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3,000 WELCOME SANTA TO MILTON

Fairy Tale People, Clowns Join with Santa Saturday

Figuratively, the welcome mat was out all over Milton for Santa Claus last Saturday afternoon. Hundreds lined the streets to see the parade on its way from the North Pole to the Milton Arena. It was one of the gayest parades the Town has ever seen, with bands and clowns, story book people and animals, angels and rabbits, the Fairy Queen and Santa himself, all there to add to the colorful event. After the parade through the town, spectators and Santa Claus with his court of paraders gathered in the arena for music and fun, with candy for all the youngsters as a foretaste of Christmas.

Before the parade started, an amplifier in front of the town hall broadcast recorded music.

The parade itself followed a twisting route so more people could see it, coming down Main Street twice. The paraders were swinging along to the music of both the Lorne Scots Pipe Band from Brampton and the Milton Band. Clowns delighted the youngest and oldest alike while much admiration was caused by the five splendid floats.

Hickory Dickory Dock was reenacted on the first float with the familiar story of Humpty Dumpty pantomimed on the next.

Beautiful Snow White was seen surrounded by the charming gnomes whose faces spoke for them as Happy, Sneezy, Grumpy and all the others and lovable Dopey was there too, at course. The fourth float in the parade was entitled "The Night before Christmas" with the seasonal poem unfolded again in a manner that attested to the amount of time and work that had been dedicated to making the Santa Claus parade the success it was.

Angels, rabbits and girls in tails and top hats added to the list of Santa's costumed volunteer helpers. The fifth float? Santa himself! In his traditional red coat and hat with white fir trim, he "Ho Ho"ed through his woolly beard and waved to everyone. The Milton fire truck wound up the parade.

Crowds flocked with the parade to the arena where a program had been prepared. Ken Kinsella, the manager of the arena, guessed the crowd at 2200 but other estimates totalled over 3000. One certain figure is 1440—the number of bags of candy that were ready—and all given out.

Santa was pulled around the arena by the Fairy Queen and her helpers and then he was welcomed officially to town by G. F. Thompson, the superintendent of the Children's Aid Society, in the absence of Mayor Heslop. Mr. Claus replied in a few well chosen words saying how glad he was to be in Milton and see all the smiling faces.

To the music of Milton band, everyone sang three Christmas favorites, "Jingle Bells", "White Christmas" and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town."

After much difficulty, Ferdinand won the horse and cow race. Although his style was not altogether faultless, with good training he might make the Olympics.

Three clowns from the Victoria Skating Club, Guelph, caused rounds of laughter with their tricks on skates. The trio appeared again later in the show with an encore appearance with more foolishness.

A broom ball game was scheduled with clowns vs. comics. Referee: comic policeman. A comic race followed with Li'l Abner as the winner. The Milton Band accompanied an act when the bunnies, dwarfs and Yokums entertained the crowd.

Santa was then pulled around the arena again and he proceeded to the door while the clowns stayed on the ice. The children with their parents and friends followed past Santa Claus as they left the arena so he could speak to each one and say "Good-bye."

JOHN MILTON CHAPTER IODE HAS BRIDGE PARTY DEC. 11 AT HOME OF C. R. TURNER

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Turner were host and hostess to a very delightful bridge on December 11th 1950, for the members and their husbands of the John Milton Chapter I.O.D.E. The money raised on this occasion was in aid of the Queen Mary Carpet Fund.

Mrs. J. P. Book and Mr. Davis were the prize winners. At the conclusion the committee in charge served a splendid lunch.

Only nine of Hawaii's 20 islands are inhabited.

Knox W.M.S. Holds Last 1950 Meeting

The Christmas meeting of the Women's Missionary Society was held Tuesday, with the president, Mrs. R. Anderson, in the chair. Carols were sung and the roll call responded to with a Christmas verse. The paper given by the secretary dealt with the challenge given by Christmas—a challenge to be steadfast, and a challenge to be of good cheer. The "Good Thought" given by Mrs. Dick was entitled "Serenity."

The nominating committee presented the slate of officers for 1951.

