



**S'SIDE FIRST GRADES ENJOY PARTY**

With Summerside Schools closing for the holidays until January 3rd, typical of these scenes was the one above in which the students in the first grades enjoyed a Christmas party in their respective classrooms, yesterday. The rooms were attractively decorated with ornaments made by the students under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Freda Woodside.

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**SORTING AT SUMMERSIDE POST OFFICE**

Sorting some of the thousands of parcels arriving at the Summerside Post Office, John McNeill, Robert Trainer, and Ed Norton, are seen working throughout the night preparing the parcels for delivery to Summerside homes. All parcels are being delivered right to their destination each day, by two trucks which provide this added service. Ten extra men are being employed at the Summerside Post Office to assist the regular staff of fourteen, in facilitating the speedy distribution of cards, letters, and parcels.

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**Oil Activity Swings Into High Gear In North Canada**

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CALGARY (CP) — As winter tightens its grip on Northern Canada, oil activity is swinging into high gear throughout a 190,000-square-mile area of wilderness which laps over northern British Columbia and Alberta surrounding Great Slave Lake.

Summer's spongy muskeg has stiffened with the cold. Hundreds of heavy trucks are moving drilling rigs and oil explorers into the region that stretches down from the Northwest Territories and oil men say this winter will be the busiest in the north.

From 30 to 50 exploring crews, each costing more than \$50,000 a month to keep in operation, will spearhead the northern activity of nearly 15 major and minor oil companies in the region.

About 75 rotary drilling rigs, each with an initial capital expenditure of between \$200,000 and \$500,000, will sink wells from 3,000 to 15,000 feet deep.

spent by several companies this winter as the oil industry folds back a potentially rich wasteland.

**Swallows Bone, Has Speech Back**

HAMILTON, Ont. (CP) — Mrs. James Brekenridge, dumb for 29 years after a serious operation, swallowed a chicken bone and today is able to speak.

Doctors removing the bone found what they had searched for earlier without success — a displaced vocal chord.

Mrs. Brekenridge, who came here from Scotland when she was 17, still speaks with a Scottish accent.

**PHYSICIST DIES**

NEPTUNE, N.J. (AP) — Dr. Samuel H. Anderson, 76, noted physicist who led the scientific team which first bounced a radar signal off the moon, died Thursday.

**WORK AGAINST TIME**

More than 15 gravimeter exploring crews are expected to operate from dog sleds from various scattered, lonely camps.

All crews will work against time in bitter cold in a race with the spring thaw. When the muskeg melts into mud, all heavy land transportation halts.

Temperatures already have tumbled to 30 degrees below zero. Despite the oilman's welcome of cold weather, there are limits.

A spokesman for Shell Oil, one of the major companies working in the north, said Friday when temperatures drop lower than 50 below rigs may become brittle and crack. Severe cold also makes it difficult for men to work.

The hazards are plentiful. Weather hampers radio communication between camps and exploration crews.

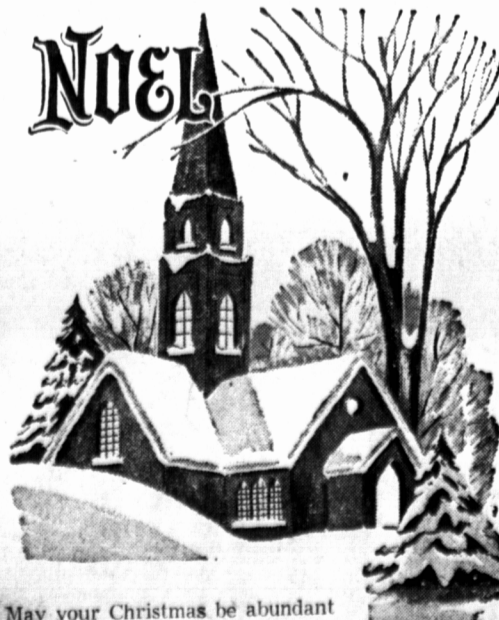
Where drilling is to be done in remote areas, roads have to be built. Rough roads have load restrictions, forcing several trucks to move in one operation.

**EXPENSIVE OPERATION**

Another oil official said oil wells cost from \$90,000 to \$350,000 a hole to drill. A drilling site for a 10,000-foot well requires almost 100 truck loads of equipment, supplies, food, cement, casing, clothing and radio material.

Once the heavy equipment is moved in, it usually stays until the following winter if a strike is made. To keep a rig going through the summer, rents run as high as \$600 a day. When a company does not "strike it rich," equipment is loaded back on trucks and carted out of the northern muskeg before spring.

A Shell Oil executive said "much more" than \$50,000,000 will be



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**"Panto"**

"A crowd of Chinese people, mostly girls dressed as boys, streaming into a Dutch garden singing, 'There'll always be an England'..."

"This form of entertainment is unsuitable for children, boring for adults and an excellent argument for the anti-traditionalist..."

"They in their dream find no joys. But dote on, mimicry and toys. Thus when a dance is in my bill. Nobility my boxes fill; Or send three days before the time. To crowd a new-made pantomime."

Thus a famous comedian, an American author and actor David Garrick tried to explain away British pantomime. But they had an impossible task.

For pantomime is a hodgepodge mixture promising fantasy, melody, ritual, conviviality, splendour and "la-stick. It is a glorified fair-play with music, singing, dancing, brilliant colour, heaps of magic - its story may be as old as the Devil himself but the jokes are as new as today's paper. It is the epitome of the Briton's paradoxical sense of humour.

Pour into this jumble the hilarity and glamour of a revue, circus acts, the latest song-hits, a big orchestra and flying ballerinas.

Pantomime's "Principal Boy" is a girl, the "Dame" is always a man...

Try to classify pantomime and your results will be as confusing as its make-up.

Garrick himself changed his mind after writing the verse above and complaining bitterly about the public deserting him for "such frivolity," and later took several parts on its fantastic stage.

What is the plot of a pantomime? The answer is a mixture of nursery tales plus any incidental characters from other stories and legends. In "Aladdin" it would not be unusual to see the magic lamp conjure up someone like Ali Baba or Robin Hood, or the Sing Beauty, even a bevy of chorus girls.

The pantomime author takes a popular fairy story or legend, even a nursery rhyme, dramatizes it, rewrites it, adding in this last process an imaginative number of extra characters. If he doesn't find the plot suitable he alters it.

Then he mixes in a selection of popular songs with wording changed to fit his purpose, some topical jokes and more old jokes, at least one funny animal.



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are springing up or being renovated back-stage, gilded coaches ("Cinderella") are being dusted, polished, theatre managers are busy sprinkling fertilizer on their 50-foot bean stalks, (Jack and the Beanstalk), and hot acrobats complaining that there are moths in their catskin costumes ("Dick Whittington")

Ever seen a charming little fairy, in ballet skirts, gauze and spangles, starting in a call box and shouting on the telephone? Or a flying fairy who gets air-sick?

Walk into any "panto" theatre in rehearsal season.

While you are there, have a look round the enormous apparatus of this fairy-tale world. The countless spotlights, battens, floats and arcs.

Pantomime is the "last word" in mechanical stage machinery. Mountains, forests of machinery in profusion about the stage, complete castles, borne on hydraulic lifts, rise in a giant plume of smoke out of the stage floor, bean stalks tower precariously into the air.

Evil demons and good fairies sway majestically over this scene at the end of steel cables. (Invisible "on the night") friends and magicians disappear and appear again just as magically as any of Merlin's contrivances.

Transformation follows transformation.

Where did the pantomime be-

**Silent Night**

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