



ENTIRELY IN GERMAN, students of the German language school operated by the German-Canadian Club of Halton County entertained their parents with a nativity play Sunday afternoon. It was the highlight of the club's annual Christmas party and dinner for the children. Students are shown gathered around the cradle as they recite their parts in German. (Staff Photo)



"LITTLE WEEPY" AND SANTA had a busy day in the UAW Centre in Milton Sunday as Ontario Steel Products Social and Athletic Club members assisted the old gent in dispensing 538 presents for employees' children. Little Weepy, that curious looking gent in the top hat on the left, is sometimes known as Weepy Taylor from Actor. Another employee, Harry Lowrie dressed as a clown to help entertain throughout the afternoon. Stacey Lynn, Milton, was one of Santa's visitors. (Staff Photo)



TWO CUTE LITTLE LADIES who helped perform in the German-Canadian Club of Halton County nativity play on Sunday were caught by the cameraman as they lined up for the program. One portrayed a star, the other an angel in the play. Children from the German language school acted out the nativity in German. (Staff Photo)

12 days produce 364 yule presents

A mathematically-minded soul once calculated that if each gift mentioned in "The Twelve Days of Christmas" were actually delivered to the true love's house there would be 364 presents, just short of one for each day of the year. The folklore behind those twelve days is fully as interesting, as astonishing as are the gifts mentioned in the song. The ancient origin of the "days" has been traced to the Teutons. Woden, the king of Germans, and Frigg, his wife, celebrated the dozen days with a Wild Hunt, attended by spirits from Valhalla. The twelve days of the old English year were not as fierce in their observance, but they were jolly and marked by much feasting. On Christmas Day, plum pudding was a must. To make a wish for each day as the first spoonful of pudding was thrust into the mouth was to insure good luck. The next day became known as Boxing Day -- not a day for fistfights, but a day for distributing alms in Christmas boxes for the needy. The gaiety of the season reached its climax with New Year's Eve. Epiphany, the last day of the twelve, from the Greek meaning an appearance, is represented by the three Magi. These Three Kings were also identified with food, the Twelfth Night Cake.

Safe driving week does cut fatalities

Safe Driving Week in December proved once again that traffic accidents can be reduced by safety campaigns. Preliminary figures for Ontario show a total of 14 traffic deaths, which is less than half the average seven-day toll for the time of year. Safe Driving Week is a Canadian Highway Safety Council campaign, promoted in Ontario by the Ontario Safety League. In each of the 12 years it has been conducted, fatalities have been substantially lower than expected, statistically. Totalling the 12 years gives an average of 21.2 traffic deaths in Ontario during the first seven days of December. The seven-day average for all November and December, 1956-1966 was 31.1.

Gray Jay stamp

This new Canadian stamp is part of the wild life series to be completed within four years. The stamp was designed by Martin Glen Loates of Willowdale. It is vertical in format and shows male and female Gray Jays. In the bottom left hand corner above GEAI GRIS, the French version, is Perisoreus Canadensis, the bird's scientific name. Across the top of the stamp is the name CANADA. The overall stamp is framed with a fine line. On a spruce branch sits the male in the foreground and the female in the background.

First lighting of the National Community Christmas Tree at the White House was observed in 1923, when Calvin Coolidge was President.

Kiervin loses council seat

Although he didn't quite succeed in his quest for an alderman's seat in the city of Windsor, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kiervin of Milton report their son Jack was quite happy with the results he got. A 22-year-old university student in the city, Mr. Kiervin "did not really expect to get in," they said, but made a good showing in the December 6 election.

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PROCLAMATION
CIVIC HOLIDAY
TUESDAY
DECEMBER 26, 1967
BOXING DAY

Whereas at a meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Milton held on the 4th day of December, 1967, it was resolved that Tuesday, December 26, 1967 (Boxing Day) be and the same is hereby fixed as a Civic Holiday for the current year and that the Mayor be authorized to publish a proclamation in connection therewith.

These are, therefore, to make known that in compliance with the aforesaid resolution I do hereby proclaim Tuesday, December 26, 1967 (Boxing Day) as a CIVIC HOLIDAY.

S. G. CHILDS,
Mayor

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Personals
Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Coulter and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Coulter left on Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Lynne Coulter and family of Edmonston and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Atkinson of Lacombe, Alta., for the Christmas season.

FAMILIAR MESSAGE
Christmas cards were not very popular for some two decades after they first appeared in England in the 1840's. Very little is known of the earliest cards, except for two primitive prototypes found in the British Museum. These two bear the same message of peace and goodwill, which hasn't been improved upon, even in the modern cards we favor today.

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