Halton Presbytery Meets In Bronte

The members of Halton Presbytery met in Bronte United Church with the chairman, Rev. R. F. Mercer presiding and leading in the morning worship. The afternoon worship was conducted by Mr. J. L. McKindley of Burlington. Rev. H. S. Fiddes, the president of Hamilton Conference, brought greetings from the other Presbyteries and emphasized a need for greater brotherhood between ministers and laymen.

General council had endeavored to assist this brotherhood by legislation calling for two laymen to be elected on each Presbytery Pastoral Relations Committee. Also in calling a minister only one name was to be presented to a congregation at one time. He also stressed the need for a more consecrated stewardship both at home and in the mission work of our church overseas. The president further called for an increased emphasis on evangelism.

The Presbytery elected Mr. J. L. McKindley of Burlington and Mr. F. W. Harbottle of Lowville to the Pastoral Relations Committee. Rev. J. W. Stewart of Trafalgar was appointed Statistical Secretary.

The Christian Education Committee announced three Leadership Training Schools to be held at Palermo, Waterdown and Georgetown.

Rev. R. J. D. Morris of the Missionary and Maintenance Department spoke for the M. and M. Committee and gave a very fine and inspiring address covering the missionary work of the church. He challenged all people to a higher level of service and consecration.

The Evangelism and Social Service report urged opposition to the present attacks on the Lord's Day by the introduction of commercial sports on Sunday. They also recommended that in every Presbytery schools of evangelism, visitation evangelism and preaching missions be held.

The Pastoral Relations Committee accepted with deep regret Rev. A. D. Penman's request for relief from pastoral duties on the Lowville charge to take effect June 30, 1951.

All charges but two reported that they would meet the minimum salary requirements set by General Council for 1951 which is salary of \$2400 plus a reasonable travel allowance and furnished parsonage.



WARDEN W. M. VANSICKLE, who was honored by County Officials and County Council and former Wardens at the Warden's Banquet on Tuesday evening at Nassagaweya Township Hall.

Warden Van Sickle Host To About 200

For the first time in Halton history, the annual Warden's Dinner was held in Nassagaweya Township at the Brookville Hall where Warden W. VanSickle, Reeve of Nassagaweya, was host to nearly 200 guests. The dinner last Tuesday night proved a delightful event with the Nassagaweya Women's Institute serving a bounteous and appetizing banquet of turkey and all the other delicacies that go with such an event. The Warden was complimented on this innovation of having the dinner in his home constituency.

The program too was very pleasing, both in its quality and in the fact that so much was given in such a brief time. It was concluded by 10:30 and guests were returning to their homes.

Judge W. N. Robinson was the able master of ceremonies. There were stirring and appropriate numbers by the Lorne Scots Band and Lowville Male Quartette gave several well rendered numbers. Head table introductions were made by Judge Robinson. The toast to the ex-wardens was proposed by Mr. W. I. Dick who recalled that this was his forty-eighth Warden's Dinner and ex-Warden George Cleave replied.

The toast to county council was proposed by ex-Warden J. M. McDonald, formerly reeve of Acton, and responded to by ex-Warden George W. Thorpe, reeve of Nelson Township. The toast to the guests was proposed by Mr. W. J. L. Hampshire and Mr. Roberts of the head office of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Toronto, responded.

Guest speaker of the evening was Padre W. A. Young, College Chaplain at the O.A.C., Guelph, who was introduced by G. A. Dills, editor of the Acton and Milton papers. After complimenting Halton and the Warden on the importance of their position, he gave an address based on the theme (Continued on Page Five)

Gold Mine Topic Of Rotary Speaker

On Tuesday of last week Milton Rotary Club saw and heard all about Steep Roc Gold Mines. Mr. Watkins Samuel, who was one of the pioneers and instrumental in the development of this project, explained the engineering and labor required to divert the river and drain Steep Roc Lake. Thirty-five million dollars were spent on this project and much credit goes to Mr. Samuel and his confederates.

There was some discussion on why the club's name appears on the Christmas Seal campaign letterhead. The secretary was instructed to write inquiring about it.

Town is in the charge of Frank Bell, Community Service Chairman.

Jack Patterson Is President of Legion

Jack Patterson was elected president of the Milton Branch, Canadian Legion at the annual election of officers for 1951, held at Legion Hall Monday evening. A large turnout of members was appreciated by officers who said it was encouraging that so many were interested in work of the branch.

