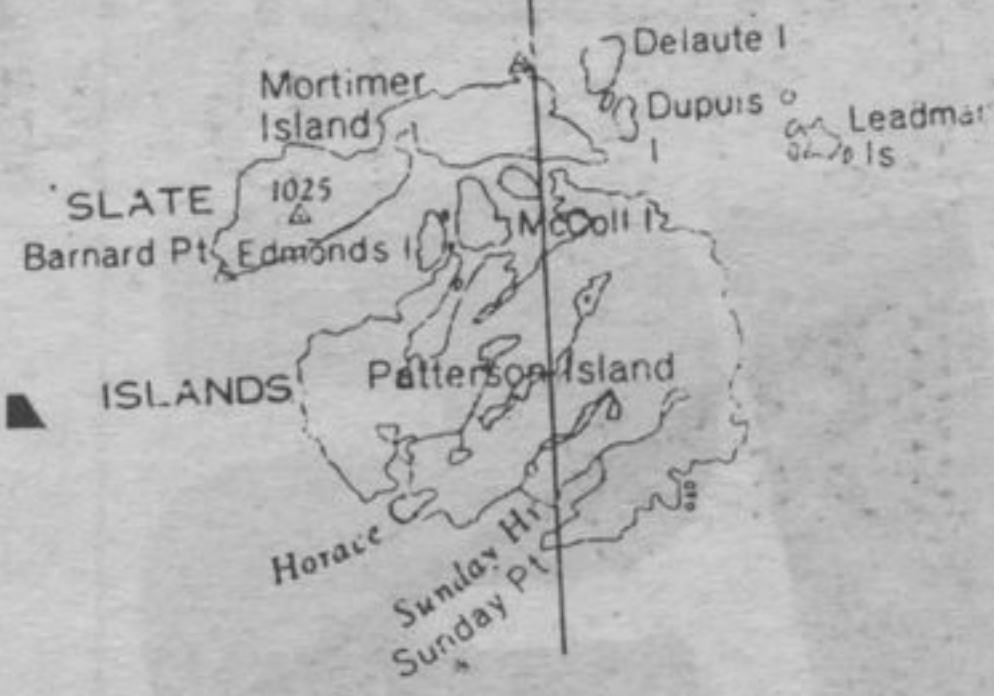
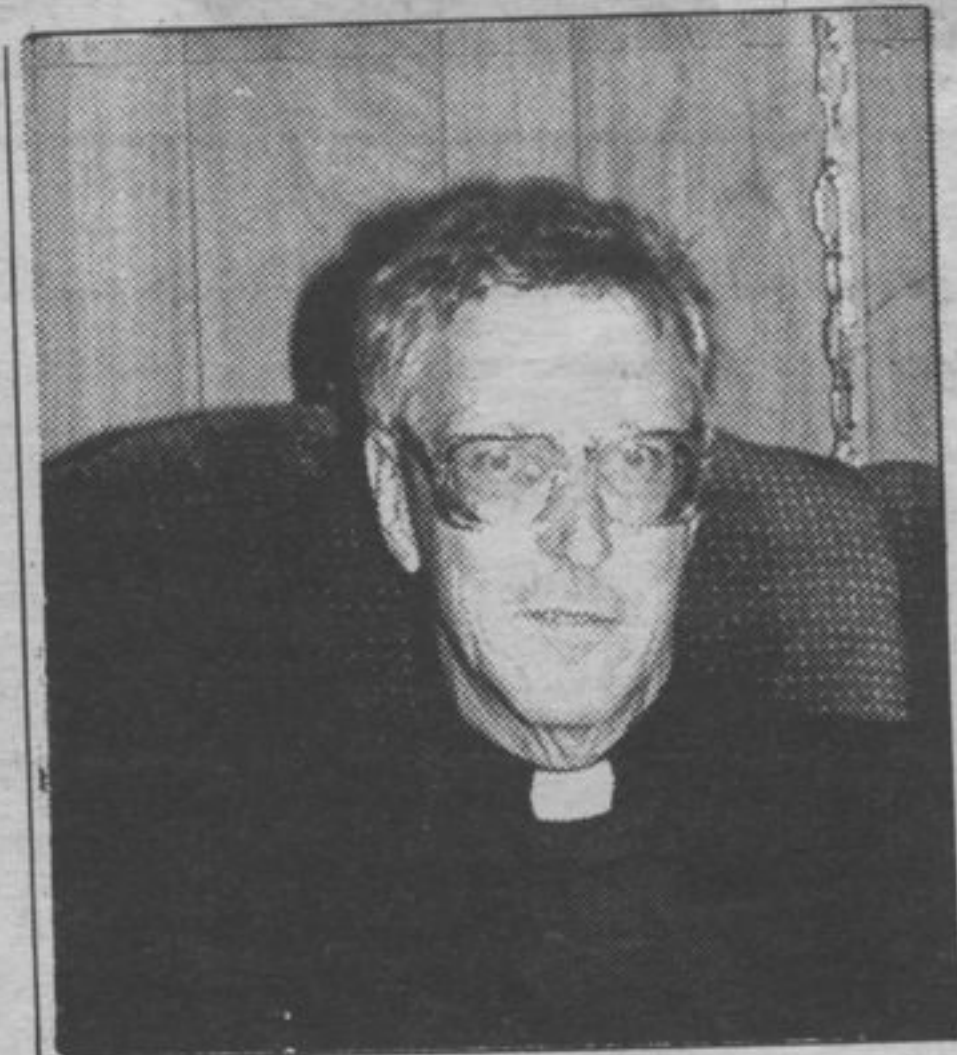


