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JOYCE BEATON

Ghost of Christmas past

My ghost of Christmas past visited me this week. She took me by the hand and we flew back across the years.

She showed me 1938 when I opened my stocking in a darkened room because of my double-dose of measles and chicken-pox. (In those days doctors protected children's eyes from the bright light).

In 1940 at eight years of age I'm reciting Dicken's Christmas Carol and speaking so quickly I'm mixing up the words. It's a school Christmas Concert and I realize I've made a mistake when I hear the giggles. "And they had apple smosh and smashed potatoes." I blurted.

"F" for Father.

It's 1942 and there are five small children shopping in the local dime store for gifts for their mother and father. Our mother said she wanted salt and pepper shakers and father said he needed a tie clip. Mother got five sets of salt and peppers and father, you guessed it, received five tie clips. His favourite, and one he's kept all these years, is the one with the initial "F" for Father!

The Christmas spirit shows me my happiest Christmas as a child. It's 1945 and daddy is in the navy and we are expecting to spend Christmas without him for the first time in our lives. We sneak down the stairs just as dawn is breaking. As we enter the living room a sailor's cap can be seen passing the window. He has his duffle bag over his shoulder and he couldn't have looked more like St. Nick if he'd planned it that way.

Close to God

On our fanciful flight the spirit and I stop by the church for midnight mass. The soft glow of the candles illuminates the face of a young girl as she sweetly sings Christmas carols. She is feeling very close to God... and she is. It's 1946.

All of a sudden that little girl is grown and married and has children of her own. It's December 23, 1965, and her first child is two years of age. He is sitting on the floor in front of the Christmas tree crying unconsolably. He thought it was Christmas morning and ripped open every gift in young mother's carefully wrapped the night before for delivery to relatives. The poor little love thought Santa had forgotten him!

Where is Christ?

Happiness turns to sadness the following year. 1966 sees the young couple a week before Christmas at the funeral of their baby daughter.

They cling to each other and their young son and for the first time in their lives celebrate Christmas alone. They know the baby Christ should console them: They hope in time it will do so.

Christ comes to their door in the guise of a member of the local Lions Club asking if there is anything they are in need of. They say no thank you and are thankful they are in a position to do so.

True Love

"Aw, come on," I say to Christmas Past. "Show me something happier." But she can't for a while. So she shows me kindness and consideration instead. She shows me Christmases when there was no money for personal gifts between the husband and wife. She shows me love when my young husband gives me a gift certificate listing things he will do for me during the coming year. Somehow this seems to be getting closer to the real meaning of the season.

Christmas Past flashes Christmas in the 60's before my eyes. The overspending and over-indulgence. She sees a conscience emerging about the Christ of the western world. As our children cried out for expensive toys the children of the world cried out for food.

A Funny Christmas

It's back to basics in the 70s and one of the funniest Christmas stories emerges. Grandma's gift is a big ball of wool and some knitting needles. They are stuffed in a soda cracker box to fool her. When she takes off the wrapping and discovers someone has given her a box of crackers for Christmas she is gracious enough to quietly slip them back on the pantry shelf. The joke's on us.

As Christmas Past turns to Christmas present I look forward to the continuing of a special tradition. No doubt again this year my husband will wait until the boys are all in bed, sneak out to the trunk of his car and bring in his sack of goodies. This is his private shopping. I've had no part of it, but I know what will be there.

Happy Childhood

There'll be a spinning top and a little car that won't fall off the edge of the table. These are the reminders of his own happy childhood. He keeps the spirit of Christmas alive by passing these tokens on to our children.

It's nostalgia and love. The spirit of Christmas.

Cost per pupil increases

The cost actual of teaching each child in the Halton school system has risen in the last year, Halton Board of Education learned Thursday.

Business and finance superintendent Bruce Lindley tabled figures showing that the 1977 budget cost of teaching each of 29,467 elementary pupils is \$1,136, an increase in the 1976 figure of \$1,019 for 30,311 pupils.

The 1977 cost for 20,966 secondary school students is up to \$1,744 each from the 1976 figure of \$1,587 when enrollment was lower at 20,481.

The cost analysis indicates that the cost per pupil in Halton for the various functions of the board compares "very favourably" with that of other school boards, Mr. Lindley said.

