

Community

Ballinafad news

'Silent Night' sung in four languages

By WINIFRED SMITH
Herald correspondent

The U.C.W. held its monthly meeting Dec. 11. Being the Christmas meeting, it was held in the basement of the church. The usual pot luck supper was held with husbands and friends invited. There were around 50 present.

The committee in charge had the tables laid and decorated with the traditional red and green, with lighted candles here and there, adding the

festive touch which means so much at this season of the year.

There was a great variety of delicious food, which all enjoyed. After the meal, Willa Shortill, who is president of the group, conducted a short business period. Alma Sinclair gave the devotional. A program followed with the local talent taking part. Mr. Stiles gave a humorous reading on Quebec. Something a little unusual was next on the program. The men's choir sang a verse of "Silent Night" then the verse was sung in four different languages, first in Danish by Carl Volmar, then in German by Paul Schwarz, followed by the Welsh version by Martin Lewis and lastly Mrs. Lewis sang it in French. Martin Lewis gave a reading about Christmas in Wales. Grace McEnery recited a humorous poem.

about the candy cane and the shepherd's crooks. It was interesting for the adults too. The message for the grown ups given by Mr. Stiles was very uplifting and made one think of the true meaning of Christmas. There will be a Christmas Eve service beginning at 9 p.m. There will be special music and lights.

We extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Slessoraitis in their bereavement this past week, when Mrs. Slessoraitis lost her sister. The death occurred in Hamilton after a prolonged illness.

We were glad to hear the little Roberts boy was able to return home after being in the Sick Children's Hospital for some time.

The many friends of Emily Plouffe will be pleased to hear she has been transferred from the Hamilton hospital and is now a patient in the Georgetown hospital.

The Christmas dance at the community centre was quite successful, with Gary Poots orchestra providing the music.

Police are investigating and looking out for the vandals who willfully tore down mail boxes along the Eighth Line and some around the corner on the Ballinafad town line on Saturday night.

