

school news



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This time prior to the Christmas season, is full of reminders of the holidays to come. Newspapers, magazines, street and house decorations and the shopping malls all give testimony to the return of gift giving, Santa Claus and special times. But his is also the season of waiting in a different sense.

The students and staff of Holy Angels School all shared in a day of waiting during this Advent season on Friday, December 2nd. Advent is a special time set aside for Christians to prepare for the glorious reappearance of Jesus the Light of the World. In the Bible, many people of the Old Testament waited for the promise of a saviour to be fulfilled. Christians today wait again for the coming of the Lord.

The Day of Waiting at Holy Angels School, involved groups of children gathering together to share in a waiting experience and a prayer Location: ART ROOM

reflection about the coming of Jesus. Children in grades kindergarten to three talked about the many things they were waiting for and decorated five point stars with pictures of the things for which they wait. Each child was able to hang their own star on a waiting tree during a short prayer service. This tree stands in the school hall as a reminder of Advent and of how these children wait.

The students in grades four to six did some research into people in the Old Testament who waited for the coming of Jesus. The children then designed a symbol representing these Old Testament figures and decorated another waiting tree which also stands in the school hallway.

Finally, the students in grades seven and eight had the opportunity to discuss the idea of things and events they wait for in their lives. These students designed captioned wall posters representing their own waiting experiences.

This was followed by an Advent meditation on their waiting for Jesus.

Throughout the remaining days of Advent, the students will have constant reminders in these trees and posters of the many things for which they wait. They will know that it is not just for Santa Claus and Christmas gifts.

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Season for poinsettias

Poinsettias are one of the most decorative of all plants for the Christmas season.

A native to Mexico and Central America, the poinsettia has become very popular because of its unique ability to "hold flower" for so long.

The poinsettia flower is actually a group of bracts or reduced leaves surrounding a flower cluster, a characteristic common to the Euphorbiaceae plant family.

The coloured bracts, which are available in red, pink or white, should remain attractive for at least three to four weeks if kept in a cool, bright place.

To keep a plant after the bracts have fallen, keep the plant in a cool bright room and water sparingly to induce dormancy.

Cut the plant back severely, 15 cm to 25 cm (6-10") from the base in late spring or early summer. Then begin to water often and fertilize well with a household fertilizer. Cuttings of new growth can also be taken and rooted in mid-summer.

Protect your poinsettia from frost in the fall and place the plant in a sunny window. After October 1st, keep the poinsettia from artificial light at night and it should be brightly coloured by Christmas.



Students from Grades four, five and six researched the Old Testament and then designed symbols representing those figures and placed them on the Waiting Tree.

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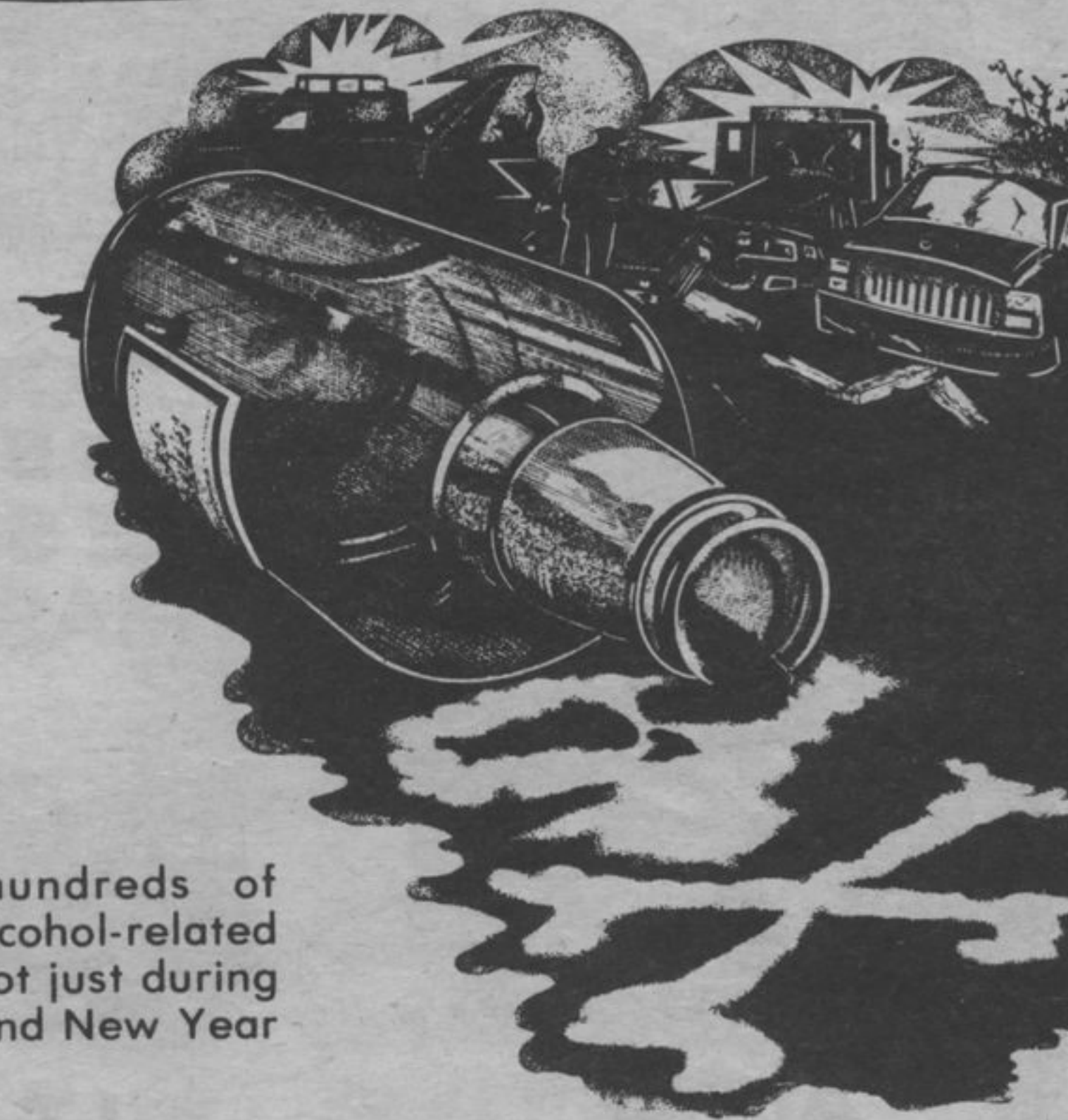
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Every year, hundreds of people die in alcohol-related accidents and not just during the Christmas and New Year season.

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!

Over the holiday season and in the months to come, a joint effort is being made between the Terrace Bay Police and the Schreiber Detachment of the O.P.P. to clamp down on drinking and driving. A report will be made weekly to the "NEWS" on the results of their campaign pertaining to this area. (For the week ending Dec. 11th they are as follows:)

No. of spot-checks made	16	No. of impaired driving charges made	0
No. of "warns" (12 hour suspensions)	1	No. of "ALERT" tests given	1
No. of Breathalyzer tests given	0	No. of "fails"	0

Drinking and Driving is simply not acceptable!