

## Christmas In the Churches

As the words of the familiar "O Come All Ye Faithful" rang out, worshippers flocked to the local churches on Sunday to mark the birth of Christ on Christmas Sunday. Topical sermons and special Christmas music marked the day in all cases.

At Emmanuel Baptist Church Rev. Ken Campbell chose "From Riches to Rags" for his morning sermon topic, and in the evening spoke on "From Rags to Riches." Norman Hare sang at the evening service and the congregation sang carols.

On Saturday evening, the young people held a Christmas party with skating, games, a film, gifts and refreshments filling the night's entertainment. The pastor left for a holiday in Wisconsin on Monday and in his absence, the Hooper Bros. quartet from Oshawa will entertain at next Sunday's service. The following Wednesday evening a special New Year's Watchnight service will be held with special music and a social evening until 11.00 p.m., when a devotional hour will be conducted to usher in the New Year.

Sunday evening, Grace Anglican Church's annual carol and candle-lighting service was held on the theme of the Festival of Nine Lessons. During the program various representatives of the church read the Lessons, the junior and senior choirs sang, Mrs. R. McCuaig sang a solo, and the junior boy choristers conducted the candlelighting.

Following, the girls' auxiliary presented a Christmas pageant in the Parish Hall before a large crowd. Christmas eve, an 11.15 p.m. communion service will be held and on Christmas day, two communions will be observed. Holy Communion will be held at 8 a.m. and at 11.00 a.m. The Junior choir will conduct a choral communion family service.

New Year's eve, Holy Communion will again be observed at Grace church.

While no special Christmas services were observed this week, the first service of Highway Gospel Church was held in their new building on Highway 25. The service was held in the basement and future services will be held there until the upstairs is completed.

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**THE BIG RUSH IS NEARLY OVER** but sorting, cancelling, weighing and despatching of mail is still a big task at the local post office. Sorting out the local greeting cards into pigeonholes are, left to right, Harold Orsborn, Walter Bell, postmaster William T. Randall and Roy Core. About 150,000 outgoing local greetings are expected to swell postal boxes this Christmas.

## The Spirit

Here's the type of story one doesn't run across often — but it seems to suit the season as well as any turned up lately:

Rev. E. Orsborn, minister at Knox Presbyterian church in Milton, tells of one Christmastime in Montreal when he heard the most beautiful rendition of "O Holy Night" being sung by a street cleaner. "He was walking up the street with his head thrown back, pushing the snow with a shovel," recalls the minister, and "really putting his heart into it." His wonderful voice was earnestly chanting the words of the beautiful Christmas melody in the French language.

"Although it must have been 10 years ago I think I'll always remember it," recalls Rev. Orsborn.

—A mild snow-free Christmas day is predicted by the weatherman.

## Cancel 200,000 Pieces of Mail More Mail Pours in on Monday

The Christmas mail rush, which had levelled off during the latter part of last week, took a sudden jump over the weekend which came as a surprise to local employees at the post office. The staff of regulars and extra help worked Sunday to catch up on sorting local greeting cards which had been de-

layed last week, but found a new onslaught of mail on Monday.

From December 1-20, 152,800 two cent stamps had been sold over the local counter. The stamp cancelling machine had processed 199,347 pieces of mail during the same period. This figure does not include metered mail.

## Earl Whitelock, Halton's Ag. Rep. Will Retire Early in 1959

J. Earl Whitelock, agricultural representative for the County of Halton for nearly 25 years, will retire early in 1959.

A native of Oxford county, Mr. Whitelock served overseas in the first Great War, and later was graduated from the Ontario Agricultural College in 1922.

### Appointed in 1934

Shortly after graduation, he became assistant to agricultural representative J. A. Carroll in Peel county, and then agricultural representative in that county, a position which he held for about four years.



**J. E. Whitelock** representative for Halton a position which he has held continuously since that time.

Although there have been tremendous changes in agriculture in the last quarter of a century, Halton's agricultural representative has rendered unstinting, superior service to junior and senior farmers alike at all times.

### Other Activities

Despite the heavy duties of his office, he managed to render other community service in various organizations such as the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, the Boy Scouts' association, the Canadian Club, the Rotary Club and many others. With Mr. Whitelock's retirement, something familiar, vital and sincere will pass out of every organization in which he served.

## Dogs Shot

Three dogs in the Kilbride-Campbellville area were shot this weekend because of contact with what is believed to have been a rabid fox.

Residents reported a family pet had been seen fighting with a fox near the home, and Department of Agriculture officials in the Health of Animals Branch at Brampton were contacted to do away with the dogs. The fox has not been caught yet.

## No Arrests Made In Indecency Case

Contrary to erroneous reports being circulated in town, police have made no arrests in connection with reported cases of abusive language and indecent exposure in the Martin Street vicinity, Constable Jim Bradley reported Monday.

Police noted that local gossips had dreamed up a story in which one of Milton's well-known citizens had been arrested and charged with the offence. No such instance exists, police said. However, they are still looking for the man.

