

Honor Halton Debating Group At Annual Warden's Dinner

One of the many pleasing features of Warden W. E. Card's dinner held at Oakville on Tuesday evening of last week, was the presentation made by Reeve John Milne, chairman of the County Agricultural Committee, on behalf of the county, to the Misses Jean Bird, Barbara Cunningham, Jean Peterson and Mildred Watson, provincial Junior Farmer debating champions for the 1957-58 season.

Won Title

It will be recalled that the four young ladies in a competition which involved 22 inter-county debating teams, won the provincial title last March at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.

It was pointed out by Reeve Milne that this was the third year in succession and the fourth time in a six year period in which Halton Junior Farmer debaters have won the coveted inter-county debating title.

Others who were honored on this gala occasion included Warden Card; Miss Margaret Maxted, Halton's popular and efficient treasurer; Miss Barbara Maxwell, the winner of the Weed Control essay contest; and W. J. Robertson, who recently retired as Sheriff and Clerk of the Surrogate Court of Halton after 13 years of efficient service.

Annual Report Shows Oats Yield 120 Bus.

One of the many interesting items of information contained in the annual report of the secretary of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association, which will be presented at the annual meeting of the Association in Milton on Tuesday, December 30, is the record yields secured on the grain variety tests laid down on the farm of Ford Wickson of Ashgrove last spring.

These replicated variety tests with seven varieties of oats and six varieties of barley reveal that five of the seven varieties of oats exceeded the 100 bus. mark, with the top yield 119.9 bus. to the acre. It is also interesting to note that four of the six varieties of barley ranged between 75 and 86 bus. to the acre.

Grain Corn Test

We were also interested to note that in a grain corn test conducted by Russell Hurren of Campbellville, four of the varieties under test yielded between 90 and 96 bus. of shelled corn on a 15 per cent. moisture basis.

We also understand that the sampling or taking of yields was either performed by, or taken under the supervision of agricultural representative J. E. Whitelock.

The threshing of the grain samples, moisture determinations of the corn samples, and the calculation of yields, was performed by staff members of the Field Husbandry Department at the O.A.C.

Judging by the program which has been brought to our attention, the main hall at the Milton Fair Grounds should be filled to capacity by Halton farm operators when president Maurice C. Beaty opens the program at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 30th.

Centuries of Kisses With Thanks to Celts

Christmas customs vary throughout the world, and just about every country has contributed something to the festive season.

Mistletoe, for instance, was introduced as a "kissing decoration" by the Celts. Residents of Boston where the first to place lighted candles in the windows. The English originated the customs of placing holly in their windows—to keep witches away.

In France, fireworks are set off in gay profusion during Christmas week. England also originated the wassail bowl, while the myth that Santa comes down the chimney came from the nations of Northern Europe.

And one of the major insignias of Christmas, the tuberculosis seal, which is attached to so many greeting card envelopes, was first used in Denmark. Here, in 1903, a postal clerk was inspired to suggest the scheme, which has since received general acceptance in many countries.

Try New Colors Christmas Theme

This Christmas why not have two trees? The large traditional Christmas tree, and, to supplement it, a small coffee table tree where you can let your decorating ideas have full play with unusual colors and decorations. A small tree could also be used as a centerpiece on your dining room table.

Decorating the small tree can give your creative urges full play. Forget about the usual red and green color scheme. Pick up some spray paint in your favorite shades and don't be afraid to try unusual color schemes. One idea is to use a monochromatic theme and spray your tree and your decorations the same shade.

When spraying the Christmas balls, hook them to a stick which you can then hold out at arm's length. Spray evenly, slowly turning the decoration. One attractive color scheme might be to use pastel green with a silver touch, or perhaps pale pink with a vivid red accent.

Also the color scheme of your room might be carried out in your little tree.

If you are entertaining, token gifts wrapped up to match the decorations on your coffee table are a pleasant touch. Each guest can select his or her own package.

THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

HIGHWAY GOSPEL CHURCH

A local Assembly of the
PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA
Pastor: Rev. M. Christensen

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28th, 1958
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer meeting.
Friday, 8 p.m.—Young People.
Sunday services held in I.O.O.F. Hall, Main St. Mid-week services at parsonage, 183 Heslop Road.
All Are Welcome

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

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Wednesday, December 24—Prayer, praise, Bible study: 7.15 p.m., Youth; 8.00 p.m., Church-Family.
Friday, December 26—Christian Youth Training Union.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28th, 1958
10.00 a.m.—Bible School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Mr. Bud Hooper of Oshawa.
6.30 p.m.—The Lord's Supper.
7.00 p.m.—Evening service. Mr. Bud Hooper, The Hooper Quartette of Oshawa.
Wednesday, December 31—Watch Night Service, 10.30 p.m.—1.00 a.m.
Friday, January 2—Christian Youth Training Union.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28th, 1958
10.00 a.m.—Omagh: Worship Service.
11.15 a.m.—Omagh: Sunday School.
11.30 a.m.—Boston: Preparatory Service and reception of new members.
10.15 a.m.—Boston: Sunday School.
Mr. George Michie, student in theology at Presbyterian College, Montreal, will preach at both services.

GRACE CHURCH ANGLICAN

Milton, Ontario
Rector: Rev. D. A. Powell

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24th
Christmas Eve
11.15 p.m.—Christmas Eve Communion.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25th
8.00 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11.00 a.m.—Choral Communion. Family service.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28th, 1958
1st SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
8.00 a.m.—Holy Communion.
9.45 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class.
11.00 a.m.—Mattins.
7.00 p.m.—Evensong.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31st
New Year's Eve
11.30 p.m.—Holy Communion.

HORNBY

Guild Packs Yule Box Suspect Rabies in Dog

St. Stephen's Anglican Guild met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cramp on Wednesday evening, December 17, with 17 members present.

The social evening began with Mrs. John Bradley in charge of several interesting games. Later the Christmas box for a needy family was packed and an extra one was packed.

Mrs. Wm. Bradley and Mrs. Ken Ella acted as Santa Claus to the Guild members. Members had exchanged names for Christmas gifts. Mrs. John Bussell and Mrs. Norman Cramp served lunch.

Lucky Winner

Mrs. Doug Leslie was the holder of the lucky ticket from the IOOF Christmas draw in Milton on Thursday night. Mrs. Leslie won a complete Christmas dinner for eight, a large turkey and all the trimmings.

Shoot Dogs, Cats

Last Monday Mr. Johnson Neelands noticed their pet dog acting strangely. The veterinary was called and rabies suspected. The dog had to be shot and all their cats.

Belated birthday greetings to Garnet Howden who had a birthday on December 18. Best wishes to Darlene Leslie who will be nine years old on December 26 and to Mr. Howard Bradley who has a birthday on Christmas eve, Dec-

ember 24 and Jackie Robertson will be six on December 30.

Exchange Gifts

The Hornby public school children exchanged their Christmas gifts on Friday afternoon. They received a bag of candy and a gift from their teacher.

Officers Elected

The officers and evening W.A. of Hornby Church held their last meeting of the year in the church basement hall.

The theme song was sung and the Lord's prayer repeated by the 19 members present. Mrs. Roy Wilson presided. Mrs. J. Neelands read the minutes and the correspondence. The treasurer, Mrs. Cantelon gave her report.

The Christmas party was discussed and arrangements for it were

The St. Lawrence River gained its name when explorer Jacques Cartier found shelter in a bay at the river's mouth on the day of the festival of St. Lawrence and named the river in gratitude to the Saint.

Labor income of Canadians in 1956 totalled \$14,284,000,000, an increase of 11.5 per cent. over 1955. Half the gain was due to an increase in the number of Canadians at work, the remainder to higher wages.

For the boating enthusiasts, a chain of beautiful lakes in Saskatchewan's parklands makes possible a web of routes extending for hundreds of miles with only an occasional portage.

made. Mrs. Doug Shaw, convener of Christian Citizenship, gave a very interesting talk on that subject. Mrs. R. Wilson read the story, "No room at the Inn".

After the election of officers a delicious lunch was served by the evening W.A.

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