On the Slate-----



What is Christmas really?
 By Jan Rademaker, O.M.I.,
 pastor, Holy Angels Roman Catholic Church, Schreiber



Dear Friends:

It is too bad that many beautiful days are losing their true meaning and so getting a bad reputation. We are entering the time of Advent. A word derived from a latin verb meaning 'waiting'.

From commercials on radio, TV and other places we are quite aware that this is a time of getting ready. But for what?

All around us we are being encouraged not to miss our chance. Chance to what? A chance for merchants to sell a lot of things? A chance for throwing away our money, for getting into debt? A chance to get the latest gadget or the latest (and far too expensive) toy?

Instead of looking forward with pleasure to a celebration, which bring friends and family together to share their love in the warmth of being together, our looking forward has more than a touch of fear in it.

It is beginning to be a day of judgement. Have I spent enough money to show that I am on par with others? Have I spent enough to say that I love you?

Incidentally, one thing I like in the country I come from is that the gift-giving is not connected with Christmas. Christmas is strictly a religious and a family feast. Sure, people spent their money too, and not always wisely, but at least Christmas does not get the blame for it.

What is Christmas really? Not the greatest feast in Christianity; that is Easter if you did not realize it. Christmas is a promise.

The remembrance of the coming of our Saviour; the One whose life, death and resurrection will redeem us. Without the birth, the life would not have been; but without the living the salvation would not have been.

In this time of waiting, of looking forward, of preparation, we should not lose the real meaning. Christmas is a feast of love. Our festivities and all that goes with it have to be signs of that love. Of what is inside of us. Just spending and empty gestures do not make a Christmas!

I would not want to miss Christmas. I love all the good things that come with that day, but they are only secondary to what I hope to feel inside. So I have to prepare, but first and foremost, my inner self.

If you have a fear of the days ahead, look back and ask yourself is this because past celebrations had something missing in them. I am practically sure that you will have to say, the spirit was missing.

That is what I wanted to point out, and only YOU can do something about it.

God Bless You,
 Jan Rademaker, O.M.I.

Winnie Campbell

By Winnie Campbell

On Saturday, November 14, 1987, the United Church Women held their annual Christmas Bazaar. With the weather in favour, it was very well-attended.

Gwen Hadley was cashier for the tea tickets, for the turkey parties, salads, rolls, dainties, tea or coffee.

Kitchen staff and very busy were Beth Macadam, Marg Nesbitt, Helen D'Arcy, Georgina Davis, Joy Riley, Ruth Hiller, Fran Nesbitt, and Avila Richardson.

The Xmas decorated tea table was looked after by Mary Madge, Sandra Morrison, Karen McBride, Cheryl Glad, Earline Johnson, Marlene Doig, Toots Reynolds, Holly Smith, Susan Smith and Margie Smith.

At the Bake Table, there was Marg Gerow, Dorothy Lengyel, and Marg Handel. Looking after the knitting and sewing table were Lyla Walker, Marg McKenna, Florence Fischer, Bern Jacob and Eva Gordon.

The raffle workers were Dora Weaver on the Xmas Cake, won by Mary Valentino; Mrytle Gordon on the Care Bear tickets, the winners were Dot and Verl Thompson.

Chris Morris worked on the Hooked rug, won by Bern Jacob and Etta Gray on the Xmas table Centre piece, won by Sylvia Stortini.

Thank-you to all who supported the tea and donated food, and worked; it was a huge success.

Fred and Mrs. Harness returned from Oakville visiting daughter Helen, David and family.

Get well wishes to Lil Christie and Al Slater.

Bits and Bites

By Helene Ballard

Hi! Well, how did you like our first snow storm? That wind sure was strong, but I guess we all got through it OK; and no doubt as we all know there will be more; so let's think about something else besides snow....like Christmas.

On Thursday the 19th, we had our monthly birthday party and our hostesses were the ladies of the Moose of Terrace Bay.

