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THE SENTINEL WISHES ALL ITS READERS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Personnel Of Incoming Council Causes Considerable Speculation

Annual Town Election Is Approaching

NO ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE AS YET AS TO POSSIBLE CANDIDATES

With the annual town election rapidly approaching citizens are now speculating concerning the personnel of the incoming town council. As yet there have been no definite announcements, either as to new candidates or as to whether any of the present members will offer again. The council consists of a mayor, elected annually, and six councillors, three elected every year for two year terms.

The present mayor, K. L. Everett, has not as yet stated his intention of again being a candidate. He has served only one year, however, and it is customary here for the mayor to be tendered and to accept a second year in office by acclamation. The retiring councillors are Aubrey Hetherington, Maurice Craig and Donald Hay. Coun. Hetherington has intimated that it is most unlikely that he will offer again, while friends of Coun. Hay say that his business will keep him out of town a great deal in the coming months and that he will probably not again be a candidate. Coun. Craig, who has already served five years, has not as yet made any announcement as to his intentions.

The council will hold one more meeting this month, on Dec. 23, to enable them to wind up routine business. They will also meet on the first Monday in January. The annual town meeting will be held on the second Monday in January, the next Thursday will be nomination day, and the election will be held on the third Monday.

McPHAIL HOMESTEAD, WELL KNOWN WOODSTOCK LANDMARK, DESTROYED BY STUBBORN FIRE ON FRIDAY NIGHT

FIREMEN HAVE LONG BATTLE WITH FLAMES IN NEAR ZERO WEATHER AS HUGE WOODEN BUILDING BECOMES TOTAL LOSS; THOUGHT TO HAVE STARTED FROM FIREPLACE

Woodstock firemen had an all night battle on Friday night with an outbreak that destroyed a large wooden residence belonging to the George McPhail estate on Union street. The blaze had made great headway before it was discovered about 11.30 in the evening, and it was nearly daybreak before it was brought under control. Flames continued to blaze fiercely between the walls of ruined partitions for hours after the building had collapsed and it was late Saturday afternoon before the firemen were able to leave the place.

The house was one of the huge wooden structures, heavily timbered and strongly built, which were so popular in Woodstock a generation ago. Of pretentious appearance, three storeys in height and high-ceilinged, it stood on a high terraced bank on (Continued on page 4)

WOODSTOCK HAS ITS CHRISTMAS TREE

WELLINGTON WARD RESIDENTS COME TO RESCUE TO CONTINUE CUSTOM

Woodstock is to have its annual Christmas tree after all. For many years a community Christmas tree in the Main street square has been a feature of the holiday season here. This year the town council decided that the tree took too much room which was needed for traffic, and instead that they provide street illumination with colored lights. Some of the merchants discussed the matter of providing a tree, and permission was given them to erect one if they saw fit, but no action was taken.

In the meantime residents of Wellington Ward, comprising the southern half of the town, decided that Christmas would not be Christmas without the tree. They therefore procured one and had it erected. The tree is now being decorated and lighted and will be left standing until after the new year. It has been placed in the triangular space at the intersection of Broadway and Lower Main streets instead of in its former position.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cavers, of Sudbury, Ont., are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Cavers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Guthrie.

POTATO MARKET IS IN MIDST OF ITS CHRISTMAS LULL

NOT MUCH IMPROVEMENT EXPECTED UNTIL AFTER FIRST OF YEAR

The potato market here is in the usual Christmas depression this week. Demand is very limited and hauling light, with farmers not anxious to sell and with slippery roads still making hauling of heavy loads difficult. Enough stock was coming in, however, to take care of the demand. Prices were unchanged to slightly higher, with farmers receiving an average price of \$1.50 a barrel, but with bright clean stuff requiring little handling bringing five cents more. Supplies in the large consuming centers (Continued on page four)

HOUSE DAMAGED

PLUGGED FLUE CAUSES CONSIDERABLE LOSS

The residence of Douglas McLean, Maple street, was considerably damaged by fire on Thursday evening. The fire originated in a plugged chimney and caught the woodwork around the chimney. Some cutting had to be done and a considerable amount of chemicals used before it was extinguished. The loss from fire was not great but heavy smoke and melting grease from the chimney caused quite heavy damage to the interior of the house, which had just been redecorated.

