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### Early Monday morning blaze in business section

## $1 million loss in Malone blaze

Passing patrolmen discovered flames coming out of a window at the rear of Malone Radio Station WICY offices at 2:57 a.m. Monday which were the start of a conflagration which caused more than $1 million loss and destroyed a large portion of the town's downtown business section. This is the third major fire to ravage Malone in a year.

Most of the north-east corner opposite the Flannagan Hotel including stores on Main St. were razed. Hinchinbrooke Firemen were called about a half-hour after the fire was discovered and a tanker and men were dispatched immediately (see elsewhere).

Gutted by the roaring inferno were seven business establishments including Radio Malone WICY, where the blaze reportedly originated, the offices of the Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., and New Channels Corp., the New York State Probation office and the offices of Dr. Alfred A. Hartmann and Dr. F. W. O'Leary, all located on the second floor of the WICY block.

Spared from the flames but drenched with water and scorched from the intense heat generated by the blaze overhead was Fellion's Jewelry Store. At one point the fire was moving down the stairway between Fellion's and the O'Neil and Hale, DeCoste Hill Insurance office but the firemen were able to prevent the flames from breaking through on either side.

On Howard Place from Niagara Mohawk to Fellion's everything was destroyed — Andy's Arcade, the Chamber of Commerce office, Dixon's Liquore Store, Ray Normandeau's Barber Shop and the Knitters Three.

Forced to evacuate and suffering severe smoke and water damage were Mayor Kenneth A. Tulloch's Investment Company office and the O'Neil and Hale, DeCoste-Hill Insurance Company. Again the fire didn't break through into these offices even though the two floors above were gutted.

Extensive smoke and water damage were experienced by the King-Clark Insurance Company, Dr. David Gorman's office, the office of the Thomas McMahon Tax Service and that of Attorney Donald Holland. All were evacuated by the owners, assisted by scores of volunteers who rushed to the scene shortly after the fire broke out.

It was 2:57 a.m. when the first alarm was turned in and before the blaze was brought under control at approximately 6:30 a.m., a total of 13 departments were involved in the massive operation.

Joining the village firemen almost immediately were the Malone Callfiremen and as they began to battle the inferno men and equipment from Moira, Burke, Bangor, Fort Covington, Brushton, Constable, Westville, Saranac Lake and Hinchinbrooke, Que., joined them. In addition, the St. Regis Falls department was sent to Moira for stand-by duty.

With the WICY building beyond saving, the men turned their attention to the rear of the Howard Block where fire had already started on the roof. Their efforts paid off, the flames were extinguished and the Howard Block, purchased just a short time ago by Howard Marshall, was saved.

The disastrous blaze removed one of Malon's most famous landmarks, the gold eagle atop the tower of the WICY block. According to reports it had overlooked the Main Street scene 1888.

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## Huntingdon rink in Seniors competition

On Friday night and on Saturday a rink from the Huntingdon Curling Club competed in the finals of the Seniors competition sponsored by the Canadian Branch of the Royal Canadian Curling Association which was held at the North Hatley and Beebe curling clubs.

Eight rinks from Perth, Ottawa, Sherbrooke and Montreal competed in the event and finals were run off on Saturday afternoon.

The Huntingdon rink was composed of R. L. Tinker, Cameron Stewart, Dr. J. W. Abraham, and E. C. Martin (Skip). The Huntingdon rink won the right to participate in the event by defeating a rink from Valleyfield composed of H. Whitehead, Jim Bell, Bruce Clark, and Fred Soucy (Skip), and in defeating in the final a rink from Ormstown composed of Dr. J. W. Mills, R. Finlayson, James Winter, and Allan Hooker (Skip).

The Huntingdon rink reports that no trophies were won, but that an enjoyable time was had by all.

## Santa takes a Hemmingford tour

Headed by the gleaming red and silver fire engine, the Santa Claus parade in Hemmingford on Sunday afternoon started out in fine style. Following the fire engine were four tractor-drawn wagons piled high with warmly-clad youngsters. Then came Santa, seated in a bright red sleigh and surrounded with piles of goodies which he would later distribute to his young friends. His reindeer, having recently joined the Arctic Transport Union, now have to rest on Sunday afternoons so their work was taken over by a nice grey horse who stepped out in fine style making the bells on his harness and those on the sleigh ring out in fine Christmas style. Santa was followed by his faithful helper Rachel. Now Rachel is an obedient, gentle grey donkey who always does as she is told — well, almost always! After leaving the Fortin garage and touring the streets of the village the parade went west along Rte. 52 and just as they were passing the Bank Rachel stopped and refused to budge. Perhaps she thought Santa could do with a loan, after all, there were about 800 youngsters hoping to be treated! Eventually she consented to go on and all went well, everyone returning in fine style back to the Fortin garage grounds.

Santa's sleigh was stopped so that his picture might be taken then he was driven into the garage, Rachel followed. The photographer had followed Santa and when Rachel saw the camera being lifted into position she stopped, her driver said, 'Smile Rachel,' so she did and had her picture taken! Hope you see it.

Out front were a number of important people waiting to greet Santa. There was the President of the chamber of Commerce, Mr. Leonard Priest, our Member of Parliament, Mr. Walter Smith, the two Mayors, Mr. Alister Somerville, and Mr. W. J. Brown, and Mr. Gerald Smith ,who introduced them to the huge waiting crowd. These gentlemen, each in a brief speech, welcomed all gathered there and wished them the compliments of the season and then Santa came out, said a cheery Hello to everybody, the gate was opened and the youngsters poured in to meet Santa personally and to receive a bag of goodies.

Everything went off well without a hitch and perhaps, now, we should say a word about all the activities which preceded the parade and those who made it possible. The officers and members of the Chamber of Commerce have been hard at work for weeks planning every detail. Contributions from members, from our trades people and other interested friends have been collected and all the members, together with all the firemen, spent hours on Saturday evening, filling over 800 bags with oranges, apples, candies and other goodies. And the actual cost? $400! It was hoped that the general public, the parents of all the children who enjoyed the parade, would be extra generous this year. An amount was collected during the afternoon but not enough to clear the deficit so perhaps during this coming year we should keep in mind the generosity of the members of the Chamber of Commerce and be a little more generous with our support.

Our thanks to Santa for his cheerful presence (confidentially you may meet him on the Golf

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**Everyone loves a parade with the possible exception of Rachel the obedient grey donkey. Rachel gave a capable demonstration of her sometimes ornery nature when she staged an uncalled for "stand-in" in front of the bank during a Sunday afternoon Christmas Parade in Hemmingford. After a short rest Rachel consented to finishing the parade route.**

## Therapy group holds Christmas Party

It was midweek and a snowey afternoon, yet a surprising number of occupational therapy patients and friends ventured out to join in a rousing sing-song at the Legion Hall, Huntingdon.

Playing his auto-harp, the Rev. Herb Goold led the singing of Christmas carols. Yuletide decorations and a Christmas tree complete with Santa Claus brightened the big room; and here we should give all praise to those who have spent so much of their time and effort in beautifying the banquet hall on various occasions.

Mrs. Odette Quesnel, a professional therapist who has been faithfully working to aid the handicapped was presented with a gift from the Huntingdon group. The presentation was made by Santa Claus (Paul Patterson), a kimono slippers and an umbrella. Santa also distributed some 75 attractive novelty baskets of candy topped with a candy cane. A most unusual feature, the baskets were made of plastic made from melted down phonograph records and produced, we understand, by Mrs Anne Cameron.

Mr. Alister Somerville gave an interesting travelogue, showing slides taken on his recent trip through the Western States, Joan Hopper sang and Grace Campbell delivered the hilarious monologue, "Life Begins at Forty."

## Car and truck collide

An accident occurred at 9.53 p.m. on December 14 in front of Garage Dufresne in Ste. Martine. Slippery roads were assumed to be the cause of the collision between a small 1971 model car driven by Mrs. Alice Filiatrault, 43, of Ste. Martine and a '67 truck driven by Donald Racine, age 51, of Athelstan. Mrs. Filiatrault suffered injuries to the neck and was examined by a doctor in Ste. Martine. Constable Lortie of the Q.P.P. was the investigator and reports damage amounting to $300 to the truck and $1,500 to the car.

**Three vehicle "smash up"**

A three vehicle collision occurred on Route 14 near Tatehurst on Monday, December 7 at 7.45 p.m. A 1962 GMC truck driven by Gerald Dagenais of Ormstown suddenly went out of control causing a '62 car driven by 21-year-old Howard Soulieres of Huntingdon and a '64 sedan driven by Leo-Paul Primeau, 37, of St. Stanislas de Kostka to collide and crash into the truck.

Roger Drouin of Valleyfield, a passenger with Primeau, received severe cuts and bruises about the head and face. Primeau suffered a broken left leg and broken nose. Soulieres was bruised about the head and face and Oscar Usereau, passenger in the Dagenais truck, was severely cut in and around the mouth. All victims were sent to the Barrie Memorial Hospital where they were examined by Dr. Kelen. Roger Drouin's injuries were considered serious and he was immediately sent to the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal.

The accident was investigated by Constable Marquis of Q.P.P. Ste. Martine. Damages were estimated at $500 to the truck, $600 to the Soulieres car and $900 to the Primeau car.



**THE HINCHINBROOKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. chose a "Fireman of the Year" and Jimmy Hutchings (centre) is shown receiving the trophy at the Fire Hall in Athelstan on Friday evening. Jim's official duty is to direct traffic and act as co-ordinator at fires. On his left is Fire Chief Dan Tully and on his right Ernest Maither, President of the Hinchinbrooke Fire Dept.**

## Hinchinbrooke honors 'Fireman of the Year'

The Hinchinbrooke Volunteer Fire Brigade held its first meeting in 1963, and one of the first volunteers to join and become active was Jim Hutchings. Since that day to date he has never lost his interest or activity in the Brigade.

At their annual banquet held last November he was aptly remembered by being chosen as recipient of the newly created Fireman of the Year Award. A special committee of the Hinchinbrooke Brigade bestowed the honour on him in view of his past valuable service to the community. A handsome trophy accompanied the title, a bronze statuette of a fireman and coat of arms mounted on a double tiered walnut base. The trophy remains in the permanent possession of the winner.

Jim firmly believes in remaining active, and not allowing himself to become rusty. Serving as president of the Brigade from 1965 to 1967, he voluntarily resigned but was immediately appointed a director, a position he still holds. Over the years he has attended the following fire-fighting courses. Essential course at Constable, at Malone, at Fort Covington and at Chateaugay N.Y.; Single Company course at Fort Covington and at Chateaugay, N.Y.; Officer Training course at Ellenburg, at Constable and at Chateaugay, N.Y.; Pumper course at Ellenburg. When one realizes that some of these courses run one night a week for anywhere up to 12 weeks, an idea can be formed of the total time spent in this volunteer and non-paying work. During his time with the Brigade he figures he has helped in putting out 30 to 40 major fires and innumerable grass and automobile fires.

In talking to Jim about the Brigade his prime concern is about the public image of the volunteer fireman. These men do not dash to the scene of a fire for the fun and excitement of it. A fire to them is a very real tragedy, and there is no enjoyment being called out in the middle of the night, especially in winter to fight one. They are dedicated to community service and modern firefighting is a definite essential to the community.

In looking toward the future Jim sees the necessity for more and better mechanical equipment but most important of all, greater training for the men who handle it as it increases in complexity. "The best of equipment is only as good as the men who use it" says Hinchinbrooke's Fireman of the Year.



**Richard Donnelly's rendition of "Old Man River" and other selections was one of numerous attraction at the Legion Christmas Party held Saturday night in the Legion Hall, Huntingdon.**

## H'don Legion Christmas Party . . . . . the best yet

Held on Saturday evening, December 12, the annual Christmas party of the Royal Canadian Legion, Huntingdon, was by general consensus, the best yet.

Singing Christmas songs and carols with Ken Scott at the piano, Jon Proudfoot as M.C., attempted to divide the enthusiastic audience into right and left groups. But everyone wanted to sing at the same time.

Rod Beattie, singing some old country songs, offered a folksie ballad entitled "The Weaver" which seemed distinctly appropriate to our town where the textile mills are of such importance.

Richard Donnelly with his great basso profundo voice sang "Old Man River" and other selections. Mrs. Joe Ryan produced some excellent music on her violin and soon the urge to dance had several couples up on the floor.

Several gaily decorated washtubs filled with bran were carried in and placed under the Christmas tree as food for the reindeer, so we were told. Then amid loud applause, Santa Claus himself appeared (Peter Arnold). Everyone filed up to the tree and dug into the bran-filled tubs for a gift. Most of the women sat on Santa's knee but he didn't seem to mind in the least.

A delicious lunch of sandwiches, pickles, cakes and coffee were prepared by the wives of Legion social members. The Ladies Auviliary attended to the buffet and service.

## Ice ready for Friday opening

**The young and the not so young will be pleased to hear that this year's skating season at the Huntingdon County War Memorial Arena opens Friday evening. Michel Mainville, who has been working diligently preparing the ice reports that the surface is in good condition and is hoping for a large turnout Friday night.**

## Driver doesn't dim and other hits pole

A Saturday evening accident involving a car and a Hydro pole in Dewittville has been blamed on a driver not dimming his or her lights.

According to Mrs. Jeanette Provost of Melocheville she was proceeding west towards Huntingdon when she was blinded by the lights of an approaching vehicle. She pulled to the right and skidded off the road striking the pole. Damage to the pole was estimated at $300 while her '66 sedan sustained a $700 loss



MR. L. W. NEVILLE

**Two new wardens were named to serve St. Joseph's Church on Sunday following the 11.30 mass to replace Messrs. Emile Leblanc and Douglas W. Burns, whose terms of office had expired. Elected by acclamation to the six-member board were Messrs. Clermont Laurendeau, and Lewis W. Neville, the latter, Secretary-Treasurer of Cleyn & Tinker Ltd., is pictured above. Mr. Laurendeau, a teacher at l'Ecole Polyvalente Arthur Pigeon, is pictured elsewhere in this issue.**

**Messrs. Laurendeau, and Neville join Mesdames George Collum and Rodrigue Montepetit and Messrs. Edgar Leblanc and Gerald Smith on the board.**

### Atco Controls Ltd.

## Thieves nab safe in Huntingdon

The thieves who made off with the safe from Atco Controls Ltd. during last Wednesday's morning break-in in Huntingdon must be a disappointed crew. The removal of the safe from the second storey offices of the firm and subsequent attempts to open it is presumed to have taken much time and effort but resulted in the crooks drawing a fat zero, moneywise.

Entrance into the building was gained by forcing the exterior and interior doors leading to the offices. The offices are located in a large two-storey house on Bouchette Street and neighbour to the manufacturing plant which is situated on the corner of Bouchette and York Streets.

The 280-lb. safe was removed from the office and carried down the flight of stairs. The crooks then broke into the plant and brought the safe in. Once inside they attempted to open their booty with various shop tools but apparently were unsuccessful. Their next step was to load the still unopened safe into their vehicle and make good their getaway.

The finally succeeded in opening their box of goodies but it proved to be a dud. Company books and papers were all it contained and disappointment must have reigned.

Police were informed of the safe's whereabouts Friday morning after a group of children waiting for a school bus saw the safe sitting on the shore under a bridge which spans Trout River between Kensington and the U.S. border.

The papers were damaged slightly but Mr. Dave Bowen, Atco manager told The Gleaner that they could be reconstructed.

**Lack of police protection**

When a robbery occurs in Huntingdon the question usually arises, "Where were the police?" Mr. Bowen made a similar statement but with variations. He didn't implicate the policemen themselves but rather the powers-that-be who should be making certain that Huntingdon has 24hour police protection. He condemned those (i.e. Huntingdon Council) who have been responsible for the hiring of policemen and have not allocated enough funds for a sufficiently large police force. He pointed out that three regular policemen are presently working 60-hour shifts and cannot be expected to do more.

Fly-by-night thieves have found Huntingdon to be easy pickings in the past and Mr. Bowen is hoping that public response to this robbery and numerous others in the past few weeks will lead to a numerical upbraiding of the Huntingdon police force.

## Ho-ho-ho! Legion Santa enjoys his work



**Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus . . . and he was alive and well at the Legion Christmas Party held Saturday night at the Legion Hall in Huntingdon. We're not saying this Santa was biased but the greater part of his Yultide spirit was directed towards good little 'girls'.**

## H'brooke firemen ponder improved services

An active turnout of 22 members and officers attended the regular monthly meeting of the Hinchinbrooke Volunteer Fire Brigade held at the Athelstan Fire Hall December 7th. The meeting was chaired by president Ernest Maither assisted by secretary Gordon Perry and assistant secretary Lorne McNaughton.

The committee appointed to select the purchase of a rescue saw submitted their report with technical details and prices on the various types and makes available. Consideration was given to such factors as cost and serviceability, ability to cut wood, light metal, concrete and steel, and standardization with other fire brigades in the area. The committee was authorized to go ahead and finalize the purchase of the appropriate unit.

Seventy two members and guests attended the annual banquet where the Fairman of the Year Award was presented to past president and director Jim Hutchings.

A discussion was entered into concerning the status of exempt members. These are firemen who have put in 5 years of full duty, who are no longer obligated to be active, but still wish to remain members of the Brigade.

Receipt of donations of $10 and $5 were acknowledged from Albert Cain and Billy Middlemiss.

It was reported that the Ladies Auxiliary of the Brigade was making a presentation to Mrs. Pete Shearer (Margaret) in recognition of her assistance as telephone operator for fire calls over the last two years. When on duty this requires constant attandance at the phone over the full 24 hours, as the operator is the nerve center for getting the Brigade into immediate action.

A committee reported on proposed modification to the existing building to better utilize available space and layout. Approval was given to proceed with the project and to organize volunteer work crews.

Messrs. Ednie and Tully gave the members an account of the last Mutual Aid meeting held November 17th.

The Hinchinbrooke Brigade is investigating the use of a resuscitator. This is an expensive and complicated apparatus, but can save lives due to asphyxiation caused by smoke inhalation, carbon monoxide poisoning or heart attack. Consideration is being given for a demonstration to the Brigade by a qualified representative of one of the manufacturers.

## Christmas Spirit apparent at Therapy Group party



**Santa Claus, alias Paul Paterson distributes novelty baskets to a number of guests at the Occupational Therapy Group Christmas Party held Wednesday afternoon in the Legion Hall, Huntingdon.**

# This and That in Town

**THAT SNOW STORM — last Wednesday, didn't 'let up' until well after dark. For that reason, Town Foreman Philipbert Langevin and his men didn't get around to setting up the huge Christmas Tree at 'the fountain' until Friday.**

RE. XMAS TREES — our faces are red. That beautiful spruce in the triangle at the intersection of Lorne Ave. and Chateauguay St., in Ourtown, in front of Huntingdon United Church, wasn't 'placed' there last Wednesday a.m. as mentioned when we saw the town men decorating the tree.

**THE FACT IS — it was 'placed' there 20 years ago.**

LIVING XMAS TREE — back in 1950, Archie S. Hayter decided Huntingdon should have a living Christmas Tree. He selected the best spruce specimen he could find and he is the man who planted the tree. At the time, it was less than two feet tall. It has grown to more than 20 feet in height in the two decades and its symmetrical boughs and healthy appearance are admired by many. Decked with multi-colored lights for the festive season, it is truly beautiful.

**INCIDENTALLY — the man who planted the tree, Mr. Hayter, left Huntingdon Thursday to spend the following 45 days in England and Wales. He left Dorval Airport on an evening flight and arrived in London Friday morning. When he left he told friends he expected to visit in the London area a few days and then go to Wales where he would spend Christmas and visit relatives.**

ORMSTOWN — some changes are in store for That town.

**THAT THEFT — in Huntingdon last Wednesday a.m. was at the Atco Controls Ltd. plant. (See details etc. elsewhere).**

DAT — and dis, is true: a pet shop owner in England claims he successfully bred a cat and dog and came up with something he calls a Dat. And it seems that this is something scientists and others have been attempting for generations. And dat's dat, except for the life of us we can't figure out why anyone would want an animal half cat and half dog. And what kind of cat, what kind of dog? They haven't said, but the thing's name is probably 'Pussypup'.

ORMSTOWN — some changes are in store for Thattown. **L. McGerrigle announced this week that he is giving up his Lambton St. electrical store in Thattown. Christmas shoppers who have been tossing around the idea of a small General Electric appliance for gift purposes are advised to look no further: the B. L. McGerrigle Electric Store has an excellent variety. . . or maybe a G.E. range, refrigerator, color television set or other major appliance? Again, see Burry. The man has decided to liquidate. . . . it took some study but when he finally made up his mind to go out of the retail store business he also decided to clear out all his stock at rock bottom prices. Incidentally, the store (25 ft. frontage, 75 ft. deep and 2 storeys) is for sale or rent. See advt. elsewhere.**

WE'RE SORRY — to see 'Big Burry' close down his store because nothing looks worse than a deserted main street store in any town. For years passersby have often remarked regarding the excellent window displays and decorations, especially at the Yuletide season, of the McGerrigle Electrical Store. . . but who knows, Ormstown is a wide awake town and we doubt the store will be vacant long.

**NOW MALONE — on the other hand, has a number of vacant stores on its Main St., which is a depressing sight. Our own opinion is that shoping centres are largely responsible for the business section decline of business there. Shopping centre are fine in many ways but we deplore the fact that some large chain-operated stores advertise brand-name merchandise at slight-lower-than-cost prices to entice the public into the centres, usually at the cost of small merchants who have been making a fair profit and giving reliable service for years. This is what is happening in Malone and we wouldn't doubt but that the B. L. McGerrigle store in Ormstown has been feeling the squeeze here. Somehow, it doesn't seem right that the little man anywhere is the one to suffer.**

VALLEYFIELD — will soon be the site of larger and more numerous chain stores and shopping centres. Big changes, with big names, will be moving into that city. We're all for progress, but again, will the small merchant be hit? We think so.

**A DINER RESTAURANT — will be opening soon opposite the Geo. Nadeau Transport warehouse on Route 52 on the outskirts of Ourtown. Denis Martin will be the proprietor.**

AS REPORTED — in the Hinchinbrooke Council news, George Williams has resigned as Councillor for Seat No. 2. Mr. Williams was first elected in 1963 and has served faithfully since but a leg injury suffered a few years ago shows no sign of ever getting much better and for that reason he submitted his resignation.

**CLARENCE MOORE — is the new member of the Hinchinbrooke Council. (And we say 'Jiggs' will make a good man.**

ROCKBURN — residents are rejoicing. Some new street light are on their way. (See Hinchinbrooke Council s.v.p).

**CHATEAUGAY N.Y. — now has a new Bombardier sidewalk snow plow. Congrats, friends.**

NOW HEAR THIS — our 'News Ed' here at The Gleaner, Eric Belanger, is moaning and groaning and you better believe he has a right to. Sunday a.m. he was having himself a ball skiing at Mont Gabriel until shortly before noon when the harness on his left boot didn't release as it should have when he flipped end for end. Result: a bad sprain and a ride down from 'on high 'with the help of the St. John Ambulance, on a toboggan. Needless to say, his plans hadn't called for a toboggan ride. Or a cast. But he has one, from foot to knee, along with orders to stay off it for at least three days. . . and to wear the cast for at least three weeks. He's sore, in more ways than one.

**DID YOU KNOW — that Roger, head cake baker for Grant's in Ourtown, recently underwent an appendecotomy at the County Hospital? Coming along well, he says.**

PERSONAL FOR FLORIDA FRIENDS — who left us to spend the winter in the sun: you don't know what you're missing! Another few inches of snow (started on Saturday nite) and everything looks as it does on Xmas cards. . . really beautiful.

**HEMMINGFORD — now there's a town with a flourishing business. We'll have more to say.**

APPLE CIDER — the 'hard kind, will legally be on the market in due time. Seems a lot of growers are giving some thought of possibilities.

NOW HEAR THIS — that 'Dat' we spoke about earlier turned out to be a big goose egg. The story was a pipe dream, probably started as a joke even. There ain't no such animal and by cracky we doubt if there ever will be. Seems some British pet shop owner wanted some publicity and probably did too much imbibing at his corner pub. He probably derived a big tickle out of his farce and we hear some local fellows are going to cross a mean horse with a temperamental bull to see if they can't come up with something with a real kick. Needless to say, if they succeed they'll can a kick and send it to him.

**CONGRATULATIONS — to Messrs. Lew Neville and Clermont Laurendeau, who have been named Wardens of St. Joseph's Church, Huntingdon.**

ONE MAN KILLED — a two car collision Friday at the bridge on Route 11 on the outskirts of Chateaugay, N.Y. resulted in the death of Melvin L. Smith, age 21, of Butler, N.J., an airman stationed at Plattsburg Air Force Base. Lawrence Williamson, age 51, of Ellenburg Centre, driver of the second vehicle involved, was rushed to the Alice Hyde Hospital in Malone by the Chateaugay Rescue Squad. Mr. Williamson, is reported to be in satisfactory condition.

**WE'RE FLABBERGASTED — at news from Ottawa that proposals have been tabled to increase MP's salaries by $7,000 annually. Not only that, but an increase in the prime minister's pay from $45,000 to $70,000 per year. What those people can't decide to do with our money!**

JUST THIS — insurance rates will only be increased by 4.5% for Quebec drivers in 1971. Average increase in Ontario is 13%. If it's any consolation, we could be worse off. But man, that proposed pay increase for Members of Parliament . . . . how in the blue blazes can they get away with it?

**"CHRISTMAS TREES" — plays, concerts, parties. . . . all are the order of the day and some are worth extra effort in order to attend. Old Santa's a busy man these days but if all little boys and girls are good, he'll be around as usual on Christmas Eve.**

OUTDOOR RINKS — from the one made every year on the Brisebois property at the corner of Wellington and Lake in Ourtown to the big one at Dewittville, are shaping up. Let's hope we don't have a thaw until March, right?

AUTO RATES GOING UP — Auto insurance rates will likely be higher next year, Robert Catherwood says in The Financial Post. An increase is clearly indicated by the statistics in the Green Book, the record of premiums and claim payments for all insurers across Canada. It is still too early to make an accurate estimate of how much the rates will go up. At midweek, insurance men were still studying the 143-page compilation of figures The Financial Post winter goes on to say that it is unlikely that the insurers will be able to amend their rates and prepare rating manuals in time to make changes effective the first of the year. Best guess is that changes will be made in February or March. Particular rate changes for an individual will depend as always on his own driving record, age, location, type of car and how it is used.

TIMING IS RIGHT FOR TAX INCENTIVES — Business is clearly set for a turnaround of importance in 1971. The Financial Post says in its page one editoral. Sales expectations, after their painful tumble this year, are back up again. Profits, if most companies realize their hopes, will recover next year some of the ground lost in a frequently devastating 1970. This prospect of improved performance is presented by The Financial Post's exclusive survey of what leadng executives expect for their own firms in 1971. Their views, however, also contain a clear warning that the recovery could be a slow, difficult and modest affair. In contrast to much of the past decade, most of the sales and profit gains now anticipated are decidedly small and not on the scale that will bring about a job-generating surge in capital spending. The Financial Post comments: Facts like these make it plain that more than usual rides on this week's federal budget. Unaided, business is not in a position after two years of restraints and reversals to produce the large number of new jobs needed to reduce unemployment. Special, perhaps very substantial, assists are required to put real momentum into the recovery.

"FIRST 100 YEARS ARE THE HARDEST" — Just when investment houses had us all convinced that it takes skill and know-how to make a fortune on the market, The Financial Post notes, along comes a New York dispatch from Salomon Brothers, the world's biggest bond house extolling the simple virtues of compound interest. It seems that if you can get 8% interest compounded semi-annually, that $1,000 of yours will grow to $2,000-plus in nine years, to $7,106 in 25 years and to $2,550-749 in 100 years. "For those interested in the long pull," the SB newsletter adds, apparently for the benefit of the less flighty who aren't going to jump in and out overnight "$1,000 at 8% will grow to over $43 quadrillion in 400 years. Evidently the first 100 years are the hardest."

BANKERS NOW WOO CUSTOMERS — Bankers are aggressively wooing consumer and business borrowers, Beatrice Riddell writes in The Financial Post. Although "red convertible" loan ads are back in full force, they are not bringing in the stream of borrowers many bankers would like now that they have money to lend. Some banks admit their managers are systematically phoning business customers whose loan requests were turned down earlier, and offering money. The motive, of course, is profits. While bank profits for the year ended Oct. 31 are highly respectable in comparison with many industries, The Financial Post says the banks have been accustomed to much better results in recent years.

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## Dewittville W.I. Christmas meeting

The Christmas meeting of the Dewittville Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Roland Greenbank on Thursday evening, December 10 with an attendance of 15 members.

The members were reminded of various entries which might be considered for exhibition at the Coats Handiraft Competition at the County Convention in May, and also at the Quebec Exposition in September.

The President, Mrs. Otto Bulow, read the message from Prime Minister Trudeau and also the one from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the occasion of the Fifth National Convention of the Federated Women's Institute of Canada held in Winnipeg in August. An article was read by the president relating how the Federated Women's Institute of Canada has grown from a rural women's organization to one national in scope which concerns itself with establishing scholarships, giving aid to rural hospitals, promoting art and music festivals, giving help in adult education programs, helping in research projects for the care of the aged and the mentally ill. Its membership is approximately 65,000 in 4,000 branches across the land. Their motto is "For Home and Country."

Seven of our members attended the Women's Day Exhibition at Salon d'Agriculture in the Exhibition Hall at Place Bonaventure in Montreal in November.

At the November card party when members entertained their husbands at the home of Mrs. Bulow, prizes were won by the following: 1st — Mrs. Clarence Saumier, and Mr. Howard McLean; 2nd — Mrs. Roy Moore, and Mr. Irwin Todd; Consolation — Mrs. Irwin Todd, and Mr. Robert Baker.

Letters of thanks were read from students who had received scholarships.

Convener reports were given on Citizenship — Provincial Convener's Report concerning citizenship papers; Mrs. Nelson Beattie on Home Economics — "Soap and How It Can Reduce Phosphate Pollution." It was learned that suds are an important gauge in determining the usefulness of soap when used in hot, soft water.

Miss Arline MacIntosh, on Publicity — "Credit Cards and Cash Cards" from the November, December Canadian Consumer. Cash Cards are obtainable free of charge by writing to Mr. Barney Danson, M. P. (Lib. York-North), House of Commons, Ottawa (no postage required). Mr. Danson has advocated the use of Cash Cards to those who purchase with cash. The Cash Card asks merchants to allow the bearer a cash discount equal to his credit costs — usually 2% to 5%.

Mrs. Harry Scott read a timely story, "Christmas Coming" from the December Reader's Digest in which the writer feels with a certainty that there is goodness in the world, and love endures. Members enjoyed singing Christmas Carols while gifts which had been brought by the members were distributed for giving to the shut-ins in the community.

The members had answered the Roll Call by bringing six pieces of Christmas baking which were displayed and served as refreshments by Mrs. Royce Ruddock and Mrs. Ernest Martin, Mrs. Cameron Bryson's name was drawn as the lucky prize-winner of this baking contest.

The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. C. Saumier when Mr. Baranoski will speak on "First Aid".

## Malone fire...

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Village Fire Chief Leo Hosler said he had no idea of what caused the fire nor what the total loss would be but it apparently originated in the control room of the radio station

Althoug the main facilities and equipment of WICY were destroyed, the station was on the air early Monday morning, operating under emergency conditions from its control tower on the Porter Road.

With Main St. completely blocked off from Washington St. to Harison Place by fire fighting equipment, Malone's schools were ordered closed for the day because of the problems buses would have encountered.

Power in the fire area was cut off by Niagara Mohawk crews and State Police joined village police in rerouting traffic. Also assisting in this phase of the operation were members of the village public works department.

As the fire roared towards Main St. from Niagara Mohawk owners of the business firms on East Main St. hastily evacuated records and equipment from their establishments. The sidewalks were covered with desks, filing cabinets and all sorts of equipment which was carried away by cars and trucks.

According to reports, Francis Fellion was able to remove a large quantity of the merchandise in his jewelry store but nothing was saved from those establishments gutted on Howard Place.

## Santa takes

(Continued from page 1)

Course in the summertime and his name is Jean-Louis Carrière) and special thanks to Mr. James Thompson for the loan of the sleighs and for Rachel and also to Robert McAlister for the loan of the nice grey horse and for driving Santa around.

**Santa at the Golf Club Party**

After a short rest Santa sped up to the Club House where another one hundred or so children — with their parents — were waiting. Seated in a comfortable armchair near the brightly lit Christmas tree standing at the far end of the beautifully decorated dining-room Santa greeted each child and presented him — or her — with a gift. He was assisted by Mrs. Walter Smith, Mrs. Edwin Keddy, and Mrs. H. Vachon. When all the gifts had been presented everyone enjoyed hot-dogs and sandwiches and a good time was had by all. The winners of the drawing were Mrs. Joe Killsdonk and Mr. Pierre Quenneville.





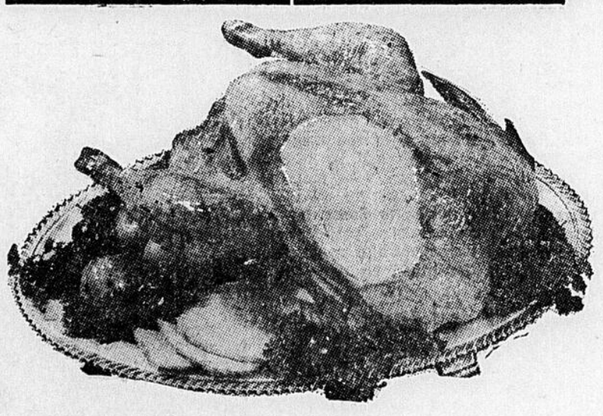
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# What is Ormstown doing?

● **Ormstownians, like all residents of the Chateauguay Valley have been thoroughly enjoying these beautiful gold and silver hoarfrosted days. Makes one thankful for Canada, it also makes one wonder why there is so much unrest, bitterness and violence in a country that has one of the most affluent standards of living in the world. It also makes one wonder why we don't get rid of all the Christmas commercialism. It makes one wonder why it was so important to get dear Johnnie that expensive gift because he smiled so sweetly the day we bought it, we forgot about what a perfect little devil he was all year. And what about all those late nights dear Susie kept since last Christmas. but basically she's a good kid and she will get such a bang out of that 71 sports model . . . Oh well, it's Christmas, and let's each one have a happy one.**

● Some of the residents on Roy Street have been without water for several days, due to a fault in underground systems. Let's hope the matter will be remedied very soon.

● **We are still waiting for those burnt out bulbs to be replaced in the "Christmas Garlands" which are gracing our streets. Compared to other towns we look like the poor relatives. Where are all the house decorations, or has the Christmas Spirit not entered into all souls as yet?**

● We hope for more news from our curlers for future issues. They seem to be having a most interesting winter with plenty of games lined up for the coming weeks.

● **Hockey will soon be the byword . . . as soon as the rink is operable.**

● What better weather for those snowmobile enthusiasts? and strangely enough we have heard comparatively few complaints of noise or nuisance. We don't like to see that father hitch a toboggan on the back of his machine and take off at forty miles an hour down one of our busy streets with his four children sitting precariously on the toboggan. It's too dangerous man, they could fall off in the path of that car right behind you and then how would you feel?

# Howick United Church Youth Groups Entertain

Another special winter event took place at Howick United Church Friday afternoon, December 11. It was the closing meeting of the season for Messengers, Explorers and Tyros. Mothers, grandmothers and friends were special guests. Tea or kool-aid with sandwiches and cookies were served to children and guests by the youth group leaders and helping mothers.

The children entertained with a happy informal concert. Susan McKell, Danny McKell, Susan Hale and Janey Templeton led the Worship Service, dialogue style, on the theme "What Is Christmas?" Mark Everitt welcomed everyone and the junior Messengers said a verse together to begin the program. Everyone enjoyed seeing and hearing these little people who are of kindergarten age or younger. The boys' Messenger group repeated their motto and prayer and presented a finger play. They were joined by the girls and juniors and all sang "Away In A Manger". Their singing was good and most enthusiastic. The Explorers gave a short play reading, "Get up and Close the Door," a humorous one which was enjoyed by both participants and audience.

Three commercials, taped previously, were played back to help illustrate the study theme of communication taken by all groups this year. Posters and mobiles were in evidence to further support the theme. Explorer pins and stars were presented to the girls who earned them. These are in recognition of interest, co-operation and participation in the group. Pins and red stars were received by Carole Ness. Arlene Tennant and Peggy Stonehouse. Diane Ness received a blue star and gold stars went to Janey Templeton and Susan Hale.

The Tyros read a play "A Christmas Wish" to an attentive audience. The Tyro "T" pins were given to the boys joining the group this year: Brent Tolhurst, Tommy Kerr, Brian MacFarlane, Wayne Knox. Tyros and Explorers joined in singing "Here We Go A- Caroling and "Hey Hey Anybody Listening" — two lively advent carols.

Diane Ness closed the afternoon's activities by thanking everyone for attending and wishing them a Merry Christmas.

On display were various handwork projects done by the groups. Gifts of food and other small items were brought in by the children for Sunshine Boxes to be given to shut-in people before Christmas.

The afternoon marked the beginning of a winter recess for these junior groups, they will meet again on a regular basis in the spring. The first meeting will be the Children's World Day of Prayer Service early in March.

The afternoon's activities provided a happy experience for both children and leaders; and it gave interested adults a chance to see what has been done by these enthusiastic and talented youngsters.

We may add that enthusiastic trained and untrained leading mothers of families, are the people who stimulate the children and inspire them to take real joy in belonging to these groups.

## Hinchinbrooke Council

# Wants better Rockburn lighting

The regular meeting of Hinchinbrooke Council was held on Tuesday, December 1, Mayor A. Wilson in charge.

DINER

Mr .Denis Martin was given permission to install a trailer on H. Stark's lot near Huntingdon on Route 52, to be used as a diner.

Clarence Ouimet asked that a 5th ranke watercourse be cleaned. It was moved and seconded the Drainage Dept. be requested to have this work included in the Anderson drainage project.

Archie McIntosh requested some roadside improvement work be done on Dewittville sideroad. The Road Committee agreed to look into this request.

NEW COUNCILLOR

The resignation of George Williams as Councillor was accepted with regret. Mr. Williams had served the Council for the past 8 years. His reason for resignation at this time was given as ill health. It was moved and seconded that Clarence Moore be appointed Councillor for Seat No. 2, formerly held by Mr. Williams.

Moved and seconded that a Hydro representative be asked to attend the next meeting to discuss the possibility of improved lighting for Rockburn.

Notice of motion was given that a By-Law be brought forward at a future meeting of this Council which will permit this Council to levy a tax on house trailers.

Moved and seconded the Secretary be authorized to hand in the names of those owing 2 years taxes or more, to be advertised for sale in March.

Moved and seconded that Wilfred Saumier be re-engaged as Caretaker of the Town Hall at the same salary as last season.

Moved and seconded that D. L. Tully be notified to bull-doze the Town Dump back.

Mr. J. K. Dickson, presented a "Request for Drainage" form. The Secretary was authorized to forward this form to the proper authorities.

The following bills were passed for payment:— Harold Stark — $29.50; Wilfred Saumier $15.56, A. Lewin $8.18; Lyell Graham $24.11; Canada Salt Co. $363.46; Riverside Motors $6.50; S. J. Currie $3.18; Rolfe & Son $6.20; Wesley Jamieson $5; Ronald Farquhar $36; Gordon Sutton $25.50; Bourgon & Cluff $41.25; Minister of Revenue $6.30; D. L. Tully $11; J. K. Dickson $185; Receiver General of Canada $6; Clarence Moore $6; Bell Canada $52.23 Hydro Quebec $146.07; Merle Rosevear $33.00; Douglas Wilson $19; Herbert Simpson $4; K. M. Ferns $35.17; Earl Pringle $23.75; Huntingdon Gleaner $315.84.

Moved and seconded that for the months of January, February and March, regular Council meetings be held in the daytime, 10.30 a.m. for January, and 12.30 p.m. February and March.

Mr. John Hamilton ... the Council to take ... have his neighbour's line fence repaired. D. O. Taylor was appointed to see the work is carried out.

The Council discussed the possibilities of purchasing a new sander which would be installed on one of the Sicard snow trucks. A committee was appointed to look into this matter.

## Obituary

LACOLLE — Mrs. Wilson Sr. and Miss Wilson of Hudson were week-end guests of Rev. D. and Mrs. Wilson at the parsonage.

Miss Lynne Davenport and Miss Margaret Eades of Montreal and Mr. Ian Greer of Ottawa were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Van Vliet.

Members of the Optimist Group of the U.C.W. who attended their annual supper at the Holiday Inn, in Plattsburgh on Monday evening, were Mrs. Ronnie Boyse, Mrs. Jack Boyse, Mrs. Ziegler, Mrs. Don Robinson, Miss E. Robinson, Mrs. W. E. Grant, Mrs. B. Marshall and Mrs. Raymond Van Vliet.

The plenteous fall of snow has brought skidoos into action from all directions.

The new municipal building which houses the local snow plows and fire engine is now completed and in use.

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| 2 Friendship 7 | 31 | 11 | 80 |
| 3 Jolly 5 | 27 | 15 | 72 |
| 4 Lucky Strikes | 21 | 21 | 58 |
| 5 Country Girls | 21 | 21 | 56 |
| 6 Clinkers | 17 | 25 | 46 |
| 7 Happy Wanderers | 18 | 24 | 44 |
| 8 Newcomers | 2 | 40 | 4 |
| High Single | Blanche Roy | | 170 |
| High Triple, | Thérèse Montpetit | | 438 |

## Ste-Agnes

**Cercle de Fermières**

The monthly meeting of the Cercle de Fermières was held December 10, with thirteen members present.

The meeting opened with prayer and the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Thanks were expressed to Mrs. Philippe Leblanc for auditing the books of the society.

Mrs. Edmond Myre gave advice on the different sizes of needles to be used when working with a variety of wool

The contest for the month was sewing. A piece of sewing of your choice, worked in cross-stitch was judged and Mrs. François Trépanier was named the winner. Eight members participated in this contest.

In the home-baking section, thirteen members participated, each one bringing something different for the occasion. The prize went to Mrs. Bernard Demers who was most deserving of it, having made three delicious entries. As usual, these delicacies had to be tasted, and accompanied by two kinds of wine, punch, sandwiches, squares, fudge and a hot cup of coffee, made for a most enjoyable evening.

Following lunch recipes were exchanged and ideas on serving various holiday dishes were aired. A table loaded with gifts looked festive. The names of the members present were put in a box, and the president in turn drew one name after another. Each Fermière received a gift, and like children excitedly opened the packages.

The meeting closed about 10:15 and all left wishing each other a Merry Christmas and much happiness in the New Year.


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# Editorial Notes

## Not so far as we're concerned

WE wonder just how the public will react to the announcement from Ottawa this week that a special advisory committee is advocating salary hikes of $7,000 for members of Parliament.

An increase of seven thousand dollars per year!

Quite frankly, we wonder if more than one out of every dozen is worth $7,000 annually without any thought to an increase of that amount from their present salaries of $18 thousand to $25,000.

At a time when all of Canada is reeling from a very real economic depression and when the winter months which lie ahead look bleak for many, we're told our elected members may casually vote themselves a yearly increase which is greater than some of us can boast as complete annual income.

We say shame on any who vote in favor of this preposterous proposal. Further, we say the proposal should never get off the committee's drawing board. We imagine many of our elected representatives feel the same way. Left to their own recourse and conscience, it is our honest belief that at least some would vote against such whopping pay increase but let's not delude ourselves: not long before the actual voting hour they'd be pressured into voting in favor.

If conditions were normal . . . . if there was less unemployment and less general dissatisfaction . . . . we could visualize our parliamentarians wanting a pay increase, but surely this isn't the time.

Last week in this column we said we were against proposals to cut the auditor-general's office staff and to curtail that department's powers and now we say that huge pay increases in pay for members shouldn't be considered. If the government feels it must economize by reducing the staff and therefore the efficiency of the auditor-general's bureau, it would surely be amiss to instigate across-the-board pay increases to some representatives who drop into oblivion for years and only emerge for knife-and-fork functions or when it's time for John Q. Public to mark his 'X' on a ballot again.

The postal fiasco this year alone should be reason enough for one to doubt if some of our parliamentarians are worth $7 thousand per year, the amount of the proposed increase, let alone the $18,000 salary they now receive.

Last week we received bulletins from Mr. Gerald Laniel, M.P. Beauharnois, stating that we here are living in a designated area and so were eligible to claim 10% as grants for industrial improvements or purchases of any kind plus other incentives.

Try and get that 10%.

We know of two industries in this area which have already been turned down yet in other parts of the country, even this province, the same types of industry have received up to 33⅓ of their capital outlay.

And coming back to proposed pay hikes for parliamentarians, we'll be told they themselves aren't advocating the boosts. . . . the same as we're told "the unions" are the root of all that's evil in the postal service. "Passing the buck" is another name for that type of politicking. . . and we believe there'll be readers with more apt names.

We don't actualy have any axe to grind with our politicians, nevertheless we must admit that when we hear people remark "What does such-and-such a one do to earn $18,000 a year" it does cause a little wonderment. If the 18 is ever changed to 25, the 'little wonderment' will be no more.

# Please, keep off the ice

WE don't want to strum the same old strings with the same song twice, but we want youngsters to know that it's still unsafe to venture onto ice on rivers, creeks and ponds.

Last night (Tuesday) was one of the first nights so far that the temperature actually dropped much below zero (the reading at the Filter Plant reached a low of - 17 and at 8 a.m. today Wednesday, — 1) but we should remember that as soon as ice formed right across the Chateauguay River a few weeks ago, it was almost immediately covered by several inches of snow. That snow developed into 'shell' ice with pockets of air which created insulation for the water with the result that there is little real ice and what exists is by no means strong enough to support a person's weight.

Please don't venture onto the river yet.

While we're sounding off, we should mention the lakeshore too. Any one of these days, if the weather remains cold, we'll see people with snowmobiles racing along close to the shore. If the drivers know the area and if the water isn't more than 6 inches deep during the summer ,then it's their own business if they want to have their machines mired in slush, but if you don't know exactly where you're going on the lake, don't go near it at all.

The lake (we're referring to Lake St. Francis specifically now) is treacherous because currents constantly change. Ocean-going vessels are still plying the Seaway and they cause some strange effects to the water, winter or summer. A snowmobile might be perfectly safe a quarter-mile off-shore whereas a short distance away the same machine might go through the ice only ten feet from land. Play safe, ask local residents or the commercial fishermen before venturing onto unknown territory. We know two commercial fishermen who last year went out onto the ice and rescued people who ventured too close to the wrong areas.

Don't forget that because others get away with foolhardiness doesn't mean you will too. Perhaps they're tired of living.

We aren't trying to usurp the role of educators, parents or police when we warn you to be careful, we only know we have to report too many tragic automobile accidents here in the Chateauguay Valley and we're really afraid that with the increasing popularity of snowmobiles we'll be hearing about snowmobile tragedies. The machines are the greatest and we know they provide plenty of fun and excitement. . . . and we know they're safe, but so are cars until some become too careless with them. Like cars, snowmobiles are mechanical and they only do what their drivers make them do — be smart and treat them with respect.

## LETTERS to the EDITOR

Hemmingford, Que.
December 1970

Chateauguay Sports Editor
Mr. Bud Roper

Dear Mr. Roper,

I am writing in connection with the article in the Gleaner of December 9, on Page 9 in which you talk about Punch Imlach. Although I must say that although I have never had too much favourable to say about the man I still have to admit he is a great hockey brain and coach. In your article you seem to readily run down Imlach for his moves as coach of the Leafs and also for his editorials in a Sunday tabloid.

Well, to me it seems that you have turned your head on too many facts which are in favour of Mr. Imlach, just to take a shot at him. While in Toronto as in any other city the pressure is on to produce a winner. Punch Imlach did so very creditably with the Leafs. Any trade he made was one to produce this winner and obviously Imlach made many right moves for he missed the play offs that once and then was fired. I emphasized fired, he did not leave the Leafs. Punch Imlach was dedicated to winning and still is. Those many trades which he made must have been hard for him to make but in no way can I see a man as dedicated to hockey as he is making trades to boost his glory. The trades he made produced a winner and a winner was what everyone in Toronto wanted. Punch Imlach did just that.

In no way can a knowledgable hockey fan try and say that a hockey brain like Punch Imlach would fail to see potential of youngsters.

As for his tabloid in a Sunday I am not too familar with it but if it is garbage as you say I don't know what you would call a statement which says "and made trades which would boost his glory" or "the present Toronto miseries are the result of what he left the Leafs."

Toronto has recently beaten Montreal and Chicago so this team which Imlach has left with so many miseries must have the makings of great team in its system. It is now up to the present management to produce it.

Thank you for listening.

# Huntingdon Locals

### Huntingdon County Hospital Notes

The Huntingdon County Hospital gratefully acknowledges the receipt of Annual Memberships from Mrs. Stanley McNeil, Mrs. Florida Vaillancourt, Mr. George McIntyre and Mrs. Francis McCracken, as well as the following donations: $15.00 from Chateauguay Lodge No. 36; Anonymous $25.00; Western Division Ladies Aid $20.00; Cecil Johnson $10.00; Mr. George T. R. Campbell $200.00; in memory of Ivan Mennie $10.00 from Chateauguay Lodge No. 36; in memory of Mrs. C. W. Thomas $5.00 from Mrs. Arthur Ricard, $5.00 from Mrs. T. Galipeau, $10.00 from Mrs. Gilberta Farquhar; in memory of Mrs. Henry Wilson $5.00 from Brooklet friends; in memory of Miss Janet S. Arthur $100.00 from Donald and Roberta Ferns and $10.00 from Miss Mary Macfarlane. A donation of vegetables from Mrs. Arthur Macfarlane is also acknowledged.

### U.C.W. Meeting

A meeting of Unit 1 of Huntingdon United Church Women was held on Wednesday, December 9th., at 2.30 p.m. The leader Mrs. Jim McCoy welcomed the ladies then read an article pertaining to the ending of one year and the beginning of the next.

The devotions, on a Christmas theme, were led by Mrs Gordon McHardy. The program followed and was composed of a poem, reading, quiz or article on Christmas and each member contributed. This was impromptu and the variety presented was most interesting.

The business meeting followed and plans were made for the March meeting as no meetings will be held during January and February.

The meeting closed with a poem by Mrs. McCoy after which refreshments were served by Mrs. Chas. Reid and a social hour enjoyed.

### ST. ANDREW'S LADIES AID

The St. Andrew's Ladies Aid met on Wednesday afternoon, December 9 in the Annex. The president, Mrs. O'Hare, opened the meeting with prayer, Mrs. Ferns gave the Bible reading from Luke 2, beginning with the 6th verse. The Lord's Prayer was repeated, and minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Thank you notes were read for remembrances which had been sent out, and for donations received, and the treasurer gave her report.

It was decided to purchase two poinsettias for the church for Christmas. The Christmas card list was revised and several new names added. It was moved by Mrs. Stark and seconded by Mrs. McLeod that all committees remain the same for the coming year: President, Mrs. O'Hare; Secretary, Mrs. Eleanor Middlemiss; Treasurer, Mrs. Dorothy Willock. Roll Call was answered by 11 members.

The meeting closed with the repeating of the Mizpah in unison. A Pot Luck supper was served by the members.

A 50th Wedding Anniversary cake was given to Mrs. Willock on the occasion of their Golden anniversary. This was cut and served by Mrs. Willock, who had been taken by surprise. She thanked everyone for their kindness to her.

Mr. and Mrs. George Horan and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Lacroix of Ottawa were weekend visitors of Mrs. Eleanor Desjardins.

The final Bridge of 1970 was held on Thursday afternoon, December 10 at the Huntingdon Curling Club. Playing will resume on January 7. Hostesses during the afternoon were Mrs. Pat McLean, Mrs. Kay Reid, and Mrs. Emily Woods. First prize-winner was Mrs. Iva Oakes, and second prize was awarded to Mrs. Marguerite Lefebvre.

## Ormstown

### BROWNIE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thirty-four Brownies turned out for the annual Christmas party in the Presbyterian Church Hall on Monday evening, December 14. The girls enjoyed games and a sing-song and the usual Brownie patter. Mrs. Thelma Lang, arrived with her accordion and accompanied the girls as they sang Christmas Carols. Brown Owl Peggy Rowe, and Tawny Owls Marna Peters and Marilyn Magnussen were then called to come forward and were each presented with a gift from the pack. Ice cream was served at the end of the evening with Mrs. Pat Harris assisting.

### ORMSTOWN-HOWICK GUIDES

One of the nicest things about Christmas is hearing of special good deeds performed by our young people. The guides of Ormstown and Howick assembled in their hall on Monday evening and packed baskets of fruit which were then distributed to shut-ins at the Ovans Pleasant Valley Convalescent Home, the Henshaw Home and the Bourassa Home. This gesture was greatly appreciated by the recipients. The Guides' Lieutenant this year is Mrs. Thelma Adamson who is ably assisted by Miss Barbara Wright.

### PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL CONCERT

The annual Sunday School Concert of the Ormstown Presbyterian Church was held in the Church Hall on Friday evening with a packed auditorium. Master of Ceremonies Rev. Wm. Milne kept the crowd amused between acts and the children performed well in anticaption of the arrival of that friendly old gentleman dressed in red. Santa pulled a switch this year, after giving out all his gifts he insisted on the crowd doing "something just for him" and he asked several parents and children to sing carols. While they lustily gave the vocals chords much needed exercise the old gentleman silently stole away.

## Barrie Memorial Notes

**Annual Memberships:**

$10.00: — Mr. and Mrs. W. E. S. McNair, Huntingdon; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Graham, Huntingdon; Mrs. Alfred Cookman, Hemmingford; Mr. E. D. Gosling, Huntingdon; Mr. and Mrs. Romeo Barrette, Huntingdon.

**Donations:**

"In Memory of the Late Mr. Thomas Clifford", Mr. and Mrs. James White, Ormstown, $5.00.

"In Memory of the Late Major C. B. Lambert", Miss Muriel Harris, Terrebonne, $10.00.

"In Memory of the Late Mr. Wm. J. Graham", Neighbours and Friends, Huntingdon, $27.; Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Anderson, Athelstan, $5.00; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. MacFarlane, Athelstan, $5.00; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Brooks, Franklin Centre, $5.00; Mrs. Eunice Henderson, Athelstan, $5.00.

**Donations:**

Mr. Allan K. English, Ormstown, $25.00; Mrs. Florence Sadler, Pierrefonds, $10.00; Anonymous, Montreal, $25.00; Anonymous, Montreal, $25.00.

## The perfect Christmas gift

To most Canadians the fall season signifies the first nip of frost in the air, football games, the smell of roasting turkey, and, of course, family get-togethers.

It's also an ideal time to plan ahead for Christmas gifts. Christmas might seem like a long way away but the days pass swiftly.

Want a gift suggestion? How about a family portrait photograph.

One family portrait sitting at this time will reap a harvest — a bountiful array of Christmas gifts.

By having a portrait taken now, you'll allow your professional photographer enough time to produce enough prints for a variety of gifts, for everyone on your Christmas list.

All you'll have to do Mom is gather the clan for a sitting.

One method of persuasion might be to help family members realize that they don't have to get all dressed up to pose.

Dad doesn't have to struggle into a suit and tie, and a little girl doesn't necessarily have to wear a party dress.

The entire family can dress in casual, informal clothes, the kind they feel most comfortable in, and the result will still be a portrait to be treasured.

