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Santa exposes Rudolph Rednose tale outlines plant procedure at N. Pole

by Larry Martin

A Champion reporter's eardrums aren't solely designed for the machine-gun thunder of his and his co-worker's typewriters and the rasping buzz of the interoffice telephone.

They get accustomed to chainsaws attacking the trees in the parking lot, cats attacking each other in the alley, the editor attacking the reporters and so forth.

One thing they're rarely ready for, however, is the yapping of nine huskies and a running commentary from an Eskimo-speaking sled driver 1,675 miles north of Yellowknife on the way to see Santa Claus.

I was warned before I left Milton I'd never make it all the way up to the North Pole by two-door Brand X, even with snow tires, but you know how Canadians are.

At the main gate of the massive Claus International complex at the Pole, I was met by the genial general manager himself, who escorted me up to the executive offices for the interview.

He brought up the most obvious question himself.

"I suppose," he said, treating me to that famous bellylaugh,

"You're wondering why I'm wearing a blue pin-stripe suit. Well, the red uniform is for official occasions only . . . parades, delivery night, visiting dignitaries -- that sore of thing. I keep the boots, though. Need 'em in this

Mr. Claus went on to mention once he's in warmer climate, he often wears low oxfords, with

Carollers

Several young members of the of Milton will be singing Christ-Hospital this evening (Wednes- be on time. day), around 5:30.

serenading that community from feated this style. around 7 to 8 p.m.

leather or rubber leggings, just to preserve his image.

The main office at the Pole is supplemented by Arctic region installations around the world.

So many people seem to think can do the impossible, Santa smiled. "Now I ask you, is it reasonable to expect one factory, even one this size, could possibly turn out all of those gifts? We prefer to keep most of the manufacturing in the country of delivery. It helps us cut costs on import duties, and all that.

Organization of delivery night schedules is handled by a team of geographers, who divide the globe into longitudinal strips, according to the time zone.

That way, "drops" can be made Emmanuel Baptist Church choir in some parts of the world long after Ontario children have wakmas hymns at Milton District ened up Christmas Day, and still

There was a time when Mr. A number of groups have been Claus could slip right down chimcarolling in various areas. This neys and set the presents under evening, Girl Guides and their the tree, but gas furnaces and mothers from Kilbride will be electric heating have all but de-

"It's hard to keep a skeleton

tween loose windows and the oc- trade. casional house with a fireplace, I make it," he told me.

Sometimes, if the parents are a complaint from a young girl tually manufactured at the plant. about two years aback, who notbegan to wonder if THEY bought the stuff. Can you imagine anything so absurd?

Referring further to the old lot in his career. myth about parents being authpetitive company started shortly after World War II, making gifts much cheaper than he could, and do the wrapping and placing under the tree. But they are now inter-

Cards sold out

by George Adams

A social evening with dancing was held at the Union Hall on Thursday November 23 for workshop trainees of H.O.P.E. workshop and senior pupils of the Sunshine School. We had a wonderful time.

mas cards.

Tuesday (December 12) we went to Toronto's Fairyland. We all saw Santa and had rides on go-round.

The following Thursday, the senior pupils entertained guests at their annual Christmas dinner. We are holding our Christmas

We have sold all our Christ-

concert at the school Friday at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome.

key for every lock made, but be- ested only in the south-east Asian

When asked how he managed to keep his own firm out of debtor's prison, Santa said it was by carestill up, I just drop the gifts on ful investment of time and perthe kitchen table and leave the sonnel, and the fact he has cut positioning up to them. We had down on the quantity of gifts ac-

"We've pretty well switched iced her parents placing the pre- over to buying quality brand sents under the tree and actually names for delivery, he admitted. When you deal in the volume I do, you can hardly lose.

Progress has helped Claus a

Lately he has purchased a orized to fill in for Santa Claus, fleet of helicopters, to follow the he stated there was a small com- Flying Sleigh around with re-

serves of gifts. He still prefers the comfortable old deer-drawn vehicle for leaving it up to other persons to home visits and personal travel.

