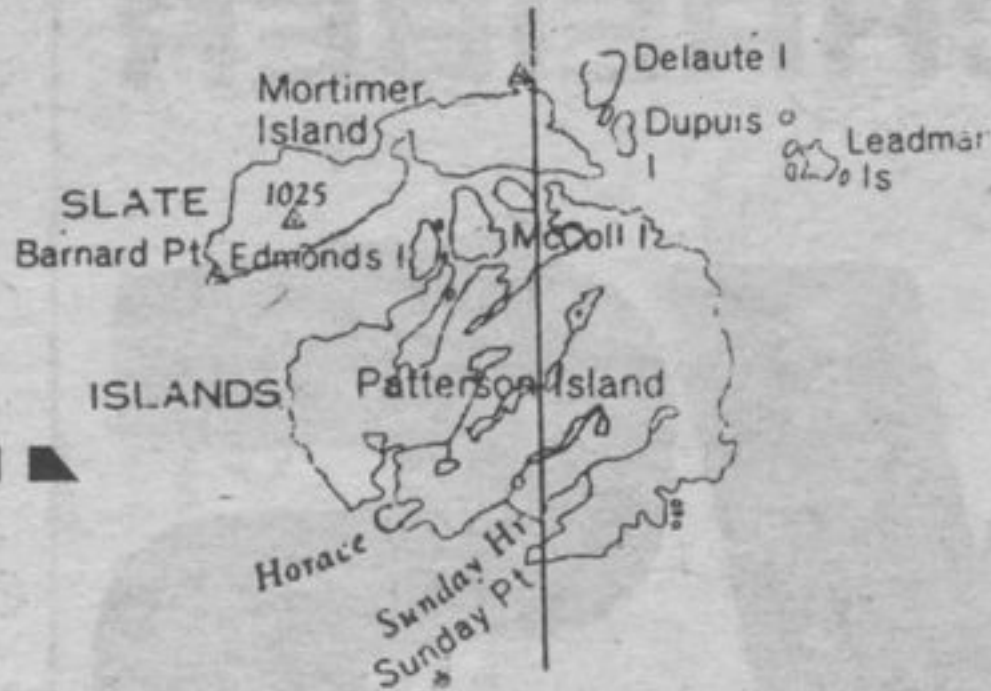


On the Slate-----



Why I don't like Christmas.

By Keith Milne,

pastor, Terrace Bay Gospel Assembly, Terrace Bay

Some people call me a "scrooge" but that isn't really true. I love to party and have a good time. I do believe that our celebration needs to be for the right reasons. Therefore I have some questions.

It concerns me when I realize the lack of thought that people give towards the reason to be jolly. Is Christmas just another opportunity to party?

Why not be honest and just party to escape the realities of the day and forget about trying to make out that the celebration has anything to do with Christ.

What does alcohol have to do with significant Christmas celebration? Jesus was born to deliver his people from their sin- the abuse of alcohol just seems to lead people deeper into it.

Jesus came to give us the opportunity to live life in its fullest sense- there are enough seasonal fatalities for us to realize that alcohol does not lead us in the right direction.

The origins of gift giving are certainly from the biblical tradition but excess has once again lead us astray. That expensive gifts are somehow meant to make up for the neglect of relationships during the rest of the year raises concern in my mind.

There are a lot of people who end up paying off debts from Christmas giving with payments that last until next Christmas.

The crass commercialism somehow takes away from the real significance of Christmas. It is much more important to give a gift that truly expresses love and gratitude.

Religious tradition is another reason that I'm not impressed with today's style of Christmas. Christmas is really a celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Why did he come and what did he teach? His basic challenge was to leave behind our insistent desire to please ourselves and to follow God's way.

One writer says to die to oneself and follow Christ daily. What does a once-a-year church appearance have to do with daily following the Master.

I believe in the Christmas celebration. We need to think about why and how we celebrate. Please be honest; most of our modern Christmases are not really honouring the birth of Christ but just another excuse for a party.

Let's party for the right reasons- He was born to give us life.

Life that is worth living forever.

Winnie Campbell

By Winnie Campbell

Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. W. Murphy and family on the death of Walter Murphy; many friends and relations attended the funeral at the Holy Angels Church.

Get well wishes to Mrs. Rae Tuomi and Mr. Dydich and Lil Christie and Charlie Pearson.

Mrs. Kathleen (Kay) Gellert retired as manager of the Bank of Montreal in Schreiber on Friday, November 27, 1987, after working there for 21 years.

An open house was held at the bank and a reception was held in the Legion hall.

Kay started with the bank as a teller in 1966 she also was the liability clerk, assistant and personal loans officer and became manager in July 1985.

The first woman manager, Kay says she noted changes over the years she has spent in banking as when she started the manager was always a man.

Deposits at this branch are 12 times more than when she started in 1966.

We do serve more people but they are also making more money. This branch, which moved into their present building in 1972, has been fully-computerized since 1980.