Casual clothes can help even the most nervous family member relax in front of the camera and many professional photographers specialize in informal portraits.

Once the portrait has been taken, start making a list of the ways it can be used for Christmas gifts.

Then you'll know in advance how many prints are needed.

As a family gift, get a large print of the portrait, the perfect personal touch in any decorating scheme.

Grandparents or other relatives in another town, friends who are far away — these are just some of the people who would enjoy receiving a portrait of the family.

Each member of the family will also enjoy his own print of the portrait, so order enough to put in everyone's stocking.

Dad can keep his on the desk in his office. Your children in college might be a little less homesick if they can glance at the family portrait occupying a place of honor in a dormitory room.

Small prints can be used in photo-greeting cards or tucked in Christmas letters.

The list is endless.

By planning ahead now, you'll have a cherished gift for all your loved ones — a family portrait photograph.

## Obituaries

### The Late William J. Graham

The community lost one of its senior citizens on Tuesday, December 8, when Mr. William J. Graham of Huntingdon, passed away at the Montreal General Hospital in his 81st. year.

Mr. Graham was born at the Gore on December 31, 1889 and was the son of the late James Graham and his wife the late Charlotte Simpson.

William Graham farmed on the Gore on the home farm until 1967 when he and his wife retired and moved to Huntingdon.

Mr. Graham was married to the former Eva Anderson of the Gore on September 19, 1917, and to this union there were two sons, Mervyn and Melvin. Melvin was killed in action in World War II on Oct. 29, 1944.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife Eva, his son Mervyn and Christena of the Gore and his brother Walter W. of Chateauguay, Que., also his grandson Melvin Graham and his wife Verna and his two little great granddaughters, Lea Ann and Karen Graham. Also several nieces and nephews. His brother T. John Graham of Athelstan predeceased him on December 15th, 1965, and his sister Charlotte Dear of Furke, N.Y., on February 3, 1970.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, December 10, from the Kelly Funeral Home with Rev. H. Goold taking the services.

The pallbearers were Willard Anderson, Carl Anderson, Allister Neely, Clark Henderson, Ord Taylor and Guy Leblanc. Interment was in the Gore Cemetery.

## Obituary

### The late Mrs. H. E. Wilson, in her 91st year

The community of Franklin Centre was saddened on Friday morning to learn of the death of one of its senior citizens, Mrs. Henry E. Wilson, at the Hebert Nursing Home, Huntingdon.

Mrs. Wilson, formerly, Jessie S. Baskin, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Baskin, of St. Chrysostome, was born on January 11th., 1880. She was united in marriage after a short teaching career to Mr. Henry E. Wilson of Franklin Centre, on August 27, 1902 and lived all her life in the Rockburn-Franklin community, where she was active in church and women's organizations. Her husband predeceased her in 1954 and a daughter, Mable Janet, died in 1907 at the age of three and four months.

She is survived by a daughter, Marjorie, Mrs. C. C. Carson, a son Allan H. both of Franklin Centre a daughter Helen of New York, six grand children, Mrs. Clifford Davison, of Oakville, Ont. Duncan Carson, of Franklin Centre, Henry W. Wilson of Franklin Centre, Mrs. Archie, L. Chisholm, of Brampton, Ont. Stanford A. Wilson, of London, Ont., and Diane H. Wilson, of Franklin Centre.

The funeral service, which was largely attended, was held on Sunday afternoon at Rennie's United Church and conducted by her pastor, Rev. H. Goold. At the request of the deceased, "Lead Kindly Light" and Peace Perfect Peace" were sung by the choir and congregation.

The Pallbearers were the following neighbours — Mr. Charles Waller, Mr. Robert Barr, Mr. Leslie Robertson, Mr. Walter Currie, Mr. Wm. Maither and Mr. George Erskine.

The floral tributes received from neighbours, relatives and friends were beautiful.

Interment was in the family plot at Hillside Cemetry.

## Cards of Thanks

I wish to express my sincere thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours who remembered me with flowers, gifts, cards and visits on the occasion of my birthday. All was much appreciated.

Mrs. Lawrence Holmes

I wish to express my sincere thanks to Dr. McCrimmon, nurses and staff of the Huntingdon County Hospital for the excellent care I received while a patient there; also to my friends and relatives for cards and visits. All was very much appreciated.

Cecil Johnson

I wish to express my sincere thanks to Dr. Kelen, the nurses and staff of the third floor of the Barrie Memorial Hospital for the excellent care I received as a patient there; thanks also to my relatives, friends and neighbours for cards, gifts and visits. All was deeply appreciated.

Olivier Z. Leblanc

Mrs. Monie Martine of Winnipeg wishes to thank her relatives and friends from the area who remembered her with cards and good wishes while she was a patient in the Grace Hospital, Winnipeg during November 1970.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to friends, neighbours and relatives for their kind expressions of sympathy, and many acts of kindness shown us during our recent sad bereavement in the loss of a dear husband and father.

Sara and Brian Mennie

I wish to express my sincere thanks to Dr. LeFebvre, nurses and staff of the Huntingdon County Hospital for the excellent care I received while I was a patient; also to all those who remembered me with cards, gifts and visits. A special thanks to Branch 81 Royal Canadian Legion and the Huntingdon Rotary Club.

Mrs. Earl C. Wilson

We wish to express our sincere thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for expressions of sympathy at the time of death of a dear mother and grandmother.

The family of the late
Mrs. Henry E. Wilson

## In Memoriam

LOCKHART — In loving memory of our nephew Thomas, who was accidentally killed in July 1964, and of Fred Lockhart, who passed away December 17, 1964.

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WELBURN — In loving memory of our dear daughter and sister, Anita, who passed away on December 20, 1958.

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keep you near,
As time unfolds
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Still loved and missed
in every way."

Always remembered and sadly missed,

Your Mom, Dad and
6 Brothers

## Christmas Eve Family Service

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## Cards of Thanks

My sincere thanks to Dr. McCrimmon and Dr. Lefebvre, nurses and staff of the Huntingdon County Hospital for their kindness and care to me. Also to relatives and friends for their visits and cards. All was much appreciated.

Mrs. Laura Anderson

We would like to sincerely thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for flowers, cards and all kindnesses shown us at the time of our recent sad bereavement. All was very much appreciated.

The family of the late
William J. Graham

We wish to thank Dr. Cameron and Dr. Stalker and all the nurses and staff on the 2nd floor of the Barrie Memorial Hospital, also Dr. Murphy and nurses on the 12th floor of the Montreal General Hospital for all their kindness to the late William J. Graham.

Eva, Mervyn and
Christena Graham

Mrs. George Lavigne and her children, Mr. and Mrs. Gérard Lavigne and Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Cartier (Pauline) would like to express their sincere thanks to all those who showed marks of sympathy by telegrams, cards Mass offerings, visits, floral tributes and assistance at the funeral, on the occasion of the death of Mr. George Lavigne, which occured on October 26.

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## Born

TESSIER — On December 8, 1970, to Marcel and Vera (nee Monique), a son, brother to Diane and Andy.

## Died

FRENCH — At Pierrefonds, Quebec, on Friday, December 11, 1970, Reginald (Reg) A. French, aged 76 years, husband of the late Elsie Garland and father of C. F. French (Bud). Rested at the J. M. Sharpe Funeral Home Franklin Centre, thence to Sawyerville. Funeral was held on Monday, December 14 at 2 p.m. at the T. S. French Funeral Home. Interment Eaton Cemetery

TROTTER — Suddenly at his residence, on November 26th, 1970, Adam (Addie) M., dearly beloved husband of Millicent Orr, dearest father of Bonnie and beloved brother of Jack, Gordon, Bruce and Peggy, brother-in-law of Donald Orr of Hemmingford, Que. Funeral from D. A. Collins Chapel, 5610 Sherbrooke St. W., on Saturday at 12 noon. Interment Hemmingford, Que.

## Funeral Notice

The funeral of the late Ivan A. Mennie was held at the Kelly Funeral Home in Huntingdon on Thursday, December 3 at 1 p.m. The service was conducted by the Rev. William Scott of St. Columba Presbyterian Church, Kirkhill, Ontario.

The pallbearers were five nephews, George A. Fuller of Montreal, Ross MacGillivray of Dalkeith, Ontario, Edward, Glen and Blair Mennie of Wendover, Ontario, and a cousin, Clarence Mennie of Wendover. Interment was at Kirkhill, Ontario.



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# La paix au profit de l'economie

**Au seuil de l'année mil-neul-cent soixante et onze, n'aurions-nous pas droit d'espérer qu'enfin les hommes réaliseront que, pour atteindre la croissance économique que tous désirent, ce n'est que par une course à l'entr'aide et non une à la guerre que nous y parviendrons.**

**La question se pose à savoir si pour réaliser des profits il nous faut absolument produire des armements ou tout ce qui peut s'y rattacher. Supposons donc que demain l'industrie reçoive, comme ce fut le cas pour une entreprise locale l'année dernière, une commande pour bâtir quelque cent mille maisons à prix modique dans un pays nommé pour fin d'exemple: X. Disons aussi que ce même pays nous demande non seulement ces maisons, mais qu'au lieu d'aller les "policer", on aille les instruire. La simple logique nous indique qu'un nombre incalculable de gens seront mis à l'emploi. Comment financerons-nous de tels projets si ces pays ne peuvent nous payer en des termes raisonnables? Il nous faudra répondre à cette question de la même façon que l'on répond pour expliquer le financement du chômage qui coûte beaucoup plus que les économistes peuvent le calculer ou ne savent le calculer. Vous ajouterez donc: mais tout ceci semble trop facile pour être concrétisé. Le Canada est un pays, nous affirme-t-on, des plus riches au monde au point de vue ressources naturelles de toutes sortes. Le monde, sauf un tiers, vit dans une pauvreté inexpilquable: personne donc ne peut nous faire croire que la demande n'existe pas. Lorsqu'une guerre se déclare on trouve toujours le financement nécessaire pour la poursuivre. N'a-t-on pas les moyens pour vaincre la guerre contre la pauvreté.**

**De toute façon, nous serons les vaincus si nous ne préparons pas nos effectifs pour la combattre.**

**Comment croire qu'à l'heure actuelle, nos gouvernements soient obligés de faire toutes les pirouettes pour tenter de parer au chômage. Peut-on-réellement les croire lorsque l'on nous dit que des mesures extraordinaires seront prises pour résoudre ce terrible abcès. On ne peut être sérieux en nous faisant croire que l'aide à l'entreprise canadienne va résoudre nos problèmes économiques. Il nous faut des débouchés pour liquider nos produits, et ce n'est pas en préparant la guerre avec ses clients qu'on peut réussir à leur vendre. Pas plus si on encourage un pays tiers à faire la guerre avec ce dernier. Depuis quand encourage-t-on quelqu'un à s'intéresser à nos marchandises sous le signe de la menace?**

**Il nous reste à souhaiter qu'une infime parcelle de bon sens vienne s'échoir dans l'oeil de nos dirigeants pour leur permettre quelques changements positifs, et qu'enfin, une réelle relance économique prenne place. Non pas une pour préparer une campagne électorale, à plus ou moins brève échéance, mais une qui conduira la prochaine décade vers des sommets inespérés.**

# Voeux pour la fête de Noël



MSGR CUY BELANGER

Voeux de Noël
de: Mgr. Guy Bélanger,
Evêque du Diocèse de Valleyfield
A: tous les diocésains.

Chers diocésains,

La crèche de Noël et l'Enfant-Jésus dans une mangeoire, nous rappellent que Dieu est venu chez nous à la manière d'un ami qui entre chez les siens par la porte de service. Tout est simplicité, douceur et humilité, à Bethléem.

Je vous souhaite cette douceur de Jésus, au foyer, avec vos enfants, avec vos parents et partout où vous vous trouvez près de frères humains. Surtout, quand ces frères et ces soeurs sont pauvres, sans moyens, humiliés et ravagés par la dureté de leur vie. L'Etoile de Bethléem ne nous conduit pas dans les palais; elle s'arrête sur un petit abri de campagne où un couple de petites gens passent une nuit de voyage. Tout ce qui est humble, petit, faible et fragile, s'illumine, depuis cette Nuit-là, de l'éclat de l'Etoile de Noël: la foi est cette merveille qui nous fait voir dans la lumière de Dieu, tout ce qui ressemble à Bethléem et aux humbles qui y habitent.

Mes meilleurs voeux, à vous tous, c'est que votre coeur se remplisse de joie à la rencontre de l'Etoile.

Guy Bélanger,
Evêque du Diocèse de Valleyfield.



M. LAURENDEAU

**Deux nouveaux marguillers furent élus pour la paroisse St-Joseph de Huntingdon, dimanche dernier après la messe de 11.30 heures ,pour remplacer MM. Douglas Barns et Emile Leblanc, dont le terme se termine à la fin de décembre. MM. Lewis W. Neville et Clermont Laurendeau furent élus par acclamation. M. Laurendeau, est professeur à l'école Polyvalente Arthur Pigeon. La photo de M. Neville, secrétaire-trésorier de la firme Cleyn & Tinker, apparait dans la section anglaise de ce journal.**

**Les nouveau élus complètent le nombre de marguillers de la paroisse avec MMes Rodrigue Montpetit et George Collum et MM. Gérald Smith et Edgar Leblanc.**

# "Le pompier de l'année" de la brigade de H'brooke

La brigade des pompiers volontaires de Hinchinbrooke débuta en 1963 et l'un des premiers volantaires à s'y joindre si activement est M. James Hutchings. Depuis ce jour, il consacre tout son temps disponible à la brigade.

A leur banquet annuel le mois dernier, il fut honoré avec le nouveau et premier trophée du **"Pompier de l'Année"**. Un comité de la brigade lui décerna cet honneur pour les innombrables services rendus et l'intérêt qu'il y porte. Un magnifique trophée en noyer, monté d'un pompier en bronze avec écusson et inscription, demeure en possession du récipiendaire.

M. Hutchings avait servi comme président de 1965 à 1967, résigna volontairement de sa position, mais il fut immédiatement nommé directeur, poste qu'il occupe encore aujourd'hui. James croit beaucoup à ne pas se laisser rouiller et se maintenir bien actif. Il a suivi les cours essentiels à Constable, Malone, Fort Covington, et Chateaugay, N.Y.; cours de compagnie, qui comprend aussi un certain nombre de pompiers de la même brigade, à Fort Covington et Chateaugay, N.Y.; un cours d'entrainement pour officier sur les pompes, à Ellenburg. Certains de ces cours avaient lieu un soir par semaine pour une durée de 12 semaines consécutives. Nous voyons ici le temps consacré à cette entreprise et tout cela volontairement et à ses frais. En plus, il a aidé à combattre 30 à 40 incendies majeurs, d'innombrables feux d'herbe et d'automobiles.

Son premier souci est de faire connaitre le pompier volontaire par le grand public. Ces hommes ne courent pas à un incendie pour leur curiosité et leur plaisir. Un feu est véritablement une tragédie et ce n'est rien d'agréable de sortir un soir d'hiver, dans une tempête, aux petites heures du matin. Ces hommes se dévient au service de la communauté, et les acessoires modernes à combatre le feu sont définitivement essentiels pour le bien de la municipalité.

En pensant à l'avenir Jimmy voit la nécessité de se procurer une plus grande quantité de meilleurs équipements mécaniques, mais ce qui est le plus important encore serait d'avoir des hommes bien entrainés pour les manoeuvrer et les comprendre "Le meilleur des équipements est excellent en autant que l'opérateur puisse en faire bon usage", nous déclarait notre pompier de l'année de la brigade de Hinchinbrooke.

# Les Fermières de Howick

L'assemblée régulière des fermières de Howick se tenait jeudi, le 10 décembre dernier, à l'école St-Jean. En plus des 49 fermières présentes, nous accueillions notre pasteur M. le Curé Amyot, trois de nos religieuses et trois de nos concitoyennes de langue anglaise, soit Mme Crawford, publiciste du Gleaner, Mme Simms et Mme Murray.

L'assemblée débuta par la prière, vint ensuite la lecture et l'adoption des minutes de la dernière assemblée, les dames sont alors invitées à s'inscrire pour les présences. Notre cercle compte trois nouvelles dames fermières. Mme Daoust, notre présidente, demande à notre secrétaire de faire lecture du règlement adopté à l'assemblée de juin sur la présence aux assemblées. Je m'excuse de ne pouvoir vous donner le texte integral du règlement, mais je vous le donne en substance.

Désormais et après maintes discussions, il est entendu que pour avoir droit au cadeau à la fête des Mères, une fermière devra assister à deux assemblées, du mois d'octobre au mois d'avril inclusivement; pour le voyage, il en sera de même, sauf pour les nouvelles qui pour la première année auront droit au voyage sans ses deux assemblées. Toutes les nouvelles fermières recevront par écrit le règlement d'ici quelques jours.

Mme Daoust remet à Mme Antoinette Soucisse et à Mme Thérèse Rose un souvenir pour le travail accompli au sein du cercle pendant leur mandat qui a pris fin en octobre.

En janvier, nous aurons l'échange des cadeaux, toutes sont priées d'apporter un petit cadeau d'une valeur de $1.00. Les cadeaux sont emballés, celles qui le desirent peuvent y joindre leur nom c'est facultatif néanmoins si le nom y est nous saurons bien qui remercier! Nous aurons aussi en janvier une démonstration sur la fabrication des tapis sur corde.

Ce fut ensuite la présentation de Sr Bouchard du Cente Féminin de Ste-Matine, celle-ci était pami nous pour une démonstration d'art culinaire. Secondée par une compagne du Centre et par une dame de Ste-Martine, elle a su capter l'attention des dames présentes et en un tour de main elle nous dressa un buffet froid.

Sr. Bouchard avait préparé sur la demande du Conseil des Fermières assez de mets pour régaler toutes les dames présentes, et sous nos yeux elle nous donnait des trucs et la manière de les préparer. Une table fut joliment dressée et toutes les dames furent invitées à se servir elles-mêmes. C'était délicieux! Après un telle soirée, toutes se sont dispersées riches d'idées et de recettes pour leurs réceptions des fêtes.

Plusieurs prix de présence furent tirés au sort.

A toutes, un Joyeux Noël et revenez-nous en Janvier.

Mme Hélène Lemieux, publiciste.

# DES VOLEURS DESAPPOINTES

Les voleurs qui se sont enfui avec le coffre-fort de Atco Controls Ltd. durant la nuit de mercerdi dernier doivent être fort désappointés. En effet, en dépit de tout leur travail, descendre le coffre-fort du second étage et tous leurs efforts pour parvenir à l'ouvrir ne leur ont rien donné.

Ils ont pénétré dans l'établissement en brisant les deux portes conduisant aux bureaux, situés dans une maison à deux étages sur la rue Bouchette et près de la manufacture située au coin des rues Bouchette et York.

Le coffre-fort de 280 livres fut sorti du bureau et transporté au bas de l'escalier. Les voleurs pénétrèrent alors dans la manufacture et là ils s'emparèrent de différents outils et firent de vains efforts pour l'ouvrir. Ils transportèrent alors le coffre-fort à leur voiture et s'enfuirent.

Ils parvinrent finalement à ouvrir leur boite, mais à leur étonnement, sans doute, elle ne contenait que des livres et papiers appartenant à la manufacture.

Des enfants qui attendaient leur autobus scolaire vendredi matin, firent la découverte du coffre-fort sous un pont qui traverse la rivière à la Truite, entre Kensington et la frontière américaine, et alors les policiers furent avertis.

Les papiers étaient endommagés mais d'après M. Dave Bowen, gérant à Atco Controls ils peuvent être restorés.

**Manque de protection**

Quand il y a un vol à Huntingdon, plusieurs se demandent: "Mais où était la police?" M. Bowen s'exprime à peu près de la même manière avec une variation. Il ne blame pas les policiers mais plutot les autorités municipales qui devraient s'assurer que la ville soit protégée 24 heures par jour. Il condamne les responsables de l'embauchage des policiers, en l'occurence le conseil, qui ne prévoit pas un budget suffisant pour payer un plus grand nombre de policiers. Il reconnait que les trois policiers actuels travaillent de longues heures, et on ne peut leur en demander davantage.

Depuis quelque temps, les voleurs ont été très actifs dans la ville au cours de la nuit. Espérons que les autorités compétentes verront bientot la nécessité d'embaucher un plus grand nombre de policiers et ainsi assurer une plus grande protection aux citoyens et hommes d'affaires de Huntingdon.

## Remerciements

**Mme George Lavigne et ses enfants, M. et Mme Gérard Lavigne, et M. et Mme Gérard ques Cartier (Pauline), désirent exprimer leurs remerciements sincères à tous ceux qui leur ont témoigné leur sympathie soit par télégrammes, cartes, offrandes de messe, visites aux Salons, tributs floraux ou assistance aux funérailles, à l'occasion du décès de M. George Lavigne, survenu le 25 octobre dernier.**

**Je desire exprimer mes remerciements les plus sincères au Dr. Kelen, aux infirmières et au personnel du 3e étage de l'hôpital Barrie Memorial pour les bons soins reçus lors de mon séjour à cet hôpital; je remercie aussi mes parents, amis et voisins pour leurs cartes, cadeaux et visites. Le tout fut fort apprécié.**

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# Réussite complète de l'Expo-Biblique de Coteau-du-Lac

Trois comités avaient été mis sur pied: un comité d'information et publicité, un comité de montage et un comité d'accueil et surveillance.

L'exposition comprenait 100 photographies évoquant l'histoire du Salut et plusieurs pièces d'archéologie biblique. On pouvait s'arrêter à une section littéraire pour prendre connaissance de publications récentes: volumes, revues, magazines. Cette section montrait en outre le caractère de pérennité de la Bible: les origines de l'écriture, la Bible d'hier symbolisée par une vieille vulgate en latin, la Bible d'aujourd'hui symbolisée par le format de poche de la Bible de Jérusalem, et enfin, la Bible de demain symbolisée par la microfiche de la Compagnie NCR lisible au microsocope. Cette microfiche de 2 pouces par 2 pouces, si incroyable que cela puisse paraitre, contient les 1,245 pages de la "Saint James Bible". Inutile de dire qu'elle suscita beaucoup d'admiration.

Dans la salle principale, le visiteur était d'abord frappé par une immense carte en relief de la Palestine mise en valeur par une disposition et un éclairage appropriés. Dans un angle de la pièce, la grosse Bible de Jérusalem, illustrée par le célèbre graveur Balint se découpait sur une tenture de velours bleu.

Tout en suivant les photos, le visiteur était conduit vers une salle très sobre où il s'assoyait et pouvait choisir entre 20 sujets de dialogues enregistrés sur une bande sonore par l'abbé Martucci à l'émission Témoignage; par exemple: Adam et Eve ont-ils existé? La fameuse côte d'Adam, qu'en est-il au juste? Et la fameuse "pomme"? etc.

Au sortir de l'expo, le visiteur qui le désirait pouvait écrire ses impressoins dans un livre spécial. En voici un extrait: "Nous espérons que votre oeuvre saura inspirer d'autres gens, d'autres organisations. La Parole de Dieu a passé dans votre accueil, vos paroles, vos actes".

Signalons aussi la belle collaboration des media d'information et le vif intérêt de la population là où un effort spécial fut déployé. Déjà on enregistre quelques demandes pour un cours de Bible. Pour toute information on peut s'adresser à l'abbé Yves Abran délégué de l'Evêque à la Société Catholique de la Bible et responsable du Service de catéchèse à l'Office diocésain d'Education.

Enfin, mentionnons que cette activité, qui s'est déroulée à Côteau-du-Lac, semble devoir enrainer des imitateurs. En effet, on parle d'une exposition semblable à Sainte-Barbe au début de 1971, à Châteauguay au printemps, etc. Une chose est certaine, c'est que le facteur décisif pour que ces projets et d'autres voient le jour, c'est **la demande pressante et persévérante des laïcs et leur collaboration.**

Yves Abran, ptre
Délégué à la Société
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# Toastmasters de Châteauguay, des conférenciers appropriés

Les Toastmasters de Châteauguay ont organisé un nouveau programme. "L'extension du club par un bureau de conférenciers." Ils reconnaissent que les organisations, les associations et les clubs sociaux ont besoin de conférenciers en certaines occasions. Que ce soit pour ramasser des fonds ou pour attirer de nouveaux membres, un Toastmaster sera disponible à bref délai et sans aucun frais. Il est entendu que les Toastmasters doivent être mis au courant du sujet à traiter afin de pouvoir préparer leur discours, mais la plupart des membres peuvent préparer et prononcer un discours le même jour.

L'habileté des conférenciers a été démontrée à maintes reprises par MM. Clarence O'Connell, qui prononçait récemment un discours sur la campagne de la plume rouge, Fred Dudley, qui avait choisi comme sujet le Y.M.C.A. Bert McLaughlan, les premiers soins, Hank Hillock, les arriérés mentaux, etc.

Si vous appartenez à une organisation de bienfaisance et avez besoin d'un conférencier, adressez-vous aux Toastmasters de Châteauguay en téléphonant à leur président, Clarence O'Connell, à 691-2068, ou à leur vice-président, Nelson Weippert, à 692-9920 et expliquez-leur votre cas. Des arrangements seront alors pris pour vous fournir le conférencier le plus approprié à vos besoins.

# Bonis et ristournes de la Caisse Populaire Ste-Cécile

La Caisse populaire Ste-Cécile-de-Salaberry tenait le 24 novembre dernier son assemblée générale annuelle et annonçait à ses membres une augmentation de son actif d'un demi million, ce qui porte son actif à près de 5.4 millions. Le solde des prêts sur reconnaissance de dette s'est augmenté de $103,250.00.

La Caisse a consenti durant durant l'année, sur reconnaissances de dette, 679 prêts pour une somme globale de $595,550.00 et 59 prêts hypothécaires pour une somme globale de $442,000.00. Le fait le plus saillant du rapport est sans contredit la bonification des intérêts sur épargne et les ristournes accordées aux emprunteurs.

Il a été accordé aux déposants pour les comptes épargne ordinaire avec privilège de chèques une bonification de 20% de l'intérêt payé au second semestre, ce qui a porté l'intérêt moyen de ces comptes à près de 4%, pour les comptes assurables et 4.4% pour les comptes non assurables. En plus de cette ristourne les héritiers de 23 sociétaires décédés au cours de l'année ont reçu une somme globale de -7,500.00 en assurance-vie y compris près de $700.00 en boni familial.

L'intérêt sur les comptes d'épargne spéciale qui n'admettent pas de chèques ont reçu un intérêt de 6½% et les dépôts à terme ont rapporté un intérêt qui a varié entre 7 et 8%, puisque dans tous les cas où l'intérêt était inférieur à 7%, cet intérêt a été bonifié à 7%. Ces deux premières bonifications sont accordées par la Caisse pour la deuxième année consécutive.

Les membres emprunteurs qui avaient vu le taux d'intérêt de leurs emprunts majorié à l'échéance de leurs contrats ont aussi bénéficité de ristournes fort appréciables et fort appréciées. Les emprunteurs sur reconnaissances de dette qui ont payé un taux d'intérêt de 10½% ont reçu une ristourne de 10% du montant payé ce qui a réduit leur taux à 9.45%, à la condition que les remises aient été effectuées fidèlement à échéance. Les emprunteurs hypothécaires qui ont rempli fidélement leurs obligations ont eux aussi, bénéficié d'une ristourne. Ceux dont le taux contractuel était de 9% ont reçu une ristourne ou reduction de 10%, et ceux qui ont dû payer 8½% ont vu leur taux réduit de 5% de l'intérêt payé. Ces deux ristournes ramènent l'intérêt réel payé pour l exercice à 8% dans les deux cas.

Le partage des surplus de bénéfices ou trop-perçus au prorata de l'apport financier fait bien ressortir le titre du sociétaire co-propriétaires de la Caisse. Le groupe qui a fourni l'argent nécessaire au crédit **(les épargnants)** reçoit en bonification $10,766.00. Le groupe producteur de bénéfices ou trop-perçus (Les emprunteurs) reçoit pour sa part $10,093.00

En plus de ces avantages, le rapport soumis mentionne que les emprunts de six emprunteurs décédés ont été soldés par la police d'assurance-vie que la Caisse détient et cela pour une somme globale de $34,503.00.