Other officers chosen were first vice president, Frank Shannon; second vice president, Cecil Brookshire; three executive members, R. H. Ptolmey, F. Johnson and R. Sprague, Sergeant-at-Arms, C. Kelman; chairman of the sick committee, Harry Smith; service officer, H. Allen; house and property, H. E. Earl; entertainment, R. McDowell; bingo, F. Barnes; cemetery, Tom Bradley; membership, Stan Wilson; sports, Dick Clements; transportation, Harold Magee.

The president, Stan Wilson announced the installation of officers would be held on January 8th.

On behalf of Comrade A. E. Armstrong, Scottie Ross thanked all the members who assisted with the Santa Claus parade last Saturday. He said this co-operation helped to make the success it was.

A donation of \$25 was made to the Saltfist fund to assist those who suffered in the recent Van Wagner's beach floods. A New Year's party is planned and arrangements are being made for the members and their wives to attend on the last Friday of the month.

Three new members were installed by the branch's installation team. They were William Burton, Reg Leocq and F. Traynor.

Under the chairmanship of H. E. Earl, the election of officers for the Ladies' Auxiliary was conducted. Those elected for 1951 were, president, Mrs. Jack Kitchen; first vice president, Mrs. E. Patterson; second vice president, Mrs. O. Simms; secretary, Mrs. K. Schultz; treasurer, Mrs. L. Daughton; standard-bearer, Mrs. C. Stover; executive committee, Mrs. George Ross, Mrs. Jack Stover, Mrs. F. Jeffery, Mrs. Bert Woods and Mrs. Bus Thompson.

Praise Warden VanSickle County Council Tuesday

High praise to retiring Warden William VanSickle for his services to the County of Halton during the past year and different appointments was featured at the concluding meeting of Halton County Council held at the County Buildings last Tuesday afternoon. In a resolution sponsored by Reeve William Marshall and Deputy Reeve Ken MacDonaid, council unanimously endorsed a motion expressing Council's thanks to Warden VanSickle for the courteous and impartial manner in which he presided over the county business during the past year.

In responding Warden VanSickle said he felt humbled and urged members to know the kindness expressed was deeply felt by him. Explaining he would not be a member of council next year, he said it was a great pleasure for him to sit on council with representatives of the different municipalities who were so co-operative in connection with the affairs of the county.

W. H. Biggar, retiring reeve of Trafalgar, took the chair and called for remarks by members. Those who spoke praised the work of Warden VanSickle but expressed disappointment of his not being with council during 1951. Mr. Biggar remarked he will long remember the associations in county council, adding praise to Mr. VanSickle's tenure of office. "We picked a very busy man to lead us during the year and he is one who has done his job well," he concluded.

Council approved a by-law authorizing the borrowing of money up to the amount of \$684,000 for the construction of the Home for the Aged. This borrowing will be from the bank at four per cent, until debentures are issued. It was explained that grants from the province would reduce the cost 50 per cent.

Reeve Ted Tyler announced to members that Acton had approved the new equalized assessment. The Warden thanked Acton for its good judgment in the matter, adding it would save the municipalities considerable expense in connection with the appeal.

Members also approved of a recommendation by the Agricultural and Reformation Committee that he motion to purchase certain land from W. Service be rescinded. Reeve K. Y. Dick reported to council the committee had met with the architects to iron out different phases of the construction of the Home for the Aged. He made to install a water line from the town of Milton to the new site. This would have to go under the highway, but permission was being sought.

Members unanimously endorsed a resolution sponsored by Lincoln County who were seeking that the Minister of Highways consider enactment of legislation that traffic from both directions be required to stop when a school bus stops to pick up or let out school children. Reeve Tyler pointed out this was in force in the United States, and was rigidly adhered to over there, for the safety of children.

Other communications from the counties of Stormont, Dundas and (Continued on Page Five)

Mrs. Dredge Made WMS Life Member

The W. M. S. of Boston Church met at the home of Mrs. John Elliott, Milton. Mrs. Michie opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Jefferson read the scripture reading and Mrs. P. Peddie gave the Glad Tidings prayer. Mrs. Murray then read the treasurer's report. After the offering, Mrs. G. McGibbon offered the dedication prayer.