We only had one 'birthday kid' this month, Felix Legault, our resident fisherman.

He is 83 years young and he recalls many stories of his many years of fishing on Lake Superior which are most interesting to listen to; Happy Birthday Felix.

After the usual cakes and coffee, our hostesses had a penny auction which is always welcomed by the residents; and it is lots of fun.

On behalf of the residents I want to thank the ladies of the Moose for a lovely party.

A few of our card playing friends came in on Tuesday in spite of the bad weather; now I call that "devotion to their work"; thank-you ladies.

We have a real treat coming on Sunday the 29th; when the Auxiliary to the McCausland Hospital is having a fashion show; and I understand it will be really something very nice; I am sure you will enjoy it; and the proceeds go to benefit your hospital; so come on, let's make it a

Schreiber Council Briefs

By Ken Lusk
 The News

Resident Dan Riley approached Schreiber council at the Nov. 10th meeting concerning his desire to open a residential machine shop. Riley told council he has approached his neighbours to get their views on the subject and no one had any objections.

The resulting discussion between Riley and council went into a lot of municipal jargon such as home occupancy and re-zoning.

Riley's idea may necessitate re-zoning his property to commercial from residential. This met with disapproval by Counc. Tom Quinton. Quinton said he disagrees with that option because it is against the town's official plan to put commercial in the middle of a residential area.

Riley told council that he would like to get started on his project very soon. Council told him that whatever avenue he takes, it could be a while before he could actually get started.

If a bylaw change was in order, it could take many months, said Schreiber Clerk-Treasurer Aurel Gauthier.

There would have to be a public meeting and an additional 30 days would have to transpire to pass the bylaw.

Riley did not expect it to take that long. He was getting quite disheartened by this time.

"It is not in the interest of the people to have commercial plunked in the middle of residential," said Gauthier. There would be a "tendency of people to object."

Counc. Bob Krause suggested to Riley he should try going the commercial route, as soon as possible, and see what happens. "It's the quickest way," he said.

Schreiber Town Engineer Larry Davis noted to council that if it was zoned commercial, it could mean that if Riley sells the property some day, the next owner could put a motel or anything like that on that property.

"I have nowhere to go," said Riley.

"Check the bylaw, apply for a change of zoning," suggested Counc. Ed Borutski.

"It could be turned down by council because it is contrary to the official plan," noted Gauthier. "We can amend the official plan, but it is subject to council's decision."

"Personally I'm not going to support you. I think it's wrong. It's contrary to the official plan," said Counc. Quinton.

Phone survey

Schreiber Fire Chief Peter Doig addressed council and said he thinks a phone survey is in order to find out which homes do not have fire alarms.

Doig suggested the fire department could go around and install smoke detectors door-to-door as part of the department's fire prevention program.

He said the fire department's auxiliary has allotted some money to get the program going.

Doig also mentioned there is a problem with identifying homes in Schreiber through the house number system.

"New people have trouble giving an idea of where they live," he said.

Doig would like to see a re-numbering of homes in the town. He realizes though that re-numbering could meet with a lot of static.

"People have a lot to do for an address change," he said. "The best numbered town I've ever seen is Terrace Bay."

"It should be done," said Counc. Quinton. He referred to Walker's Lake. "There are no numbers and no street names (there)," he said.

No caravan

Counc. Krause expressed his anger at the meeting that the Labatt's Blue Caravan will not be stopping in Schreiber along with the Olympic Torch in January.

Krause said he phoned the organizers and they told him it doesn't stop in small towns, although it does stop in places like Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury and Thunder Bay.

"They don't worry about us little people. I think it's wrong," he said.

Until next time, this bit of wisdom: "Psychiatry is the art of teaching people how to stand on their own feet while reclining on couches".
 "Au revoir"

Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame Invitation to Nominate

The general public is invited to submit to the Selection Committee, nominations for the 1988 Induction Year, in the categories of:

Amateur Athlete, Professional Athlete, Builder of Sport, and Team

Qualifications (general): A nominee must have been a Canadian citizen and either born in Northwestern Ontario, or a resident of Northwestern Ontario, during the period of time that they developed the skills that led to their distinction as an outstanding athlete or builder.

Any Northwestern Ontario team that won a National title or distinguished itself in International competition, as a team duly selected to represent Canada.

For nomination forms contact: Selection Committee, c/o Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame, 435 Balmoral St., Thunder Bay, Ont., P7C 5N4; 807-622-2852.

Closing date for nominations is January 15, 1988.



NOTICE

The next General Meeting of Royal Canadian Legion Terrace Bay Branch 223 will be held on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1987 at 8 p.m. Election of Officers will be held at this time.

ALL VOTING MEMBERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND