

EDITORIAL

Praise Is Due

A word of praise is definitely due the Milton Fire Brigade and the Milton Branch of the Canadian Legion for the splendid organization of the Annual Santa Claus Parade and Children's Party of Saturday last. Developed from a small beginning, each year the event is growing in presentation and in the interest drawn from a widening circle around Milton.

The Pre-Christmas event staged on Saturday was not the work of a few weeks but a task that has had preparation all through the year. Funds were raised during the year that required considerable work. The parade and party showed the work that had been done.

So we join with other citizens in our acknowledgement of a public service to Milton and District headed by these two organizations and we add our word of thanks for such a successful event and the hope that it will be continued for years to come.

Pay And Share

There seems to be general approval to the proposal to have old age pensions at the age of seventy without a means test and on a contributory basis. Such a plan seems the only fair one to all. It is time that we quit fooling ourselves that social security plans can be made available at no cost to the individual. We sincerely hope that the method of raising funds will be clearly indicated so that everyone will know what their contribution is providing.

We already have too many hidden taxes that are contributing to higher living costs. Too often the producer is blamed for the greater costs when in reality the tax levies are more at fault. Living costs will not come down appreciably as long as taxes are maintained at the present level in every field. It doesn't matter whether it be Municipal, Provincial or Dominion, the things provided by governments come out of taxes collected from the people. There is no other source.

If we are going to need old age pensions, the time to provide for them is during our earning power days and the distribution should be equal regardless of the thrift or unthriftiness of the people and the collection of the funds in the same way. Perhaps it could be patterned after the stamp plan of unemployment insurance collection.

High Interest Rates?

Financial methods we used to fight a hot war of complete mobilization are not appropriate for meeting the situation we now face. B. C. Gardner, president of the Bank of Montreal stated at the annual meeting of that institution this week.

Pointing out that our dollar had already lost over 40% of its prewar purchasing value, Mr. Gardner warned that only the wholehearted co-operation of Canadians in all walks of life and more realistic government leadership can check this grave and mounting inflationary pressure.

This is not the time, Mr. Gardner said, for price and wage controls and all sorts of other complementary regimentation which Canadians put up with in wartime.

This is the time for the most rigid government economy, for a determination "to cut off remorselessly" all frills and an uncompromising front against "demands from any quarter" for unnecessary expenditures.

This is the time too, believes Mr. Gardner, for reconsideration of our cheap money policy. He stated:

"Whatever validity such reasoning (for low interest rates) may have had in the past, it would seem to have no application to the present situation. In the face of an intensified inflationary threat of indefinite duration, cheap money, accompanied by further sizeable increases in the supply of money, would be a very expensive luxury from the standpoint of the well-being of the economy. The fact of the matter is that this country has been facing, and as far as we can see will continue to face, enormous demands on its capital resources to meet the needs of vigorously expanding development. Well before the Korean crisis it was apparent that the low rates of interest to which we had been accustomed in the past decade were more than a little unrealistic and were giving an inflationary bias to the economic trend. Recent action by the central bank in raising 'rediscount rate' comes therefore as a clear and welcome official recognition of the role which flexible interest rates can play in an anti-inflationary program."—Financial Post.

Just ten more days until Christmas and only seven of them are days that you can shop in Milton.

Let Them Go

It's rather amusing to note that several of the unions have banded together in an effort to have the government continue rent controls which terminate next April.

The Canadian Government has given notice that it intends to abandon the remnants of wartime price control as completely as possible, and that rental control, in its present form, is now such a mess of confusion that, if it were to be continued, it would have to be entirely revised.

In addition, Prime Minister St. Laurent has plainly stated, there is the fact that rental control is unquestionably ultra vires of the Dominion Government, except in time of actual war.

Surely it has become plain that controls cannot be singled out for one commodity. If we are to have controls they must be applicable in all fields and when we have that we have a dictatorship. The sooner we get away from government dependence for direction in our business dealings the sooner we will return to lower taxation and better value. Government intervention hasn't been an outstanding success in the settlement of labor disputes. Why then should there be intervention in rental arrangements between two parties.