The department had another run that afternoon to the home of Arch McLean, Lower Main street, for a chimney fire. No damage was done.

The Christmas Message

Again the Christmas season is at hand; and again we in this favored land of Canada are permitted to rejoice, while the people of so many nations will have their celebration of the holiday marred by fear and uncertainty and in some cases by the actual presence of civil strife. The streets of our town are bright with Christmas decorations and from almost every window and doorway wreaths of greenery speak a silent message of cheer to the passer. Over the radio the air is filled with age old carols and the jubilant strains of Adeste Fideles. The kitchens throughout the land have for days past been filled with wonderful savory mysteries, the preparation of which will reach a climax tomorrow morning when the turkey population of the country will march gallantly to a glorious ending.

For centuries Christendom has kept high carnival on December 25 to commemorate the birth of the Christ Child in a humble manger in Bethlehem of Judea. Christ, the living symbol and spirit of liberty, was born one of a subject people, under the shadow of the mighty pinions of the Imperial Roman eagle.

Could anything have been less important than a tiny baby, the son of a humble carpenter's wife, so lacking in this world's goods and influence that they could not even find a room in a village inn. Outside the stable was the pageant of Roman officialdom, backed by the authority of Herod and the might of Caesar. Surely those Roman officers and officials could have been expected to take but little interest in the infant in the manger. And yet today Caesar Augustus is remembered chiefly because it was he who issued the memorable order of taxation which sent Joseph and Mary from their home to Jerusalem.

Since that first Christmas Day the power of Imperial Rome has crumbled; dynasties have risen to power, flourished and crashed; Empires and kingdoms have come and gone; whole civilizations have vanished as if they had never been; but the light that glowed from that humble manger has never been extinguished, and the eyes of mankind are today fixed upon the Star of Bethlehem, even as were those of the Magi almost 2000 years ago.

That star shone upon a world full of lust and disease and oppression and cruelty and violence; and in very truth enough and to spare of those curses exists in the world today. But because that star shone over Bethlehem, and because that baby lay in the manger, a reasonable hope has been given to all mankind that some day a world will come to pass where such things are only bitter memories. During the stormy centuries that lay between that time and ours the light has at times been obscured until it seemed that it could never continue to shine; but it has shone on and on, and little by little the human race has advanced from its ignorance and folly toward the light.

The advance has been slow but it has been certain. And today, notwithstanding the tremendous forces of evil that are loosed among men and nations, that progress is steadily gaining momentum. There is as never before a determination that the teachings of the Babe of Bethlehem shall be carried into effect in the earth; a determination that all men shall reap the fruits of their own labors; and that a just and lasting righteousness shall endure among all peoples.

And so tomorrow a world, weary of strife and of care, will turn for one day to thoughts of love and kindness, and for one day men and women will listen for the voice of the angels who foretold that peace should be on earth to men of goodwill. The great hives of industry will be deserted; the busy markets will cease to hum with the voices of men and the stir of trade; the college, the forge, the office and the factory will stand empty and idle; and everywhere throughout the whole of the world where people follow the teachings of Jesus Christ, the thoughts of men and women will be turned to peace and love and good fellowship.

This could not be upon the natal day of any other of the great leaders of men; and it could not be otherwise upon the natal day of Him who was the greatest of leaders, the wisest of men, the truest of friends, the best of companions and the most learned of teachers. It is altogether right and fitting that his birthday should all through the ages be the one day of the year when peace and joy fill the thoughts of normal beings; when families, scattered throughout the year, gather around a common hearth; when the love of relatives and friends is symbolized by the giving of gifts; and when that spirit of good will and good fellowship which ought always to prevail actually does for at least one day of the year prevail.