La Caisse Ste - Cécile - de - Salaberry est innovatrice dans l'application du principe de la ristourne, du moins dans notre région même si elle paie ces ristournes pour la deuxième année consécutive. Cette Caisse se veut coopérative dans les faits et non seulement dans son appellation; elle reconnait le principe de l'égalité de droits pour tous les sociétaires. Lors de l'augmentation des taux d'intérêts, elle a dû majorer le taux d'intérêt de ses prêts échus devant l'augmentation des taux d'intérêts qu'elle devait payer à l'épargne sous toutes ses formes. C'était encore là affirmer l'égalite des sociétaires. La distribution des trop-perçus est un geste aussi de reconnaissance du même principe.

Si nous ajoutons aux sommes déjà mentionnées, à titre de bénéfices supplémentaires les sommes versées en intérêts sur les comptes d'épargne de toutes catégories, soit $155,138.71 plus les sommes versées en boni sur capital social, la Caisse Populaire Ste-Cécile-de-Salaberry aura versé aux membres, pour le dernier exercice, une somme globale de $198,398.25. C'est en somme le salaire annuel de l'argent de la communauté mis au service de cette même communauté.

Le partage des revenus adopté à l'assemblée générale, révèle que 35% des revenus est utilisé pour l'administration générale du bureau, y comprise le coût du local et les salaires: 57.25% est remis aux sociétaires en intérêts, bonis et ristournes et 7½% est porté à la réserve générale.


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# Hemmingford Chamber of Commerce meets

The regular meeting of the Hemmingford Chamber of Commerce was held at an earlier date this month in order that plans for the Santa Claus parade, which the Chamber sponsors, might be finalized.

The President, Mr. Leonard Priest, announced he was pleased to introduce four new members and hoped this was a good omen for the coming year, an increase in membership and an added interest in the work of the Chamber. The four new members are, Mr. Jacques Richard, Manager of Commercial Credit, Montreal, who is now resident in Hemmingford, Mr. Aimé Tremblay, Mr. Vic Rugenius and Mr. Boyd Campbell.

Mr. Charles Barr, a member for the past 17 years, was the speaker for the evening. In his opening words Mr. Barr welcomed the new members and hoped they would find membership in the Chamber and participation in its work as interesting as he and the other members had found it.

"According to the records," continued Mr. Barr," the Chamber was founded in 1952. The first President was Mr. Earle Radley, Vice-President Mr. Walter Smith, Secretary Mr. John McKough, and Directors Messrs. Marcel Fortin, Kenneth Johnson, Romain Priest, L. G. Simpson, Maurice Patenaude, Roy Urquhart, Ben Berthiaume and Bob Reid.

One of the first motions in the book of Minutes was a resolution to form a committee to set up the Hemmingford Housing Company. As you know this was very successful and is still in operation to-day. Another resolution appearing in the early minutes was addressed to the Highway Department to secure a number for the highway from the Border to Douglas' Corners on Route 36. I may say that this resolution has been forwarded to the Department almost every year — but — things remain as they were 18 years ago, NO NUMBER. But — we've had lots of promises!

Better progress was made with the Fire Department and the Water Works. It would be foolish to claim that this Chamber was responsible for these, but we did play a big part in that we were the sounding-board for public opinion, as it were, on these most important projects. We have always enjoyed a good relationship with the Mayor and members of both the outside and inside Councils. We didn't always get what we asked for, but they did everything possible to help us where they could.

For years we have worked on the problem of bringing some form of industry into the locality but we have not got very far in this respect, however, we are still working on the problem and sooner or later if we can wait long enough — we should come up with something.

I think perhaps one of the big disappointments for Chamber members was the fact that we were unable to get a hospital in Hemmingford although we worked very hard on this project from 1957 to 1962. Maybe some day in the future this dream, too, will be realized. Another disappointment was "Zoning". We tried for 2 years to get zoning regulations passed. The chief of the particular department in charge of zoning came on several occasions, staying two or three days each time, surveying, explaining, holding meetings but to no avail. Although we had almost everyone's agreement it seems the necessary funds were not available. Someday it will be necessary and when it is — it may be very costly! However, this is something we can discuss further at our meetings.

We sponsored many other projects — spraying of elm trees for the Dutch Elm disease, better mail services, better bus service (we didn't do too well here either, did we?!). We assisted the Town Council on street signs, we were the first organizations to be involved in the Golf Course as it was at a February meeting of this Chamber when the first question of the course was discussed. I don't think we ever saw anything proceed so rapidly. The Company was formed before May and construction started immediately.

We've also yelled our heads sibly, get things done. Welcome off about Police service, better to the Hemmingford Chamber roads etc., Some of these things of Commerce."
we have, some of them we have not.

However, Chamber members can and are free to discuss many items without committing themselves one way or the other. These discussions are not possible at the Council level or at Government level. Ideally your Chamber, after agreement, can decide to sponsor changes, or improvements, call them what you may, then work with and through the various levels of government to try to get these ideas accepted. And it is for this reason we welcome our new members, people with new ideas, people who will, pos-

For the benefit of the members who converse more easily in French Mr. Maurice Patenaude, at intervals during Mr. Barr's talk, gave the French translation.

At the conclusion Mr. Bob Reid said it had been a privilege to work with the members of the Chamber over the past 18 years and extended sincere thanks to Mr. Barr for his interesting talk on the work of the Chamber over the past years.

The President, Mr. Leonard Priest, speaking in French, heartily endorsed Mr. Reid's words.

The business of the meeting continued with the main items being the finalizing of plans for the Santa Claus parade to be held on Sunday, December 13.



**Santa Claus delighted a large audience of youngsters and parents at the new Fire Hall in Athelstan on Friday evening at a Christmas Party for the Hinchinbrooke Volunteer Firemen's families. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Milne provided violin and piano music and for an hour prior to Santa's arrival everyone joined in a singsong which was led by Mesdames Don Ednie and Donald Erskine. A number of the children rounded out the entertainment with songs, recitations and piano selections which were much appreciated. Bags of hot buttered popcorn were passed at intervals and the adults enjoyed this treat every bit as much as the youngsters who kept casting glances at the front door in anticipation of the arrival of old St. Nick. He was a little late arriving (it's a long way from the North Pole to Athelstan) but when he arrived his hearty "Ho Ho Ho" thrilled the smaller children and he gave each a gift. Later in the evening, a presentation was made to Mrs. Bert Shearer for her excellent service as fire telephone operator. Before Santa left (some say he went up the road, toward John D. Elder's home) everyone enjoyed sandwiches, cake and soft drinks. It was a pleasant evening for the firemen's youngsters and judging by the smiling faces, adults too had a fine time.**

# Time to control snowmobiles

The unrestricted use of snowmobiles, the speedy winter vehicles, is becoming a serious menace to man and beast, reports the December Reader's Digest.

Something like 600,000 snowmobiles will be sold in the United States and Canada this winter, and more than one and a half million are already on the trail. In snow-country, it is all but impossible to escape the din of these vehicles on weekends. The first three-inch snowfall of winter turns the whole countryside into a broad, navigable highway, and the snowmobile can then take people where people do not belong.

At a time when everyone else is closest to immobility, the snowmobiler is at his most exhilaratingly free. And dangerous. Consider the sports-loving wife of Quebec's former minister of highways leading her three children on a snowmobile safari. Under the wheels of a truck, she became Quebec's 32nd snowmobile death last winter. According to the Ontario Safety League, "Snowmobiling may have the highest fatality rate of any recreational activity in the world." (There were 93 snowmobile deaths in Canada last winter, half due to collisions with cars).

One part of the problem is that hardly a province or state places restrictions on the age of snowmobile drivers. If a child can see over the windshield (or even if he cannot), he is eligible. Another part of the problem is power. The average family snowmobile will go 60 m.p.h., and the world's snowmobile speed record is 114.5 m.p.h. The cliché advertisement has become an airborne snowmobile, its goggled driver crouched over the windshield, his knees flexed and his clothes rippling. "Many amateur drivers try to emulate these stunts," the Royal Canadian Mounted Police **Gazette** reported, "with the result that the average production-line machine, not equipped for such sport, ends up smashed and the driver seriously injured or killed." A snowmobile is not the most stable of vehicles when it is running on hard-packed snow. In the air, one would be safer on a pterodactyl.

These, of course, are the actions of an irresponsible few. In the long run, they may be of less consequence than the actions of responsible operators — those who roar into the woods in winter for a single reason: because they love the outdoors and the animals and the snow. The first unnatural ingredient these people add to the forest is noise — earsplitting, pounding, reverberating noise which terrifies animals. Although conservationists say that we don't know how badly wildlife needs the dead silence of winter, they are certain that most animals cannot accommodate to noise during the breeding season, particularly animals with high metabolic rates, like mink.

A well-intentioned snowmobiler packing down a trail in deep woods has no idea of the ecological destruction he may be wreaking, says the Digest articl Canadian wildlife-expert Philip Corbet, (director of the Department of Agriculture's Belleville Research Institute), notes that snow is an excellent insulator, a natural protection for mice and other small animals. But it must be thick enough, and it must not be packed (it ceases to insulate when packed). Snowmobile tracks are permanent barriers in the brush for animals under the snow.

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## "Merry Christmas—Aunt Sylvia"

by Gerald Stitchman

**The snow came softly winter's day**
**Breathing o'er the land,**
**Caressing all the once green world**
**Made by God's own hand.**
**So soft, each flake lay down to rest**
**Upon the other's side,**
**Like soldiers on a battle field**
**Whom live, although they die.**
**To turn my grand ol' Canada**
**A graceful shining white,**
**And spread the glow of Christmas,**
**To houses lit with light.**

## Ste. Agnes

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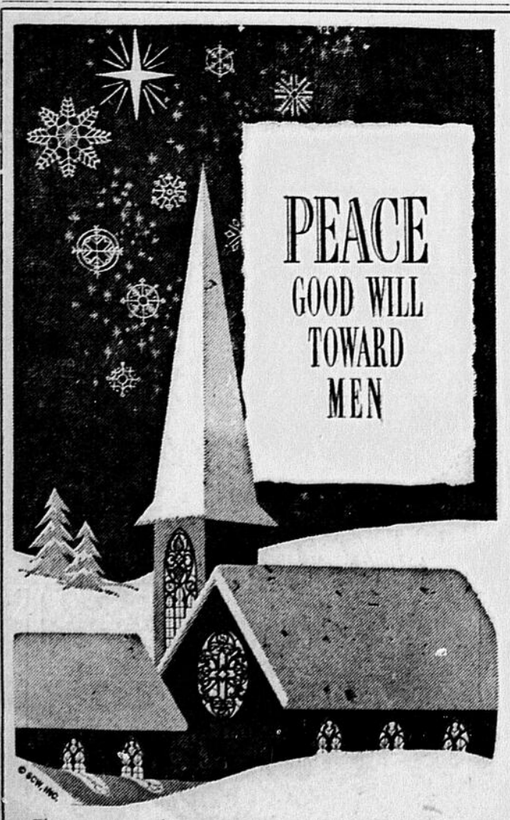
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# The flowers of Christmas

This year as you trim the tree, fill Christmas stockings or hang the mistletoe — give a thought to where you got your favorite Christmas custom; chances are it goes farther back in history than you realize.

According to ancient legend, on the night that Christ was born, trees burst into bloom and bore fruit despite the wintry weather. In modern times the transformation in honor of the holy holiday is almost as miraculous, as homes throughout the world are trimmed with greens and garlands and set aglow with tiny twinkling lights for the celebration of Christmas. Like the trees that flower, holly, mistletoe ,poinsettias and many other flowers and plants are all part of the glorious history of the Holy Season.

The reasons why we celebrate Christmas with flowers have been passed down through the ages. Many of the customs and traditions have their origins in ancient pagan rites, yet over the years they have taken on Christmas implications of deep significance.

The use of greenery at Christmas grew out of ancient Grecian and Roman customs. Holly, for example, was a favorite decoration of the Romans who considered its greenness in the middle of the winter as a promise of the sun's return to earth for another year. Later, the early French and English hung sprigs of the bright-berried plant on their doors to indicate homes in which Christ dwelled.

It is also believed that holly sprang up where the infant Jesus took His first baby steps. Ironically, this same plant was supposed to have made up His crown of thorns — the berries turning from red to white at the Crucifixion.

Nowadays holly is frequently used for wreaths. The red-berried plant, worked into a circular shape symbolizes the hope of eternal life and makes a gift with a warm personal message when sent by wire to friends too far away to share Christmas with you.

The most popular flowering plant for Christmas is the poinsettia, brought to the U.S. and thence to Canada more than 125 years ago from Mexico. So popular are these scarlet-leaved blooms that according to many florists more poinsettias are distributed to customers than any other holiday floral offering.

There are many legends surrounding this Christmas colored wonder. One tale relates how a poor Mexican girl was heartbroken because she had nothing of value or beauty to offer the Virgin. In desperation she plucked some scrawny roadside weeds and placed them at the feet of the Holy Statue. They were instantly transformed into scarlet brilliance.

A French legend tells how the Christmas rose came into being. A little girl accompanying the shepherds on their way to see the Christ Child was sad because she had no gift to offer. The angel Gabriel appeared and taking pity on the child, caused a beautiful white rose to spring from the ground. Overjoyed, the little girl plucked the bloom which she took as a gift to the Infant Jesus.

Red and white blossoms are traditionally used to highlight holiday greetings, the red for joy and laughter, the white symbolizing spiritual calmness and purity. Using red carnations and giant white chrysanthemmums to interpret these messages has become a popular custom.

It is said that the custom of Christmas trees began in heavily forested northern Europe. St. Boniface, an eight century monk who converted the pagans living in what is now Germany, convinced them to stop worshipping Odin's sacred oak and instead, to adorn fir trees in their homes in tribute to the Christ Child.

What is the meaning of floral gift-giving at Christmas? Such gift-giving probably stems from the story of the Three Wise Men. In some countries this custom is still observed on January 6, when it is believed that the Wise Men appeared in the Holy Land.

Lassies who get kissed under the mistletoe have an old Scandinavian myth to thank for this charming custom. It was the goddess Frigia who hung mistletoe high and was the first to stand under the glistening plant offering kisses to all who passed beneath it.

Balsam and fir branches trimmed with bells are other popular holiday decorations. The green represents everlasting life. Bells, it is said, tolled ominously for one hour before midnight on the first Christmas to warn Satan of the imminent birth of the Savious. At the stroke of twelve, the happy pealing began to announce the death of the Devil and the birth of Christ.

Through these many years, flowers, greens and plants have become very much a part of Christmas celebrations. They help make the insides of homes more vibrant. On doors and gate posts they call out the season's joys to passing strangers. They literally change the face of the world in honor of its Creator and in celebration of its Saviour.

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## Time to Control....

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What is to be done? For the most part, conservationists are agreed that if the silence and sanctity of the woods are to be preserved, and if nature's immutable laws are not to be flouted any further, authorities must consider legislation that will: bar vast areas of public lands to snowmobiles, and bar them flatly from public roads, forbid hunting or trapping from snowmobiles, hunting or chasing game with snowmobiles, or prohibit use of snow vehicles in any way at all connected with hunting.

The Department of Transport in Ottawa has proposed new regulations to reduce snowmobile noise and increase safety. These specify the design of mufflers, ski edges, towbars, handgrips and other parts. Brakes must permit the snowmobile to stop within 40 feet at 20 m.p.h., and all working parts of the engine must be enclosed. The regulations will probably apply to vehicles manufactured after January 1, 1971.

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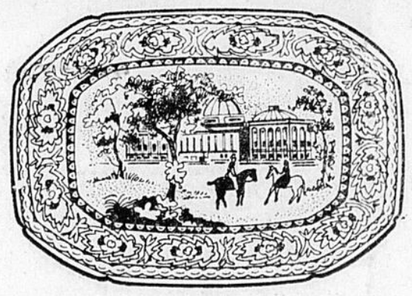
Captain R.M. Merriam, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Merriam of Ormstown, received his graduate pilot wings at a recent Wings Parade at Canadian Forces Base Gimli, Manitoba, on December 9. The Presenting Officer is the Honourable William John McKeag, 17th Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba.

The presentation marks the end of fourteen months of extensive training on the Chipmunk, Tutor and T-33 aircraft at CFB Borden, Ontario, CFB Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, and CFB Gimli.

Captain Merriam will now proceed to an operation training unit for further training.

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### STAFFORDSHIRE DINNERWARE

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Many of the scenes were taken from the works of W. H. Bartlett, the renowned English artist who illustrated the books Canadian Scenery and American Scenery on Land, Lake and River.

Historical china is now treasured, much of it tucked away in cellars and attics, waiting to be discovered.

## Two cars collide

A 3 p.m. two-car collision on the New Erin Road, Sunday, resulted in $600 damage to the vehicles involved. 20-year-old Rejean Legault, a New Erin Road resident was proceeding towards Ste .Barbe and attempting to turn into a private driveway when he was involved in a collision with a car driven by Lionel Mailloux, 50, of St. Stanislas de Kostka. Damage to Legault's '65 hardtop and Mailloux's '65 sedan were listed at $300 respectively.

## Orchid Cactus

One of the mysteries of plant life is how the unpretentious branches of some cactuses can suddenly form huge buds that burst open into special blooms at twilight. Many of these night blooming plants together with even more spectacular day blooms belong to a group of hybrids and species collectively known as epiphyllums.

The hybrid epiphyllums are greenhouse and window garden succulents popularly known as Orchid cactuses because of the shape and beauty of their flowers, although this is not their only claim to distinction.

The parents of modern hybrids are from Brazil, Mexico and Central America and from altitudes from 3,000 to 5,000 feet, not from the steamy tropical regions as might be expected. In these habitats they grow in the crotches of trees, where debris has collected, like epiphytic orchids.

Epiphyllums have short woody stems and long flat strap shaped fleshy, usually pendulous branches that look and serve as leaves. The name epiphyllum is derived from epi-upon, and phyllon-a leaf, and refers to the apparent location of the flowers. Some have triangular branches while others are both flat and triangular on the same plant.

The species are larger plants and not too easy to bring into flower. Many have been interbred to give today's free flowering brightly colored hybrids. The culture of the hybrids is fairly simple. They should be placed in a room where the minimum temperature is 50 degrees. This temperature may be allowed to rise 10-20 degrees F. during the day. Higher temperatures may be harmful.

During the winter they should be placed in a sunny exposure, but if placed outside in summer they should be shaded.

The plants are usually obtained from nurseries as small specimens growing in two and one-half inch pots. Upon arrival they are best planted in five inch pots in a porous yet fairly rich organic soil. A formula tested here that seems to be adequate is one containing four parts decayed leaves, two parts peat moss, three parts dried cow or sheep manure, two parts gravel and two parts sharp sand with a few lumps of charcoal added. The plants will not thrive in a compacted soil so when potting do not pack the soil as you would for some house plants.

Repotting old plants should be done in late winter, just when the new growth begins, or three or four weeks after flowering .The soil should be the same as for potting new plants. Most hybrids flower and thrive well in five-inch pots and if already in such a pot are best left until the plants are potbound and then repotted into the same pot for a few years by shaking out the soil soil and replacing with new.

Once the plants are growing they must be watered at first sparingly and then gradually increasing the amounts until summer when growth is more rapid. After the buds have set the plants require plenty of water so that the flowers mature properly. After flowering which is normally during April, May and June do not force by excessive watering. At this time rest for a few weeks until the main growth begins.

While the plants are growing, a twice weekly misting with luke-warm water is extremely beneficial. During this period, too, some fertilizer should be applied. A complete fertilizer such as that usually sold for African violets should be given once every two weeks until the plants have flowered.

The propagation of epiphyllums from cuttings may be carried out at any time of the year, but is best done in spring when the growth is more vigorous. Take cuttings preferably from non-flowering shoots and dip the ends in Flowers of Sulphur. Then store them on a dry shelf for a week or two before inserting in a pot of sand. They will usually take four to six weeks to produce roots but may be left in the sand for a very long period with no harmful results.

Temperature affects many plants in the epiphyllum group in extraordinary ways. The Christmas cactus **Zygocactus truncatus)** for example will flower regardless of daylight at 55 degrees F. but if given 65 degrees F it will respond in the same way as a short day plant. This means that if you grow a Christmas Cactus in the house at normal temperatures of August and September to produce buds or cover plants from 65-70 degrees F. you should cover it with a dark cloth to reduce daylight hours. If you five p.m. until seven a.m. with a black cloth each night for the same period.

grow at temperatures higher than 70 the plants will not bloom at any time.

Many people that grow these Christmas cactus successfully either put them in a dark corner for six to eight weeks during

## This And That In Town.....

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✓ WHY SUPERFARM WINS FEW FRIENDS — All elements in Canadian agriculture but one seem headed toward Superfarm, John Schreiner reports in The Financial Post. The exception: many of the farmers themselves. That emerged at the recent Canadian Agricultural Congress, which had been called to debate this spring's report of the federal Task Force on Agriculture. The Financial Post writer says the grass roots farmers, as their congress representatives indicated, are deeply disturbed at trends in farming which are squeezing many of them out of the industry. They are hostile to government policies which appear to support these trends. They are in basic conflict with the Task Force, whose policy recommendations aim to a 1990 when Canadian agriculture will be dominated by Superfarms. (The Task Force did not use that word.) The Financial Post notes that a handful of Canada's 400,000 farms might now be called Superfarms. They are being created by trends in technology and financing which have given farmers both the ability and the need to mass-produce. These trends, projected to 1990 by the Task Force, mean "a substantial reduction in the number of commercial farms." Some of the farms which survive "will be family farms but all will be rationally managed, profit-oriented businesses." The heart of Task Force thinking, The Financial Post says, is that agriculture "will be a much more trim, stable, efficient and self-reliant industry than it is at present.

✓ THE MALONE FIRE — early Monday a.m., caused more than $1 million property loss. What is astounding is the fact that on Saturday night a fire broke out at the rear of Kassel's Store underneath the Flanagan Hotel at 11.32. Firemen quickly extinguished the blaze after gaining entrance to the building by breaking the glass of a front door.

✓ ST. REGIS — the International Hotel on the St. Regis Indian Reservation was gutted by fire a week ago Tuesday.

✓ **ELLENBURG DEPOT — a 6-year-old boy was shot and killed at this town near the Quebec border on Sunday. New York State Police said the youngster was playing 'cowboys' with two brothers. Scott Manor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Manor locked himself and his brother, Kevin, 5 in a bathroom while playing. An older brother Pat, 7 took a .410 gauge shotgun and fired it through the keyhole. 6-year-old Scott died instantly from the blast.**

✓ SEEN — at the Forum in Montreal last Saturday night, was Linda Arthur and friend of Rockburn, watching the Habs play the Los Angeles Kings.

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# Howick United Christmas Tree programme held at Elementary

It must be told that Santa arrived at Howick Elementary School Saturday evening, December 12, to greet the youngsters assembled for the Howick United Church Christmas Tree Program. Before the momentous arrival, however, a lively Sunday School concert took place.

Rev. Mr. Anderson welcomed everyone and led in an informal Carol sing. Sunday School Superintendent Donald Templeton emceed the program which opened with Florence Hale and Anne Logan's nursery class. These cute very little people stole into everyone's hearts as they sang their Merry Christmas to us. Joan Ness' Class sang a Christmas song. The class taught by Phyllis Orr and Lydia Orr jingled their way on stage and each repeated a verse.

Individual items included piano selections by Peggy Stonehouse, Mildred McKell, Linda Ness, Allyson Orr, also a duet played by Kathy McKell and her mother Mrs. Edgar McKell Kenny McRae played a favorite Carol on his violin, "O Come All Ye Faithful." Two singing duets from the same family pleased the audience; Jill and Judy sang "The Little Drummer Boy" and Allan and Bob Templeton sang "Away In A Manger" as well as Jingle Bells." Cindy Horton, recited "Jack Frost" with her cousin Andrea Welburn doing Twinkle, Twinkle" was the youngest performer of the evening. Jimmy Templeton sang too.

The boys' Messenger group presented a finger play, "The World Children." Explorers and Tyros joined to sing an advent Carol "Here We Go A Caroling." Members of classes taught by Joan Knox, Thyra Tolhurst and Anita Wilhalmsen joined to present the Christmas Pagaent in verse and song as shepherds and angels were heard clearly telling the ageless story.

Various messages from Santa arrived during the evening and finally the jolly Man himself appeared and chatted with the excited children. After checking his list for good boys and girls, young and old; gifts from pack and tree were distributed. Candy and oranges were received by all the children. Santa departed all too soon midst happy messages and thank yous.

The evening was a lively happy one in spite of late bedtimes for many very young people. Leaving for home with snow cracking underfoot, stars twinkling overhead and thoughts of a happy evening just over certainly made us aware of the approaching Christmas Season. I hope we all enjoy it and remember to keep that wonderful Christmas feeling in our hearts.

# Cullen's Clannish Column

**MacLachlan:**

The MacLachlans have flourished in the Strathlachlan area of Scotland since the eleventh century. Gilleskel MacLachlan was in possession of lands in 1292. Clan members fought in the Crusades, they fought against the MacDonalds in 1615, they supported King Charles and at the time of the Rising of 1745 three hundred soldiers stood behind Stewart at Culloden, with their chief who was special aide-de-camp for Prince Charlie. There is a sad little story of the chief's death. After the battle of Culloden the Chief's horse made its way home with bowed head and lagging steps and in doing so gave the family the news of death and defeat. Not far from Castle Lachlan stands the ruin of an old fortress built on the edge of the water and dating back to 1290. The walls are twenty feet high and it is said by those who have visited the sight that it is difficult to know where the masonry begins and the natural rock stops. The building of those old Scottish cattles must have required many back-breaking hours of the most inhumane labour, not to mention the architectural skill. Just along the shore near by, a recent archaeological dig revealed the remains of a settlement calculated to be there 6000 B.C. The presence of stones placed in such a manner that they radiate in a manner indicating the seasons would appear to signify that the site was a place of worship in those long ago days.

The MacLachlans of Coruanan were standard bearers of the Camerons of Lochiel. The clan name, as is the case with so many names, is spelled in a variety of ways. Very often the A is omitted and the name is spelled McLachlan, etc. Other spellings are MacLaughlin, Lachlan, Lauchlan and Lachie. Septs of the Clan include the MacEwens and the Lamonts. Some documents indicate that the three families were originally founded by three brothers.

Septs of the clan include Ewan, Ewenson, Ewing, Gilchrist, MacKeon MacKeowan, MacLauchlan and MacLaughlin. The tartan is red and blue, the Clan seat is at Castle Lachlan in Argyll, the Pipe Music is "Moladh Mairi" or, "Salute".

**MacNeil:**

Neil Torquil, Keeper of the Castle Sween in the early 1400s fathered a son Neil who became the head of the McNeill's of Colonsay. There were also the McNeills of Gigha who followed the MacDonalds in war while the MacNeils of Barra supported the MacLeans of Duart. The turbulent history of the MacNeils of Barra centers around the impregnable fortress on the rocks of Castle Kay. It is said after the Chief had eaten his meal a trumpeter would stand on the battlements and blow a fanfare which announced, "Hear ye Princes and Potentates of the World and Harken you Nations, you may now take meat, MacNeil has eaten."

In Barra the name is spelled MacNeil, in Tuynish and Gigha it is McNeill. McNeills of Gigha reckoned to be the eldest of the Clan name descends from Neil of the Nine Hostages, High King of Ireland. The earliest acounts of the Barra (Gilleonan) mentions a charter given to him and his clan in 1427. Elizabeth 1 accused Roderick MacNeil of seizing an English ship. He refused to appear in Edinburgh when summoned, but was later captured by MacKenzie of Kintail. Barra was forfeited and given to Kintail. Barra was sold to Colonel John Gordon in 1840 but was later acquired by the MacNeil. The clan seat is at Kismull Castle on the Isle of Barra.