Necessities and Luxuries

A human trait common to all classes of society except, possibly the extremely wealthy, is a repugnance to spending of money for necessities. Staple groceries, meat and fresh vegetables must be bought every day or two, and complaints are immediate when the prices of these commodities rise. Housewives do not howl so much about price increases in olives, fancy relishes or pickles. They simply do without those desirable additions to the menu when they feel they cannot afford to buy.

Rents and housing costs are perennially in the news, again because they are costs that cannot be avoided. Few complain about the price of some article or articles they can do without. Any complaint, if honestly stated, would be that the rising prices of essentials interfere with the purchase of non-essentials.

Politicians are not backward in pandering to this obvious weakness of their constituents. Since the politician is not spending his own money, he can glibly advocate subsidized food, subsidized housing, subsidized health insurance and subsidized children. The politician is rare who will advise his hearers to work and save and improve their own standard of living. Rather he encourages them to believe in a good time to come, when the state will pay for all essentials from groceries to doctors' bills, leaving everyone with his whole income to spend on luxuries.

The item that is never mentioned is the amount that any citizen will have left to spend on luxuries after this ideal and logical development of the welfare state is attained. Luxuries are not a satisfactory basis of taxation when no one is left to buy them.—Smith Falls Record-News

Editorial Notes

Those bright Christmas messages of greetings are becoming more numerous in the mails. Get them on their way in plenty of time to bring their message before Christmas.

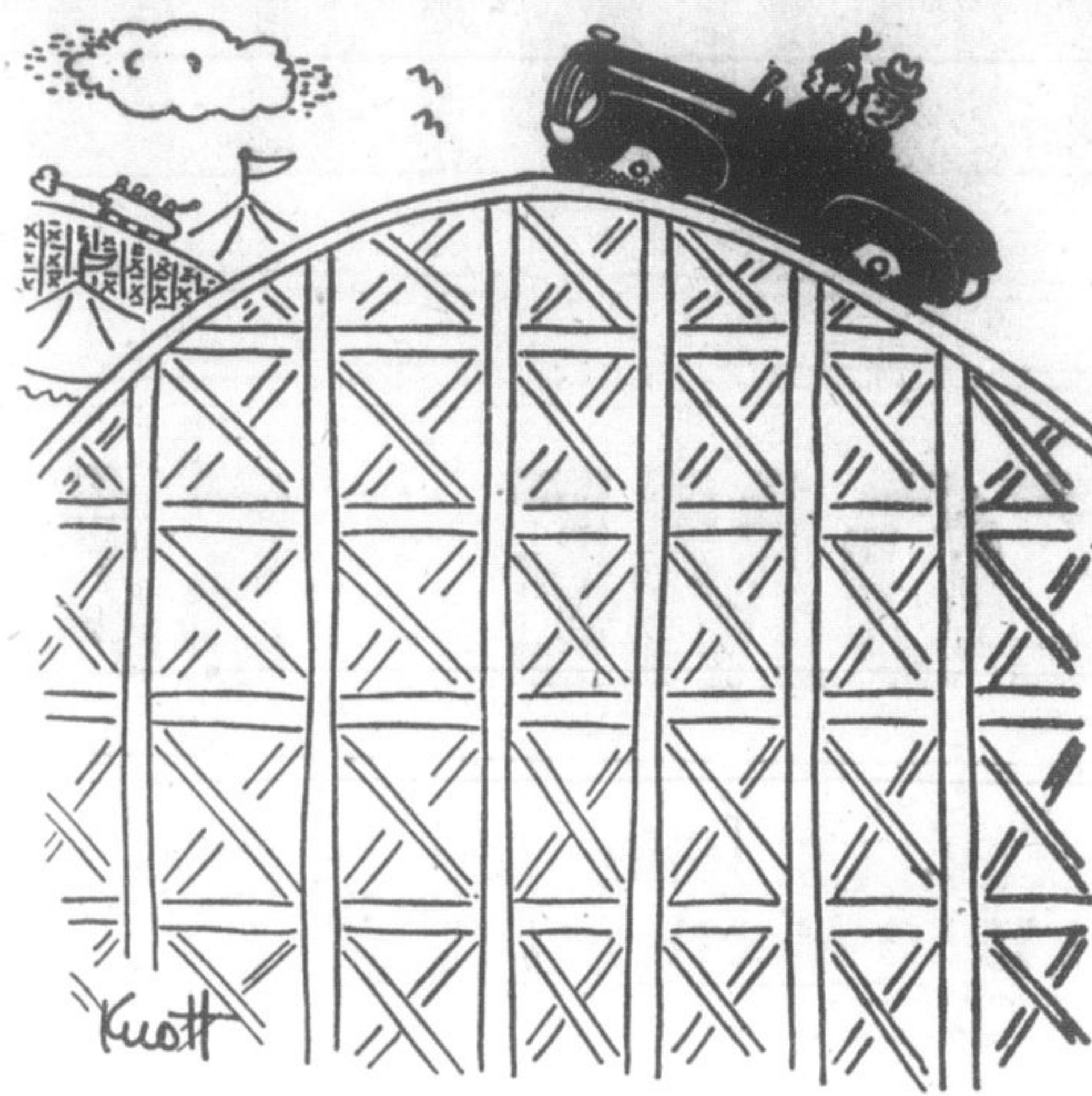
Truck lines have been forced to increase their rates to keep abreast with added costs. Minimum charges are now \$1.00 on shipments. The circle just keeps on widening.