And so, may we join with our readers, as we have so often done before and as we hope so often to do again in the prayer of Tiny Tim: "A Merry Christmas, and God Bless Us Every One."

Supply Of Turkeys Up To Demand

NO SHORTAGE EXPECTED, BUT THERE WILL BE LITTLE TO SPARE

The supply of turkeys here this year promises to be about sufficient to meet the demand, but with little to spare. A strong export demand for turkeys existed here last fall, with the result that much of the supply has been shipped. Retail prices for medium sized birds here today averaged 39 to 40 cents a pound. Chickens are plentiful and are retailing at 18 to 25 cents according to size and quality. Geese are very plentiful at 20 to 25 cents a pound, and there is a fair supply of ducks at the same price.

WEEK OF PRAYER PROGRAM ARRANGED

WILL START WITH NEW YEAR'S EVE WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

The schedule for the annual week of prayer was drawn up at a recent meeting of the Woodstock Ministerial Association. It will start with a New Year's Eve watch night service in the Christian Advent Church, after which no further meetings will be held until Monday, Jan. 4. Services will then continue every night up to and including Friday, Jan. 8.

The schedule is as follows:

Thursday, Dec. 31, at 11 p. m., Advent Christian Church, speaker, Rev. C. E. Child; Monday, Jan. 4, Salvation Army Hall, speaker, Rev. L. T. Sabine; Tuesday, Jan. 5, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, speaker, Rev. H. E. Allaby; Wednesday, Jan. 6, United Baptist Church, speaker, Rev. J. W. Paul; Thursday, Jan. 7, United Church of Canada, speaker, Capt. Graham; Friday, Jan. 8, Reformed Baptist Church, speakers, Rev. H. S. Young, Rev. H. S. Bishop. All meetings, with the exception of the watch night service will start at 7.30 p. m. The offerings will be divided as usual between the British and Foreign Bible Society and the New Brunswick Protestant Orphanage.

TRUANCY SITUATION NOW MUCH BETTER

SCHOOL BOARD VOICES APPRECIATION OF TOWN'S CO-OPERATION

The truancy situation has considerably improved, it was announced at the December meeting of the Woodstock Board of School Trustees, held in the library of the Fisher Memorial School on Friday evening. Appreciation was expressed at the co-operation of the town authorities and work done by Chief of Police Schriever in assisting the truant officer in rounding up the offenders and returning them to their classes. The situation is now much better, it was stated, in spite of the fact that excellent skating in the last few days has tempted some of the scholars to skip classes.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to the passing of accounts and transaction of routine business. Those present were F. L. Atherton, chairman, Mrs. G. C. Campbell, Dr. R. G. Thompson, G. B. True, G. W. Montgomery, Harry Webb and C. G. McLaughlin, secretary.

TROUBLES AIRED

FAMILY DISPUTE FINDS WAY TO POLICE COURT

Family troubles were aired in the police court here Friday morning when Thomas Cummings appeared on a charge of creating a disturbance on information laid by his wife. Mrs. Cummings said a dispute had (Continued on page four.)

Capitol

WISHES YOU ALL A Merry Christmas

Special Holiday Attraction Friday-Saturday, December 25th-26th

JANE WITHERS "PEPPER" Musical Revue "NO PLACE LIKE ROME"
IRVIN COBB in Merrie Melodie "SUNDAY GO TO MEETING"
Vaudeville Reel "VITAPHONE STAGE SHOW"

Matinee 2.30 15c-25c Night 7.15-9 25c-35c plus tax

Monday-Tuesday, December 28-29

THE LAUGHS AND TEARS OF "MIN AND BILL"
THE LOVE-THRILLS OF "AH WILDERNESS"
THE LAZIEST MAN IN THE WORLD...
but what a help to romance when he found \$100,000!