It was arranged that the next meeting would be held at the home of Mrs. Gordon Jefferson. January roll call will be "Forward" while the roll call at this meeting was answered by the word "Birth". The nomination committee announced that the following members consented to hold their offices for another year: honorary president, Mrs. J. Wilson; president, Mrs. H. Michie; vice-president, Mrs. E. McGibbon; secretary, Miss Hampshire; treasurer, Mrs. Murray; bale convener, Mrs. Ed Snow; literature secretary, Mrs. E. McGibbon; Glad Tidings secretary, Mrs. R. Currie.

In place of current events, Mrs. Murray read some interesting, informative Christmas stories and hints. Mrs. Murray and Mrs. May presented the W.M.S. Life Membership pin to Mrs. Robert Dredge.

Mrs. E. McGibbon sang "A Christmas Carol". Mrs. Ed Snow read "A Strange Story." The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The Ladies' Aid meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. G. McGibbon. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. D. McGibbon. Mrs. May gave the treasurer's report. The nominating committee announced that the following members would hold office for 1951: president, Mrs. G. McGibbon; vice-president, Mrs. R. Dredge; secretary, Mrs. D. McGibbon; treasurer, Mrs. May; flower convener, Mrs. G. McGibbon; pianist, Mrs. J. Neilson.

The sick and shut-in members of the congregation are to be remembered at Christmas. Oranges and candies are to be provided for the Christmas concert. The Ladies' Aid voted \$200 toward the payment of the new oil furnace which is to be installed in the church. It was decided that Mrs. E. McGibbon, Mrs. Dredge, Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Elliott would form a committee to arrange for one or two concerts to be held after Christmas to raise money to further the furnace fund. Cards of thanks were received from Miss Shirley Elliott and Mrs. Wilson. The roll call was a Christmas verse. Mrs. A. McGibbon was in charge of the program for the meeting. Mrs. D. Irving read "The Christmas Tree" by Peter McArthur. Mrs. J. Elliott played a pleasing piano solo. Mrs. Murray read a poem by Edgar A. Guest, "A Friend's Christmas Greeting."

The meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction. The lunch committee, Mrs. R. Currie and Mrs. May, assisted by Mrs. Elliott, served a dainty lunch.

EUCHRE AND DANCE HELD IN TRAFALGAR MEMORIAL HALL BY N. T. COMMUNITY CLUB

Arranged by the Odds and Ends group of the N. T. Community Club under the leadership of Mrs. F. Near, substituting for Mrs. George Bentley who is ill, a euchre and dance was held last week in Trafalgar Memorial Hall. After the lunch in intermission, Miller's Orchestra supplied the music for dancing. The president, Mrs. J. Williamson presented the euchre prizes to the winners, Mrs. Harvey Dunn and Mrs. Arnold Fish were tied and after three draws, Mrs. Dunn was awarded first and Mrs. Fish second. For the men, Lorne Fish and Lloyd Pickering also tied, Mr. Fish winning the draw. Miss Barbara Royle and Clarence Ford Jr. won the prize in the lucky spot dance.



SANTA CLAUS ARRIVED in Milton with all the pomp and ceremony due the grand old fellow who is a symbol of Christmas gaiety. Many from Milton were delegated as Santa's helpers in the parade and at the fun following in the Arena. In toppers and tails, the three girls (left) are Laurie Stevenson, Marilyn Bradley and Ruth Lawson. Right ready to hop are five of the contingent of bunnies, both big and small, that marched with Santa Saturday. These rabbits are, middle row, Helen Touchie, Hamilton; front row, Peggy McPhail, Jean Anne McMillan, Hamilton, Louise Nye, Hamilton and Carol Cuthbertson. Pictured (centre) with Santa Claus himself are Laurie Pearson and Larry Pelletterio. They know the answer to St. Nick's \$64 question, "What do you want for Christmas?" Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs might have stepped straight out of Walt Disney's moving picture, they looked so real. Impersonating the fairy tale characters, though, are, standing left to right, Dawn Corp, Ruth Howden, Alice Wallace as Snow White and Floreen Morrison. Kneeling left to right, Doreen Thompson, Jean Sales, N. Tonelli and M. Graham.