The ballad-opera of 1731, "The Highland Fair" disowns Noah from its long genealogy, claiming that "MacNeil had a boat of his own", and well he may have had. One of the clan was chief designer of the Cunarders Queen Mary and the Queen Elizabeth. Septs of the clan are McGrail, MacNeal, Neal, Nelson, Nielson and various others spellings of the name.

The Baras and the Gighas have separate tartans although they are both of a similar sett woven in greens and blues According to an old Highland custom the children of the clan are taught their genealogy in Gaelic every Sunday morning.

McNeils take their name from Niall (Black Niall 13th century) a chief who belongs to the family Cowall of Knapdale who descended from Anrothan, an Irish Prince. According to old Gaelic manuscripts he married a daughter of a local King in the 11th century. The history of Prince Anrothan can be traced back to the 4th century. A son Ranald McNeil, ancestor of the MacDonalds was chief of Barra in 1373 and subsequent McNeils holding the name Rivara have held Islands in the Barra section for thirty-three "owners" in succession, each with the name Rivara.

**NOTE:**

In answer to many inquiries, MacGregor history will appear early in the New Year. The family has such a complex background, we find it difficult to sift the wheat from the Chaff of that interesting clan.

# Dundee

**Zion U.C.W.**

The United Church Women were hospitably entertained at the home of Mrs. William Leslie on Wednesday afternoon, December 9.

The Worship Service was led by Mrs. Lester Fraser, who, in keeping with the season, based her thoughts on Christmas. The program opened with the carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem," followed by the lighting of three candles representing Light, Peace and Love. Light looked down and beheld Darkness, "Hither will I go," said Light; Peace looked down and beheld War; "Hither will I go,' said Peace; Love looked down and beheld Hatred, "Hither will I go," said Love. So; came Light and shone So came Peace and gave rest; So came Love and gave peace, and dwelt among us. Mrs. Fraser was assisted in reading by Mrs. Martha Currie, Mrs. Olive Platt and Mrs. Margaret Cameron.

Christmas remarked Mrs. Fraser, means many things to many people, but above all, Christmas means Peace. A time to remember the birth of the Prince of Peace. Above all, our greatest gift to others, is the gift of Peace, brought about by our prayers for Peace.

From a reading by the late Peter Marshall, the following thoughts were gleaned. Christmas is not in the stones, but in the hearts of people. Christmas is not commercialized unless you let it take on the symbol of commercialism.

If you cannot feel the joy of Christmas, it is a sad fact that you do not feel the spirit of Christmas in the world, and even more sadly, something inside of you is dead!

Tree decorations, passed down through the years, often battered and worn through much usage, mean so much more to us than all the newfangled gadgets we can buy in the stores today. They bear a special significance for us, bringing to light memories of other Christmases.

At what other time of year does the house exude such spicy fragrances? Pies, cookies and cakes all closely related to the festive season are being prepared with tender, loving care for that extra special day. The music of Christmas helps to instil in each of us its own blessedness for the song the Angels sang is the sweetest music this world has ever heard and finally comes the culmination; the joy, the happiness, the excitement that is Christmas morning.

Don't worry, if you haven't caught the spirit of Christmas yet, you will, or better still, it will catch you! We will not spend Christmas, we will not observe Christmas, but we will keep Christmas in our hearts that we may abide in His Hope. May we all know the Light and the Peace and the Love that is Christmas.

The business meeting was conducted by the President, Mrs. Charles Carpentier. Fourteen ladies answered the Roll Call with a Bible verse containing the word, "Worship."

Members were reminded of of the Christmas party at which time they are asked to bring sandwiches, cookies or squares.

The supply committee added to its present members, Mrs. Lisle Watterson, whose name was inadvertently omitted from last month's slate of officers.

Mrs. Olive Platt and Mrs. Margaret Cameron were named auditors for the U.C.W. books over the past year.

The sum of ten dollars was voted to be sent to the Tiny Tim appeal, and the Foster Child fund will receive the sum of fifteen dollars, as has been the custom during the past few years.

Birthday money was handed in by Mrs. Elizabeth Fleming, Mrs. Margaret Cameron and Mrs. Earl McNicol.

Mrs. Earl McNicol reported having sent out 16 get well cards, 12 Easter cards, 20 Christmas cards and 6 sympathy cards. She generously donated the cost of the cards, stamps, etc., to the Society.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Gladys Watterson, also reported the sum of $113.40 had been taken in during the past year, with just about the same amount having been spent, thus not leaving a creditable balance.

The January meeting will be entertained at the home of Mrs. Harold McDonald in Huntingdon. The program committee will have prepared, by then, a new roll call response.

The retiring president, Mrs. Carpentier, thanked all for their co-operation during her tenure of office and wished every success to the new president, Mrs. Winston Armstrong.

Mrs. Carpentier was thanked by Mrs. Currie, who ably expressed the appreciation of all members for her faithfulness during her term of office.

Gifts were wrapped for sick and shut-in members, and old familiar carols were sung and enjoyed prior to the supper hour, at which time Mrs. Leslie served refreshments.

**Social Notes**

Mrs. Margaret Currie is spending the week with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Currie and family in Beloeil.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith MacPherson and family, Mr. Wayne MacPherson, Chrystal, Michael and Eva of Massena and Mr. Wm C. MacPherson were guests on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Dawson of Ottawa, spent last weekend with their parents, Mr. Wm. Dawson and Mrs. Elizabeth Fleming.

*Georgetown Evening Aux. sends Xmas parcels to needy families*

The Georgetown Evening Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Muriel Ness on December 10.

The meeting opened by the President, Ruth Gagnon welcoming Mrs. Carolyn MacDonald, (wife of our Pastor Rev. Alexander MacDonald) to the group and inviting her to be Honorary President.

The Hymn "Holy Night, Peaceful Night" was sung.

The programme was taken from Glad Tidings "Christmas Worship Service". Those taking part were Ruth Gagnon, Doris McCartney, Patsy Chisholm, Ida Gallie, Ina Barrington, Ann Elliot and Isabel Elliot.

A hymn, "While Shepherds watch their flock by Night" was sung, Elsie Whyte at the piano.

The minutes were read by the secretary Muriel Ness. Fourteen members answered the roll call with a favourite Christmas Carol.

Moved by Doris ,second by Isabel that we send $10 to Presbyterial.

Isabel gave card report.

A Christmas card was signed to send to Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Brown and Sheila; Christmas cards to be sent out to shut ins by the Ladies; a collection of canned goods, toys and clothing also a quilt donated by Isabel Elliot, to be forwarded to Mrs. Alton Graham, R.N. at C.V.R. to be distributed as she sees fit to families in need. Thanks to Thelma Brown, for delivering these articles to C.V.R. Ormstown.

The decorating of Christmas tree and Church is in charge of Patsy Chisholm.

Collection $11.50.

The meeting closed by repeating the Lord's Prayer in unison. Tasty refreshments, were served by the hostess and food committee.

January meeting to be held at the home of Doris McCartney. Margaret McCartney, Mabel Smith and Patrica Stonehouse on food committee. Roll call, "Rejoice." Ruth Tillotson Press. Correspondent.

# C.V.R. News Report

C.V.R. NEWS REPORT

A variety show to be shown before the Christmas holidays at C.V.R. has been cancelled, as not enough students auditioned. Talent is plentiful at C.V.R. but among 1,400 students less than 20 auditioned and some of those who bothered were not up to standards.

A small folk concert will be held in place of the variety show. The concert organized by Mr. Walker is scheduled to be seen by all students during the last few days of school before the Christmas holidays.

"Soma" a rock group from the Maritimes, will stage a concert at C.V.R. on December 21. The concert will run from 3.30 to 5.00 and is scheduled to be held in the school auditorium. The price per student is $2.00 (with I.D. $1.50). The group is relatively new on the rock scene, but received an inspiring write up in the Montreal Gazette last week.

Reports cards are supposedly being distributed this week and the usual moans and occasionally a surprised yell will be heard throughout the school.


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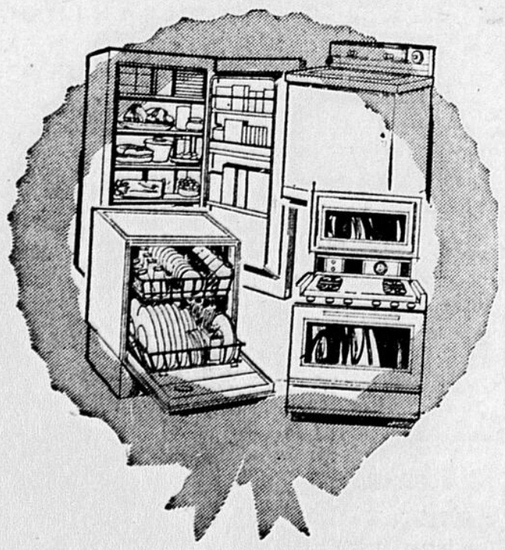
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# Chateauguay Minor Hockey

The Ladies Auxiliary of the C.M.H.L. have asked that mothers assigned to the collecting of money or tickets for the December 21st Basket of Cheer drawing at the arena make sure that the returns are made to either Mrs. Helen Twerdun, 153 Melrose, 691-3562 or Pat Greene, 81 Violettes, 692-4462 not later than the end of this week. The drawing will aid in the financial support of the league, and the effort will be greatly appreciated by all.

The regular season of the House League teams is progressing well. There are no major problems and there appears to be good balance throughout the entire organization. Early in the year it appeared that some teams were either too weak or too strong, but in recent games the margins between the teams have been reduced to one or two goals, and those teams who are losing now will no doubt come through with some wins in the near future.

Several weeks ago we asked anyone who had suggestions which would benefit the league, or who had criticism of some aspects of the organization to write to Bud Roper at 194 Duquette. It appears that the situation is calm throughout. Not a single letter has been received to date. The reason for the request was that remarks are heard from various circles regarding the operation of the league, and it was felt that perhaps there were many who could aid greatly in the organization in spite of being unable to spare the time to actively work with the league. We again wish to make it clear that the league will welcome all suggestions, and all mail received will be answered.

It must be realized that all work of the league is on a strictly voluntary basis and none of the officials, coaches or referees think of themselves as professionals or perfectionists. The minor problems which are incurred by the league are in many cases far less than those which plague many other minor organizations, and the C.M.H.L. is constantly told by other areas of the good job being done here. This work could perhaps be improved upon and it is therefore in the best interests of all concerned that residents take an active part in formulating greater efficiency.

A look at the 800 plus crowd that shows up for the Monday evening games at the arena has prompted comments all along the Lake St. Louis Region. The fan support has been tremendous, and last week visitors from Town of Mount Royal and Outremont along with a frequenter from Cote St. Luc engaged us in a conversation where they praised the entire organization, not only for the abilities displayed by the boys, but also for the behaviour of the local fans. Each claimed that Chateauguay was the best of them all.

The following report contains a summary of House League games played from December 5th until December 8th 1970.

**ATOM A**

The Four Aces took a 5-3 decision from the Mustangs as Brad Moran, and Roy McAuliffe, each scored twice and Bob Hardy, added another. Norm Sutterlin, Dan Harney, and Jeff Wiltshire, scored for the Mustangs. John Gurholt, Steve Malizia, and Greg Robidoux, each scored once and Robert Clement, recorded a shutout as the Comets topped the Stars 3-0.

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# Chateauguay Toastmasters will supply guest speakers if needed



Chateauguay Toastmasters have organized a new program: "Club extension through speakers bureau." They recognized the need of all the charitable organizations, associations, and service clubs for a speaker on certain occasions. Whether it be for fund raising or membership increase, a Toastmaster will be available at very short notice and without any fee. Of course the toastmasters have to be briefed about the subject a little in advance so they can prepare the speech, but most of the Chateauguay members have received a training to prepare and deliver a speech on the same evening.

The abilities of the speakers were excellently demonstrated during the Toastmasters meeting on 7 December at the Rustik Restaurant. President of the Club, Clarence O'Connell spoke about the "Red Feather Program" so convincingly that everyone felt compelled to contribute to the cause. With 8 million dollars required for the needy, to which the government contributes only 2/3 of the total, it is a necessity for everyone to donate to this worthwhile fund. Some people claim that a great part of the fund is used for administration, but this administration is at the same time a service. It includes medical care, guidance counsellors, marriage counselors, and others. Most people do not realize how necessary this kind of help is to the more unfortunate in life. And every community is built on mutual help. Some people do not have any relatives nearby as many of us have. In these cases the Red Feather Agency will render first help, where the wife is sick and the husband cannot afford to have a few days off to do the chores in the family. Since this program is in the start for the new year, the local drive will certainly benefit from a speaker of such a calibre as Clarence O'Connell in any public meetings.

Fred Dudley, who spoke on the YMCA, another problem of our town, decidedly was for help to the young people who have no place to go in the evenings. Little support is given to the adolescent in this town, but they are immediately blamed for every wrong they commit out of sheer boredom. It is up to the adults to extend a helping hand and put in some EFFORT to create a center of activity for their own children.

Bert MacLaughlan discussed the need for first aid in his speech about the St. John's Ambulance. He explained that too many people are helpless in case of an emergency, be it at home or in public. Many a victim could have been saved or even helped if the person in the next surrounding would have known what to do. Especially in our ever increasing traffic it is most important that every driver at least have the minimum knowledge of first aid in case of an accident. Training in first aid may also work as a reminder to drive more carefully.

In his speech about mentally retarded children, Hank Hillock stressed the point about integration of a vital work force in our society. Most of these retarded children will grow up to fill a requirement in a simple operation. This in turn will free someone else for a more educated job.

Many people believe that Church organizations are run by women and are only a social affair. But we have to realize that many poor have more confidence in a clergyman than in any other charitable organization. Nelson Weippert pointed out the need for church charity which helps so many and is so little known or assisted. This does not apply to an individual denomination, but to churches of all faiths. Any member of a church should regard it as his or her duty to offer assistance without being asked, because nobody knows whether the donor at one time or other could come into the same predicament as the recipient and will need help urgently too.

If you are a member of any benevolent organization in need of a good speaker, contact Toastmasters Chateauguay through their President, Clarence O'Connell, Tel. 691-2068 or their Vice-President, Nelson Weippert, Tel. 692-9920 and state your cause. Arrangements will be made immediately to supply you with the best speaker for your needs.

## ST. GEORGE'S NOTES

**Carols and Tableaux**

The Annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols will be augmented this year with tableaux presented by the Church School during the lessons. The choirs and individual soloists will present carols from many countries. All are welcome to attend this tradional festival.

**Christmas Services**

On Christmas Eve at 9 o'clock the Blessing of the Christ Candle, Blessing of the Crib in candlelight, and the Christmas Eucharist. On December 25th., the 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist and 10 a.m. the New Zealand Liturgy. Parents are asked to note that there will be no Church School during these services and also on Sunday, December 27. Classes will resume on January 3.

## Maplewood Presbyterian Notes

**Christmas Services**

A Christmas Eve Carol service will be held at 7:30. All are welcome to this joyous service. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at both of next Sunday morning's services, with the Preparatory this coming Thursday evening. The special speaker for this service will be Larry Cowper, well known to many in Chateauguay. A time of fellowship will be held in the Hall following the service.

**Used Postage Stamps**

The Women of the Church have asked all to save their used postage stamps for one of their projets. With the many Christmas cards coming along these days, it should be an easy mater to save quite a large number of the stamps.



**Photo: Miss Emily Reid, Head of the Home Economics Department of Howard S. Billings Regional High School. Miss Reid is a native Montrealer, and has been at Billings since 1962.**

# —The Pro Shop—

Al McNeil, new and "temporary' coach of the Montreal Canadiens, can be reasonably satisfied with his 3 wins in five games since taking over the reins from Claude Ruel. While it is not a great pace, the fact is that the Habs scored 20 goals in their three wins and only two goals in the two losses. One of those losses was to the class of the league, Boston Bruins.

The fact worthy of note is that they won big over three of the so-called expansion teams; 6-3, 6-1 and 8-1 over St. Louis, Minnesota and Los Angeles. Who doesn't, you may say, and we answer, the Habs didn't until now. It was one of the mysteries of last year's collapse that Montreal could not get up for those "easy" games and ended up being the resident patsy to the Western League. That seems to be over as the old boys have been given the incentive to pour it on when the occasion presents itself. Mind you, they seem to be doing it for only one period at a time, but at least it's a start. And an effective one.

Also encouraging is the way some of the players are doing their jobs. Jacques Lemaire was switched back to left wing and promptly responded with two goals on Thursday and a good game on Saturday. Ralph Backstrom came back and he found his legs on Saturday, scoring once and setting up two. The defencemen were doing their job with Harper setting up three goals and Lapointe two. That's what defencemen are supposed to do, set them up, not score them. And finally, Roggie Vachon has regained his confidence, winning four straight in the past two weeks.

Of course, John Ferguson also scored a couple of goals. But we expected that of him, didn't we?

One of the more fantastic stories in the hockey world this year is that of Boston's Phil Esposito. He has 23 goals and 29 assists in only 28 games and is well on his way to several records. It is kind of hard to realize that Esposito is the holder of the points record with 126 in a single season, and that he could beat his own record this year. Think of it, he could exceed 140 points if he keeps up the pace. Phil is not one of the glory guys but he is no less a star for that. He is not a Hull, Orr or even Beliveau. He simply scores goals. But have you watched him lately? He is always where the action is, usually setting it up. He may not be spectacular, but pay attention class. We have that uncomfortable feeling that many years from now they will be talking of Phil Esposito, the complete hockey player, the primary hockey player of our times.

**Hot Shots**

Frank Mahovlich scored his 400th goal last week, only the sixth to do it in NHL history. Team mates Alex Delvecchio became number 5 only a few weeks ago. Do you know the other four? Hull, Richard, Howe and Beliveau. And expect Norm Ullman to join the select group soon. Nobody else is within reach. Expo's Mike Wegener has a 6-1 record in winter ball with an ERA of under .200. Chicago's Dan Maloney is the newest rival to John Ferguson. Remember the name. The wife of Coco Laboy gave birth to a daughter recently. Dave Balon's brother, Chuck, is making it big with the Davton Gems in the International League. St. Louis broke up the plager triplets by sending Bill to the Minors In Kansas City. Who can explain Bobby Rousseau's two goals and twelve points? It's still better than Larose's 8 points. The latter has been relegated to spot duty with the Habs and is available for trade. George Springate may confound the experts and return to the Alouettes next year. He likes it. And Sam Etcheverry is publicly stating that at least six replacements are expected next year. One or two will shock the public.

Have you noticed that Dennis Hull is outscoring Bobby? And Arnie Palmer lost his last chance to win a tournament this year. Thats two in a row. He has signed for next year's Canadian Open in Montreal, maybe trying for a comeback where it all started in Canada. And a quote from Claude Buel, when told that the Montreal Canadiens were the hottest team in hockey. "The Montreal Who?"

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# Educational Film Series Producd at H.S. Billings

If there is an air of excitement around Billings High School these days, small wonder, for the schools' own Head of the Department of Home Economics, Miss Emily Reid, just recently produced a series of films which are expected to have wide distribution both in Canada and the United States. Entitled "Sewing Technique Series", the films in colour, were the brainchild of Miss Reid early in 1967, and consist of 28 film "loops", containing many common techniques of sewing beginning with basstitching and darts right through to the finishing touches. Each separate operation contains a script (written by Miss Reid) which the student may follow while watching the film. The student can stop the projector at any one spot in order to understand and straighten out whatever problem has been confusing her.

**Nine Hundred Girls in Home 'Ec'**

In Miss Reid's department there are six other teachers, educating an approximate nine hundred girls in five main areas. Strange as it may seem there are also some boys taking courses — but if you remember in an article we wrote recently on vocational and technical education in Billings, there were some enthusiastic girls in the automotive courses.

Miss Reid told The Gleaner that in most other Canadian provinces home economics have broadened considerably, but, until recently Quebec was lagging in the field.

**Studied in Montreal and U.S.**

Miss Reid is a native Montrealer, a graduate of Westmount High, and Sir George Williams University with a B. A. in Psychology and Sociology and presently completing her Master's degree majoring in textiles and clothing and minor studies in Home Economics. She has done post-graduate work at Cornell and Michigan State Universities. One of Miss Reid's remarks during our interview impressed me; concerning her students. "We are attempting to teach these young people to be intelligent consumers, not merely home craftswomen."

**Films of Tremendous Value**

Apart from teaching students clothing construction, the course includes the history of fashion, clothing selection and wardrobe planning, textile performance and care (especially new fabrics), the economic aspects of clothing and why people wear what they wear. These films will certainly eliminate much repetitive teaching of identical processes in the sewing part of the course. To give an example: in the Grade 8 level there are about 300 girls, divided into classes of twenty each. Twenty different learning experiences are going on during the period with no two students the same.

The idea of the films is to eliminate time wasted by the teacher on repetition; to provide an instant demonstration whenever the student wants it. The films are instantly available and operation of the projector is so simple that the student may have a lesson whenever she requires it.

**Films Produced Professionally**

The well-known publishing firm in the U.S., McGraw-Hill were enthused with Miss Reid's idea after viewing her pilot film and agreed to put up a sum of $30,000. to produce the series. The filming was done by Ciné-Films of Montreal and actual filming was done in the summers of 1968 and 1969. Each of the 28 film loops took one week to produce; forty hours of professional filming time and the editing was done during the two winter seasons.

The series was officially released by McGraw-Hill on Dec. 1st. of this year and is the **LARGEST** home economics series ever produced by one publisher for the U.S. market in Canada. Eventually a world market is expected to develop, and the firm is contemplating translations of the scripts into French and/or Spanish should there be a demand.

**Local Billings Grads Help**

It is such a pleasure and feeling of pride too, to see our "Howard S. Billings Regional High School, Chateauguay, Quebec, Canada', on the title cards. We will really be on the map now in many of the fifty states and no doubt across Canada. Enquiries have been received from California, Illinois, Michigan and New York states and several Universities.

The title cards were done by Hal Thwaites, a recent Billings grad, now in Communications Arts at Loyola. Others assisting were Pamela Prenovost in production, now at Marianopolis College studying textiles and design and Diane Hogan, both girls graduates of Billings. This school is the first to use the films and so far it seems that teachers can accomplish three times as much in the time provided for the classes. The films were described as "the pocket book of the film industry."

**Independent Study**

Miss Reid is now doing a research project, using the films, assessing and measuring continuous progress with about 80 Billings girl students in four classes. The results on the education effectiveness of the films and research results will be published in journals in the U.S. and Canada. This project is Miss Reid's thesis for her Master's degree. The findings after assessing and measuring will be computer scored.

**Four Other Areas in Home "Ec"**

There are other sections still to be covered in the Home Economics department which we will write about early in the New Year, but in the meantime may we offer our congratulations to Miss Reid. Adding a personal note: in the film I was privileged to view, I was amazed at the simple process used in applying a facing to a jumper. "Is that how it is done?" It is much more explicit than reading pattern directions.



**Photos show two of the techniques of applying a facing in a jumper. The hands doing the work are those of Miss Emily Reid whose films "SEWING TECHNIQUE SERIES" are now being used in teaching students at H.S. Billings High School.**

# Chateauguay News Notes

by Edith Bate

**COMPRESSOR FOR ARENA**

**Town Council studied two bids received recently for a compressor and accessories for the Arena. Apart from some extras estimated at close to $500, the compressor will cost $8,397, which will be charged to the working fund and reimbursed in five equal payments (annual) starting in 1971. Those extras are for a concrete base, electrical connections, labour costs and necessary materials. The installation is included in the bid accepted by Council from Cimco, Ltd.**

**HIGHWAY 3 COMPLETION — WHEN?**

For years we hear off and on about the completion of road work on the new highway 3. However nothing ever seems to come of resolutions, recommendations, requests from municipalities west of here and what have you. It seems like a problem that has no solution! Considering that Norema Bridge has been in use now for about a decade and roads leading to and from there partially laid out, we wonder why it is taking the government such an age to do something constructive. No doubt it all boils down to money availability. The Town Council is going to make another request to the province to complete this road project, according to a resolution passed at their last meeting.

**Motorists passing through to Lery, Beauharnois and Valleyfield will be pleased no end if they can by-pass highway 4 and its bottlenecks. This would be a great winter works program, and provide jobs for many.**

**LEGION DOMINION PRESIDENT HERE**

Last Saturday's official opening of Chateauguay's Branch 168 building drew quite a number of members and guests, not the least of which was the Dominion President, Judge J. Redmond Roche. Most disappointing to those who organized this important ceremony was the failure of elected representatives to show up.Although invitations were extended in plenty of time, none of these civic leaders were present. A sad commentary, this.

**SNOWMOBILE ACCIDENT**

**A Verdun woman suffered serious back injuries last Sunday shortly before one o'clock in a snowmobile accident in Parc Pelletier, Chateauguay North. Miss Diane McWhatter, 25 years old, of 35 — 6th Avenue, Verdun was taken to LaSalle General Hospital by ambulance. Details of the accident are vague, and it is not known yet whether Miss McWhatter, was a passenger or the driver of the snowmobile. Town constables Black and Bedard investigated.**

**OTHER ACCIDENTS — SLIPPERY ROADS**

Bad road conditions are blamed for a number of minor traffic mishaps in the Town. Otherwise there were no fires, thefts or any other occurrences worthy of mention.

**CENTRE COLLISION INJURES THREE**

**A head-on collision last Saturday night on the bridge facing St. Joachim parish Church sent three persons to hospital with undetermined injuries. No other details were available at press time. Two separate thefts were reported to Centre police; in one a coat was stolen and the other some tires. The coat has since been recovered.**

**SNOWMOBILE FOR CENTRE POLICE**

Chief Spenard gave The Gleaner a look at their new snowmobile which will be used this week on surveillance and as often as needed, particularly on weekends. The "Boa" snowmobile is on loan from Grajan, Ltd. with an option to buy. In the meantime the constables who will operate the machine will supply their own snowsuits. Those snowmobile operators who are not obeying the law are hereby warned to watch their step! The machine is capable of speeds up to 80 m.p.h.




**TOWN TO TOW CARS FROM ROAD**

**Police Chief Roger Gagnon has asked us to warn car drivers who persist in parking on the Town's roads, during snowstorms, that their vehicles will be towed away at the owners' expense in order to facilitate snow clearing.**

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# Colonia News

By BUD ROPER
Phone: 691-3579

**Road Construction**

The Quebec Assembly will again be urged to complete the long delayed section of Highway 3 across the Caughnawaga Indian Reservation as part of the roads program which is being used to stimulate work among Quebecers. The request will come in a resolution by the Chateauguay Town Council and will also request that the section of road already completed will be twinned as the bridges across both the Chateauguay and St. Jean River are already finshied and one side of them has been in use for the past ten years.

The road was a project of the Union Nationale in the pre-Lesage days and never was completed. Now the installation is of vital importance, although we sense that at least one member of the Quebec General Assembly may be opposed since it will sidetrack traffic now going through Chateauguay Centre and make the fact that the land adjacent to the road is far better suited for industrial development than is the current such designated land in the neighbouring community.

We hope that the ones who realize the need for the road will be able to gather support from the government in time to have the road completed under the current program. Indications from persons in Caughnawaga are that they are willing to discuss the matter, but do not want the usual dealings in which they always seem to come out on the short end.

If the bid is successful and the 4-lane road is completed to Mercier Bridge it will then be time for the communities between Chateauguay and Valleyfeld to exert pressure for improvements in the roads in that area. The current two-lane system is dangerous and driving on it taxes nerves sufficiently to create unlimited dangers. It is a wonder that there are not more accidents around the area, but as it is there are far too many.

Another solution to the traffic problems would be the introduction of commuter trains to and from Montreal. A few years ago the railways managed to claim great losses and were permitted to do away with service. Now that the Chateauguay area is a booming locale, we feel that such a service would be just to good use and would help to relieve the congestion on the bridges.