The Halton Roman Catholic separate school board spends \$1,131 to teach each of its 8,184 elementary pupils enrolled this year, according to the comparison figures, the lowest of 19 boards surveyed.

The board with the highest cost per elementary pupil in 1977 is Ottawa where it spends \$1,793 each on 18,479 pupils, followed by Metro Toronto with \$208,407 pupils at a cost of \$1,656.

The board with the lowest cost per elementary pupil besides the Halton Roman Catholic separate school board is in Durham region where it cost \$1,114 each for 28,875 pupils.

In the secondary panel the boards of Metro Toronto and Ottawa are tied for first place with costs of \$2,296 per pupil. The Metro board has an enrollment of 142,231 and the Ottawa board 26,409.

The lowest cost per secondary pupil was achieved by the Halton board, followed by the Simcoe County board where there are 15,744 students enrolled at a cost of \$1,811 each.

Ashgrove social notes

By MRS. JOHN BELL BODDY
Herald correspondent

On Tuesday Dec. 13, the rain was falling outside but all was warmth and cheer inside the green room of Hillcrest Church for the Women's Institute meeting with Mrs. Harvey Nurse as hostess, at 12:30.

40 members sat down to prettily decorated Christmas tables done by Mrs. Gordon Wingfield, Mrs. Jas. McPhail and Mrs. Vern Pickett and enjoyed a lovely luncheon.

At 2 pm all went up to the Fellowship Room which was also decorated even to a lighted Christmas tree, where the President Mrs. J.H. Hunter had every one sing O Come All Ye Faithful, minutes of last meeting were read and roll call answered by early memories of a Christmas concert. Some amusing memories were told.

A committee was appointed for a euchre and a dance later on, letters and cards of thanks were read from families in Cobalt, whom we had helped last spring when they lost everything by fire.

Program was in charge of Mrs. Jas. Carney who led us in a sing-song. Mrs. Ruth Thompson gave the motto Peace will come when power of love is greater than love of power which had been prepared by Mrs. T. Blackette who couldn't be with us. A very delightful piano duet by Mrs. Norma Alexander and Mrs. Doreen Wikstrom of a medley of Christmas songs.

Doreen sang I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas which made a lovely ending.

Mrs. Milton Bird introduced Mr. and Mrs. Coulter of town who showed pictures and gave a commentary of their trip to the Holy Land.

We saw Damascus, Jordan and Galilee. Mr. Carmel where the ravens fed Eliazah, an aqueduct built by Herod the Great, Jericho, Bethlehem, the fields where the shepherds tended their flocks, Jerusalem and the Church of the Sepulchre which was all very interesting.

Mrs. John McNabb conducted a contest on the Christmas season. Mrs. Clayton Wilson gave the courtesies.

After an exchange of Christmas gifts, meeting closed with a drink of punch and Christmas cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McClure are wearing big smiles these days over the birth of their first grandchild, Dennis and Cheryl McClure had a daughter on Dec. 10. Congratulations to them.

To the Editor and the staff a very Merry Christmas. Christmas brings a gift of peace, no words can quite impart, Christmas brings a gift of love, that blesses every heart, Christmas brings a gift of hope, to lighten all the way; May all these perfect gifts be yours this Christmas day.

The appointment of K. Linn Macdonald as Vice-President for the fine paper manufacturing and the converting and distributing group is announced by Abitibi Paper Company, Ltd.

Mr. Macdonald's responsibilities will include coordinating the Abitibi Provincial Paper Division, which is accountable to T. H. Birchall, Vice-President, Fine Papers, and the Inter-Can. Papers Ltd., Hifro, Ltd. and Canada envelope Company operations which are accountable to J. G. Davis, Vice-President, Converting and Distribution.

Mr. Macdonald, a graduate of the University of Manitoba, has 20 years of engineering, operating and general management experience with several companies in the pulp and paper industry. Prior to joining Abitibi he was Vice-President and Group Executive, Consumer Packaging Business, for International Paper Co.

ANN LANDERS

Oops! A mistake

Dear Readers: Recently a woman wrote to say she was angered by new acquaintances at parties who insisted on knowing what she did for a living. "It so happens," she wrote, "I have a little family money, a husband who pays alimony, plus a disability check from the government. I do not need to work at a job but I figure how I get along financially is nobody's business. Please tell me how to respond to the question when it comes up—and it comes up all the time."

