

### Christmas Greetings

REV. and MRS. J. N. McFAUL extend greetings to the members and adherents of Boston and Omagh congregations; also to friends in Milton and community, and trust that the coming year may bring health and happiness to all.



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A Very Merry Christmas

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## Christmas Cheer



At this time we extend warm wishes to all our friends and neighbors. May your Holiday be a merry one, your joy complete.

MILTON BRANCH

No. 136



### KILBRIDE

#### Christmas Concert in Community Hall

A large crowd attended the Christmas concert held in the Community Hall on Wednesday evening, under the direction of Mrs. Musick, the public school teacher. Rev. H. Currie was chairman for the evening. Santa Claus arrived at the close and distributed gifts from the tree to the children.

#### Two Christened

At the Christmas church service on Sunday afternoon, two babies were christened by Rev. Currie. They were David Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Harbottle, and William Wayne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Small. The choir rendered a selection and several carols were sung.

#### Name Officers for '55

The Young Adult Group held their Christmas meeting at the home of Wilbert and Janet Ford on Tuesday evening. June Hiscock was in charge. William Pickett gave a splendid Christmas devotional. The program consisted of impromptu numbers by four of the members. Edna Gorter led the group in Christmas carol singing. Christmas gifts were exchanged and contests were enjoyed. Lunch was served at the close and a social time was had.

The 1955 slate of officers is: presidents, Henry and Edna Gorter; vice-presidents, Wilbert and Janet Ford; secretary, Frances Coulson; assistant, Gertrude McArthur; treasurer, Dot Coverdale; card committee, Jessie Pickett and Eva Watson; pianist, Gertrude McArthur.

Mr. and Mrs. William Clark of Hamilton were Sunday visitors with Mrs. Marion Cartwright. Mr. and Mrs. Morley Bagle of Strabane visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Harbottle.

The correspondent wishes all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



For the first time, this reviewer has for consideration a book that's "hot off the press." Just released last week is a new publication on a subject that will prove intensely interesting to district residents, and particularly those in Nassagaweya and Eramosa townships.

Hazel Mack's "History of Eden Mills" contains almost 60 pages full of information about the early days and the present days in that village. There is also a chapter on the vicinity, including the first and second lines in Eramosa, and the second and third lines of Nassagaweya.

Other chapter headings include the content—Churches, Town Hall, The Mill, Transportation, Cemetery, and The Earlier Folk, to name a few.

Mrs. Mack has gathered volume after volume of yellowed old records which she has deciphered carefully. She has tattered old letters, frail old books and antiques garnered during her months of research.

The publication of this very valuable book is sponsored by Eden Crest Women's Institute and Eden Mills Women's Institute, and the volumes will be sold for \$2 each.

Each home in the district will want to have a copy!

Mrs. Mack didn't stay in the past in her story of the village. Concluding the book is the result of a census she took personally, and including the names of the present residents of "Eden" in October. She made many valuable contacts calling from door-to-door.

Although only a resident of the area a few years, Mrs. Mack has become very interested in all things historical around here. She and her husband live in a cosy home surrounded by acres of trees on the Eramosa river near the village of Eden Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack add to their current interest in history an absorbing interest in birds. They have rare tropical birds that perhaps could be found nowhere else in Canada. And they have ordinary Canadian winter birds eating from a wild-bird feeding station in front of their living room window. They have beautiful peacocks including white ones, and a tame pheasant. In the house is a starling Mrs. Mack has taught how to speak and whistle.

It is in this beautiful natural setting that Mrs. Mack has spent hours reading, compiling and then writing this history.

She has also written for Canadian and American periodicals on such varied subjects as birds, auto mechanics, and antique furniture.

The need for more histories of the early settlement of our country has often been stressed. Here is a small volume that will do its part in filling the tremendous gaps in Canada's background. The edition is limited, and copies should be purchased promptly, either from Mrs. Mack herself or from members of Eden Mills or Eden Crest Institutes.

How about The History of Eden Mills as a Christmas gift, to be added to a small but select library of specially chosen books?

#### WINTER SLUMP

St. John's, Nfld. (CP)—The national employment office predicted 22,000 Newfoundlanders would be drawing unemployment insurance by February. The present figure is 4,500 but because of the end of the seasonal employment, officials expect a peak figure in February, with conditions improving after March.

### OMAGH

#### NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR OMAGH W.A., W.M.S., READ AT MEETING

The Christmas meeting of the Omagh Presbyterian W.A. and W.M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. W. E. Robertson in Milton on Thursday afternoon. The W.A. president, Mrs. Cecil Patterson, welcomed the ladies and presided. The theme for the meeting was Blessed are ye when men shall revile and persecute you and say all manner of evil against you. The devotionals were given by Mrs. Henry Peacock and prayers by Mrs. S. Pell and Mrs. Rutherford.

Several letters of thanks were read for flowers and fruit. A donation was voted to the Scott Mission Toronto. Mrs. Jeffcott, treasurer, reported a fine balance in the financial department, and also reported on the congregational tea whose proceeds had been forwarded to Hurricane Relief Fund. Mrs. P. Peacock reported sending fruit and flowers to sick members. Mrs. W. McFadden, an behalf of the nominating committee, reported the slate of officers for next year.