We wish all the readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

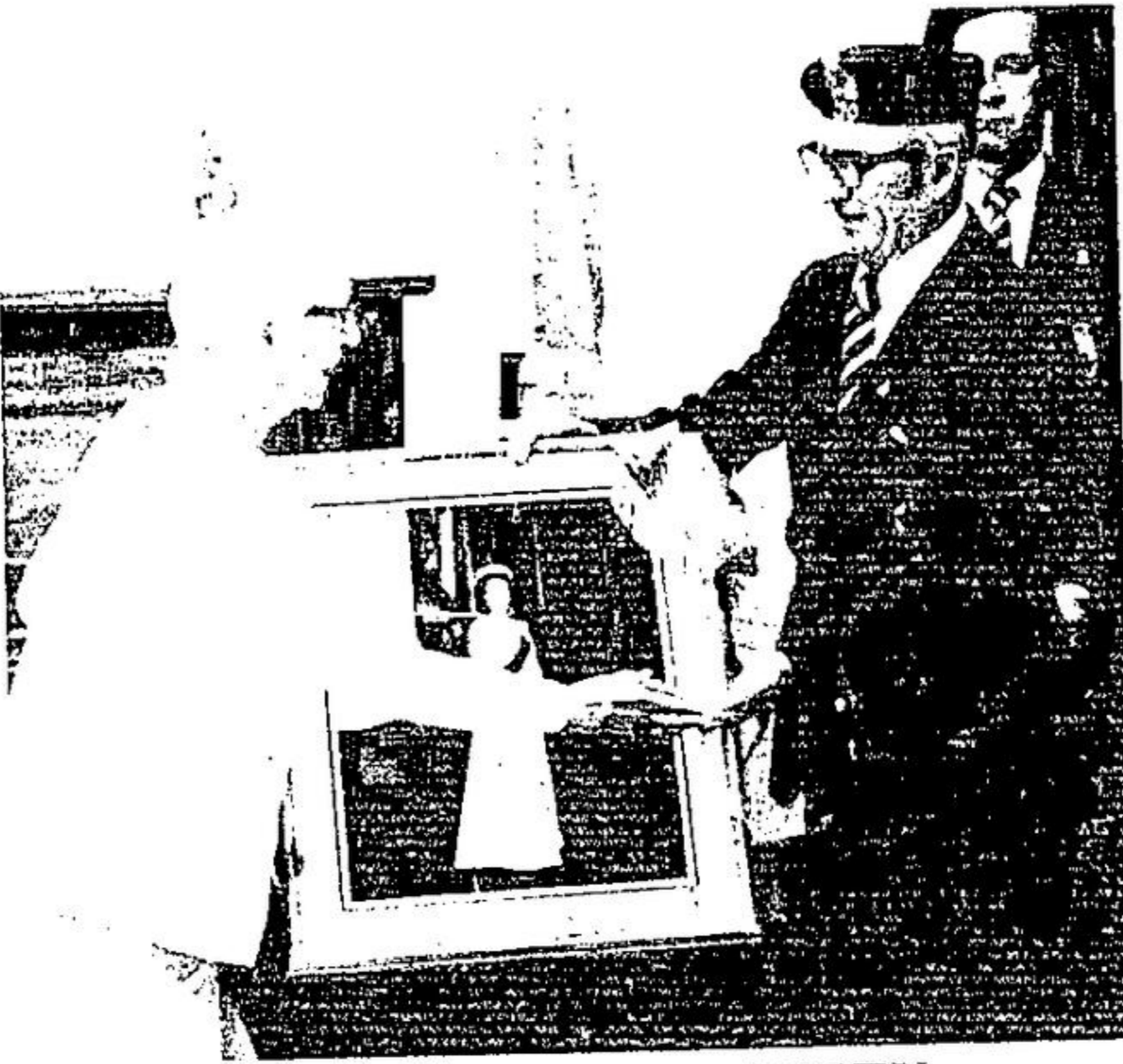
Sewer committee selected

Haltom region's administration and finance committee has recommended that the special sewer rate implementation committee be composed of Coun. Ed Wood of Haltom Hills, Coun. Joan Allingham of Burlington, Coun. Terry Manuel of Oakville, Coun. Gus Goutowski of Milton and regional chairman Jack Raffis.

According to a staff report, committee is being established to actually consider applications from citizens in Haltom regarding possible inequities arising from the implementation of a sewer rate system".