My advice was, "Look the person in the eye and say, 'I'm a hooker.' That should bring the quiz to a prompt halt. It will also show you have a sense of humor. (I hope!)"

A few days later I received a letter on engraved stationery which carried the letterhead of a legal firm. It read as follows:

"Dear Ms. Landers: The mother of one of my clients recently brought to my attention one of your columns in which you advised Mrs. A.A.G. to respond to the question 'Where do you work?' 'I'm a hooker.'

"My client did the very thing you suggested; however, the man to whom she made the remark did not promptly halt the questioning but pursued the 'joke' further. The result was that my client was subsequently arrested for soliciting prostitution by an off-duty vice officer. She was booked, fingerprinted, mugged and now possesses a record for a criminal charge which today still carries a burdensome stigma.

"Fortunately, the prosecuting attorney recognized the event as a lark. However, my client still suffered the ignominy of an arrest, three public appearances in court and the costs of retaining an attorney. Yours very truly —

Name Withheld by Request"

I responded immediately:

Dear Sir: Your letter arrived this morning and it has unhinged me completely. Please write at once and tell me you are putting me on so I can get a good night's sleep. Sincerely yours — Ann Landers.

This letter arrived a few days later:

Dear Ann Landers: I can only say that both my client and I wish my letter was all in fun. Unfortunately, the facts as described by me were true.

If it were not essential that I keep my clients name confidential, I would gladly provide you with the case number and court in which the proceedings were held.

I also wish to point out that the suggestion you made could result in a different sort of unhappy ending. Should the "gentleman" be convinced, although erroneously, that the lady is in fact a hooker, he might subsequently resent her refusal to "perform" and cause her physical harm. Again, I urge you to reconsider the advice given. Sincerely — Name Withheld.

Dear Readers: From now on if anyone asks what you do for a living and you don't want to tell them, say, "My work is very dull. Let's talk about yours."

There is a big difference between cold and cool. Ann Landers shows you how to play it cool without freezing people out in her booklet, "Teen-Age Sex — Ten Ways to Cool It." Send 50 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11995, Chicago, Ill. 60611.

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Town of Halton Hills Recreation Department

Special Christmas Holiday Programmes

GEORGETOWN MEMORIAL ARENA

Friday, December 23, 1977 Public Skating Noon Hour until 2:00 P.M.
Monday, December 26, 1977 Public Skating Noon Hour until 2:00 P.M.
Tuesday, December 27, 1977 Shiny Hockey 9:30 A.M. until 11:30 A.M.
Wednesday, December 28, 1977 Public Skating Noon Hour until 2:00 P.M.
Thursday, December 29, 1977 Shiny Hockey 9:30 A.M. until 11:30 A.M.
Parents & Tots 1:30 P.M. until 3:30 P.M.

Friday, December 30, 1977 Public Skating Noon Hour until 2:00 P.M.
Monday, January 2, 1978 Public Skating Noon Hour until 2:00 P.M.

GORDON ALCOTT MEMORIAL ARENA

Friday, December 23, 1977 Shiny Hockey 9:30 A.M. until 11:30 A.M.
Saturday, December 24, 1977 Parents & Tots 1:30 P.M. until 3:30 P.M.
Tuesday, December 27, 1977 Public Skating 2:15 P.M. until 4:00 P.M.
Wednesday, December 28, 1977 Public Skating 1:30 P.M. until 3:30 P.M.
Thursday, December 29, 1977 Shiny Hockey 1:30 P.M. until 3:30 P.M.
Friday, December 30, 1977 Shiny Hockey 9:30 A.M. until 11:30 A.M.
Parents & Tots 1:30 P.M. until 3:30 P.M.

Saturday, December 31, 1977 Public Skating 1:30 P.M. until 3:30 P.M.
Monday, January 2, 1978 2:15 P.M. until 4:00 P.M.
9:30 A.M. until 11:30 A.M.