Wallace Beery
AS
Old Hutch

Also
"How To Vote" and Metro News

Eric LINDEN • Cecilia PARKER
Elizabeth PATTERSON
Robert McWADE

M-G-M'S Newest Heart-Warming Hit!

If you liked "Ah Wilderness" "The Champ" and "Min and Bill", you will have the time of your life at the adventures of Old Hutch, who was broke but happy—until he found \$100,000!

MATINEE 2.30 17c-27c NIGHT 7.15-9 27c-39c

THE SWEETEST KID ON BROADWAY...! THE DEAREST MOTHER IN THE WORLD...!

She just had to make good... to make her dreams come true!

Star for a Night

Two Reel Comic "FRESH FROM THE FLEET" and EDUCATIONAL

Clair Trevor • Jane Darwell
and ARLINE JUDGE

Matinee 2.30 12c-22c Night 7.15-9 17c-27c

FISHER SCHOOL REPORT

Programme
1. Xmas Exercise—The First Christmas.
2. Chorus—Grade I.
3. Xmas Exercise—Grade VI.
4. Mother Goose Play—Grade 1, 2, 3 and 4.
5. Song—Vivian Lindow Erica Brown.
6. A Christmas Carol—Grade VII and VIII. (Prologue by Lillian Atherton.)
7. Rhythmic Orchestra—Piano Pupils (Direction of Miss M. Lindsay.)
8. Play—Santa Claus Jr.—Substitute Grade V.
9. Presentation of Honor Certificate to Grade VIII.
10. Presentation of History Prize for Highest Standing in History on the High School Entrance Examinations won by Miss Christina Moore and Frank Oliver. Presented by Mrs. (Dr.) F. Clarke, Educational Supervisor of the I. O. D. E.
Traditional Carols—Czechoslovakian, Slovenian; English; Familiar By High School.
The King.
HONOR LIST
Pupils Writing H. School Entrance Peggy Cameron 696; Audrey Bailey 615; Anna Fleming 612.
Pupils Admitted to High School in September being recommended not having to write High School Exams.
Honor List Broadway School Muriel Jennings 763, Noreen Belyea

751.5, Roberta Campbell 687.5, Kenneth Hetherington 681.5, Louise Pheasant 675, Muriel McKinley 674.5 Eileen Lovely 664, Wilma Kaye 640.5, Walter Downey 628, Muriel Hetherington 625, Faye Craig 614, Ruth Little 608 Ann Connell 593.5, Franklin Purvis 581.5, Wentworth Stone 577.5.
Honor List Fisher School
Ruth Allaby 737.5, Dorothy Carter 705.5, Orlan Leech 697.5, Dorothy Patten 698.5, Harold Feldman 635, Reta Foster 603.5, Winona Cronkhite 601, Kirk Stairs 581.5, Llewellyn Brown 578, Robert York 569.5, William Stairs 568.5, Vivien Smith 562.
HONORS
GRADE II
Carleton Stewart 91.5, Marjorie Speer 89.5, Erica Brown 88.6, Mary Noble 88.2, Margaret Harvey 88, Gloria Painter 86.2, Dorothy Hall 86 Lawrence Rogers 86, Marie Rogers 85, Vivian Lindow 85, Edward Montgomery 85, Allan Donaldson 85.
GRADE III
Randolph Brown 93.4, Doreen Norton 89, Albert Harvey 86.6, Walter MacFarlane 86.4, Ray Lindsay 85, V. W. Tapley, Teacher.
GRADES III and IV
Dorothy McIntyre 93.4, Marie Finna more 89.2, Helen Allaby 87, Shirley McDougall 91.7, Robert Hamilton 91.7, Albert Pheneay 91.5, Bertha Seely 89.7, Eugene Furlong 89.7, Marguerite Watson 86.1, Wayne McCallum (Continued on Page 4)