

They're making it Christmas-y for those in local institutions

By Gerry Flaherty
Residents of Milton-area institutions are to enjoy an active schedule to mark Christmas 1975, thanks to imaginative plans by administrators and the co-operation of numerous community groups.

with wine is to be served on Christmas Day for about 250 residents, as some will be away from the Manor with their families.

At Milton District Hospital, about 40 patients will be able to invite one visitor to share a complete turkey dinner on

Christmas Day, according to Administrator Brian Brady. He said many groups have been in to carol or distribute gifts in recent weeks, including the 13th Campbellville Brownies, Milton girl guides and 11th Oakville girl guides who participated in a

special program with the Salvation Army. On Monday night, the Holy Rosary Folk Choir was to perform for the hospital's patients. The feast of Christmas will also be celebrated by inmates of Milton Provincial Jail on

Brown St. and the new Maplehurst Correctional Centre on Highway 25. Superintendent Ben Jongsma of Milton Jail said "plans have been made for a traditional Christmas dinner—turkey with all the trimmings."

He said the Christmas menu would be served at noontime on that day to about 30 prisoners in three separate dining areas. Rules prohibit all the prisoners from being together at once.

Jongsma, who started the annual festivities at the jail when he was appointed superintendent in 1973, also said a Christmas concert has been scheduled by a Salvation Army choir from Oakville.

At New Year's, the superintendent said, the inmates hang decorations themselves and a special menu is served.

Meanwhile at Maplehurst, Superintendent John Main said a complete turkey dinner is to be served at noon on Christmas Day for about 210 prisoners.

On Christmas Eve, a concert is planned featuring carolers from the Salvation Army and the correctional centre's own staff.

Main said the centre's recreational program has been strengthened for the Christmas season, and other special events have occurred like the performance last week by a country and western band.

The superintendent said Christmas 1975 is to be a special kind of event for 70 selected prisoners, who are being permitted to spend the holiday at home with their families as part of a Ministry of Correctional Services temporary absence program.



MAPLEHURST GIFT to ARC Industries was a cheque for \$143. The money was donated by 90 residents from their weekly spending money of from \$1.65 to \$4.95 per week. Presenting the gift from Unit Four is Mr. Bilodea, residence director. Receiving on behalf of the new residence on Trafalgar Rd. for mentally retarded adults are Gail Martin and ARC director Mrs. W. Isham. Jim Chapman and Lyndon Nelmes, deputy superintendent of Maplehurst were also on hand.

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A PRINCESS IS CROWNED. At an informal ceremony Saturday, Beth Laidlaw was crowned 1975-76 Halton Dairy Princess and she takes over from Mrs. Joyce Gowan (nee Wilson). Beth will be required to appear at several functions during the year in her role as dairy princess, and will represent Halton at the C.N.E.

Longer holidays
Employees of two of Milton's largest companies will be enjoying major breaks over the festive season.

The plant at Rockwell International of Canada Ltd. on Steeles Ave. will be shut down from Dec. 23 until Jan. 5, while Rockwell's offices are to be closed between Dec. 24 and Jan. 5.

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They'll be off the job from Dec. 24 until Dec. 28, and then from Dec. 31 to Jan. 4.

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Tour, dinner
For example, Holy Rosary Church sponsored a bus tour along the lakeshore which ended with an elaborate dinner at the church hall.

The Milton Kinsmen club organized an evening tour of town so residents could view the outdoor Christmas decorations which abound this year, and topped off the event with carols in the Manor auditorium.

Milton girl guides were to carol at the Manor Monday night, while similar sing-alongs were planned involving Rev. Duncan Wallace of Grace Anglican Church and Rev. Rod Lewis of Boston and Omagh Presbyterian churches. A group of children from Denyes School sang carols there Thursday.

Charlton said a special Christmas dinner replete

—Milton firefighters had a good crowd at the Christmas bingo.

—After today (Tuesday) there is just ONE shopping day left.

A story by Santa

Letters to St. Nick

A Guest Article
By Santa Claus

Hi there, all my friends in Milton... The Champion has been helping me by passing on all the letters from my little friends in Milton again this Christmas, and the other day the editor phoned the North Pole to see if they have been getting through alright. What with the mail strike, the usual pre-Christmas busy-ness and the frosty weather we've been having around here, he figured the mail might have slowed down a bit.

But never fear—Santa is organized! I've had my elves working overtime, helping me keep up with the correspondence and I'm pleased to report all the letters have been answered—those with a return address, anyway.

The editor asked if I'd tell him what kind of mail I've been receiving from the good little boys and girls in Milton, and I offered to write an article especially for The Champion, reviewing some of the letters received. So here goes, Santa the gift-giver becomes Santa the Champion correspondent:

Kimberly, 7, wants a picture of me, my wife and the elves. Plus a list of 19 other things that would make her "really happy". She wrote "I have tried to be a good girl all year and I will leave some cookies and milk for a snack. I have worked hard in school," she adds.

Long list
Bobby and Michael told Santa "most of the time we are good but sometimes we are a little bit bad. We will try to be good next year." Their new house doesn't have a chimney so I will have to use my "magic key in the door." Bobby wants a Steve Austin kicking the garbage can down with little bit bombs, GI Joe with a tent and a jeep. Michael would like "some little mans with a truck sitting in and they can come out." Oh yes, Bobby needs a new banana bike with no gears on it—and "a guard because my pants get ripped." The reindeer will be getting some grass as the family's out of hay.

Some for all
"I have been good and helped my mother all I can," wrote another Kimberly. "Santa, before you come to my house please make sure all the children have some toys, especially the ones that are not as lucky as me to have a mom and dad and cat," she said and I bless her for her kind thoughts.

Oh ho, here's a secret that got out! Allison writes, "Thank you for my 6 million dollar lady, if you give me one, but don't give me a 6 million dollar man because my mom already bought me one and I found it." Then she

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