The recent rail strike in the United States was short lived. The government ordered the workers back as soon as they walked off the job. We are not in favor of strikes since the worker suffers greatly during the shutdown, but the surprising thing is that all the railway companies claim such great losses, and yet they consider that they are an essential service. It is impossible to fathom the thinking that the railways continually ask for money from the government and continually find ways to create unemployment, and yet they who claim that no interest remains in the railway immediately classify the rails as being of vital importance when strike is called.

**White Christmas**

The snow appears to be here to stay and we should have a "White Christmas.". We for one would be much happier with green, but there is no accounting for tastes. The old maid's tale states that a green Christmas means a full graveyard, but did you ever notice that in the more sensible climates the population is always greater.

**Street Cleaning**

Last Wednesday evening we saw one of the long lost snowplows making a path down Spring Crescent, and, after we passed and headed for a store to pick up some cigarettes, we spotted the same truck heading south on Highway 4 where he made a stop at the corner of St. Ferdinand. Our journey took us a little further, and, when we headed back about twenty minutes later, the same truck was still in the same place. Now we can understand if the driver has a job to do somewhere else, but while this guy was resting, many residents were awaiting the joyous sight of seeing their streets cleaned. Again we wonder why such things are tolerated, but this time we made a full report to the Town on the situation. It's the only way in which any action will be taken, and we ask that all such items be turned over to the Public Works or Police Departments.

**Smell Investigated**

The horrible smell in the air on Friday evening prompted Phil Bonneau to get into action. He checked the problem with local and Caughnawaga police, and got in touch with Ian Watson, M.P., in Ottawa to look into the situation. The local police, along with Phil checked it out, but when they approached the dumps in the area they found that the fires were already extinguished. The action was prompted by Ian Watson's earlier request that he be notified immediately if such conditions existed, and Phil's phone call came as soon as possible, even if it did get Mr. Watson out of bed.

**Now Really!**

The actions of some of the youngsters around the front of Billings High School continue to be somewhat annoying and a phone call from a lady this week pointed out the fact to Phil Bonneau. It seems that a group of students thought it would be fun to stop the lady's car and then rock it until they scared a youngster in the back seat to tears. Now really kids, we are on your side on a lot of things and we think that smoking sections should be available in the school, but the type of stupidity that prompts things such as the lady reported will do little to improve the situation. It is about time that you grew up.

**Dangerous Practice**

We have been watching a number of youngsters who think it is a good idea to grab the back bumper of cars and get a free ride over the snow-covered streets. This is an extremely dangerous thing to do. When we were the age of the bumper riders, a youngster decided on such a trip in which the driver, not aware that someone was hanging on, backed up and the exhaust pipe of the car punctured the youngster's neck, killing him instantly. This is only one aspect of the danger. A bare spot in the road could cause death quite as easily, taking away a valuable young life as well as causing horrible memories for some motorist, and for the parents involved. Think carefully before this one causes a death.

**Police Snowmobile.**

The police department won't have the same problems with those snowmachines that they had last year because they are now in possession of their own unit which is capable of speeds up to 85 miles per hour. The force has been trained in the proper handling of the machine, and will be quick to use it to stop the idiotic actions of some of the local drivers.

**Rink Lights**

A couple of calls came in to us last week asking when the lights on the outdoor rinks at St. Willibrord's School would be turned on. As yet we have no answer to this one. The lights are turned on when the Town decides that the season is officially underway, but the ice must be in good condition before such action is taken. Poor ice could result in an injury, and this what they want to avoid.

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White pine, Douglas fir and black spruce were the main species upon which early forest industry in Canada depended.

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# Billings: Inside Out

by Mary Poland

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**The Big Let-Down**

It was a pretty anti-climactic week for the school, especially after the great success that the Variety Show turned out. I was talking to many of the people who were in the show and they said how bored and lost they feel now with nothing to do. They are sort of wandering around in a daze, wondering what happened. This week has been a big letdown for everyone. After the bustle and activity of the past few months, all of a sudden there's nothing. The question everyone is asking now, of course, is "what next?" Nobody seems to know, and any new plans are being kept down until after the Christmas holidays.

**Variety Show at Hospitals**

However, the Drama Club and the Choral Group are not entirely inactive. They are visiting several hospitals and convalescent homes between now and the holidays to bring Christmas cheer to the patients. On Sunday, Dec. 13, Miss McCrudden took the Choral Group or parts of it, to entertain at the Wheeler Convalescent Home and then again to the Davidson Home on the same day. On Mon. December 14 parts of the Variety Show and the Choral group will be travelling to the Douglas Hospital. Only acts that will appeal to the patients and really be enjoyed by them are going. Everyone worked hard last week, in an effort to perfect their act. On December 17, sections of the Variety Show will be going to the Griffith-McConnel Convalescent Home. On the 18th, of course, is the Christmas Concert. Finally on the 19th, Miss McCrudden will be going with parts of the Choral Group to the Julius Richardson Convalescent Hospital.

**Skiing Up North**

There was a ski trip planned for Saturday, December 12, but its publicity left much to be desired. The result was that very little was known about it. Anyway, they had a good day for it, cold, but sunny, with lots of snow. In the future, though, let's hope the ski trips are better advertised.

**"Reach For The Top"**

There is another interesting little event coming up next week. On Monday, December 14, our team for "Reach for the Top" is having their taping session. The contestants this year are Cecilia Blanchefield, Carl Noble, Richard Keeler and Nora Jean Hibbard. Once again, they are taking along whole piles of spectators, who are supposed to be the team's cheering section, screaming whenever a student from Billings gets a right answer, or even when they don't. So if you ever wanted to be on television, here's your chance. The show's being taped this Monday, but it won't be televised until January 14, 1971.

**No Christmas Decor?**

Christmas is getting closer and naturally, Christmas decorations are popping up all over the place, except the school. Perhaps it's a bit early, but I've seen Christmas lights on the outside of houses since the beginning of December. Let's hope the school plans to put up some in-season decoration. Surely H.S.B. isn't immune to a little spirit for Christmas. I remember last year we had a live tree outside the cafeteria. Tree decorations were mostly handmade by students and the whole thing looked very nice. But memories are all that's left and for the time being, Christmas doesn't exist at the school except in people's minds as something rather distant but as a great escape and relief when it does get here.

I'm pleased to say that in some art classes they are printing Christmas scenees. That's the process of cutting out a picture of a small piece of panel, and using these in the same sense as photograph negative, produce pictures or cards. Some turn out really well. It would be nice to see some of these displayed around the school. We're lucky, really, in the fact that a great deal of the artistic talent in the school is put out for all to see and enjoy. But because it is so close to Christmas, those beautiful printed cards would probably be more appropriate than an abstract of "A Day at the Beach."

# Dominion President Visits Branch 108

The "old weatherman" certainly smiled on Branch 108, Chateauguay on Saturday when he sandwiched in such a beautiful day for the Official Opening. Members of the Branch had been working like beavers all week to have the hall ready and on Saturday everything was spic and span and a real credit to the community.

At 2 p.m. the members and guests assembled outside and after a prayer by Rev. Eric Drakeford, Branch 108 Padre, Judge J. Redmond Roche, OBE, K St. J., ED., CD., Q.O., Dominion President, Royal Canadian Legion, cut the ribbon across the door and the Colour Party of the Legion, and Ladies Auxiliary marched inside, followed by the members and guests. Chairman for the ceremony was Bob Jack. Introducing the number of Branch Past Presidents, some of whom had travelled a long way for the occasion, was Vice-President Bren Boyle. Some of the Past Presidents who had not been to Chateauguay for some time, were amazed at the transformation to the Legion Hall.

Branch President, Al Watterson presented well deserved Certificates of Merit to Comrades. Mark Snow and Chet. Stanton who have been responsible for most of the work of renovation. Possibly, to see the result of their two years of labour means more to Mark and Chet than does the award they have so richly earned.

The guest of honour, Judge J. Redmond Roche, Dominion President of the Royal Canadian Legion, was introduced by Branch President Al. Watterson and gave an inspiring address on the Legion and the Youth of the Country today. He stressed the need of the Legion to give leadership to youth organisations to help combat delinquency and pointed out that today's young people did not have the advantages and moral training which we had in our youth. Judge Roche regretted that none of Chateauguay's Civic leaders were present as he would have liked to talk to them as to where the Legion can help and to point out the great value of a strong Legion to the community.

President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Mrs. Joan Cooper, thanked the speaker. She mentioned that it was indeed rare for a branch to have a visit from the Dominion President and how honoured the Chateauguay Branch was that he came. The ceremony was then brought to a close.

The Ladies Auxiliary are to be thanked for the fine buffet provided and Cde. Geo. Gibbs for bringing his most interesting display of Regimental Cap Badges. The evening concluded with music, first by an "old favourite", Mrs. Edna Phillips and later by "Buck and Mary."

It was really encouraging to see such a splendid turout of members and guests but we wonder what happened to our elected representatives and mayors. Civic duties must be really heavy when neither our members of parliament or mayors can even reply to an invitation. It is surprising what a lack of interest in local affairs these people show when there is no election in the offing

Next LeLgion event will be the Christmas Draw on December 19 followed by the 50/50 Draw on December 26 and the President's Punch Party on December 27.


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# Chateauguay Minor

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**ATOM B**

Two goals by Derrick Harwood, gave the Stars a 2-1 win over the Mustangs with Ross McClearly, scoring for the losers, and goals by Ron Little and Christian Theoret, along with the shutout netminding of Robert Brunet, gave the Comets a 2-0 victory over the Bruins. Two goals by Benoit Hebert, and one by Steve Townsend led the Leafs to a 3-0 win over the Four Aces with Dave Wood getting the shutout.

**MOSQUITO A**

Brent Daniels, scored two and Roger Beaulieu tallied one as the Comets beat the Stars 3-1 with Richard Beaudoin, scoring for the losers, and a goal by the Mustang's Dan Roch, combined with the flawless netminding of Peter Bowering led a 1-0 win over the Four Aces.

**MOSQUITO B**

Dave Smith, scored for the Comets and N. Daoust, for the Stars in a 1-1 tie, and a goal by Alain Davies, and Sylvain Bibeau's goaltending gave the Mustangs a 1-0 victory over the Four Aces.

**MOSQUITO C**

Marc Brunet, netted two goals for the Comets and Robin Phillips scored a pair for the Stars as they battled to a 2-2 deadlock, and goals by Paul Meredith and Pierre Mallette, along with shutout netminding by Dominique Marcil gave the Four Aces a 2-0 win over the Mustangs.

**PEE WEE A**

Ross Brindley, John Wilkie, Kirk Wakefield, and Butch Soar, each scored for the Mustangs as they beat the Four Aces 4-1 with Dave Hammond, the lone Aces scorer, and a three goal effort by Paul McAuliffe along with one by Hans Eric Gurholt led the Stars to a 4-2 win over the Comets with Craig Anderson, and Denis Lafleur counting for the Comets.

**PEE WEE B**

Steve Bartlett, tallied twice and Michel Hebert got a shutout as the Four Aces downed the Mustangs 2-0, and a pair of goals by Allan Elliott along with one by Philip Davies gave the Stars a 3-2 win over the Comets with Luc Auger, and Richard Lachapelle, counting for the losers.

**PEE WEE C**

David Vincent's goal and Andre Desmarais' netminding paced a 1-0 Mustang win over the Four Aces, and Russ Vickers marker combined with shutout goaling by Christian Giguere gave the Stars a 1-0 win over the Comets.

**BANTAM A**

Gilbert Belanger, and Bruce Cashion, tallied for the Four Aces and Maurice Montpetit, was the Mustang scorer as the Aces won 2-1. The Stars beat the Comets 7-3 with Robert Giroux, and Glen Power, each scoring twice and singles going to Brian Rennie, Michel Menard, and Richard Bissonette for the winners, while the Comets had goals by Gordon Moore, Noel Smyth, and Stephen Cluff.

**BANTAM B**

The Mustangs beat the Four Aces 4-1 as Eric Hylland, Benoit Dagenais, Rory Harrison, and Peter Tessier tallied with the Aces lone reply from Lyons. Martin Hewitt, scored two and Yves Faucher, and Doug Rule, got one each as the Stars downed the Comets 4-1 with G. Stanton the Comet scorer.

**MIDGET**

The Four Aces beat the Mustangs 3-1 on the two goal effort of Roger Gendreau, one by Robbie Vincent, and great goaling by Tim Morningstar. The Mustang goal went to Andre Bergevin. John Dempster, netted two and Mike Donegani, and Jean Martin, scored one each in a 4-1 Comet victory over the Stars. C. Dubois counted the only Stars goal.

**JUVENILE**

The Stars scored a 5-2 win over the Comets on goals by Mike Leroux, Norm Leroux, Pete Harris, Franz Hasenhuendl and Ken Donnelly, while Brian Alberts and Luc Marleau had the goals for the losers.

Note. Again we ask that more care be given to the score sheets as many of the earlier mentioned problems continue to make it extremely difficult to understand the report. The league appreciates the effort of the persons who do the scoring during the game, but it is obvious many do not understand what they are doing and we ask that scorekeepers check with league officials before accepting the job.

# -Sports in General-

The annual Christmas party for the families of the Chateauguay Old Timers' Hockey League will be held on Sunday evening, December 27 and if final agreement is reached, C.F.O.X. Terriers will round out the frolics with an exhibition hockey game later in the evening. Plans have not been completed, but there is no doubt that the introduction of this popular crew should add some excitement to an already fun-filled evening.

Following last week's problems in which player and coaches of one of the teams involved in the league went out of their way to criticize the officials, the league, under president Rollie Gaudet will get much stricter, and suspensions will be in order should any more of these carryings on occur. The game is played for fun and no such acts should be a part of the organization. The team involved is a consistent winner, and it seems that every time they have a bad game, they just can't admit it, choosing instead to put the blame on the officials. The five-man disciplinary committee which consists of some prominent local sports enthusiasts will be the ones responsible for determining whether or not the offenses committed from this point on merit league action. The idea of the committee is a sound one, but it seems ridiculous that grown men require such supervision. In fact, one of the prime suspects in last week's problems is a school teacher.

Ciné Parc took to the attack early in the game, outskating, outchecking and outscoring Beauharnois 5-0 to take over first place in the league with thirteen points on six wins, one loss and one tie. The loss to Beauharnois left them with twelve points on five wins, one setback and a tie, and broke their seven game unbeaten string.

Chat-O-Centre came through with another strong performance and this time were rewarded with a 3-2 win over the Mohawks and a share of third place. Fred Morris, with a pair of goals and one by Ron Stabb, led the way for Chat-O-Centre, who last week turned in a great performance only to be beaten by the goalpost, a few skates and their own legs as the puck went everywhere except in the net. The result was a 2-0 Ciné Parc win. Herb Butt, and Wally Deer, each netted a goal for the Mohawks who started strongly, but appear to be floundering a little at this juncture of the season.

Columbia maintained the record, but it is a dubious one as they have now lost seven in a row after an opening night tie. This time it was Lac des Pins by a score of 7-0 as Robert Coté netted three and singles went to André Doré, Ray Laberge, André Langlois, and Marcel Payant. The win gave the Lakers six points and left them only two out of third place.

Rustik continues to hold down first place in the South Shore Hockey League with 20 points, three ahead of Mercier who took over the runner-up spot from St. Isidore by running their unbeaten streak to six games last week. The leaders have a twenty point total made up of nine wins, four losses and two ties while Mercier has won eight, lost five and tied one for seventeen points with a game in hand. St. Isidore, with a loss and a tie fell into third place with sixteen points including six wins, four losses and four draws. Ste. Martine has ten points on five victories and seven setbacks and Orchard House, playing far better than their record shows, has two wins, ten losses and one draw.

Alain Seers, and Michel Turcot were the scorers for Rustik on Tuesday evening as they nipped Orchard House 2-1 with Gerry Zezar getting the losers lone goal. The victory for the Rustik was a hard-earned one as the Orchard crew pressed throughout the game but just couldn't connect on their scoring chances. In the second game it was Mercier over St. Isidore by a 3-2 score with the winners getting all three goals in the middle period and then hanging on as a late rally by St. Isidore fell one short. Clement Lussier, F. Chevalier, and Fred Haineault, were the scorers for Mercier while G. Billette, and A. Bellefleur, came through for St. Isidore.

Friday it was Mercier over Ste. Martine 4-2 on a pair of goals and two assists by Robert Dubuc. Roger aided on the goals by Pierre Barrette, and Clement Lussier, to complete his four-point performance, while Jacques Lefebvre, came through for both Ste. Martine counters. In the second game St. Isidore and Rustik battled to a 4-4 tie as the Saints kept coming back to earn the point. R. Vincent, scored a pair for St. Isidore and singles went to J. P. Dubuc, and S. Perras, while for Rustik it was Denis Bolduc, Louis Desjardins, Robert Desjardins, and Gilles Turcot.

The recent onrush by Mercier is making them a distinct threat for the top spot as they have now won five and tied one in the last six games, by far the best record in the league over that span. The team is playing well and is getting the points where they are needed and then checking their opponents to a standstill. Early indications were that it would be a two-way race between Rustik and St. Isidore, but it now looks like good balance exists throughout the league, and even Orchard House is due to snap out of the doldrums which have kept them in the cellar for the entire season.

**FOOTBALL HEROES**

We ran into a couple of local heroes in the Maple Shopping Center where a new store was opened with Moses Denson, and Tony Passander, on hand as special guests. After a brief discussion with them we have a further insight into the reasons behind the great success of the Als. They stated that the whole thing was a team effort from start to finish.

In the words of Tony Passander it was a season which was perfect by the absence of cliques and the enlisting of a group of young athletes who were dedicated to giving their all for the team as their share of every point earned. Another thing mentioned by Tony was the importance of the late acquisition of Bobby Lee Thompson who stepped into a big hole in the defensive crew after only two days of practise, was beaten for a major score in Toronto and then came on with three flawless performances to enhance the chances of a Grey Cup title.

Moses Denson, the other player on hand was perhaps the only real super star developed by the Alouettes. When we suggested that the kids around get his autograph just in case he decided to depart for the United States next year, Moses was quick to state that there was no chance of this. He says that the Alouettes gave him his chance and that he will be around for as long as they want him. This is certainly good news and we hope that the situation will be the same when the team gets out for the start of next season. Moses is undoubtedly one of the future greats in the Canadian game. The Als will need that talent when they go after the Grey Cup again next year.

**Junior B Wings**

The Chateauguay Junior B Wings are looking for four wins in a row which would earn them a chance on a trip to Saskatoon. The team in first place gets into action against teams from Montreal as of January 6 and from there the series moves to Rimouski before the winner goes to Saskatoon for the big tournament in February. The Wings have now stretched their unbeaten streak to eleven in a row including eight wins and three ties, and four more wins would give Chateauguay the lead on January 6, the deciding date.

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# Chateauguay News Notes

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**BUS VS HYDRO POLE**

**A power failure in parts of the Centre on Monday morning was caused by a skidding bus striking a hydro pole on Youville Blvd. Police cars from the Town and Ville de Lery, a hydro truck and the banged-up bus gave the scene a semblance of disaster. However Town police told the Gleaner that there were no injuries in the accident. Power was restored in about a half hour.**

**LICENSE BUREAU MOVED**

Looking for a last minute gift for hubby or wife? Why not get new 1971 license plates? There's a broad hint in this item. The License Bureau is situated at 91 Dollard St. over near Wilbrod St.

**VIKINGS TRACK CLUB**

**The indoor season is well under way now and all members of the club have participated in quite a few meets so far. The Christmas banquet for the athletes is to be held at the Casa Valencia on December 22nd.**


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## Billings Sports Scene

By Gary Timmons

**HOCKEY:**

On December 1, the senior hockey team coached by Mr. Rossiter, played their first game against West Hill High School. Even though we won by a score of 7-1, our team could have played better, Probably quite a few members of the team wanted to score goals and position play went out of their minds. When the next game was played against Wagar High School, we were the victor by the same score again. Scorers were Parent, Rice, Kay (2), Reid, Doherty and Heggison. Even though the team played much better, there is still room for improvement. Wagar had a good goalie who kept the score down to a minimum by making some very good saves. Wagar had few shots on our nets due to good defensive playing. I'm sure that with a bit more practice, we'll play like champs and end up on top at the end of the season.

**CURLING:**

Last Thursday, our two senior curling teams played against Marymount High School at Beau Chateau. We played six rounds and in the end, lost by a total score of sixteen to five. On ice number one, Donald Irwin (skip), Alan Campbell, Stuart Brindley and Peter Waves. They lost ten to one. On ice No. 2, there was Mike Crawford (skip) Stuart Mayberry, Sydney Strange, and Scott Johnston.

They lost by a score of 6-1. It's hard to name any certain player for scoring any points because this game is a team effort. Even though a person's both stones may count for points the members of the team may have to set up guards or knock out an opposing team stone which is closed. Some of you, I presume, don't know what I am talking about. I will try to explain briefly. You play the game on a rectangular piece of ice. You have three pieces of equipment, two 40 lb. gravite stones and a broom. The idea of the game is to keep your team's stone closest to the centre of the circle. There are usually four people to a team, one skip, third second and lead.

The skip's job is to show you where to curl the stone. He places his broom on the ice and the curler aims for the broom. The sweepers have an important job. If the stone is going slow, they sweep in front, so that no particles of snow or dirt will slow down the movement. A curler's job is to slide the stone down the ice, aimed at the skip's broom. The curler also has to decide how hard to shoot the stone. Each curler throws 2 stones each in turn until all the stones have been thrown. This completes an end.

The game continues for a specified number of ends.

NOTE — you alternate turns with the other team also when you shoot the stones. To count points: Only the stone or stones that are closest to the centre of the circle count. The circles are there only for the reason of showing which stone is closer. If a red stone is closest, followed by a blue stone, the red team get only one point. But if ther are two blues closer than the red the blue team gets two points.

Our team's next game is today (Wednesday) at Montreal West and I hope they have better luck this time.

## Sports in General...

(Continued from page 10)

A Bowling tournament for men's team will be held at Chateau Bowling, on December 27. The maximum team average must be not more than 285 with an 80% handicap and teams interested can register at the Lanes or by calling 692-4361.

**RIVERIN LEAGUE**

Fina Laberge now holds a four point lead over Turgon Auto in the Riverin Hockey League after their 7-4 win over Turgon and a 6-4 Caughnawaga win over Garage Dan has put the Indians and Turgon, into a second place deadlock with ten points. Columbia came up with their third one goal win in as many games, topping Melocheville 5-4 with a goal by Gerry Vallières giving them the victory with only ten seconds remaining in the game. Fina now has seven wins, one loss and fourteen points while Turgon and Caughnawaga both are five and three for ten points. Danis and Columbia have earned six points with three wins and five losses and Melocheville is in the cellar with two points on a single victory against seven defeats. Following next week's games the league will fold for two weeks during the holiday season, but the teams will be back on the ice for games on January 7.

The Junior B drawing for the Snowmobile at the arena on January 23 is receiving good support and last week the players and team organizers went from door to door in the zone in order to boost ticket sales. The tickets are still available at the arena on the day of the games, and all money raised will go to help the Junior organization.

Complaints about the statistics being listed in the arena in French only prompted a conversation with Yvon Aubin, and several others, and the statistics are now listed in both languages. The situation was not one that was done to ignore the English-speaking, but one which was prompted by the statistician's better knowledge of the French language. It took only a moment for the mistake to be realized, and now all should be happy.

Actually the team deserves our support. It is the only local team and as such should create a feeling of pride among its fans. Some arguments have been mixed into hockey in the past few years, but it is time now for all to pull together. See you at the game, and again here next week.

## Chateauguay stars in Lake St. Louis Region Hockey

The Chateauguay Minor Hockey League's Cougar teams have shown that the entrance of the league into Inter City competition was not a mistake for the Town of Chateauguay as three of the four teams hold down first place and the other is only a single point off the pace. The teams have rolled up a great record of 27 wins, 11 losses and 4 ties and in addition to being on or near the top in their section, they have surpassed other sections which are comprised of teams from areas with far greater populations.

The record is impressive against their supposedly stronger competitions with the Mosquito Cougars breaking even at two wins, two losses and a tie, The Pee Wees having three wins and one loss, the Bantams ahead by three wins to one loss and the Midgets having won all four games against the tougher section.

Last week the Mosquito Cougars won both games as they topped Town of Mount Royal and Lachine by scores of 2-1, the Pee Wees dropped a 3-1 decision to Mount Royal, the Bantams blanked Mount Royal 5-0 and the Midget ran their win streak to ten as they turned in the third straight shutout for Randy Burchell in a 2-0 win over Mount Royal.

The standings of the lake St. Louis League indicate the success of the Cougar teams, and the League is extremely pleased with the manner in which support has been accorded to the C.M.H.L. teams. The average attendance for the Monday night doubleheaders in Chateauguay is well in excess of 800, and the games on Thursday and Saturday at the arena are also drawing well.

Following is the standings in the four sections of the Lake St. Louis Region Double A league.

ST. LOUIS REGION
HOCKEY STANDINGS

**MOSQUITO**

| | P | W | L | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| North Shore | 8 | 8 | 0 | 16 |
| LaSalle | 10 | 7 | 3 | 14 |
| Pointe Claire | 8 | 6 | 2 | 12 |
| Dorval | 12 | 4 | 6 | 10 |
| Lachine | 9 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| St. Laurent | 12 | 0 | 12 | 0 |

**PEE WEE**

| | P | W | L | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Verdun | 10 | 8 | 2 | 16 |
| Dorval | 12 | 6 | 4 | 14 |
| Point Claire | 8 | 5 | 3 | 10 |
| North Shore | 8 | 5 | 3 | 10 |
| St. Laurent | 10 | 2 | 6 | 6 |
| Lachine | 9 | 3 | 6 | 6 |
| LaSalle | 9 | 2 | 7 | 4 |

**BANTAM**

| | P | W | L | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LaSalle | 10 | 8 | 1 | 17 |
| Verdun | 12 | 6 | 2 | 16 |
| St. Laurent | 10 | 6 | 4 | 12 |
| North Shore | 9 | 4 | 4 | 9 |
| Pointe Claire | 9 | 3 | 5 | 7 |
| Lachine | 12 | 3 | 9 | 6 |
| Dorval | 11 | 1 | 8 | 4 |

**MIDGET**

| | P | W | L | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Verdun | 12 | 9 | 1 | 20 |
| Dorval | 11 | 6 | 4 | 13 |
| LaSalle | 10 | 5 | 4 | 11 |
| Lachine | 10 | 5 | 5 | 11 |
| North Shore | 9 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| Pointe Claire | 9 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| St. Laurent | 9 | 0 | 8 | 1 |

**NATIONAL**

| | P | W | L | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Beaconsfield | 7 | 5 | 1 | 11 |
| Chateauguay | 10 | 4 | 4 | 10 |
| Mount Royal | 10 | 4 | 4 | 10 |
| Cote St. Luc | 10 | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| Westlake | 8 | 2 | 5 | 5 |

| | P | W | L | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chateauguay | 11 | 7 | 2 | 16 |
| Mount Royal | 9 | 7 | 2 | 14 |
| Beaconsfield | 6 | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| Cote St. Luc | 9 | 3 | 5 | 7 |
| Outremont | 8 | 1 | 7 | 2 |
| Westlake | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 |

| | P | W | L | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chateauguay | 10 | 6 | 4 | 12 |
| Westlake | 8 | 5 | 1 | 12 |
| Mtl. West | 8 | 5 | 3 | 10 |
| Outremont | 9 | 3 | 3 | 9 |
| Mount Royal | 10 | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| Beaconsfield | 10 | 3 | 7 | 6 |

| | P | W | L | Pts. |
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| Chateauguay | 11 | 10 | 1 | 20 |
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| Mtl. West | 9 | 4 | 4 | 9 |
| Westlake | 9 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| Beaconsfield | 11 | 3 | 7 | 7 |
| Outremont | 9 | 1 | 4 | 6 |

**NEW PRESIDENT FOR MARY GARDNER HOME & SCHOOL**

It is with regret that the Executive of the Mary Gardner Home and School Association announces the resignation of the President, Mrs. Shirley McKee. She has given all of herself and more to the Mary Gardner Home and School, as well as to the Guidance Board. Mrs. McKee is still enthusiastic about the Home and School and will sit as Immediate Past President. Although it is regrettable that we are losing a person with such a dynamic personality and with the patience of Job with all the problems that Home and School incurs, we are very fortunate to be able to name a new President, Mr. L. G. Bremner.

