

I warm up to Christmas gradually. I spend the first half of every December resisting the holiday spirit. I dread my annual last minute shopping while diligently avoiding 'Shopping Centre Santas', wreaths and mistletoe.

It's not that I'm a Grinch. It's just that I hate the hype. Christmas, to me, is a time for friends and family to get together. That is why, bout a week before Christmas, the "spirit" finally hits me. I long to do something I have greatly missed since moving to Russell. I long to go carolling.

When I was growing up, the holiday season wasn't complete without an evening of carolling. Our group would gather the names of elderly and ill citizens in the area and then we would lift our voices at each doorstep, bringing smiles and laughter to the faces of young and old alike.

Carolling at Christmastime appeas to be a dying tradition. Who can resist a rousing chorus of Jingle Bells, Good King Wenceslas or We Wish You a Merry Christmas? We all learn

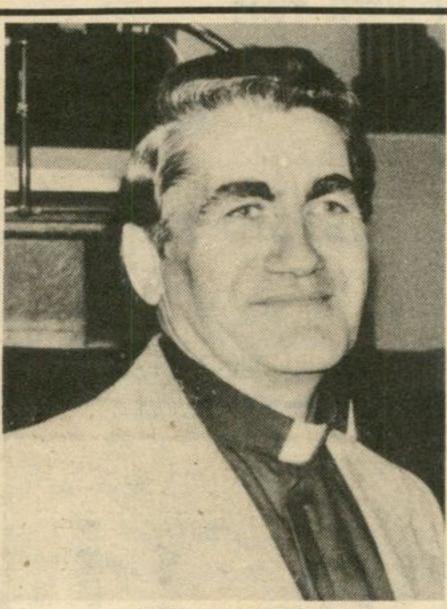
Christmas carols as young children. As adults, we seem to be contented to listen to them on the CBC, or church or in the halls at work.

This Christmas, let's dust off those carol sheets, dig out the muffler and mittens and put some colour in our cheeks. Gather your neighbours, friends and relatives and try carolling this Christmas. Happy Holidays!





WOOLFREY



McLAUGHLIN
(Estelle Yaternick Photos)

REV. WOOLFREY RETIRES NEW MINISTER INDUCTED

Rev. Kenneth H. McLaughlin has replaced Rev. Leonard Woolfrey as pastor of the Russell United Church and St. Paul's United Church, Kenmore. The new minister was inducted recently at a ceremony at the Russell church.

Rev. Woolfrey, who served for 30 years, is returning to Morewood.

A dramatic sight and sound production of Christmas thru the ages will be presented by

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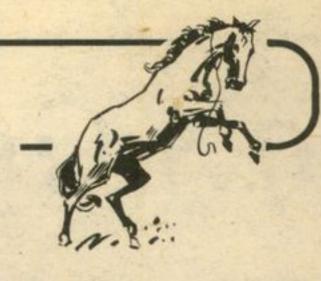
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HORSE BITS

With Lola Wood



I have had quite a few requests for information on ringworm so I consulted one of my experts who submitted the following.

Dr. P.Y. Lapensee is a native of Plantaganet. He studied at the Ontario Veterinarian College in Guelph and is now practicing at the Veterinarian Clinic in Embrun. I will personally vouch for his expertise around horses.

Send questions to Pine Tree Stables, Box 101, Russell, Ont.

DERMATOMYCOSES IN HORSES

In recent years, there has been increased recognition of dermatophytes infection (ringworm and streptothricoses) in horses.

There are many species of dermatophytes that can cause lesions in horses. Infection usually results from direct contact with affected animal or contaminated articles used for grooming, harnesses, blankets, and is predisposed by dietary inadequacies and skin trauma. Most dermatophytic le-

sions spread in a characteristic circular fashion and cause hair to fall off. The fungus produces spores that can remain infectious for longer than a year. Recovery from streptothricosis can be speeded by removing scabs and drying the skin with a copper sulfate solution or other astringents. Many compounds have been used in treating ringworm. They probably do not alter the course of infection which usually last about 8 weeks. Griseofulvin should be of value in treating ringworm if the cost is merited.

Sanitary measures, such as disinfection of grooming equipment and harnesses are indicated. All debris from ringworm lesions should be burned or treated chemically. For diagnoses and for further information about dermatomucoses contact your veterinarian.

Bazaar a success

A Senior citizen bazaar was held Oct. 27. The bazaar was held in the Anglican Church Hall with tea served in the senior citizens' drop-in centre. Mrs. Jack Twiname accompanied by her daughter Bonnie Johnson who sang "We Thank Thee all Our God". Bertha Smith thanked all who helped make it a success. Tom Van Dusen, of Russell, officially opened the bazaar.

In the tea room two prizes were drawn: a box of groceries — won by Muriel Leonard; a seven-piece salad set donated by member Phyllis Young — won by Lillian MacDonald.

The tickets were drawn by Mrs. MacDonald, Pres. of the Senior Citizen Council of Ottawa. At the card party held that night the raffle tickets were drawn by J. Albert Belanger, MLA, for Prescott, Russell. The first prize, a food basket valued at \$75 was won by Mrs. Clelland of Hamilton. Second prize was a handmade shawl valued at \$30.

Russell senior citizens wish to thank: Mrs. Ellwood Cochrane, first V.P., and her committee of Marion Cochrane, Marilyn Sullivan and Eileen Hamelin for the delicious food served in the afternoon making this a very successful event. \$1,400 was realized.

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