Ratepayers of Smith Falls also chose for the first time a woman as a member of Council this year. However this was not the first attempt of the Smith Falls woman for a Council position and she didn't head the polls.

Municipal elections are over for another year and now all is arranged for conduct of municipal affairs for 1951. We hope town business will not require so much of officials' time as was taken last year in long sessions.

Canadian department stores sales in October reached \$83.8 millions, 1% above October 1949, reports the Financial Post. B.C.'s 5% gain was the largest. Cumulative sales first 10 months, \$655.9 millions were 1% above 1949.

Seems that the last increase in the cost of newsprint is settled at \$6 per ton. Fortunately we bought a good supply before the increase and for the present there will be no raise in advertising or subscription rates.



"PLEASE, BUCKLEY, CHECK THAT ROAD MAP AGAIN."



THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Fifty Years Ago

Taken from the Issue of the Canadian Champion of Dec. 13th, 1900

Mr. James Daily of Lowville secured a position at Omagh. He has been with Mr. Ramshaw for some time and has made many friends. We wish him every success in his new position and hope he will be able to make the sparks fly from the anvil with the same energy he has shown here.

S.S. No. 5 Nasagaweya has been awarded a diploma for the neatest and best kept school in the county.

The Swanville, Minnesota News compliments Dr. S. H. Corrigan of that town, very highly in the successful performance of two very difficult surgical operations. Dr. Corrigan's Milton friends will be glad to hear of the high standing he has attained in his profession.

At the exhibition of the Hamilton Poultry Assoc. last week, A. McDougall and Dewar Bros. of Milton figured in the prize list. Mr. McDougall got 1st prize for bronze turkey male, 2nd for female, 2nd for young male and first for young female. In the dressed poultry competition he got 1st for male turkey and 3rd for goose. Dewar Bros. got 1st for white Wyandotte cock, 3rd for hen and 2nd for cockerel.

Unique In Lack Of National Library

Canada is unique in that it has no national library. Every other nation in the world has a central library from which small libraries can obtain special books. J. D. Snell of Guelph Public Library told members of the Community Social Workers Group in Guelph not long ago.

Although recommended by Sir John A. Macdonald, a national library has never been established. Guelph's new chief librarian declared.

No one library can hope to store all the books needed to meet the needs of its own community chiefly because material is expensive. The establishment of a central library would help alleviate this situation, Mr. Snell said.

Once considered the haunt of only the scholarly folk the library now tries to serve all parts of the community by obtaining material and by organizing the books so that individual needs may be met easily, quickly and efficiently.

Twenty Years Ago

Taken from the Issue of the Canadian Champion of Dec. 11th, 1930

Col. F. H. Deacon's grand champion steer Tam O'Glenburn has been purchased by the Robt. Simpson Co. Toronto for \$1 per pound. The animal weighed 1400 lbs. J. E. Timbers of Milton, breeder of Old English games, won 3 seconds, 3 thirds and 1 fourth at the Royal Winter Fair, Toronto and 11 firsts, 8 seconds and a silver cup at Hamilton show.

At a meeting of the newly elected board of Directors of the Toronto Milk Producers Assoc. held at Toronto recently, W. E. Breckon, of Appleby, was elected president for the ensuing year.