There was only once he wished he was in a more substantial craft. During the Blitz of London, Christmas of 1941, an enemy bomber fired several bursts at him, damaging the left runner.

We've been working on an even faster, and somewhat more modern machine for some time, though, he intimated. "I've been keeping it as much under cover as possible to prevent someone getting the plans and using it as a weapon.

He wouldn't allow any more information for publication, but I understand it's round in shape, with flashing colored lights and goes at tremendous speed.

So far he hasn't tried it out himself, but has left the preliminary testing up to his greenthe train, old cars and merry- uniformed brigade of four-foot elves.

> This year, as before, he'll use the sleigh.

When asked about the famous evening in the earlier part of the

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Recently, I had the opportunity to talk to the Wilderness, a group of Milton boys dedicated to pop-

by Marsha Zuest

ular music. Alan Nixon, 17, attends Waterdown District High School and

plays lead guitar for the group. He also plays the jew's harp in an amusing prelude to their act.

The other three boys attend

Milton District High School, Rick Figg, 15, is the drummer for the group. Ken O'Hara, 15, plays rhythm guitar. Rick O'Hara, 16, plays bass guitar. He does most of the singing and announces all the songs. You might call him the leader.

Greg Durnan acts as manager of the group. He provides transportation for the boys and their instruments and he is always on

hand at the practises to operate the psychedelic lights.

(Staff Photo)

In talking to the Wilderness, I found their favorite groups are the Ugly Ducklings and the British Mod Beats, and they use many of their songs in the act. However, the group feels their music is an expression of themselves. They may use the songs

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Front's Milton youth centre suggestions of last week. At least not from those who stand to benefit from the centre's establishment. Milton's Optimist Club, according to president Herb Higgs, has been giving thought to the situation for some time; and the Milton Jaycees, who are practically newborn in town, have at least expressed willingness to discuss it. But from the involved teenage citizenry -- nothing. Maybe everyone is too busy with exams this time of year.

* If you believe in coincidence, here's one for you. I had a look at a music mag called "What's Happening" recently, with a big Page One story on a group called "The Rainy Fields". Apparently they're one of the few musician-collections left who don't use strobe lighting. When you read Shirl's column this week, you'll see they played M.D.H.S.'s Christmas dance.

* Medical types in L.B.J. country have come up with a method of 'creating' life in the lab. Some seem to think within 10 years, those who want to will be able to get fixed up to live 140 years! It's going to be wild to wake up some sunny morning in 2090 and say, "I remember reading Youth Front December 20, 1967.

* In another 12 days the little yellow Centennial flag on the corner of my desk will have about as much symbolism as the paper towels in the washroom. Or will it? Seems to me the past twelve months have been full of kicks for involved Canucks. Let's face it -- no draft, no rice diet, no civil war (yet), no race fights, and in Milton -- we haven't had a murder in ages. If I could be so corny, there could be lots of worse places to be young in -- even without a youth centre.

* That nasty Old Man Winter's shot down the mini-skirts bit for a few months. I'm a bit out of my element fashion-forecasting, but I imagine I'm speaking for most of the area's male population when I call for a return engagement next spring. NOT just because of the vision involved either. I can't think of the other reasons. but I know they're there.

Hi School Happenings

Grade 13 assembly coming teacher shows travelogue

by Shirl Parsons

As the Christmas holidays approach, students relax and look the gym Thursday, by Mr. Vinforward in eager anticipation to a few days of freedom. Meanwhile, the torch of activity burns

It was announced by Student Council the chocolate bar sales, which have been going on for about a week, have been doing well. All sales were to be finalized by Tuesday. The money will go towards the school's pro-

It was also announced school sweaters will go on display for sales soon.

Students were urged to bring used toys in good condition. The toys are being collected as Christmas gifts for needy children in the area.