Mr. Bremner has been treasurer for Mary Gardiner Home and School for two years and since the new term has been 1st Vice-President. He has also been active in other local associations and community activities. Mr. Bremner is well-known in the community for his integrity, honesty and fairness in all situations and we feel that he will keep the Home and School going as well as all the other fine Presidents we have had. Mr. Bremner, was unanimously voted into office as President by the executive and was given a vote of confidence by all.

## Aubrey-Riverfield

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND SUPPER**

Seventy-six people came out to the pot luck supper at Riverfield Church Hall on Saturday night and others joined them for the Christmas program which followed.

The first item was a carol sung by everyone. This was followed by a vocal duet sung by Velda Brown and Joyce Craig. A pageant "The Christmas Story was narrated by Donald Rees, Supt. of the Sunday School and the children who took part were Carol Stacey as Mary; Alvin Craig as Joseph; Rick Reddick, Marvyn Brown and Wesley Craig, Wise Men; Morris and Randy Stacey and Grant Roy as Shepherds. Donna Stacey as an angel gave some of the reader's part. The other angels were Velda Brown, Shyrl Nussey, Cynthia Milne and Joyce Craig. Several carols through the pageant were sung by the audience. It was beautiful as the lights were dimmed and blue and red spotlights used. Several changes of scenery were made.

Mrs. Elton Robertson's class gave recitations. They were Sandra Roy, Alexander Milne, Rona Reddick, Curtis Hacala, Colin Day, Kyrk Rees, Heather Milne.

Neal Chrisholm sang Yankee Doodle. Grant and Sandra Roy sang two carols.

Mrs. Stewart Carmichael's class had recitations. These were Shyrl Nussey, Velda Brown, Cynthia Milne. Joyce Craig, Randy Stacey Grant Roy and Morris Stacey.

Mrs Wallace Craig played the accompaniments during the evening.

Last but not least Santa arrived with a bag of gifts and candy After the gifts were given out an orange was given to each child, a gift from Mrs. Jean Roy.

Donald Rees thanked the Sunday School staff for their help and expressed thanks to Mrs. Roy for her kindness.

The Rev. Alex. MacDonald spoke briefly thanking the superintendent and staff for a wonderful evening. This was his first Christmas among them and he was looking forward to the future with them.


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# HUNTINGDON
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**Guy Bélanger,**
Evêque du Diocèse de Valleyfield.

**Dimanche — 20 — Violet — 4e dimanche de l'Avent**
7.30 p.m. (samedi) Luc Latulipe: Pauline
7.30 a.m. J. Norbert Vachon: M. et Mme Charles Lalonde
9.00 a.m. Parents défunts: M. et Mme Gérard Foisy
10.15 a.m. Mrs. Harold T. White: her husband
11.30 a.m. M. Georges Lalonde: M. et Mme Elphège Poirier
5.00 p.m. Mme Octave Dorais: Enfants Paul Emile Guindon

**Lundi — 21 — Rouge — S. Thomas**
7.30 a.m. Membres défunts de la famille Ferdinand Lefebvre: Mme A. Faubert
7.30 p.m. (couvent) Late Alice et Elmer Tobin estate

**Mardi — 22 — Violet — Férie**
7.30 a.m. Mrs. Mary Flynn: Mary Walsh and Edmund Hughes
7.30 p.m. Late Earl Elliott: his wife

**Mercredi — 23 — Violet — Férie**
7.30 a.m. concélébration
Feu Mme Ovila Myre: Solanges et Jean Paul Lauzon
M. François Saumier: M. et Mme Rupert Saumier

**Jeudi — 24 — Violet — Férie**
7.30 a.m. concélébration
Late Wilfrid Lefebvre: père, mère et soeur
Francis Coffey: Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Coffey

**Vendredi — 25 — Blanc — Nativité du Seigneur**
Minuit (à l'église) Alain Billette: ses parents
Midnight (à l'école) Edward C. MacDonell: his family
7.30 a.m. Mme Elzéar Girouard: son époux
9.00 a.m. Late John Myers: his wife
10.15 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. James Feeny: Mr. and Mrs Orville Goodfellow
11.30 a.m. Mme Ferdinand Lefebvre: Dr Léo Lefebvre
5.00 p.m. Honneur Ste-Vierge: favour obtenue

**Samedi — 26 — Rouge — St-Etienne**
7.30 a.m. Late John Murphy: Mr. and Mrs. Hughen Duhaime

**Annonces**

1—Quête 12 et 13 décembre ..... $434.30
Collection, December 12th and 13th ..... $434.30

2—Horaire des messes: Noël
Minuit (à l'église), 7:30, 9:00, 10:15, 11:30 a.m. et 5 p.m.
Christmas: Holy Eucharist
Midnight (at the school), 7:30, 9:00, 10:15, 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

3—Horaire des messes: Jour de l'An
La veille à 7.30 p.m., et ensuite l'horaire régulier du dimanche
New Year's Day: Holy Eucharist
Dec. 31st at 7:30 p.m., and then the regular schedule

4—Confessions avant Noël
Confessions before Christmas:
23 décembre 7 à 9 p.m.
24 décembre: 10 à 12 a.m.
2 à 4 p.m.
7 à 9 p.m.

5—Publication:
Promesse de mariage entre **Serge Racicot,** professeur, de la paroisse St-Augustin, fils majeur de Roger Racicot et de Maoloiria Mallette, de Montréal et **Monique Ladouceur,** professeur, de la paroisse Ste-Cécile, fille majeure de Raymond Ladouceur et de Lucienne Lalonde de la paroisse Ste-Cécile de Valleyfield.

6—Marguilliers élus pour trois ans:
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## Ormstown

**Fermières**

La réunion mensuelle du Cercle de Fermières qui devait a voir lieu le mercredi soir, 9 décembre a été contremandée à cause de la mauvaise température et l'impossibilité de certains membres de la direction d'y assister. La prochaine réunion aura lieu en janvier, avec l'échange habituel de cadeaux entre membres.

Nos félicitations et nos meilleurs souhaits à Mme Maurice Leduc, présidente du Cercle, qui est l'heureuse maman d'une fille, née le 7 décembre au Barrie Memorial, petite soeur d'Eric et d'Isabelle.

**Activités des loisirs**

L'assemblée mensuelle des Loisirs de Ormstown avait lieu le mercredi soir, 2 décembre dernier, sous la présidence de M. Théobald Dandurand avec Mme Pierre Genest, secrétaire et MM. Raoul Soucy, Pierre Genest, Hubert Soucy, Frank Hinskins, Martial Duquette et Claude Bauine, présents. Il est regrettable de mentionner que la population de notre paroisse n'a pas répondu à l'invitation des Loisirs d'assister à leurs réunions. Les opinions des parents aideraient considérablement à la bonne marche de cette organisation, qui se dévoue pour le bien des jeunes et des adultes.

La Direction lance de nouveau un appel aux jeunes filles et aux jeunes femmes mariées qui veulent se présenter comme reine des sports, de bien vouloir s'adresser à M. Théobald Dandurand, au téléphone 829-2338, ou à Mme Myreille Genest, en signalant 829-2536.

La prochaine assemblée aura lieu le 13 janvier à 7:45 p.m.; Martial Duquette, publiciste.

**Rapport des ligues de sacs de sable** pour la semaine du 8 décembre.

**Chez les hommes:**

Le plus haut double, Gérard Dandurand, 10,920 pts. Le plus haut simple, Gérard Dandurand, 5,980 pts. Le plus haut carreau, Gérald Riendeau, 1,550 pts. Le plus petit simple, Pierre Caza, 1,050 pts. Le plus petit carreau, Albert Faubert avec 150 pts. dans la boite.

**Chez les dames:**

Le plus haut double, Huguette Dandurand, 10,410 pts. Le plus haut simple, Huguette Dandurand, 5,260 pts. Le plus haut carreau, Huguette Dandurand, 1,510 pts. Le plus simple, Madeleine Bolduc, 1,550 pts. Le plus petit carreau, Béatrice Quevillon avec 110 pts. dans la boite.

La soirée récréative organisée par la Ligue des Sacs de sable aura lieu cette année, samedi soir, le 19 décembre à l'Hôtel "du Vieux Moulin." Il y aura danse avec orchestre.

La Ligue suspend ses activités pour la période des Fêtes et les reprendra le 5 janvier prochain.

Mlle Louisette Laframboise, publiciste ,désire souhaiter aux membres et à leur famille, un Joyeux Noël et une Heureuse Nouvelle Année 1971.

## Conseil de Hinchinbrooke

L'assemblée régulière du conseil de Hinchinbrooke avait lieu mardi, le premier décembre dernier, sous la présidence du maire, M. Allan Wilson.

M. Denis Martin obtint la permission d'installer une roulotte sur le terrain de M. H. Stark, situé sur la route 52, près de Huntingdon, pour servir de restaurant.

Clarence Ouimet demanda qu'un cours d'eau dans le 5e rang soit nettoyé. Il fut proposé et secondé qu'une lettre à ce sujet soit envoyée au département du drainage, afin d'inclure ce travail avec le projet du cours d'eau Anderson.

Sur la requête de M. Archie McIntosh, il fut décidé de faire des améliorations le long de la montée de Dewittville.

**Nouveau Conseiller**

La résignation de George Williams comme conseiller fut acceptée avec regret. M. Williams a fait partie du Conseil durant les huit dernières années. Il démissionne maintenant pour cause de santé. Il fut donc proposé et secondé que Clarence Moore soit nommé au siège No. 2, autrefois occupé par M. Williams.

Il fut proposé et secondé que demande soit faite à l'Hydro-Québec pour qu'un de leurs représentants soit présent à la prochaine assemblée du conseil, afin de discuter de l'éclairage pour Rockburn.

Un avis de motion fut donné qu'un règlement serait proposé à une prochaine assemblée de ce conseil, pour permettre l'imposition de taxes sur les maisons mobiles.

Proposé et secondé que le secrétaire soit autorisé à donner les noms de ceux qui doivent des taxes pour deux ans ou plus, pour la vente des propriétés pour taxes en mars prochain.

Proposé et secondé que M. Wilfred Saumier, soit ré-engagé comme concierge de l'hôtel de Ville, au même salaire que l'année dernière.

Proposé et secondé que D. L. Tully effectue les travaux nécessaires au dépotoir de la municipalité.

M. J. K. Dickson présenta une formule de demande de drainage Le Secrétaire fut autorisé à faire parvenir cette formule aux autorités concernées

Les comptes suivants furent approuvés et leur paiement autorisé: Harold Stark, $29.50; Wilfred Saumier, $15.56; A. Lewin, $8.18; Lyell Graham, $24.11, Canada Salt Co., $363.46; Riverside Motors, $6.50; S. J. Currie, $3.18; Rolfe & Son, $6.20; Wesley Jamieson, $5; Ronald Farquhar, $36; Gordon Sutton, $25.50; Bourgon and Cluff, $41.25; Ministre du Revenu, $6.30; D. L. Tully, $11.00; J. K. Dickson, $185.00; Receveur général du Canada, $6; Clarence Moore, $6; Bell Canada, $52.23; Hydro-Québec, $146.07; Merle Rosevear, $33.00; Douglas Wilson, $19.00; Herbert Simpson, $4.00; K. M. Ferns, $35.17; Earl Pringle, $23.75; Huntingdon Gleaner, $315.84.

Proposé et secondé que pour les mois de janvier, fevrier et mars, les assemblées régulières du conseil soient tenues durant le jour, soit à 10.30 a.m. pour janvier et à 12.30 p.m. pour février et mars.

M. John Hamilton demanda au conseil de prendre les mesures nécessaires afin que la clôture de ligne de son voisin soit réparée. M. D. O. Taylor fut nommé pour voir à ce que ce travail soit effectué.

Le conseil discuta de la possibilité d'acheter une sableuse neuve qui serait installée sur un des camions à neige Sicard. Un comité fut nommé pour étudier cette question.

## St. Anicet

**Sincères remerciements**

A vous tous, qui avez contribué à la réussite de notre Bingo du 6 décembre dernier, nous disons un merci très chaleureux. Vos dons et votre présence ont été très appréciés. Merci de la part des élèves de St-Anicet.

Le comité d'organisation: Mme Clarisse David, Mme Mireille Carrière et Mme Mariel-le Brunet.

**Dépouillement de l'arbre de Noël**

Dimanche, le 20 décembre 1970, à 1.30 p.m., à l'école Centrale de St-Anicet, il y aura projection d'un film suivi de la distribution des cadeaux par le Père Noël. Il est entendu que cette fête est organisée pour les enfants de la paroisse St-Anicet seulement et que l'âge de ces derniers ne doit pas dépasser dix ans.

**Entrée gratuite**

Les parents sont cordialement invités à participer à cette fête, à l'occasion de Noël.

## Ste. Agnes

**Cercle de Fermières**

La réunion mensuelle des Fermières de Ste. Agnès a eu lieu le 10 décembre, 13 fermières y assistaient.

Le tout débuta par la prière, lecture des minutes de la dernière réunion, etc.

Des remerciements furent adressés à Mme Phillippe Le blanc pour son travail, l'audition des livres.

Des conseils furent donnés pour la grosseur du crochet à employer selon la laine par Mme Myre.

Le concours du mois en couture. Morceau de couture au choix, travaillé au point de croix. 8 Fermières avaient participé. Le prix fut gagné par Mme François Trépanier.

Pour l'art culinaire 13 Fermières avaient apporté quelque chose de différent pour l'occasion. Le prix fut remporté par, Mme Bernard Demers, et elle l'avait bien mérité. Elle avait préparé 3 plats à elle seule. Comme toujours, il faut goûter à toutes ces bonnes choses. Nous avions deux sortes de vin, du punch, des sandwiches, des carrés, du fudge, etc, et une tasse de café chaud pour aider la digestion. On échange des recettes, et on demande des conseils sur la manière de réussir tel et tel plat, et c'est agréable: on apprend toujours de nouveaux trucs.

A l'occasion des fêtes, une table était couverte de cadeaux à être échanges entre elles. Les noms des fermières présentes sont mis dans une boite, et la présidente en tire un à la fois et à tour de rôle on va choisir son cadeau, et comme des enfants on a hâte d'ouvrir pour voir ce qui s'y cache. Vers 10 hr. 15 m., après avoir gouté nos petits mets chacune s'en va en disant: "Joyeux Noël, passez de bonnes fêtes et à l'An Prochain.

## Brigade volontaire H'brooke tient sa réunion mensuelle

Le 7 décembre dernier, 22 membres et officiers assistaient à l'assemblée de la brigade volontaire de Hinchinbrooke. L'aseemblée était sous la présidence de M. Ernest Maither, M. Gordon Ferry, secrétaire et M. Lorne McNaughton, assistant secrétaire.

Le comité désigné pour étudier l'achat d'une scie de secours mécanique, a soumis les détails et prix sur différentes marques disponibles. Considérations, services et comparaisons avec autres brigades voisines ont été discutés et le comité fut autorisé à en faire l'achat.

72 membres et invités assistèrent au banquet où M. James Hutchings reçut le trophée pour le "pompier de l'année".

Lors de cette réunion, on discuta de l'avenir des pompiers inactifs. Ces pompiers qui ont rendu cinq ans de services volontaires ou plus, ne sont pas obligé de demeurer actifs, mais désirent rester membre de la brigade. Des dons de $10 et $5 ont été reçus de MM. Albert Cain et Billy Middlemiss.

Les Dames Auxiliaires de la brigade doivent faire une présentation à Mme Pete Shearer (Margaret), en reconnaissance de son service comme opératrice du téléphone, répondant ainsi aux appels de feu pour les deux dernières années. Une opératrice, lorsque présente, est au service 24 heures par jour, pour recevoir les alarmes de feu et ensuite les transmettre aux pompiers le plus tôt possible.

Les plans ont été accepté pour la modification de la salle, afin de procurer plus d'espace pour l'entreposage. Les pompiers doivent eux-mêmes contribuer à cette rénovation.

MM. Ednie et Tully présentèrent un rapport de la dernière assemblée des brigades de l'aide mutuelle, tenue le 17 novembre dernier.

La brigade de Hinchinbrooke est à la recherche d'informations sur un appareil pour donner la respiration artificielle. Cet appareil est très dispendieux et compliqué mais de grande utilité pour combatre l'axphixiation causée par la fumée, l'empoissonnement de monoxide de carbone ou par une crise cardiaque. On prévoit une démonstration de cet appareil par un représentant qualifié d'un des manufacturiers.

## Les Filles d'Isabelle et leurs activités variées

Mercredi, le 2 décembre dernier, avait lieu à la Salle Paroissiale, magnifiquement décorée à l'occasion du dépouillement de l'arbre de Noël pour nos soeurs secrètes, notre assemblée mensuelle qui débuta sous la présidence de notre aumônier M. Quenneville et notre régente, Mme Marie-Anga Caza. 96 membres était présentes, toutes très heureuses et pimpantes.

Après la lecture du procès verbal et le rapport des différents comités, notre régente demanda aux membres de voter au sujet de notre souper annuel. Aura-t-il lieu à Huntingdon ou à l'extérieur? . . . La majorité des votes furent pour Huntingdon. Maintenant, le choix de la salle reste en suspens d'ici au mois de janvier.

Notre aumônier nous adressa la parole en nous invitant à pratiquer notre devise plus souvent ,qui est: "'L'amitié, l'unité et la charité."

Le comité des malades est sous la présidence de Mlle Hélecta Hart, aidée de Mmes Reina Dupuis, Evélina Leblanc, Susy Poirier et Yolande McCallum. Mme Adèle Dextraze, pour sa part s'occupera du comité de sympathies.

Le comité d'éducation nous réserve toutefois une surprise pour le mois de janvier.

Les prix de présence furent gagnés par Mmes Lorraine Leblanc et Gabrielle Legault.

L'assemblée terminée, on procéda ensuite au dépouillement de l'arbre de Noël, suivi d'un succulent réveillon préparé et servi par nos membres du comité du goûter.

Un gros et chaleureux merci à tous les comités qui se sont dévoués pour réussir une si belle soirée ,à tous Joyeux Noël et Bonne Heureuse et Sainte Année.

Mme Blanche Leduc,
Rédactrice.

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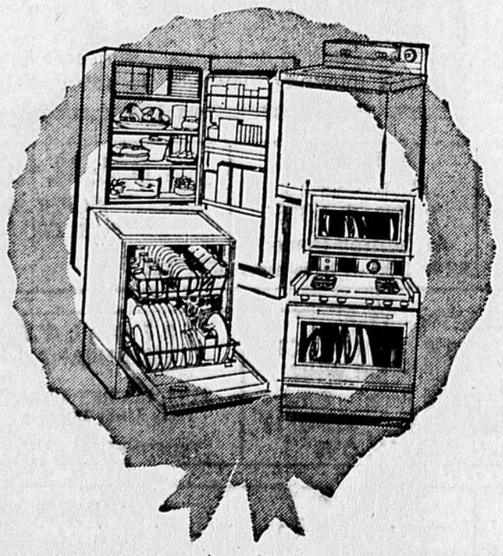
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## From The Stars To You

**HOROSCOPE FOR THE WEEK FROM 17 DECEMBER — 23 DECEMBER 1970.**

**ARIES (20 March — 19 April)**
Be careful how you express your opinions during this week. State only what you know to be absolutely true. Do not be offended what you hear in public on the 19th and do not follow up on rumors on 21st and 22nd or you will offend friends.

**TAURAS (20 April — 20 May)**
Communications will be easier on the 19th. Do not put your expectations for financial or household improvements too high at the present time. Avoid all monetary commitments. Friendly approach during these days will be very helpful to you later. Health should improve on the 23rd.

**GEMINI (21 May — 21 June)**
Watch your digestion on the 19th. Friends will be very helpful on 21st and 22nd if you do not make any derogatory or careless remarks. Listen to superiors. They have a reason for their statements. Follow their direction.

**CANCER (22 June — 22 July)**
Settle monetary conflicts. Buy clothes only when you really need them. Do not dispute wisdom of older people. Be more cooperative. Avoid legal action and do not insist on your ideas. Hard feelings on 21st and 22nd could cause break in friendship.

**LEO (23 July — 22 August)**
Stay calm and control your feelings. Speculations tend to go wrong. Friends have their own problems to cope with. Do not intend to ask for favours. Watch out in traffic on 21st and 22nd. Someone might get hurt. Avoid taking a cold on 23rd in evening.

**VIRGO (23 August — 22 September)**
Be open minded. People need your assistance. Rely on co-workers and employees for good advice. Help will come on 23rd if you are patient. Family will do everything they can to help you on the 19th.

**LIBRA (23 September — 22 October)**
Be careful what you say on the 19th since you will change your mind on the 21st and 22nd. Suffering of female relative will affect you. Be more patient. Avoid public travels on the 21st and 22nd, especially if you are born during the last days of September or the first day of October. Partners will demand financial report from you.

**SCORIO (23 October — 22 November)**
Aversion may be shown to you by female. Do not get jealous. Scrutinize financial proposition before entering commitment. Family relations are strained on 17th. Try to be more understanding. Avoid hasty action on 23rd.

**SAGITTARIUS (23 November — 21 December)**
Your feelings could be hurt by friends expressing themselves wrongly on the 19th. Think before replying. Correspondence is liable to be misunderstood. Financial affairs continue to be slightly tight. Be economical.

**CAPRICORN (22 December — 19 January)**
Avoid all legal disputes. Travel is not very good on 21st and 22nd. Your financial affairs may not be very honest. Avoid forcing the issue. Technical problems are hard to solve.

**AQUARIUS (20 January — 19 February)**
Speculation on 17th will definitely turn to a loss. Listen carefully and study arguements before replying or acting. Your thoughts are too far removed from reality. Avoid financial affairs and be diplomatic in family relations. Female opposition is strong. Listen to person of authority on 21st and 22nd.

**PISCES (20 February — 20 March)**
Be diplomatic in your employment affairs on 18th and 19th. Financial affairs are too involved right now to be solved quickly. Think carefully to fing best solution. You are too keen to enter love affairs, but partner is not very willing. Female jealousy is possible.

## Officers Named for Rennie's UCW

The regular monthly meeting of Rennie's U.C.W. met at the home of Mrs. Lyell Graham on Friday afternoon, December 11. Mrs. Bruce Maither called the meeting to order. The devotional exercises were in charge of Mrs. Dora Levers who chose a programme in keeping with the Christmas season, consisting of hymns and the lighting of five candles as the symbols of Christ's light to the world. Fifteen members were present as well as two visitors. Preparation for the candlelight service on December 20, took place and the various part were assigned. The treasurer reported that donations had been made to CARE, the Retarded Children's Association and St. Columba House.

Officers named for the year 1971 are as follows: — Past President, Mrs. George Erskine; President, Mrs. Bruce Maither; 1st. Vice-President, Mrs. Ernest Maither; 2nd. vice President, Mrs. Robert Welburn; Secretary and Corres. Secretary, Mrs. Douglas Wilson; Treasurer, Mrs. Fred Elliott; Community Friendship, visiting and Membership, Mrs. Mederic Vaillancourt and Mrs. Robt. Welburn; Supply, Welfare and Christian Citizenship, Mrs. George Erskine; Stewardship, Recruiting and Christian Education, Mrs. Murdoth Rosevear; Social Function, flowers and cards, Mrs. Ellis Wilson and Mrs. Francis McCracken; Programme, Literature and Communications, Mrs. Allan Wilson; Finance chairman, Mrs. Bruce McCracken; Nominations, Mrs. Dora Levers and Mrs. Bruce McCracken. Mrs Bruce McCracken moved the adoption of this slate.

A pot luck supper was served at the close of the meeting, all ladies contributing to the meal. An exchange of gifts took place afterwards.

## Rockburn

**ROCKBURN** — The Christmas meeting of the Ladies Aid Society was held at the home of Mrs. Charles Waller on Thursday evening, December 10th, with 20 present including visitors.

The meeting opened with the singing of a Christmas Carol after which Mrs. J. Barr read the Scripture lesson, followed with prayer by Mrs. Milne.

The President, Mrs. E. Lindsay, conducted the business meeting and Mrs. Ted Norman read the November minutes which were adopted as read.

It was decided $25.00 be donated to the Sunday School, and the same amount to the Tiny Tim Fund for retarded children.

On behalf of the Ladies Aid Society Mrs. E. Lindsay presented Mr. and Mrs. Milne with a gift of a lace table cloth, after which the exchange of gifts among members took place.

The meeting closed with a carol and the Lord's Prayer repeated in unison.

During the Social hour which followed delicious refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. J. Barr.

## Franklin U.C.W. elect officers

The Christmas meeting of the Franklin U.C.W. was held on Tuesday December 8 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Peter Ednie with an attendance of 17 members and 3 guests.

Mrs. James Manning led the devotional period with the assistance of Mrs. John Van Blankers.

The purpose was repeated in unison after which the roll call was taken and fees collected.

Mrs. Howard Blair read the final portion of this year's study.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. Mrs. Van Blankers moved that the minutes be adopted as read. Mrs. Wm. Hope seconded this motion.

The decision was made to continue the subscription to the United Church Observer but to have it transferred into the name of Mrs. Jean Beland, the new Periodical convener.

Mrs. Bill Stevenson, President, re-opened the question of whether or not the U.C.W. should continue to send flowers to the sick in the congregation. After considerable discussion, it was reluctantly agreed that the group should stick with their decision at the November meeting to discontinue sending flowers to the sick, as it had become a great expense.

The President announced that the Christmas Pot Luck Dinner, White Gift Programme and Santa's visit would take place on Sunday, December 13, at noon. Several ladies volunteered to bake buns for this occasion.

The group decided to send cheer boxes to the sick and shut-ins this Christmas as usual.

It was decided that no definite fees would be collected at the U.C.W. meetings starting in January. Instead a voluntary offering would be taken, the amount being up to the individual.

A Christmas card and note from Miss Isabel Frith, was read by the secretary. A letter from Mrs. Loree was also read thanking the group for their farewell gift to her.

Mrs. Manning read a letter of thanks from the Leprosy Mission for the parcel of used stamps sent to them. Mrs. Manning reminded the group to continue to save stamps and give them to her for the Mission.

The Programme Committee chairman, Mrs. Ross Dunn, read the programme prepared by the committee for the year 1971. A few change were made. Three speakers were mentioned by the committee and suggestions for other meetings were requested.

The slate of officers for the coming year was also presented and a few changes made.

The programme and slate of officers with the changes made was duly adopted by the group.

The officers for the coming year will be:

President, Mrs. Bill Stevenson; vice-president, Mrs. John Van Blankers; treasurer, Mrs. Clarence Dunn; secretary, Mrs. Omar Harvey; citizenship & social action, Mrs. Peter Ednie; community friendship & visiting, Mrs. James Manning; co-operation in christian & missionary education, Mrs. Stewart Moneypenny.

Finance, Mrs. Clarence Dunn; leadership development, Mrs. Bill Stevenson; literature & communications Mrs. Floyd Stevenson; nominations, Mrs. Ross Dunn; press & publicity, Mrs. Kenneth Sutton; programme, Mrs. Ross Dunn; stewardship & recruiting, Mrs. Peter Ednie, supply and Welfare, Mrs. Harry Moneypenny; periodicals, Mrs. Jean Beland; manse committee, Mrs. Floyd Stevenson and Mrs. Wm. Hope; stewards, Mrs. Bruce Sutton & Mrs. Ross Dunn.

