

CLERGY COMMENT

Gift of Christ: joy at Christmas

By REV. JEFF DAVISON

St. John's United Church (Georgetown and Glen Williams)
 Among all the gifts we receive this Christmas, let us receive Jesus as our Saviour and Lord. Among all the gifts we give, let us give Him ourselves and our services. Among all the celebrations let us celebrate His presence in our midst. Among all the people we remember, let us remember those less fortunate than ourselves, and so make this season a Happy Christmas for everyone.

A HAPPY Christmas. We could make out a list of things that make Christmas a HAPPY Christmas - cards, presents, parties, decorations, family meetings, school concerts - but at the centre of it all is Jesus: who He was, who He grew up to be, all that happened to Him. Christmas is especially happy for us when we receive Him and share our life and His with others. This is the dual nature of the Christmas gladness - gladness in receiving and gladness in giving. And our gladness shines, making the everlasting Light known in the dark ways of the world.

But wait - the carol in which we sing,
 "Yet in the dark street shineth
 The everlasting Light,"
 goes on to say,
 "The hope and fears of all the years
 Are met in Thee to-night."
 This becomes true for us today as we recognize our

fears and bring them to God. Bring those fears of falling in our work or personal relationships, of making fools of ourselves, of becoming ill or of losing our grip on life, for at the centre of our fears as well as of our gladness is Jesus. Jesus had moments when chaos threatened to overwhelm Him but He overcame His fears and as our living



Lord shares our fears, He gives us help to bear them. And in sharing our fears, He today and here - the hope that we matter and can make good, that life is worthwhile, that even suffering and self sacrifice make sense, that we can be at peace with God and our neighbor.

So we are directed to God in our gladness, in our fear, and in our hope that our lives may be renewed by God's Grace and Truth, given to us in Jesus.
 Almighty God, we are full of joy as we think of Christmas Day and offer our own lives as a blessing to others and a praise to your Name.

Pineview club plays six euchre tables

By KAY WILSON
 Herald special

Six tables of euchre were played at the Pineview Community Club Dec. 8 with Ethel Webb and Kay Wilson tied for first, John Hunter, Dunc McMillan first and second and Louie Alexander, had the lucky draw.

Unit one of the Norval United Church U.C.W. met for a delicious pot luck luncheon Thursday (Dec. 11) at the home of Marion Laird. Pres-

ident Dorothy McLean opened the meeting with a Christmas reading and Muriel Noy read the minutes. Agnes Miller gave the nominating committee's report. Letters were used from Evelyn Forgrave of Campbellford and Janet Johnston of Johannesburg, Africa.

Roll Call was answered with a Xmas thought or verse. The first Xmas T.B. seals were founded by a mail clerk in Copenhagen, Denmark. Along with the roll call was the exchange of Xmas gifts

from the Secret friend during the year. The meeting was closed with prayer by the president.

Unit two of Norval United Church U.C.W. enjoyed a pot luck dinner at the home of Glen Laidlaw last Wednesday evening at 7.

The devotion was taken by Elaine Crawford's group, with Elaine reading the scripture. Eleanor Hyatt had a Christmas poem and Mary Crawford the Christmas story. Nellie Shea had the closing prayer. Business included flowers to the shut ins and the Vietnamese family.

Rosie Laidlaw led in singing Xmas carols and Lenore Laidlaw played the part of Santa Claus for the gift exchange.

GDHS visits Waterloo U.

Students from Georgetown District High School spent Monday at the University of Waterloo learning about computers, attending lectures and workshops and solving computer problems with the aid of consultants. The one-day visit is one in a series the university has operated for 16 years. Schools throughout southern Ontario are involved.

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Forum '81 set for Jan. 20

The regular meeting of the North Halton District Council "Boy Scouts of Canada", was held last Wednesday evening in the Limehouse Memorial Hall.

Jean Belshaw welcomed the members and secretary Beth Donker read the minutes of the November meeting. Each of the group representatives were reminded to report back to their group committee of the up and coming events.

Forum '81 will be held at Sheridan College in Oakville Jan. 20 and is open to all leaders and group committee persons.

Trees for Canada will be held the last Saturday of April. District Cub Hike Jan. 17. District Beaver Winter Carnival Jan. 24 and Regional Kub Kar Rally in Milton on Mar. 14.

District Commissioner Steve Thompson reported all registered Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders can now wear the Canada Flag Emblem on their uniform - left side.

The District dance will be held April 11 in the hall of Holy Cross. Proceeds will go to the CJB fund.