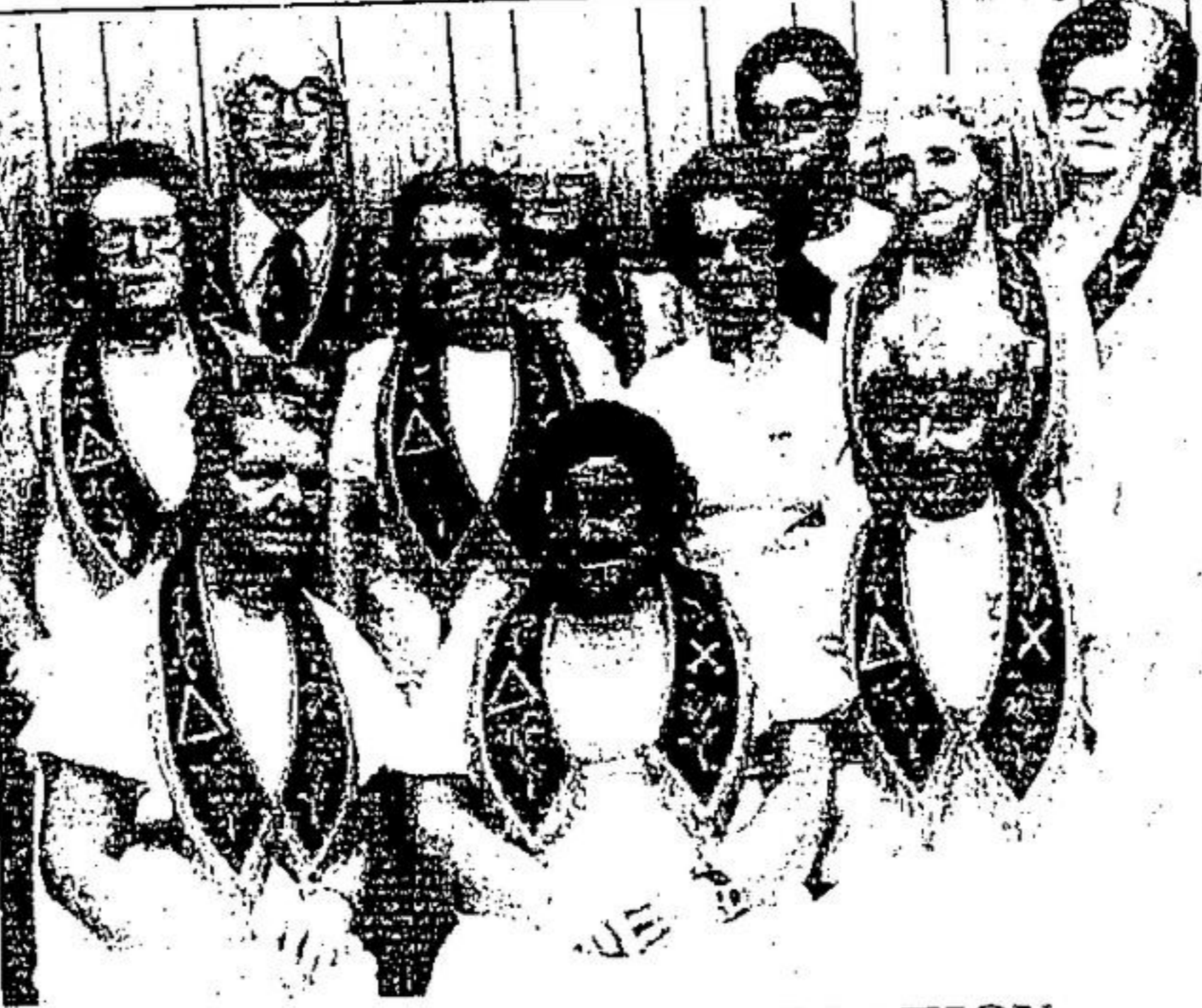
Four couples performed in a game which caused some merriment; this was followed by all joining in with the singing of Christmas carols. There was an exchange of Christmas cookies and the enjoyable evening of fellowship and fun came to a close.

The service of worship on Sunday was on the theme of Christmas all the way through as the joyous hymns announcing the birth of Jesus were sung. The children's story was



ANNOUNCING THE QUEEN

Mrs. Lillian Carey accepted a Canadian flag and a portrait of the Queen donated to the residents of the Sargent Court Senior Citizens' apartments by the Legion last week. Pat Chamberlain made the presentation on behalf of Branch 120 of the Canadian Legion. Haltom Hills Mayor Pete Pomeroy and several other Legion members attended the presentation. (Herald photo)



FIRST OPEN INSTALLATION

Haltom's Pride No. 303 of the Loyal True Blue lodge held the first Canadian open installation of officers Friday evening in the Oddfellows Hall, with assistance from dignitaries from the provincial lodge. Members of the lodge installed as officers were front row, from left: Cathy Chalmers, treasurer; Jessie Shortill, worshipful mistress; and Millie McIlven, director of ceremonies and first auditor. Centre row: Loretta Mills, conductor; Viola Jarvie, financial secretary; Betty Dixon, second auditor; and Ida Clarke, chaplain. Back row: Morley Mills, outside tiler; Edith Peck, immediate past worshipful mistress; Vivian Shaw, deputy mistress and Daisy Harris, recording secretary. The Georgetown lodge is the first one in Canada to hold such an event such revision of their regulations has made it permissible.

Clergy Comment 'Giving' as Jesus gave

By Pastor Angus J. Nicholson
Haltom Hills Pentecostal Assembly

How can you reap harvests of blessing

Like the miracle of the loaves and fishes in John 6, God multiplies back to you more than you place in his hands. In Luke 9, Jesus established a principle of life and abundant harvest for every believer.

"And He (Jesus) said unto them all, if any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will lose his life for My sake, the same will save it. Luke 9:23, 24.

When I think of the cross, I think of Jesus giving Himself for humanity, showing his love and compassion for all people. Because of the cross, He was planted in death, to rise again with resurrection life.

As you take up your cross daily to follow Jesus, you are giving of yourself as He did. He has promised that whatever you do, or give for His sake, will be multiplied back to you in the form of a harvest, in both this life and in eternity.

As a seed is planted, it rises up out of the ground to become a plant and to reproduce after its kind.

You never reap a harvest until you first plant the seed. So it is with God's harvest. God can only work with what we give Him to work with. His harvest back to us results from our seeds of faith.

It is more blessed to give than receive. When our "little" is placed in the hands of Jesus, He causes it to be "much" for His glory.

Through the miracle of the loaves, Jesus disciples distributed broken bread among the people.

Through the mission of the cross, His followers share the bread of life with "all the world". How diligently do we share Christ, the bread of life with the world? Do we really understand what He was illustrating when He performed the miracle of the loaves and the fishes? Do you see the importance of our giving to Him what we have, that He may multiply it to feed millions who wait for the bread of life.

1st - Jesus gave thanks
2nd - Jesus blessed it
3rd - After Jesus blessed the loaves and fishes, He commanded they first be given to the hungry people
4th - Jesus confirmed God's law of sowing and reaping by returning 12 full baskets.

The New Testament tells us how 5,000 men, plus women and children, faced a tremendous shortage. They had followed Jesus for several days, listening to His teaching and had run out of food (Matthew 14: 15-21 - John 6: 1-13). In the natural, there seemed to be no answer. The reaction of the disciples was: "Send them away - Matthew 14:15. You know, things haven't changed. Still today people reject each other. They get upset about shortages, discouraged, overwhelmed, even bitter. There are many who want to escape the problem just like the disciples did by sending them away.

Jesus looked at the hungry multitude and He saw a miracle for every person there. He said in essence, "Give Me what you have, and I will make it to be more than enough".

Jesus, He's the answer - "He that goeth forth weeping bearing precious seeds, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalm 126:6.

Christmas greetings from Legion friends

President Harold Badham, Branch 120, Royal Canadian Legion and his executive take this opportunity to wish all members and their family a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a MOST HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Auxiliary President Hazel Dumper, and her executive would like to wish all auxiliary members and their family the Joys of Christmas Season and Every Good Wish for a Happy



Legion Lines
By Roma Timpson

Imperial members and their family the Merriest of Christmases and the Happiest and Healthiest New Year.

MEET THE PRESIDENT



Jesse Shortill

Worshipful mistress Jessie Shortill of Haltom's Pride Number 303 of the Loyal True Blue Lodge has belonged to the lodge for 40 years.

Over the years, she has taken her turn at all the posts in the local lodge; this is her seventh turn in the head chair. She is also deputy mistress for the provincial grand lodge of Ontario.

The local lodge has about 35 members. Annual dues are \$6. Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Oddfellows Hall at 8 p.m. The lodge contributes to numerous local charities but its main concern is the children's home in Richmond Hill. The home looks after about 65 youngsters, aged three to 12, from broken homes, who cannot be adopted. Last year, the lodge gave five tricycles and 40 pairs of roller skates to the home for the children's use.

It also gives each child a small sum of money each Christmas, as well as donating gifts to the home for use by all the children. The home is sponsored jointly by the Loyal Orange Benevolent Association, the Loyal True Blue and the Orange lodges. The lodge holds a tag day in July with the proceeds going to the home.

Mrs. Shortill is a lifelong Georgetown resident. She and her husband Harry have lived on Maple Avenue for 28 years. They have three grown children and three grandchildren. Mrs. Shortill says she knits a lot, enjoys delving into the family tree and was deeply involved in the Georgetown figure skating club when it was first formed. She and her husband also spend a lot of time and energy on their cottage.

