children.

voices treated members to some Christmas duets which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Mrs. Hector Bird gave the courtesies after an exchange of gifts. Mrs. Fred Nurse closed the afternoon with a Christmas prayer.

We are now coming to the most festive of holidays - Christmas. A time for the reuniting of families and friends, a time to look back on a year almost gone and a new year to come. Most important, it is a time to celebrate a birthday so special to the family of man. To everyone who reads this, and to the editor and his faithful staff, we wish you and yours a merry family Christmas and a happy new year.

—Mrs. J. E. Bellbody.

Heirlooms for Gifts Will Surely Please

Search your cellars and attics for family heirlooms and old furnishings — they make delightful gifts for relatives or friends at Christmas.

Some of your stored possessions could be packed in pretty boxes and given as lovely gifts — for instance, wine glasses, bowls, china, silver, tea napkins and trays.

It is selfish to hoard lovely things, things you don't use, but

miserly types often can't bear to part with them. If one needs money for old age, it would be far better to sell old things before they deteriorate from lack of use.

Surely there's someone on your gift list who would love to have, and take pride in owning something you have packed away. It would not only solve the gift problem, but might clear the air, get old trunks opened and unclutter your house.



KAREN LEONARD BECOMES RAKSHA

District Scout Commissioner Gord Douglas invests Karen Leonard as an assistant cubmaster of 5th Georgetown B Pack at Holy Cross December 13. She

chose Raksha as her jungle name. Miss Leonard was junior leader for almost two years with 5th Georgetown B Pack which has Mrs. Terry

Colter as its Akela and Allan Warbeck as Baloo. The Cubs holding the flag for the ceremony are Marty Power and Bob McClure.

Ashgrove

Decorating Ideas in W.I. Holiday Program

The Christmas meeting of Ashgrove Women's Institute was held on Tuesday, December 14 in Hillcrest United Church with 34 women attending.

The rooms were hung with Christmas decorations and at 12.30 they sat down to prettily decorated tables to a salad plate luncheon. After dinner, president Mrs. Percy Cox opened the meeting, with all singing Hark the Herald Angels, then repeating the Mary Stewart Collect.

Roll call was answered with a new idea for a Christmas recipe, gift or decoration. It was voted that a ticket be ordered for one member to attend the Federated W. I. gathering in February. Donations of money are to be sent to the Save the Children Fund and Hospital for Sick Children.

The president gave some highlights from the area convention held in Guelph recently, then Mrs. James Carney read a Christmas poem about Canada at Christmas. Mrs. George Wilson

read the Bible Christmas story. The motto "They who think Santa Claus enters through the chimney, when he enters through the heart" was well given by Mrs. J. H. Hunter. Mrs. Carney introduced a well loved past member, Mrs. Charles Austin of Elora, who had many wonderful ideas for Christmas decorations, such as ornaments for parcels, walls and door decorations, boxes in gold and silver, serviette holders, paper doilies decorated with red velvet pieces, a pretty luncheon cloth and small apron in Christmas colours and many other helpful ideas. She concluded with a Christmas poem and said it is a heavenly gift only God can give.

Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Deagle, members of the choir of Alma United Church, had come with her, and with their beautiful

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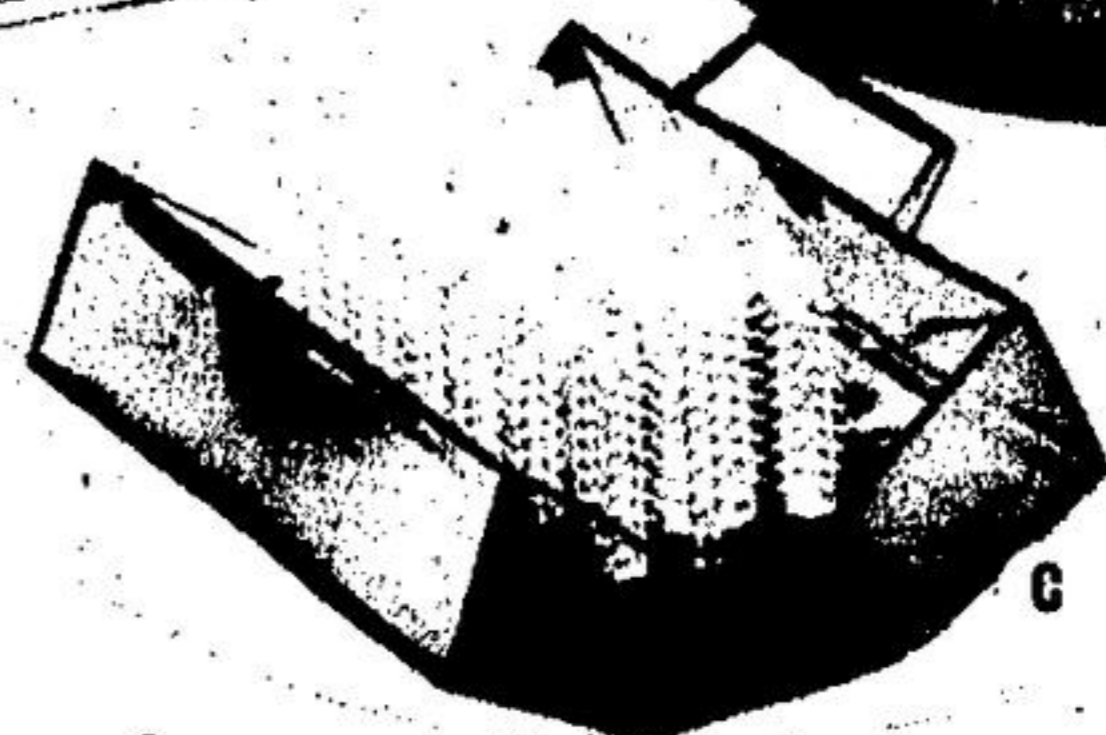
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