Kay and her husband Harold, who retired one and-a-half years ago after working for the CPR, raised a family of four.

Their oldest son lives in Montreal and Kim in Italy (hockey player).

Daughter Donna is in Calgary. Kay says now she can go and visit her family.

Mrs. Colleen Fischer has eight years of banking experience and she succeeds Kay as manager of the Schreiber branch of the Bank of Montreal.

Mr. Winnifred Campbell celebrated her 84th birthday on Dec. 3. A family supper was held at the restaurant and many nice gifts were received. Thanks to all at the Chimo for the good wishes.

Church Listing

Schreiber

Grace Baptist Church

Pastor: Rev. Jim Johnson. Phone 824-2402.
 Sunday School: all ages- 10 a.m. Morning worship service: 11 a.m.
 Sunday evening service: 7 p.m.
 Bible Study and prayer: Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
 Nursery provided for all services.

Holy Angels Roman Catholic Church

Pastor: Father Jan Rademaker, O.M.I. Phone 824-2010.
 Sunday Masses: Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, 10 a.m. Rossport, noon.
 Confessions: Saturdays, 4-5 p.m. in Schreiber.
 Pays Plat Prayer Group: Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

St. Andrew United Church

Minister: Ernie Hunt. Phone 825-3346 or 825-3396.
 Morning Service and Sunday School are at 11:15 a.m.
 Communion Service is the first Sunday of every month.
 A nursery for infants is provided.

St. John Anglican Church

Pastor, Bob Elkin. Phone 824-2771.
 Morning prayer at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
 All welcome.

Terrace Bay

Community Church

Minister, Ernie Hunt. Phone 825-3346 or 825-3396.
 Worship service is every Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m.
 Church School is also at this time.
 Communion service is every first Sunday of every month.
 A nursery is provided. A warm welcome awaits all.

Lutheran Church

Pastor, Rev. Mark Moss.
 We will be meeting every Sunday at 2 p.m. in the recreation room at Birchwood Terrace.
 For more information contact: Rev. Mark Moss, 887-3020 (office), 887-2612 (home), Lloyd or Hilda Hiebert, 825-3897 or Cathy Withers 825-9495.

St. Martin of Tours

Pastor, Father Bernard Campbell. Phone 825-3231.
 Confessions are on Saturday from 1:30-2:30 p.m.
 Sunday Masses are on Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
 Birchwood Terrace, 1 p.m.

Terrace Bay Gospel Assembly

Pastor, Rev. Keith Milne. Phone 825-9098 or 825-9368.
 Family worship is on Sunday at 11 a.m.
 Wednesday night is Action Night from 6:30-8 p.m.
 Friday night is YOUTH ALIVE at 7:30 p.m.

If you would like to include a message with your listing, contact the News at 825-3747.

Rossport report from Anne Todesco

By Anne Todesco

There are pranks and more pranks but the removal of a No Parking sign was removed from Mrs. Todesco's private property several days before Hallowe'en

while she was in the hospital.

All the land between her home and the street is her property, so the sign was not on public land.

Someone must have wanted it badly. She has stated that anyone

parking on property belonging to her in the future will be referred to the authorities and she has decided to fence in all lots that she owns; soon hopes to erect

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Thank You



I would like to thank my family, friends, staff, customers & The Bank of Montreal for making my retirement day such a memorable one. Thank you for the best wishes, flowers, gifts & food donations. Your kindness will long be remembered. Though I may lose personal contact on a regular basis, you will living long in my memories.

Sincerely,
 Kay Gellert

There will be a

"Come and Go Farewell Party"

in honour of

Don & Mary Anderson

on Friday, December 18, 1987

from 8 p.m. - 1 a.m.

in the Schreiber Curling Club

(for further information contact the O.P.P. Department)

Thank you

We would like to thank the nursing staff of McCausland Hospital and ambulance attendants. Special thanks to Dr. Bailey, Dr. Marion, Wendy, Mary and Andrew the physiotherapist for the care Bill received to make recovery so quick. Also to Lou & Syl, Bob & Nancy, Bill & Shirley and all who visited, sent cards and gave support to make the biggest hurdle easier to get over. Extra special thanks to "gopher Shirley". Wishing one & all a very Merry Christmas and Happiest of New Years.
 Bill & Jean Megraw

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT LESAUVAGE

At St. Joseph's Hospital after a long illness on Tuesday, November 10, 1987, James Robert (Jim) LeSauvage of New York City; in his 42nd year. Beloved father of Tara and Tammy of London. Beloved first son of Jim LeSauvage of London and Betty Hammond of Dutton. Dear brother of David and Jerry. Friends will be received at the Logan Chapel, Furtney Funeral Homes, 371 Dundas Street on Thursday 7-9 PM. Complete funeral service will be held in the chapel on Friday, November 13 at 10 AM with Marvin Shank officiating. Cremation to follow.

40 th Anniversary Wishes

The children & families of Joy & George Riley would like to congratulate them on their 40th Wedding Anniversary, Dec. 10, 1987.



Love & Best Wishes