John Horning, treasurer gave a full and detailed report, with 928 registered of these 151 leaders look after the program and planning of the weekly meetings of each of the sections. Mr. Horning commented on a new building, which is in the planning stages for the Optimist Club (Friend of Youth). This building would accommodate many activities most useful to all groups of the local area.

Bob Barber was recently presented with Halton's Historic Atlas as a farewell gift by Mrs. Belshaw on behalf of the District Council.

Local hospital joins board

Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital is now represented for the first time on the board of directors of the Ontario Hospital Association.

As a bonus, hospital board chairman Paul Armstrong has been elected chairman of the regional council of hospital associations in this area.

Administrator Fred Morris has been appointed a director of the Ontario Hospital Association, an organization of all the hospitals in Ontario. This is the first time Georgetown hospital has had a representative on the board.

It is also the first time a representative from Georgetown has been elected to the executive at the regional level.

Hospitals in this region include Peel Memorial Hospital in Brampton, Milton and District Memorial Hospital, and hospitals in Mississauga, Hamilton, Brantford and Simcoe.

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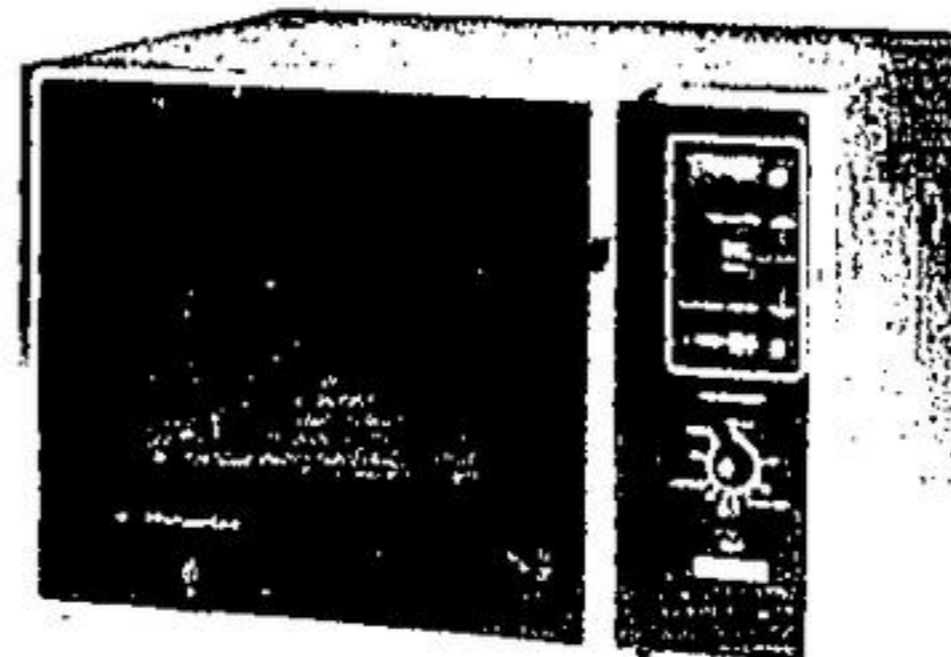
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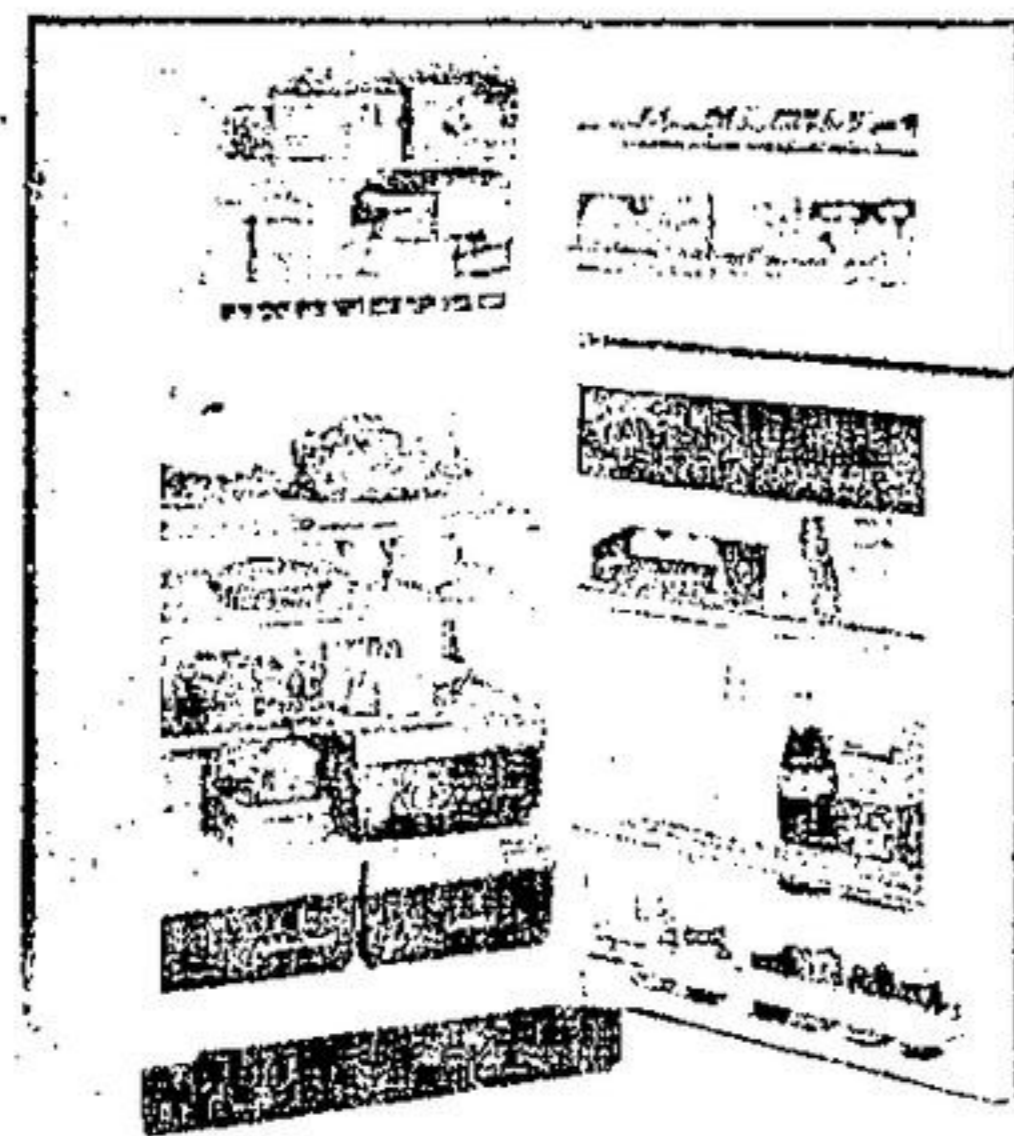
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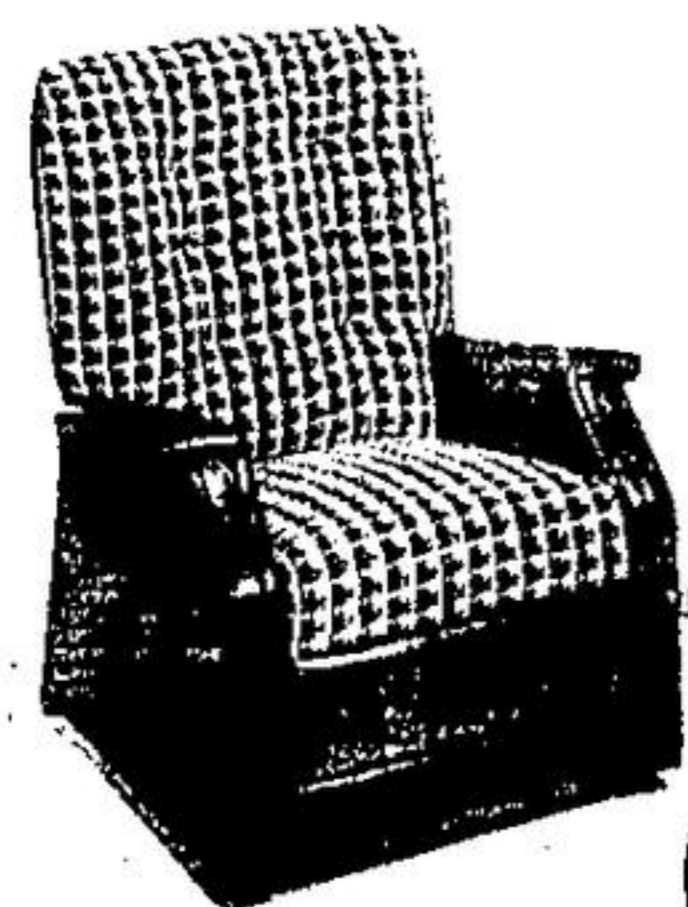
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