ACTON ARENA

Fri., Dec. 23rd, 1977 Public Skating 1:40 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 26th, 1977 Shiny 10:25 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.
Public Skating 1:40 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 27th, 1977 Shiny 10:25 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.
Parents & Tots 12:35 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Public Skating 1:40 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 28th, 1977 Shiny 10:25 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.
Public Skating 1:40 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

Thurs., Dec. 29th, 1977 Shiny 10:25 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.
Parents & Tots 12:35 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Public Skating 1:40 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

Fri. Dec. 30th, 1977 Shiny 10:25 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.
Public Skating 1:40 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

Mon. Jan. 2nd, 1978 Shiny 10:25 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.
Public Skating 1:40 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

ADMISSIONS Public Skating: 35¢ per person, \$1.25 per Family
Shiny Hockey: \$1.00 per person.

Note: The Arenas will be closed Christmas Day & New Years Day.

"A merry Christmas & a prosperous New Year to all our Patrons"

IN THE MATTER OF Section 64 of The Ontario Municipal Board Act, (R.S.O. 1970, c. 323)

IN THE MATTER OF a previous application by The Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills for an order approving:

(a) the library alteration and addition in the Georgetown Area at an estimated cost of \$250,000.00 and the borrowing of money therefor, and

(b) the issuance of the necessary debentures by The Regional Municipality of Halton chargeable to the applicant corporation

such application having been approved by the order of the Board dated the 11th day of October, 1974

and

IN THE MATTER OF a previous application for an order approving an additional expenditure of \$160,000.00 and the borrowing of money therefor, and the issuance of additional debentures in the amount of \$150,000.00 by The Regional Municipality of Halton chargeable to the applicant corporation

such application having been approved by the order of the Board dated the 7th day of January, 1975

and

IN THE MATTER OF a previous application for an order approving the amendment of the previous order of the Board dated the 11th day of October, 1974, by amending the description contained in sub-section (a) in the style of cause

such application having been approved by the order of the Board dated the 13th day of April, 1977 and subsequently rescinded by the order of the Board dated the 7th day of July, 1977

and

IN THE MATTER OF a present application by The Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills for an order approving the construction of a new library near the intersection of Main Street and Maple Avenue in the former Town of Georgetown at an estimated cost of \$750,000.00 whereof debentures in the amount of \$400,000.00 have been issued by the Regional Municipality of Halton chargeable to the applicant corporation

APPOINTMENT FOR HEARING

THE ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD hereby appoints Wednesday, the 25th day of January, 1978 at the hour of ten o'clock (local time) in the forenoon, at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Recreation Complex Hall, Guelph Street in the Town of Halton Hills for the hearing of all persons who desire to be heard in support of or in opposition to the application.

Any person affected may register objections with the Municipal Clerk prior to the date set for hearing. If you do not attend and are not represented at this hearing, the Board may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings.

In the event the decision is reserved persons taking part in the hearing may request a copy of the decision from the presiding Board Member. Such decision will be mailed to you when available.

DATED at Toronto, this 13th day of November, 1977.

SECRETARY

Propose no expansion of Acton sewage plant

A fifty per cent expansion of capacity of the Acton sewage plant won't be proposed to the ministry of environment in the next six months, at least, says the region's engineer.

Robert Moore was commenting on a proposed expansion of the plan by R.V. Anderson Associates, who have indicated they could increase the capacity to 1.5 million gallons per day, the equivalent of 15,000 population.

Mr. Moore said the consulting firm's claim that it could control BOD (Biological Oxygen Demand) discharged into Black Creek within the limits set by the MOE do not take into account nitrate of chlorine content.

He added that the present favorable performance of the plant might deteriorate if called upon to treat any volume of industrial sewage. The engineer reminded the committee that a consortium of consulting engineers will be preparing a report on increasing the sewage capacities of plants in Georgetown, Acton and Milton.

The object of the report, apart from its value in the consideration of different official plans, the engineer said, may provide some information to convince the MOE that it should re-investigate the ability of the receiving streams to absorb plant effluent.

He concluded that another approach to the MOE by the developer, Goldian Holdings Ltd., in six months time, "may be overly optimistic." The firm wishes to build homes east of Churchill Road.

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A house already exists on the land which is serviced by municipal water and a septic tank. The three lots would be serviced by wells and septic tanks, Mr. Dodokin said.

The existing driveway would be turned into an internal private road to serve all three lots although each lot could be exited onto the Eighth Line. The municipality would not be expected to service the internal road, he said.

Dine at HARROP OF MILTON 878-8161 345 Steeles Avenue

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K. Linn Macdonald