



—Staff Photo
DEPUTY MINISTER of education for Ontario, F. S. Rivers, officially opened Trafalgar's new northern school, the eight-room Percy Merry school on Tuesday evening of last week. Above, Mr. Rivers is shown, right, congratulating Mr. Merry and his wife after the official dedication ceremonies.

Whole Town is Aglow With Splash of Color

The town of Milton is aglow with a splash of Christmas color! Life size Santa Claus figures, strings of gaily colored lights, candles, wreaths, Christmas trees decorated store and home windows and floodlights have transformed the town into a picture of Christmas. Some streets in town are resplendent in their blaze of electric lights, while on others, a twinkle here and a glow there point out that Christmas spirit is prevalent in at least some of the homes.

Congratulations are in order for all those who have decorated their homes—the display seems to grow bigger and better every year.

Christmas in Churches Includes Choral Concerts

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Wednesday evening of last week the boys and girls of the whole Sunday school held a Christmas party with recitations, singing, skits and duets. About 65 attended.

On Christmas Eve, High Mass will be celebrated at Holy Rosary Roman Catholic church by the Blessing of the Crib. Louise Scisizzi will act the Blessed Virgin and carry the infant to the crib, followed by children of the school and sanctuary boys as angels. Masses will be held at 9.00 and 10.30 a.m. Christmas day and again on New Year's day.

The senior Sunday school party was held at Knox Presbyterian Church on Thursday evening, and the junior school held a party Saturday afternoon. At the Sunday morning school, the senior school students presented their white gifts.

Sunday morning, Rev. E. Orsborn chose "The Keeper of the Inn" for his sermon subject. The choir rendered "Heavenly Babe" and "Glory Shone Around" and the congregation joined in carol singing. In the evening, the Christmas carol service was held with the senior choir leading and singing "Glory to God

in the Highest". Mrs. Ada Robertson of Hamilton, guest soloist, sang "The Birth of Christ" and "He Shall Feed his Flock".

Rev. J. L. Graham spoke on "The Known God" at Sunday morning's service, when five babies received the sacrament of baptism. A solo, "The Road to Bethlehem" was sung by Heatheranne Hayward and the choir sang the anthem, "His Name Shall be Called Wonderful."

In the evening, a Christmas carol service was held and the junior choir under Mrs. Don Hayward sang, "Ye Sheep so Drowsy," "Past Three O'Clock," and the "Rocking Carol." In another carol, "Away in a Manger," Ruth Cook took a solo part. The senior choir under Mrs. H. Magee sang "Hark the Glad Sound." "A Boy was Born in Bethlehem," and "The Little Road to Bethlehem." Margaret Whewell and Susan Sargent sang a duet, and Milree Wilson and Mrs. Doug Ervin sang solos.

An 11.15 p.m. Watchnight service is planned for New Year's eve in St. Paul's with the congregations of Knox and St. Paul's joining together. Rev. John C. Hill of Hornby will be the speaker.

Garbage Collection Schedule is Revised

Due to the Thursday observance of Christmas this year, garbage collection schedules have been slightly revised, town foreman Bruce McKerr points out.

No pickup will be made this Thursday or the following week, New Year's Day. Instead, garbage usually collected on Thursday will be collected Friday, and Friday's garbage will be taken Saturday of both weeks.

Town employees have set aside the day of January 5 for the collection of Christmas trees.

Three-Car Accident Causes \$150 Damage

A three-car accident on Martin Street Saturday morning caused \$150 damage to one vehicle and slight damage to the others, P.C. Jim Bradley reported.

The damaged vehicle was owned by Central Radio and TV and driven by Ken Cartwright, Victoria St. It was in collision with a truck driven by Art Desjardine, Main Street, who was towing a car from a laneway when the incident happened.

453 Men Seek Jobs in District

Report is made by the Unemployment Insurance Commission, National Employment Service, Oakville, for the period, December 5 to December 11 inclusive.

The figures on the local employment situation are as follows: unemployed males, 453; unemployed females, 298; unfilled male job vacancies, 28; unfilled female job vacancies, 21.

Number of male persons placed in employment during above period, 96; number of female persons placed in employment during above period, 63; number of male job vacancies reported by employers to local office during above period, 95; number of female job vacancies reported by employers to local office during above period, 61.

Next Issue

The staff of the Champion will take a long Christmas holiday this year. The office will close at 5.30 p.m. Wednesday (December 24th) and re-open Monday morning, December 29.

Next week the paper will be published on Wednesday afternoon, a day earlier than usual. Deadline for classified ads is Tuesday noon, and news articles and display advertisements should be submitted by Monday at noon.

—See you Wednesday!

Gift of Fur is Surest Way For Holiday Happiness Soon

A gift of fur is one of the most thrilling and enduring gifts that you can give for Christmas and this year the selection is bigger and better than ever, with furs, styles and shades to suit every taste, every purse.

Any woman who loves luxury would love one of the newly elegant formal furs. They range from beaver to chinchilla, for opulent theatre and opera coats, evening jackets and wraps. These look doubly exciting when two lovely furs are combined in one stunning fashion, such as Persian lamb trimmed with mink.

However, fur luxury may also be had on a more limited budget. For that favorite college or career girl on your list, there is a wide range of casual fur fashions to choose from.

These combine beauty and practicality in many moderately priced furs, including such revived old favorites as calf, pony, Canadian hair seal and river otter.

While the full length coat is still top favorite, you're bound to make a big hit with any one of the new styles. They're beautifully designed to please the most fashion-conscious lady in your life, with such couturier touches as Empire styling, panels, pleats, belts, large pockets and collars, more buttons bloused backs.

Capes have made a big comeback in three-quarter to full lengths, and evening wraps look especially new in a "barrel" silhouette reminiscent of the currently-popular 1912 look—narrow at the top and bottom with curved side fullness. Many versatile jackets are designed so that they may be worn wrapped close for warmth or thrown casually back over her shoulders.

If she still has her heart set on a mink coat, you can thrill her with this year's most popular version—narrower looking, but gracefully fluid, with inverted side panels or vents for ease over all skirt widths.

County, Town Hall, Banks List Days Open Through Yule Season

The following is a roundup of Christmas and New Year's closing and opening hours of local offices.

TOWN HALL—Closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday this week. Closed New Year's day next week.

BANKS—All three banks will be closed this Wednesday at 3.00 p.m. and re-open Saturday morning from 9-11 a.m. All are closed New Year's day.

COUNTY BUILDINGS—Administrative offices in the Court House, Health Unit and Children's Aid building will remain closed Christmas, Boxing and New Year's Day. Some county offices may be closed January 2 as well. The Surrogate, County Court, Sheriff's and Registry offices will be open all day Boxing Day, closed Christmas and New Year's days.



LIFESIZE NATIVITY SCENE erected on the lawn at St. Paul's United Church for the second time this year, is just one of the many Christmas decorations visible throughout town as merchants, homeowners, churches and commercial buildings go "all out" with the Yuletide spirit. The decorations this year are much better than last year.