



Children listen with eyes alight
To the stories of Christmas bright.



Watch for Santa and you shall see
He comes down the chimney with glee.



Little children can't wait to see
What Santa's put beneath the tree.



Families join at church to pray
On this most joyous Christmas Day.

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Student Nurses Demonstrate Skills to Open House Visitors

The young girl lay on the hospital bed, head swathed in white bandages, a tension bandage on one ankle, layers of gauze taped to her shin and a transparent tube taped to her left arm, leading to a suspended bottle of clear fluid.

The nurse bending over the bed gently swabbed the injured leg while visitors watched the proceedings.

An accident victim struggling to recover?

DEMONSTRATION

Far from it. The "patient" was Barb Smuck, from Ancaster, and the "nurse" was Kathy Hayes, of Mississauga, both second year nursing students at the Credit Valley School of Nursing.

The interested onlookers were a few of the many families, friends and prospective students who visited the school last week-

end during a two-day open house. The two girls were giving practical demonstration of nursing techniques, while in another corner of the room (set up to represent a hospital ward), Julie Harrington, a first-year student from Bermuda, took Mrs. Doris Dinan's blood pressure, while her children, Douglas, Kay, and Margaret, a high school student planning on a nursing career, watched and listened as Julie explained the technique.

Next door, the playroom was in full swing, as student nurses cared for the toddlers of teachers and visitors. Nancy Saliba, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Saliba, of Hornby, and Claudette de la Cruz, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rene de la Cruz, of Mississauga, played happily with Nancy's older sister, Margaret, a

second-year nursing student, while Mr. and Mrs. Saliba toured the building, and Mrs. de la Cruz, as a teacher, helped with the questions asked by the many visitors.

COFFEE SERVED

Coffee was served in the gymnasium-auditorium, where Mrs. Mary Ellen Stengenga, the school's registrar and intern coordinator explained the school's program. The nursing internship program has 54 graduates involved this year, the last year it will be in effect. They are finishing a two year academic and one year internship program.

There are about 230 students involved in the two year program, with three of them being male students.

While most of the students are from the areas served by the regional school - it is affiliated with Peel Memorial, Mississauga, Oakville - Trafalgar and Georgetown Memorial Hospitals - the school is attracting students from as far away as Calgary and Vancouver, with the occasional girl from out of the country.

The open house, held both Saturday afternoon and Sunday afternoon and evening, gave the public a chance to tour the impressive building just off Hurontario St., behind Mississauga Hospital.

BEAUTIFUL PLACE

It is, on all counts, a beautiful place to live and study. There's no blue green here - it's painted purple, orange and red with modern furniture, abstract paintings, huge carpet wall hangings and floor after floor of carpeted halls and rooms.

Holiday Entertaining Good Tradition

Holiday lunches are among the most pleasurable ways to entertain. There is something gala and relaxed about Saturday or Sunday lunches. Serve something that's non-turkey and hearty, such as beef stew and noodles, with a green salad, or fish chowder, fruit and cheese. Organize a walk in the woods after lunch or a neighborhood tour to look at everybody's outdoor decorations.

It is always thoughtful to ask new people in town at Christmas and it is pleasant to mix age groups. A grand old lady may make the party and young people always add zest to a middle-aged crowd.

Don't ask people to a Christmas party to pay off your engagements. Christmas is a fairly intimate time, so you should ask them because you want to see them, and not too many at a time.

The old tradition of Christmas calls has about fallen into disuse, but it was a happy custom to have people just dropping in for a visit and to exchange gifts. Informal parties in the morning, at noon or later in the evening are arranged now and by invitation to welcome more of your friends.



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To Prevent Salmonella Spread

Halton Health Board Would Ban Turtle Sales

A resolution that would limit the sale of pet turtles to anyone other than zoos, universities or other post-secondary educational institutions or to such other persons as the Board of Health may authorize, was supported by the Halton County Board of Health last Thursday.

The resolution was circulated by the Hamilton-Wentworth Health Unit, asking that such a request be made to the Minister

of Health and the Department of Health.

In his covering letter Hamilton-Wentworth MOH Dr. A. I. Cunningham referred to statistics from a study carried out in Alberta where salmonella, the disease commonly associated with the pet turtles has increased from two cases in 1968 to 64 in 1970.

INSPECTION

Dr. J. H. Chamberlain of Georgetown MOH noted the

infection would cause infection for a period from one to four days. He said the infection was resistant to antibiotics and can also be caused through improper storage of meat.

Peel County's Board of Health endorsed the recommendation with board chairman Dr. Robert Williams commenting, "This is a serious situation. Children take the turtles home and in a week or so they are in warm unclean water in a tank full of food. It is a perfect incubator for the disease."

Dr. Cunningham said his own health unit had received reports of several cases of salmonella attributable to infected pet turtles.

STUDY

"I am sure your MOH will know of similar cases and we would be gratified if you would petition the minister for controls," he said.

Dr. Cunningham enclosed a study of relationships between salmonella and pet turtles which revealed that in details of 23 family outbreaks 18 had pet turtles in their homes at the time of the onset of the illness.

The Pleasures Planning Early

Christmas is only as commercialized as we make it. By doing everything early, starting shopping months ahead, we can get and give true joy during the season. By starting shopping early, even now for next year, we

find time for more meaningful events in the season. After all, a person will enjoy a gift you bought in February just as much as if you bought it the week before Christmas.

The season begins on the first day of Advent, when the first candle is lit. This is approximately a month before Christmas. It would be lovely, indeed if more people were able to share their peace and contentment with others at Christmas because they had the will and spirit to plan correctly.

Florence Nightingale was the "lady with the lamp".

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