Refreshments were then served by the hostess.

## Covey Hill

**Wesley-Knox U.C.W.**

The popular monthly meeting of Wesley — Knox U.C.W. was held at the home of Mrs. James Curran, on Thursday, December 10. There were 8 members and one visitor present.

With the President Mrs. Jas McAllister in the chair, the meeting opend with the reading of the story of the Birth of Jesus taken from Luke, followed by prayer and the Lord's Prayer. The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. Reports were submitted by the various committees. The slate of officers for 1971 is unchanged. A Christmas card from Miss I. Frith Regional Vice-President was read. A friendship card was signed by all present to be send to all ill members.

Mrs. McAllister closed the meeting by wishing everyone a very happy Holiday Season, and the Benediction.

Before a very enjoyable social hour was enjoyed, an exchange of gifts took place.

The January meeting will be held at the Potter home on the regular date.

## Athelstan

**Ladies Aid Meeting**

The Athelstan Ladies Aid met at the home of Greta McLean for its annual meeting on Monday, afternoon, December 14 with 8 members present.

Jean Hampson and Greta McLean led in Christmas Meditation and devotions from the text Luke 2:10.

Letters of thanks were read for donations received from The Mental Retarded Children's Association, St. Andrew's Home, and Huntingdon County Hospital.

It was decided that another box of pile be purchased from the Huntingdon Woollen Mills Ltd.

Donations were made to the Current Expenses of the Church, the budget, and the church school. A committee was appointed to look after purchases for the shut-ins at Christmas. Three non-entertaining members paid their Fees.

Election of officers followed with the result of the officers all being re-elected: President Jean Hampson; Vice President, Greta McLean; Secretary, Bessie Graham; Treasurer, Carrie French.

A vote of thanks to the hostess for the use of her home and the Lord's Prayer repeated in unison closed the meeting.

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## Howick

**TREE CUTTING**

Mr. Pilon, one of our local barbers, seems to be on the move all the time. During slack periods or after hours he helps to clear up the dead trees in the Village and parish. This year he has cut at least 100 dead trees and has shipped away eight semi-trailer loads, some of which went to Beauharnois.

Jimmy McKell does a lot of this work as well as Mr. Lemieux, Stewart MacDonald has cut a few and there may be others.

We are sorry to see dead trees and glad to see them removed but we don't like to hear about beautiful trees being removed for no good reason by the Road Department or people who don't care.

One in particular was the only tree on or near a country property but not quite on it. It was removed because a house couldn't pass by. Trees are cut along country roads and streets — to widen them. I don't believe this is necessary in many cases people should think more than twice about cutting trees. The Indians weren't so foolish when they were looking after this country.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY**

Mrs. Agnes Blachford celebrated her 86th birthday on December 9 when nearby relatives dropped in at the Preston Home for a little visit. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Younie brought sweetbread and a candle-decorated cake, and Mrs. Preston added pink ice-cream, making it a real, old-fashioned birthday party.

**MUSIC AT SCHOOL**

The youngsters at Howick Elementary School are delighted to know that Mrs. John Holmes will return to the staff after Christmas as music specialist and once more they will have the joy of singing under her direction. As everyone knows, Mrs. Holmes has a way with her when it comes to producing lovely music from school choirs and we join with the children saying this is the best news we have heard for a long time.

**4-H MEETING**

The 37th Annual 4-H Meeting was held at the home of the President Ralph Templeton on December 11. The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved. The leader Bob Ness, stated that the accomplishment of the 4-H Club as a whole, this year, had been outstanding at Ormstown Fair, Huntingdon Fair, and the Achievement Day. New officers were elected for the 70-71 season: President, Lynn MacFarlane; 1st Vice-president; Andy Tolhurst; Secretary, Janice McFarlane; Treasurer; Neil Gourdry; Recording Secretary, Daniel Payant; and Press. Correspondent Roy Templeton.

**The late Mrs .Alex Steele**

A funeral service for the late Mrs. Alex Steele 82 yrs of age was held at Bedford, on December 1. Mrs. Steele, the former Gertrude Miller, was born and educated at Riverfield. Following her marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Steele lived for years on a farm near Howick before moving with their family to Bedford. They had many friends in this community.

Predeceased by her husband, one daughter Mildred and two sisters, Mabel (Mrs. A. Allen) and Maude (Mrs. E. Reddick), Mrs. Steele is survived by four children; Olive (Mrs. A. Palmer), Marjorie and Garnet of Bedford and Irene (Mrs. Robert Hanna) of Lachine.

Among those who attended the funeral were: Mr. A. Allen, Mrs. Eric Hunter, Mrs. Arthur Buchanan, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Allen.

**CURLING CLUB NEWS**

Art Scott, and Carl Heiber, entertained about 30 men from Dosco at Howick Curling Club on Saturday. Their wives served a bean and wiener lunch at noon.

During the evening three rounds of mixed curling were played. Christmas Trees at Riverfield and Howick were popular entertainments that evening so the curling club was fairly quiet.

**PERSONALS**

Mr. H. Max Preisler, of Valleyfield United Church conducted the service at Howick United on Sunday morning, his sermon topic The Gifts of Christmas.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all those people at the Gleaner office who try to understand my long hand news items every week, and to those who read what appears in The Gleaner.

Strange things happen sometimes and you can blame me most of the time. Last week, for instance, Dr. Watson's horse By vote became By Note! What does it mean anyway?

Each week I look forward to the news, wondering, what can happen this week? Learning to talk French and learning how to type are in the same class as far as my uneasy brain is concerned at this stage of my life.

Greetings also and thanks to all the kind people who assist me in so many ways with news.

**ATHELSTAN CHURCH SCHOOL**

White Gift Sunday Candlelighting Service was held Sunday. Mrs. French used the T. Eaton Co. theme "Christmas is for People" enlarging on it to — Christmas is for people to think of people; adding that we should not only think, we should do. God gave us a love — gift when he gave Jesus, the greatest gift of all. The greatest gift we can give is love so a large candle of LOVE was lighted by one child. From this candle eight little ones, assisted by two senior girls lighted candles for the rich, the poor, the sick, the well or healthy, the humble, the proud, the generous and the selfish people. Because God sent his love-gift we think of all these people. Mrs. French told how we can help. If we let the love of God, Jesus Christ, come into our hearts we will shine for Him at Christmas. Two senior girls lifted the offerings of love-gifts which will be sent to Tyndale Neihbourhood House for the children.

During recent weeks the following pupils have earned attendance pins, Miss Pauline Roach a bronze pin, Douglas Macfarlane, a bronze enamel and Barbara Kerr, a silver enamel.

December 12, the children enjoyed their Annual Church School Supper provided by their mothers and teachers. Later games were played followed by carol singing until Santa arrived with candy and oranges for all.

**GEORGETOWN W.M.S.**

The Georgetown W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. Mervin Craig on Tuesday afternoon, December 8.

The Christmas Worship Service from the Glad Tidings was introduced by Mrs. R. McFarlane.

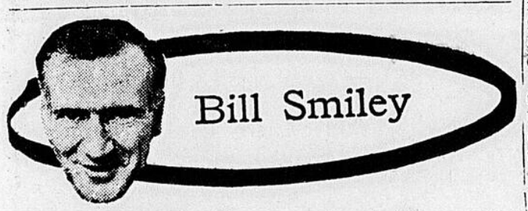
Members of the group, in twin, gave a description of the Christmas customs and their origins as followed by four different religious groups.

The Christmas "Candle Lighting ceremony" was introduced by Mrs. McFarlane and carried out by Mrs. H. Kerr, Miss Lois Elliot, Mrs. A. Kerr, and Mrs. A. Buchanan. The minutes were read by Mrs. H. Kerr and the roll call answered with a Scripture verse containing the word "Love".

The treasurer, Mrs. W. Elliot, reported the sum of $682 sent in to Headquarters in 1970.

The Study Period, in charge of Mrs. R. McFarlane, was based on the subject "Faith working Through Love In a Revolutionary Age."

The meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction. Tea and refreshments, served by the hostess, provided a very pleasant social hour at the close of the meeting.




**UTOPIA — IT'S HERE FOR THE OLD-TIMERS**
by Bill Smiley

Canada's old-age pensioners may not have a swinging Christmas, but they can warm themselves with the thought of what a whee of a time they're going to have in 1971, when there will occur instant prosperity: the basic old age pension will be raised from $79.58 a month to a smashing $80.

Can't you see all those male old-age pensioners when they get their first new cheque at the end of January? Straight to the pub and blow the whole 42 cents on an orgy. Two draught beers and a tip for the waiter.

This will produce a moral degradation never equalled since the days of Dickens, when gin was so cheap you could get high for a penny, stoned for six-pence, and dead drunk for a shilling.

Can't you see all those old-timers lying around in the snowbanks every time their pension cheque arrives?

And what about the women? They'll be worse. You know how women squander money. They're just as apt as not to go out and blow the whole 42 cents on a plastic doily or a couple of rolls of pink toilet paper. There'll be no holding them.

That's only one of the faults in the white paper introduced by a benevolent government. Further excesses are in sight. Do you realize that the government is going to retain the cost-of-living escalator formula up to a celling of 2 per cent a year for pensioners receiving the supplement (but eliminate it for those who get only the universal old-age benefit).

This means that even if the annual cost-of-living increase crashes down to a mere 5 per cent, these people will get their 2 per cent increase. It's incredible. The dawning of a new, golden age in Canadian socialism.

If you were 65 and lived to be 75, your standard of living might drop up only 30 per cent, with that magnificent excalator clause built in.

The whole country is going to be lolling in luxury: there's no question about it. Did you know that a single pensioner can get up to $55 a month in supplement or up to $135 a month when his basic old age pension is included?

The key word there is "can." But if he or she decides to make a few extra bucks shovelling walks or taking in washing, some eagle-eyed social worker will be Johnny-on-the-spot, and the supplement will be cut, dollar for dollar.

In other words, you are pegged at $1,620 a year. That's a lot of money. Too much to be floating around in the hands of luxury-loving, devil-may-care old timers. Why don't we reinstitute the work-house, with cabbage the standard fare and meat, boiled horse hocks, every third Saturday?

And what about those widows, wives of the disabled, and the disabled themselves? The white paper suggests that they will suffer an improvement in benefits. Starting in 1973. There goes another round of tremendous inflation. In 1973.

You'd almost think I had some misgivings about the white paper. I don't. It's almost as much fun as reading Alice in Wonderland. You'd almost think there were an election coming up, as one was when Mr. King introduced the baby bonus.

Surely the government isn't trying to distract us from the fact that unemployment is nearing the peak of the great depression. Say it isn't so, Pierre.

And speaking of the baby bonus. I wish I were young again. Babies used to be worth $8 a month. Now they're worth $16. Taxable. But it's also worth almost two cases of beer a month, per child. This is going to mean a great deal to the families who always put the baby bonus aside as beer money. Six kids, twelve cases.

However, it is the time of year to wish everybody joy, and I do so. Including all those poor devils who make $10,000 a year (and take home $7,300). They can't buy a house. They can't send their kids to college because the kids can't get a loan because their parents are making so much money.

No points for working your guts out for years. Full points for filling your guts, at someone else's table, for years.

The Argyle Syndicate

## Athelstan

CHRISTMAS CAROLS—

What a pleasant surprise this home received last Sunday evening when a number of members of the Masonic Order in Huntingdon paid us a visit, arranging themselves on the veranda and in good voice, sang a number of well-chosen carols, and in song conveyed the real spirit of the season. It was something I am sure we would like to see more of. It was greatly appreciated.

**VISITORS**

Sunday, December 6 Mr. and Mrs .Fred Hutchings, Jim, Fred and Miss Nancy Martin, of Sherbrooke spent the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hutchings, in Cornwall, the occasion, Jim Hutchings' birthday.

**FIRE**

Our Volunteer firemen received their first call at 4 a.m. December 14, asking for our pumper to assist in fighting a fire in Malone which gutted a large section of the block opposite the Flanagan Hotel. Six members went with the pumper, and three others left later to help in picking up their equipment. All returned to the station here shortly after 11 o'clock. Approximately 17 places of business were destroyed including the radio station. Financially the loss will be extensive.

# Annual Christmas dinner Held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian

The congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Huntingdon held their annual Christmas Dinner in the Church basement last Sunday after the morning service. The ladies of the Church served a ham dinner, with scalloped potatoes, peas, pies and coffee.

The 180 people in attendance were then entertained with carol singing, a report on the activities of the Church School and the most important event of the day, a visit from Santa Claus. Needless to say the many youngsters in attendance were thrilled with the visit from their rednosed bewiskered friend, who listened to their requests for Christmas and passed out gifts to them all.

This Sunday evening, December 20th St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church School will present their annual Candlelight Service in the Church. This is a must for lovers of Christmas Music.

It looks like the early cold snap has some adventages after all, we have news this morning that the Huntingdon County War Memorial Arena will be open for skating this week-end. See John Thompson and get the children their season ticket for the Arena.

## Aubrey-Riverfield

**AUBREY - RIVERFIELD** — The monthly meeting of the Riverfield Evening Auxiliary was held in the Church Hall on Tuesday evening, December 8th, with eight members present.

Myrtle Allen opened with the call to worship and prayer. Sheila Milne was in charge of the devotions and the Scripture was read in unison.

Lena Bustard led the Glad Tidings which was a special number for Christmas in dialogue form, with each member reading a part. While Shepherds watched their flocks by night was sung and the auxiliary prayer closed the meeting.

Earlier in the evening the ladies decorated the church and the tree in the church hall.

**Curling News**

Things were quiet around the curling Club on Saturday evening because of the Sunday School Tree, but Kyrke Nussey's rink was busy over at Beauharnois winning the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Trophy. His rink, Kyrke Nussey (skip) Willard Orr Charlie Tennant, Gary Allen. Congratulations!

**W.I. Meeting**

At 10 a.m. on December 10, the Aubrey-Riverfield W.I. met at the home of Mrs. Harold Robertson. The bright sunny day, with the countryside covered with snow kindled the Christmas spirit. Everyone set to work. The quilters finished two quilts and Mrs. J. Hamilton and her willing helpers were kept busy in the kitchen, preparing a real old-fashioned dinner. At 12:30, all met in the gaily decorated dining room to enjoy the meal.

At 2 o'clock, Mrs. Osborne Orr called the meeting to order She welcomed the guests — Mrs Mary McNeil, Mrs. Ernest Robertson and Mrs. Willa Hooker.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. The following letters of thanks were read; from the Douglas Hospital for a contribution of used clothing; from principal William White, on behalf of the pupils and staff in Howick Elementary School, for donations of $10 each to the Cafeteria and Library funds; from Mrs. I. V. Oakes, president of the Chateauguay Valley Asociation for the Mentally Retarded for a donation of $10.

It was agreed to send the two quilts and some toys to Mrs. Ruth Graham, R.N. of C.V.R. Mrs. Graham will deliver the donations to the most needy. The Christmas card list was revised and several cards were sent. The Christmas story was read by R. Templeton on Christmas Thoughts by Nellie McClung. The mystery parcel was won by Mrs. Maude Allen. All joined in singing favorite Christmas carols, Mrs. M. Angell at the piano.

Mrs. Orr, president, expressed thanks to Mrs. Wm. Allen for preparing the quilts, and to Mrs. Robertson for her hospitality. The next meeting will be held on January 7 at the home of Mrs. H. Reddick. Gifts were exchanged, and so ended a happy day.

## Dundee

**DUNDEE** — Mrs. James Clinton was released from the Julius Richardson Home in Montreal on Saturday, December 12. She is spending a few days with her son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. John Ferguson, at Pointe Claire.

Mrs. Louis Hart and Mrs. Napoleon Brunet attended the wedding of Mrs. Brunet's son Paul on Saturday, December 12 in Montreal.

The pulp and paper industry includes some 60 companies operating 130 mills in all provinces except Prince Edward Island.

## Howick village news

The regular meeting of Howick Village Council was held on Monday, December 7, with Mayor Meunier presiding. The minutes of November 2 were read and approved.

Mr. Tom Brown, accompanied by Mr. Jim Miller, came to the meeting to obtain information on the conditions for establishing a small industry in the Village. They were told that the Municipal By-law presented no problem for the project they were considering. They discussed the possibility of building in the Industrial Expansion area; but for the present they would probably plan to get started in some suitable building already existing in the Village.

Village finances were examined. A temporary loan was authorized for forthcoming budget needs, and arrangements are being made for a longer term loan to complete some necessary projects. As a result of some requests, the possibility of keeping some of our sidewalks will be considered. Also, certain residents are to be reminded that they must not leave their cars at the side of the street to hinder snow removal. There is need of some new equipment for the Fire Department, particularly hose. It was agreed that the Joint Committee was competent to attend to this matter.

The accounts for the month were reviewed, and their payment was authorized. The meeting was adjourned at 11.00 p.m. The next regular meeting will be on Monday January 4, 1971.

## Obituary

**The late Mrs. Edith I. Thomas**

After being a resident of the Riverview Terrace Convalescent Centre for the past four years, Mrs. Edith I. Thomas passed away December 10.

Born on Hunter St. in Huntingdon in 1882, she was the daughter of the late Andrew Philps, M.L.A. and his wife, the late Susan Thompson. Her only brother, W. K. Philps predeceased her. On completion of her education at Huntingdon Academy, she studied music at Ottawa Ladies College.

In 1916 Edith Philps was married to Charles W. Thomas, manager of the Eastern Townships Bank in 1904 and until retirement in 1926 manager of the Bank of Commerce. His death occurred in 1933.

Mrs. Thomas was a charter member of the Huntingdon Curling Club and treasurer for many years. She was also the treasurer of the Women's Association of the United Church for some ten years.

The funeral service at the Kelly Funeral Home was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Herbert Goold, followed by burial in the Huntingdon Protestant Cemetery.

Relatives from a distance included her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ernest Thomas and granddaughter, Mrs. R. G. Sullivan (Helen) both of Providence, R.I. and Mr Richard Thomas of Seekonk, Mass. Another grandson, Charles W. Thomas of Baltimore, Md., was unable to attend.

Mrs. W. K. Philips, her sister-in-law, survives.

The Paris Opera employs 1,000 people and its budget is comparable to that of a French city of 50,000 — Chartres, for example, reports Reader's Digest. Its stage, measuring 28 by 57 yards, is so vast that it has carried up to 500 people and 50 horses at a time. Intimately bound up with the history of France, the Opera is a part of French heritage, a kind of national institution, on the order of the Académie Française or the Legion of Honor.

In some North American rural communities, says Reader's Digest, men still hang their pants on the right side of the bed if they want a boy and on the left side if they want a girl! Over the centuries, man has devised at least 500 "formulas" for choosing the sex of his offspring. Aristotle advised the Greeks to have intercouse in the north wind if males were desired, in the south wind if females were wanted. And to this day some European peasants wear their boots to bed when they want to conceive boys.

Before a man can wake up and find himself famous, it is necessary that he wake up and find himself, said Emerson.

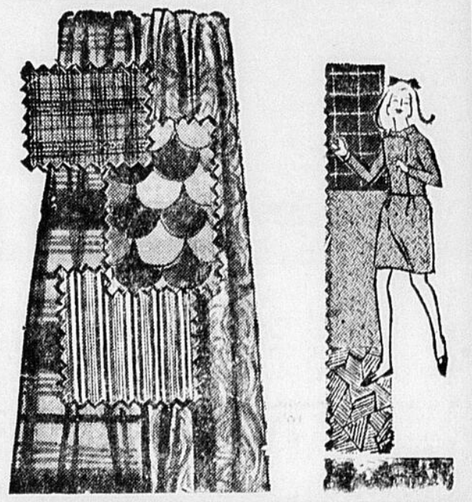



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7) If you put a sheet around the base of your tree make it fire resistant by dipping it in a mixture of nine ounce of borax, four ounces of boric acid and a gallon of water. The sheet is then fire resistant until washed.

One final thought — please don't ruin the happiest of holidays by being careless on the highways.

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# 60 attend demonstration at Howick Cercle de Fermieres

About 60 ladies gathered at St. Jean school in Howick on Thursday evening, Dec. 10 for the regular meeting of the Cercles de Fermières. The business meeting, presided over by Mrs. Dieudonné Daoust, was routine but the demonstration which followed of a Christmas buffet, by Sister Bouchard of Ste. Martine convent provided an outstanding program which held everyone's attention for more than an hour.

Two assistants set a table with a dazzling array of prepared food. These were carried to another table when needed and Sister Bouchard either completed some part of the preparation or told how it was done.

Moulded potato salad, moulded and frozen desserts were brought on separately to be completed and decorated. Then everything was arranged on one table and the red and greens of the Christmas season made a colourful picture for Sister Bouchard's camera to record. She had good reason to be proud of this undertaking.

When asked how much time had been taken to prepare so much food she said the small pastries and cookies had been prepared on the week-end, and free time during the early part of the week had been used for the desserts, salads and sandwiches. The punch was mixed on the spot.

Before the demonstration began each lady was given a printed copy of all the recipes used, which helped me because I can read French better than I can understand the spoken word.

Members and visitors had been asked to bring a plate and fork and no one needed a second invitation to approach the long buffet where the food was placed for convenient serving. A hint of potato salad, a few sandwiches and a bit of greenery was all that was left half an hour later. The ladies enjoyed this social hour as they talked about the food and the recipes.

While the coffee was brewing and the buffet arranged several names were drawn for prizes. The winners were, Mrs. Raymond Perreault, Mrs. Elzear Daoust, Mrs. Jas. Crawford, Mrs. Pauline Lemieux. Mrs. Sennot received a special prize for a beautiful appliqued nylon net Christmas tablecloth which she had made.

Mrs. N. Simms, Mrs. J. Murray and Mrs. J Crawford were given a warm welcome by the president The visitors appreciated the kind invitation and thoroughly enjoyed the evening. We'll be glad when everyone is bilingual enough to join together in all these community meetings. It's coming gradually.

The readers may be interested in what we had to eat. so read on. Salade de pommes de terre, salade de tomates farcies, pain francais farci, de saumon, chou de savoie farci, pain sandwiches - sandwiches de fantaisie, cornets de jambon farcies, hors d'oeuvre "en banquet", couronne de flogons de maïs, bavaroise aux fraises biscuits en spirales, tartelettes aux amandes, tartelettes à la noix de coco, carrés an beurre de pistache, forets de sapins, bûche de Noël, bombe glacée.

## Dewittville

**U.C.W. MEETING**

Unit 6 of Huntingdon U.C.W. held their December meeting at the home of Miss Arline McIntosh, with seven ladies present.

During the business meeting, plans were made for the coming year. It was decided to have a work session at every second meeting. The sale of Christmas cards and hastie-notes featuring local scenes is satisfactory.

The officers elected for the coming year are: Unit Leader, Arline McIntosh; Recording secretary, Mrs. M. Beattie; Treasurer, Mrs. I. McLean; Social Convener, Mrs. S. Scott; Supply Convener, Mrs. J. Donnelly.

The devotions were led by Miss McIntosh, and Mrs. J. Donnelly, who read short Christmas stories from the pamphlet, "Christ Came to Us in our Brother" with Christmas carols sung by members between stories. A Christmas poem followed by a closing prayer concluded the meeting. Refreshment were served by the hostess.

# DOLLARS AND GOOD SENSE

by William J. Martin

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I've been saying for some time that good family money management education is urgently needed for all families, including the wealthy. The public's interest in the subject was recently dramatized following a local television program in Washington, D.C.

An executive of the U.S. National Consumer Finance Association was the guest on an interview show and answered questions concerning the consumer finance field and discussed family money management.

Immediately after the broadcast, viewers began calling the local television station at an unprecendented rate and also deluged the association's office seeking more information on money management education.

The program was so well received by viewers that further broadcasts are being considered.

Of all the subjects being taught in our schools, money management and family budget planning is sorely neglected and greatly needed. As the Washington incident attests, it is also strongly desired.

All families need and want some basic advice on how to handle their money and how to get the most out of their spending power.

As I've reported in this column, everyone needs a plan to control spending and forecast individual financial needs. The plan can be as detailed or as general as you like — as long as it is effective for you.

Planning alone is not enough, however. You must understand a little about our finance and credit systems and know how to spend your money to make it pay for as much as it can.

There are professional money management consultants in most areas and many lenders offer such services free of charge. As more and more people realize the need for good money management education, this service will be more readily available to a greater number of people and may work its way into our schools as a required course of instruction.

Fall colouration results when the green chlorophyll in leaves dies, revealing various coloured pigments.

# Christmas Theme followed at Huntingdon W.I. Meeting

The Huntingdon W.I. met on Tuesday, December 8 at the home of Mrs. Donat Leboeuf, with an attendance of 19 members and visitors. Prior to starting the business meeting the members took time out to sing "Silent Night". Mrs. Burgess conducted the meeting. A number of business matters were discussed and in the absence of the treasurer, her report was read by seretary Mrs. C. Anderson. It was a satisfactory report, and showed a good balance. The Conveners' reports were dispensed with for this meeting. Nominating and Programme committees were formed; Mrs. Chas. Reid, Mrs. Allan Reid, and Mrs. Edward Ottney for nomination committee; conveners of all departments will arrange the program for the coming year. The meeting was bought to a close with the repeating of "Mizpah."

Mrs. Burgess then introduced Mrs. Archer, who had a splendid assortment of salads, special desserts and cherry and cranberry cakes. She explained how each was made and offered to write out the recipes for any who wanted them. The various goodies were passed around and all present sampled each and voted them very good. Mrs. Ottney thanked Mrs. Archer for taking time and effort to share her culinary knowledge.

The ladies then adjourned to the dining room where they sat down to a scrumptious repast laid out on a most attractively arranged table. All kinds of lovely Christmas decorations, all the handiwork of our gifted hostess were apparent. The ladies did full justice to the food provided by Mrs. Leboeuf and her assistant, Mrs. Ottney. Later, a "Christmas Pie" was passed around from which all present drew a parcel, all of which proved to be acceptable. A vote of thanks was extended to the hostess and "Jolly Good Fellow" was sung.

During the evening, some of the ladies filled 12 attractive baskets with goodies and these were later deliverd to shut-ins and some sick members. A number of cards were sent out.

Next meeting will be held in February at the home of Mrs. C. Reid. It was decided that all further meetings commence at 1.30 p.m. and a dessert will be served before the meeting.

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## Valleyfield

**SPECIAL SERVICE**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion and White Gift Sunday were observed in the Valleyfield United Church on Sunday morning, December 13. The service was conducted by the Reverend John Anderson of Howick United Church.

The children of the Sunday School placed their White Gifts by the Christmas Tree as they entered the sanctuary. The three Advent candles were lighted by Karen Graeber.

Special Christmas music was provided by the organist, Mrs. A. Chaplin and the choir sang the anthem "Down Through The Ages." Mr. Anderson chose as his sermon topic, "By Faith Called."

## Rockburn

The annual Sunday School Christmas tree programme was held on Sunday evening, December 13. Despite the snow storm, there was a good attendance of adults and children. The evening opened with the singing of Christmas Carols and recitations followed by several short plays which were well acted by the children. Santa arrived later, much to the children's, delight, and gifts and bags of candy were distributed. Many a child went home excited and tired.


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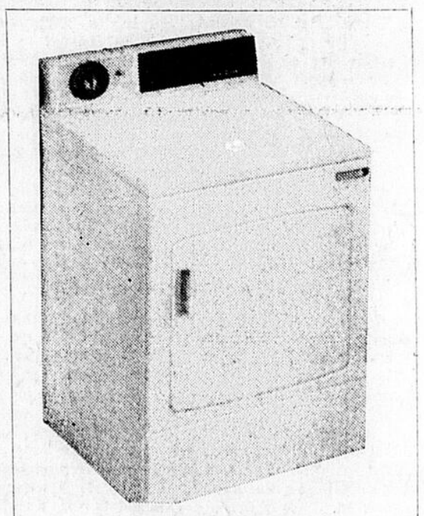
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