Dear Santa, 'Have a safe journey home': Luisa

Dear Santa:
Thank you for the toys from last year. Kenny would like Mork for Ork and Army sets. I would like an Adventure people set and twister. I and my brother will leave cookies and milk. Merry Christmas!
Love
Kenny and Chrissy

Dear Kenny and Chrissy:
You are both very welcome for the gifts from last year. I hope you will like the presents I bring for you this year. I will try hard to bring the ones you have asked for. I wish the Merriest of all Christmas's.
Love Santa

Dear Santa:
How are you? How is your wife? I have been extra good this year so I would like (1) The Max Machine (2) Mickey Mouse looped loop (3) Radio controlled R2D2. I will remember a carrot for Rudolph and some cookies and beer for you.
Love
Mark Coe age 5

Dear Mark:
I am doing well thank you and Mrs Claus is keeping very busy helping me get ready for Christmas. That was very nice of your sister to help you write your letter. I am glad you are being extra good this year. I will be looking forward to the cookies and beer and Rudolph is excited about his carrot. Merry Christmas to all Mark.
Love Santa

Dear Santa:
My name is Erin Leslie and my brother's name is Graham Leslie. We have both been good this year, most of the time. I would like an organ please so that I can make music and sing. My brother is just a little baby so he needs a new little toy. I hope Rudolph and the other reindeers are coming with you this year. We will leave a snack for you on the kitchen table. Could you please bring me a candy cane and some fudge for my stocking.
Erin Leslie

Dear Erin:
Do you like to sing? Gosh there are some good singers in the world today. Yes, all my reindeer will be with me again this year. I don't think I could get around without them, they are such a big help. I will try very hard to bring you and your baby brother the gifts you have asked for. HO HO! HO! Merry Christmas.
Love Santa

Dear Santa Claus:
I am seven year old. We were very good last year. My brother is two years old. We have moved. Our new address is 2 Elanor Cres. I would like a skeedoodle and fashion plates. My brother would like a truck for Christmas. I will leave you a cookie and a drink. I like you.
Jennifer Preston

Dear Jennifer:
Thank you for letting me know that you have moved. I'm glad that you and your brother have been good. I like good boys and girls. I will try very hard to bring you and your brother the gifts you've asked for.
Love Santa.

Dear Santa:
I like the toys you gave me last year, especially my drum set. This year I would like, please, a typewriter; Skeedoodle; candy; Das; Perfume aker; Doctor; Doctor; Booby Trap; Lay an Egg and Drive Yourself Crazy. I hope you have a safe journey this year and will Rudolph be with you?
Love
Kim

Dear Kim:
I am very pleased to hear you like the gifts you received last year. Rudolph will be with me this year and hopefully all the years to come. Be a good girl and we'll see what surprises Santa has for you this year.
Love Santa

Dear Santa:
Thank you for everything you gave me last year. I still play with them. May I have a Soccer ball, Hockey set, Track

Suit, Skats, Merry Christmas.
Love
Mike Hughes

Dear Mike:
I'm glad you still enjoy your last years gifts. I will try very hard to bring you the presents you have asked for this year. Have a Merry Christmas Mike
Love Santa

Dear Santa:
Thank you for the lovely toys you gave me last year. I want a real puppy and race and chase car set and missile and soccer Ball and Fetchit Freddy have a safe journey home
you friend
Brian Bell

Dear Brian:
You're very welcome for your last year's gifts. I will see what I have in my Santa Sack for you this year. Be a good boy and Merry Christmas.
Love Santa

Dear Santa:
Thank you for the toys you gave me last Christmas. I have been good this year! May I have a Max Machine for Christmas?
Your friend
Ryan Donahue

Dear Ryan:
I was pleased to hear you've been a good boy this year. I will try my hardest to bring you a Max Machine for Christmas. Ho! Ho! Ho! and Merry Christmas.
Love Santa

Dear Santa:
Thank you for toys you gave me last year they were fun to play with may I please have a Calculator and Digital Derby and Creepycrawlers because have been good this year. Oh a train set too!
your friend
James Coyle

Dear James:
I'm glad you enjoyed playing with your last year's presents. I will try very hard to bring the presents you've asked for this year. Have a good Christmas.
Love Santa

Dear Santa:
Thank you for the nice letter. I'm sure I'll have a good trip around the world this year. I will try very hard to bring you a Barbie and Barbie Van for Christmas this year. Take care and be a good girl.
Love Santa

Dear Santa:
I'm all excited about bringing gifts to all the good boys and girls around the world this year. I will be looking forward to the milk and cookies you leave for me. Mrs. Claus and I will be having a beautiful Christmas this year. I will try very hard to bring you a stuffed racoon and a Baby Brenda Doll. Merry Christmas to you and your family Stephanie.
Love Santa.