The Oakville Boy Scouts are busily engaged in renovating and repairing hundreds of toys, destined for the Gordon Home, Milton, the Indian School Walpole Island, and for 26 families of new settlers in the northwest.

At a meeting held in the Council Chamber Friday evening the Milton Citizens Relief Assoc. was organized with the following officers, pres. Rev. Canon Naftel, vice-pres. Mayor Syer, Treas. S. Wilson, Sec. Miss Blain. It was decided to administer relief through a central committee composed of a representative from each contributing organization and church in town. There will be no community Christmas tree this year, but an effort will be made at once to raise funds for necessary relief.

BRITISH FASHION NOTE

Velvet will be the leading fabric in the London millinery world this season, and even the famous peach bloom velour is taking second place. This may be because there is more and more inclination in the workrooms to "build up", as it were a model. Certainly the new velvet models demand the greatest skill since the foundation on which each is built must first be made before the material is draped over it. Velvet is popular, too, because of its softening effect and because it lends itself more effectively to a feather trimming even than does a velour. But the large hat has failed to secure a following, women seem to prefer a smart hat which frames the face and can provide a good background for a beautiful feather trimming. Colours most popular are rich deep jewel tones which can, in fact, be matched by two or three pieces of really fine jewelry.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1950
10.00 a.m.—Senior School.

11.00 a.m.—Worship Service. Nursery class and Junior School.

7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship and Band Concert following. The Centenary Musical Society Concert Band of Hamilton, some fifty musicians of which ten are Milton people, will present band selections, Christmas carols, instrumental solos and duets. Everyone welcome.

Monday, December 18—Our Sunday School Christmas Concert will be held in the S. S. room at 8 p.m. The pageant "Why the chimes rang" will be presented. Please bring white gifts.

Tuesday, December 19—The Mr. and Mrs. Club will meet at the Parsonage at 8.15 p.m.

Thursday, December 21—The Prayer Circle will meet at 3.15 p.m. at the home of Miss Nellie Cunningham; Young People's meeting at 8 p.m.

Friday, December 22—The Trail Rangers will meet at 7.30 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S, NASSAGAWEYA and ST. GEORGE'S, LOWVILLE (Anglican)

Rev. R. E. Porritt, Deacon in Charge

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1950
3rd Sunday in Advent

11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon at St. George's.

2.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon at St. John's.

3.30 p.m.—Sunday School in Campbellville School House.

Everybody Welcome

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

REV. H. WOODS, Pastor

Order of Services (Held in I.O.O.F. Hall)

Thursday, 8.30 p.m.—Prayer meeting.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1950
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.

11.00 a.m.—Worship Service.

7.00 p.m.—Evangelistic service.

Tuesday, 8.30 p.m.—Young People's service.

Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Women's Auxiliary.

Everybody Welcome

MILTON GOSPEL CHAPEL
In the Farmer's Building.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1950
10.30 a.m.—Sunday School.

6.45 p.m.—Communion of the Lord's Supper.

8.00 p.m.—Evening Service.

Monday, December 18 at 8—Christmas Concert.

Tuesday, December 19 at 8.30—Prayer and Bible study.

All Are Welcome

BOWES BAPTIST CHURCH
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1950

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service. Speaker, Douglas Tucker, missionary-elect to South America.

GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH
Rector

Rev. J. Homer Ferris, B.A., L.Th.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1950
Third Sunday in Advent

8.00 a.m.—Holy Communion.

10.00 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class.

11.00 a.m.—Choral Matins and Sermon.

7.00 p.m.—Seven Lesson Carol Service designed after the traditional Christmas Eve Carol Service of King's College, Cambridge.

Holy baptism by appointment with the rector.

Monday, December 18, 6 p.m.—Annual Christmas Supper for Sunday School children.

Wednesday, December 20—4.15 p.m., Junior Choir rehearsal; 8 p.m., Senior Choir rehearsal.

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. E. Orsborn

Mrs. Wright, A.T.C.M., Organist and choir leader

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1950
11.00 a.m.—Morning Service.

7.00 p.m.—Evening Service.

Friday, December 15—6 p.m., Supper in Sunday School Room for pupils and staff; 7.30 p.m., Christmas program.

And Ye Shall Know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free". Jno. 8:32

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