Monday, December 11, found M.D.H.S.'s grade 12's in court observing a typical day at the bench. The students left on buses at 9.00 a.m. and returned shortly after 12 noon. The majority said they found the experience interesting as well as beneficial. It gave them an opportunity to see Canada's judicial system in operation.

flashed, as well as smiles, on Thursday when the school photographer returned. Class groups and individual graduation pictures were taken. These are the pictures to be put in the year book.

The Drama Club has cast parts for the two plays, "Pink and Patand Still Stands the House. Those included in the cast are Trevor Houston, Mary Hadley, Rachael Andreko, Donna Galbraith, Beth Wardle, Marg Machay, Gordon Timbers and David Regis. President Gordon Timbers said practices are being held after school and evening practices are being planned for the near future.

will start their regular schedule birth of Jesus.

of games until after the Christ-

cent, who along with his wife and

the people. On Thursday evening the English department of M.D.H.S. pre-

mas holidays.

children travelled through South America. The travelogue included a short talk as well as colored slides of South America. The glimpse of not only the different geographical patterns but also the living conditions and traditions of

sented the film Lord of the Flies. Anyone interested in attending could do so by purchasing a ticket at the nominal fee of 25%. The movie proved not only interesting but also helpful to the grade 12 students especially, who are studying the story this year.

The Ways and Means Committee are making use of the Christ-A travelogue was presented in mas rush by helping to wrapparcels at the Department Store. The money will of course go to help with the expenses of the annual grade 12 trip.

The grade 13's are getting ready to present the annual grade students were able to get a 13 assembly which is usually plenty of fun for not only those in the audience but those taking part. It gives the students of grade 13 one last chance to speak their minds in the old Alma Mater. If all goes as planned the assembly will be presented on Friday. December 22.

M.D.H.S.'s Christmas Dance was held Friday. The dance entitled Snowflakes and Icicles moved to the rhythm of the "Rainy Fields". This will be the last dance until the second term.

For a merry Christmas remember the meaning

by Janet Ferrier

It is quiet. The fire is lit, logs are burning, marshmallows are roasting, pop corn is popping, and it's the Eve of Christmas. Snow is softly falling, gently, into a blanket of whiteness.

Children are tucked into bed with the intention of staying awake until Santa squeezes down the red brick chimney. The older members of the family are sitting with the feeling of contentment and happiness hanging from the decorated tree.

It is argued Christmas is no longer what it used to be, and no longer has any deep meaning. . . the idea now being commercial, a time for bargains, and the making of a fast buck for the businessmen. . . so be it, if that is what you WANT. You get out of Christmas only what you put into

Christmas has meaning only when you give it some. Not in travelled to Acton on Tuesday for presents, bright lights, or waving another exhibition game. Milton's streamers, but with unselfishteams were successful. Neither ness, the joy of giving (not getthe girls' nor the boys' teams ting), the remembrance of the

Sing out, be merry, but be sincere. Be kind, be gentle. The Angel sang out praises of the Lord, so should we. Go caroling this Christmas Eve, with willing hearts, voices, and songs. You will feel a glow within, and the glow will remain with you throughout the whole year.

Don't go caroling just to put up front, for you are deceiving yourself, as well as others, but you are not deceiving God. His Son died so that we could be forgiven, and the least we could do would be to rejoice His birth.

Don't be annoyed or worried about sneers or snickers, for the doers are only doing wrong to themselves. They are the ones who are lacking the spirit of Christmas, and you undoubtedly have something far more valuable than they will ever have. The spirit of Christmas comes from within yourself, and it spreads out to others by way of singing, praying, and giving.

When you wake up Christmas morn, enjoy the tree, but remember in your heart, Jesus, and His birth.



WITH NO BARS HELD, students of Milton District High School have been selling chocolate saleslady Marnie Hare. Good cause, good bars in the area to raise money for outdoor bars. football bleachers. Here 11A student council

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—The ice on the mill pond wasn't safe for skaters this week due to the mild spell.

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