## \$300 Damage

Total damage was estimated at \$300 when two cars collided on Highway 25 south of the Boyne sideroad, Saturday afternoon. Drivers were Peter Deloso of Guelph and Charles Featherstone, R. R. 1, Milton. Const. Wm Bennett, district O.P.P., investigated.

## Lorne Scots Attend Annual Christmas Party for Children

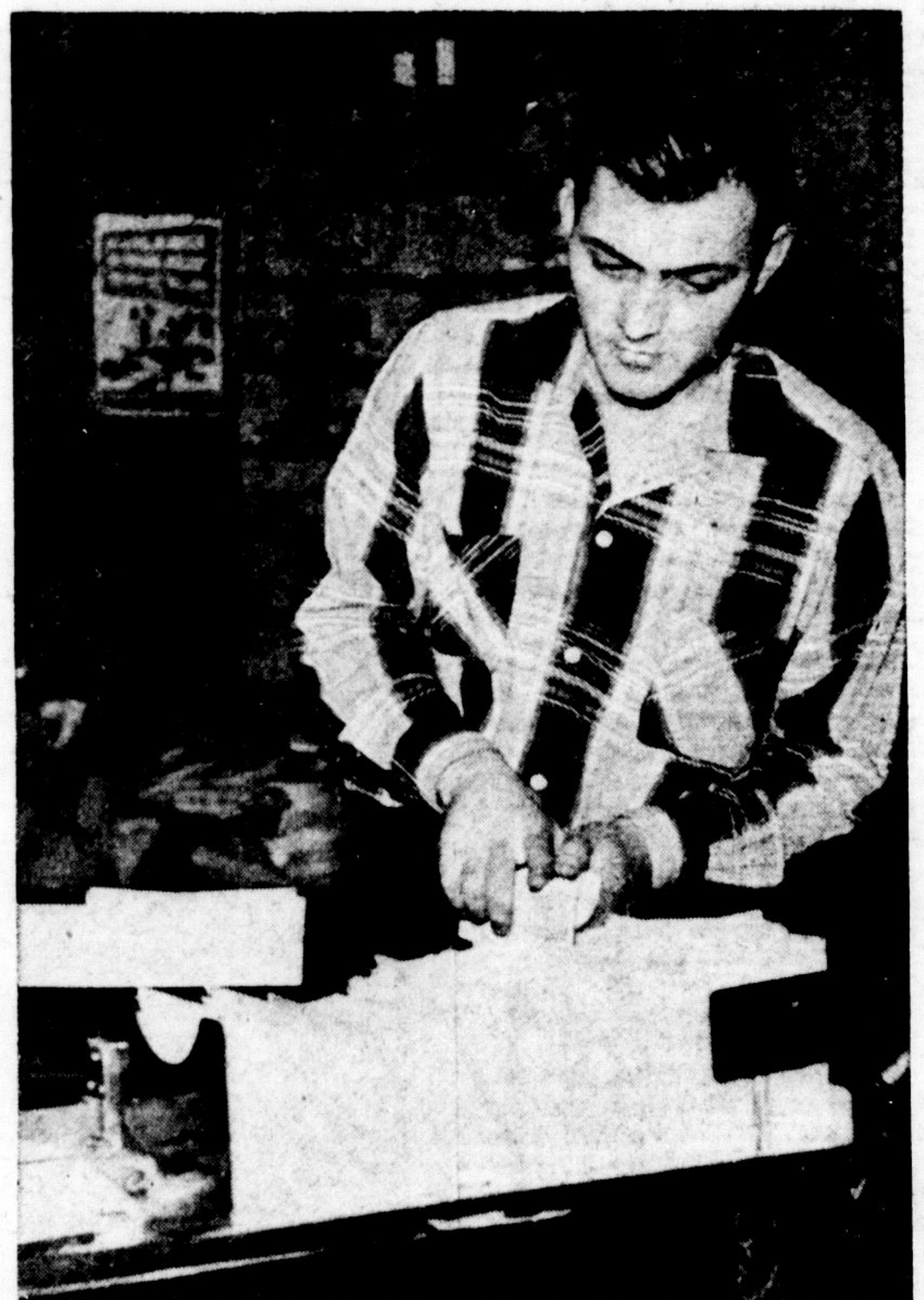
Local members of the Lorne Scots Regiment of Peel, Dufferin and Halton Counties were among those attending a gala Christmas party for the children on Saturday afternoon at the Brampton armouries.

Santa Claus arrived after a few movies and handed out presents to all the children of Regiment members. Those in attendance reported plenty of food was on hand for the kiddies.



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**PILES OF PACKAGES** like this flooded the local post office last week but were processed, in order of receipt, as quickly as possible by the regular staff and seven extras. Mrs. Joy Hainstock and Mrs. Lois Thompkins sort out the parcels.



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**CANCELLING STAMPS** by machine has been a constant chore at the post office during the Christmas rush. Nearly 200,000 pieces of mail have been processed through it this month. Al Rice of Milton, one of the seven extra Christmas staffers, feeds the mail into the machine.