Dear Stephanie:
I'm all excited about bringing gifts to all the good boys and girls around the world this year. I will be looking forward to the milk and cookies you leave for me. Mrs. Claus and I will be having a beautiful Christmas this year. I will try very hard to bring you a stuffed racoon and a Baby Brenda Doll. Merry Christmas to you and your family Stephanie.
Love Santa.

Dear Santa:
Thank you for the toys for last year. I hope you have a nice trip. May I please have for Christmas a fashion Barbie and please can I have a Barbie van.
Love
Hope Simmons

Dear Hope:
Thank you for the nice letter. I'm sure I'll have a good trip around the world this year. I will try very hard to bring you a Barbie and Barbie Van for Christmas this year. Take care and be a good girl.
Love Santa

Dear Santa:
I'm all excited about Christmas. I've been good this year. I still have the gifts from last time. I will leave cookies and milk for you. Have a merry Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Claus. May I please have a stuffed racoon and may I have a baby Brenda doll.
Your Friend
Stephanie Patrick

Dear Stephanie:
Thank you so much for the lovely drawing you sent me, I have it hanging up on the wall in my study. I will try very hard to bring you the presents you have asked for. Be a good girl and have a nice happy Christmas.
Love Santa

Dear Santa:
I have been really good. So can I have merlin the red computer. A Crystal Gayle record. A pair of earings. A set of Lego wheel that is all for now I Love you.
Lana Walsma age 9

Dear Lana:
I am very glad to hear you are being a good girl. I thank you for the lovely drawing around your letter. I have been getting such nice drawings and letters from all the boys and girls this year. I will try hard to bring you the gifts you have asked for. Be good all year round.
Love Santa

Dear Patrick:
I will try very hard to bring a Nerf Soccer Ball and a Goalie Net to you for Christmas this year. I'm especially pleased to hear you are being extra good this year. I hope you will be even better next year. I'll see you at Christmas Patrick.
Love Santa

Dear Patrick:
I am very glad to hear you are being a good girl. I thank you for the lovely drawing around your letter. I have been getting such nice drawings and letters from all the boys and girls this year. I will try hard to bring you the gifts you have asked for. Be good all year round.
Love Santa

Dear Santa:
I have been good. I would like a mickey mouse record player. I would like also a raggedy ann, supergrover, tubby doll, baby doll, busy driver and a pretty dress to wear.
Love Rhonda

Dear Rhonda:
I was very pleased to hear you are being good. I will see what my little Elves are making for you this year. Thank you for the lovely drawing on the back of your letter. Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Deanna, Melanie, Christopher, Robert and Julian Reed.

Dear Rhonda:
I would like the Sand person, Luke Skywalker in his pilot suit, Walrus man, an R-2 D-2 punching bag, a furry Chewbacca, Operation game, a Grover pillow kit.
Love from Paul

Dear Paul:
Thank you for the lovely letter. I will try very hard to bring you all the gifts you have asked for. I hope you are being a good boy this year and getting along well at school. Have a nice Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Love Santa

Dear Santa:
I would like a stick pin and lip gloss for hristmas. How is Mrs. Claus?
Andrea Carscallen

Dear Andrea:
Mrs Claus is doing very well, she is pretty busy these days with last minute arrangements for my trip. I will see if my Elves will wrap up a stick pin and lip gloss for you this Christmas.
Love Santa

Dear Santa:
Thank you for the lovely toys you brought me last year. I'm trying to be extra good for everyone May I please have a clock and skates.
Love Cathy Neill

Dear Cathy:
You're very welcome for your last year's gifts. I watch over all my little girls and boys, so I hope you are getting along with Sylvia, Joel and little Lauren. I will try my hardest to bring you a clock and a pair of skates. Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas.
Love Santa