#### New Officers

W.A.—president, Mrs. Clarence Peacock; vice-president, Mrs. Ernest Pell; secretary, Mrs. Stafford Curriess; treasurer, Mrs. Florence Jeffcott.

W.M.S.—president, Mrs. Cameron Marshall; vice-president, Mrs. Stuart McFadden; treasurer, Mrs. Will Hamilton; Organist, Mrs. C. Peacock, Mrs. C. Marshall. Flower Committee, Mrs. R. Marshall, Mrs. F. Peacock, Mrs. D. Douglas; Mission Band leader and cradle roll secretaries to be filled later.

Mrs. McFadden thanked retiring officers, Mrs. C. Patterson and Mrs. Sam Finnie officers of the W.A., for their efforts in leadership and co-operation.

Mrs. Cameron Marshall, W.M.S. president took the chair for their business. Mrs. W. Hamilton gave the treasurer's report that the society had met its allocation for the year. The life membership gold pin awarded each year to one member was then presented. Mrs. Hamilton read an address and Mrs. Jane Raynor pinned the gift on Miss Margaret Douglas for which she made a reply of thanks and appreciation.

The roll call was well answered by the 24 ladies present to the word Worship. Mrs. W. McFadden gave a fine synopsis of two chapters of the Study Book Where Ever the Sun and also closed the meeting with prayer. The travelling basket was brought by Mrs. Jeffcott. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess and committee, Mrs. Cecil Jarvis, Mrs. Henry Peacock, and Mrs. Charles Jarvis, and all enjoyed the lovely Christmas candy served by Mrs. Robertson.

Pupils and teachers are making extensive preparations for the annual Christmas concerts.

#### Student Teachers

Student teachers from Toronto Normal school were observing with Miss Sherriff and pupils at S.S. No. 7 last week.

Communion Service was observed in Omagh Presbyterian church last Sabbath with a good attendance.

#### Several Bereaved

Our sympathy is extended to the many friends in our district who have been bereaved these past few

weeks, to Mrs. Carlyle Featherstone on the passing of her mother, Mrs. Frank Dunn of Milton; and to the Featherstone families on the tragic death of Mr. Tom Featherstone of Milton in a train and car accident last week.

Sympathy also goes out to the family and relatives of the late Mr. C. Spence of Bracebridge, Ontario who was laid to rest in Hornby Stephens' cemetery on Friday last.

Mr. Will Johnston passed away in Hamilton General hospital on Monday sympathy is extended to his sister, Miss Sybil, and the brothers.

Congregational Meeting A congregational meeting was held in the Sunday School room recently of Omagh Presbyterian church with Mr. McFaul presiding. The program consisted of solos by Miss Dorothy Marshall and slides given by Mrs. McFaul on their trip to their homeland Ireland. These were much enjoyed.

A vote of thanks was tendered by Mrs. McFadden. The proceeds were sent to Hurricane Relief. A sumptuous lunch brought a pleasant evening to a close.

#### At Banquet for King

Many from this district attended the banquet in honour of Mr. W. E. Breckon the Wheat King of the World. This dinner was held in Fairview School, Lowville with a large attendance. Mr. Breckon was presented with a fine painting and a handsome gold watch and Mrs. Breckon with a bouquet of roses for the great honour they have brought our County of Hamilton.

Heartly congratulations to Miss Joy May who was awarded first place in the public speaking competition held in Coyne school on Tuesday evening and to Miss Nora Beatty who received second prize. Miss May's prize winning talk was on "Bees".

Mr. and Mrs. James Sherin and family have moved into their new home on the second line.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford have purchased a home in Milton and plan to leave our district early in the new year.

Congratulations to Mr. Robert Marshall who was by acclamation given the position of Reeve of Trafalgar Township and to Mr. Ernest Henderson, councillor for Ward one in the recent election.

Mr. Charles Jarvis returned home from Hamilton hospital last week. We hope he is soon restored to health.

#### Make Decorations For Trimming Tree

The eighth meeting of the Hornby C.G.I.T. was held on Thursday, December 9. In this meeting the group practised the program for the Vesper Service that was held on December 12. With the help of Milton C.G.I.T. the night was a success.

The girls decided on a Christmas party and drew names for the presents.

At the ninth meeting they had a guest soloist, Laurie Sinclair. A Christmas story was read by Marilyn Wrigglesworth. They made Christmas decorations to put on the Christmas tree, followed by taps.



Again it's time for us to wish all our friends and neighbors a full and overflowing measure of the Season's good cheer and happiness.



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## SEASON'S GREETINGS

At this cheery time of year...we wish everybody a good, old-fashioned Merry Christmas, replete with all the joy and contentment of a Happy Holiday.

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## Joyous Christmas Wishes

Age-old yet ever-new is the tradition of spreading Christmas cheer. In this spirit we extend our best wishes for your good health and happiness.



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