



Frank Milligan

Off to Alberta Establishments officer accepts top job out west

Frank Milligan is in Alberta today preparing to start his new job with the Alberta government next month.

Milligan, the interpretive and education officer with the Historic Naval and Military Establishments in Penetanguishene since 1978, is moving to a similar job in Alberta with much more responsibility.

Milligan will be in charge of four historic sites in Alberta, one in the south, one in the north, and two in Edmonton, where Milligan will be based.

Paul Deault, general manager of Huronia Historical Parks, which includes both the Establishments and Sainte-Marie among the Hurons, says that the new job is a definite promotion for Milligan in terms of his career and of salary.

Liberty Days, the weekend event first tried at the Establishments this year, an event which Deault hopes will be the Establishments

equivalent in future of Shonecti, Sainte-Marie's big event, was Milligan's idea.

Other well-received Milligan projects are the Visiting Friends, and the 1837, program. Through the Visiting Friends program, a summer project, youngsters spend time at the Establishments dressed in period clothing and learn at first hand aspects of daily life of the Establishments original residents.

The 1837 program is a newer educational program running during the school year.

Milligan worked for Huronia Historical Parks for a year on contract before he was appointed the Establishments interpretive and education officer in 1978. The Orillia native came to Huronia Historical Parks from the University of Western Ontario with a MA degree in history.

Milligan's new job will include much more administration, and a lot of travelling, Deault says.

Christmas cheer reigns supreme

Wyevale

by Jeanne Webb
The Christmas carollers were out in full force on Dec. 19, bringing cheer to many of the village residents. The lovely mild evening meant that young and old could stay out for the full time and blend their voices with the others. To finish the evening, a

time of fun and fellowship at the United Church, over a pot of chili, was greatly enjoyed. It was also a time of getting acquainted with some new people in the area.

The Wyevale United Church held its communion and Christmas service Dec. 19. The

children's Church School participated by putting on a pageant. This was a time of excitement and enjoyment for both parents and children.

The United Church will be holding its annual Christmas Eve candlelight and communion service Dec. 24 at 7:30 p.m. Waverley charge will join with them.

The Free Methodist Church held its Christmas program in the Orange Centre on Dec. 19. The singing of Christmas carols, with organ, violin and guitar accompaniment, was greatly enjoyed by all. A play, "From God with Love", was very well presented, with a choir singing Christmas carols in appropriate places. A birthday cake in memory of Jesus' Birthday and the singing of "Happy Birthday to Jesus", was

a reminder of why we celebrate Christmas.

A time of fellowship and lunch ended a beautiful evening. The children happily home, each carrying a bag of candy.

The Free Methodist Church also held its Christmas service Dec. 19. Rev. Hubert Schwartz brought a special Christmas message. Another highlight was the explaining of Advent and the lighting of the Advent candles by Mrs. Vera Gronvall. This is a very special celebration in her native Denmark, said Mrs. Gronvall and it is fast catching on in our own country. The Sunday school children were presented with their gifts from the Sunday school.

The Pine Ridge Women's Institute met on Dec. 9 at the home of Mrs. Glen Bumstead, with 12 ladies present. Roll Call was answered

with a poem and a donation for the Christmas boxes.

Mrs. William Marcellus demonstrated the making of evergreen decorations with a hall arrangement and a door swag. Tickets were drawn on these items and two lucky ladies carried these home.

A gift exchange was followed by a tasty lunch, each member having brought Christmas baking.

The annual Fowl Bingo on Dec. 10, sponsored by the Men's and Ladies' Lodges, was very well attended. They were pleased with the response and wish to thank everyone for their

help and the interest shown.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Campbell. Mrs. Campbell's brother, Mr. Ron Jones, passed away recently. Mr. Jones was a prominent figure in the Federation of Agriculture.

We are sorry to learn that several of our Wyevale people are patients in Toronto hospitals. Mrs. Hazel Withall has been down there for some time, but seems to be recuperating very well since her surgery.

Mr. William Briennesse has also undergone surgery and

is out of intensive care. Mr. John Stott is in Toronto having tests taken. They are all wished a very speedy recovery, a happy Christmas and good health in the New Year.

Congratulations to one of our young men in the area: Mr. Bob Gossling has become president of Kan-Play Recreation Inc. Miss Sheila Reynolds has a secretarial position in the new office. Best wishes to both of them.

May I take this opportunity to wish the Elmvalle Lance and all its readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. God Bless you all!

Your best gift is a fire safe home

Midland's Deputy Fire Chief Belfry asks that we not have a plague of fires this Christmas holiday season.

Here are five ways to keep your home fire free:

Your Christmas tree can become a torch. So keep its trunk in water. A green tree will not burn like a dry tree. Do not overload electrical circuits and keep extension cords from underneath rugs.

Turn off all indoor tree and decorative lights before you leave the house or retire. Do not keep Christmas decorations and

wrappings stacked around the house.

They can be a bonfire. Keep your open fireplaces screened, otherwise, the kiddies are in danger if they play with their Christmas toys nearby. Finally, keep your Christmas visitors safe and happy. Provide them with plenty of large ashtrays about the house.

Remember, your best gift for Christmas is a fire safe home.

'Sno-foolin' we wish you all the happiest of holidays!

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