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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Acton Band in New Uniforms at Saturday Concert

Thirty Senior Members Present Third Annual Christmas Concert

Never since 1872, when an Acton Band started blowing for Acton did any group appear more smartly attired or provide better music, than did the Acton Boys' and Grls' Band last Sunday evening, under the leadership of Mr. C. W. Mason.

Neat blue serge tunics and blue serge skirts for the girls and similar tunics with blue trousers and gold stripe for the boys and smart wedge caps for all, made a fine appearing group of 30 young musicians, and when Bandmaster Mason appeared in his distinctive conductor's uniform it was the fulfilment of several years of effort.

Started in 1941 when Chas. Mason secured use of the Citizens' Band instruments, from the Council the boys and girls have made steady progress. Their concert on Saturday night drew an audience of 200. Their selections were varied and pleasing, and well received. Mr. R. R. Parker was the capable master of ceremonies and Acton may well listen to his plea for support for the band by attendance at its concerts and other encouragement.

The new uniforms cost the band $1500. Over $1000 of this has been raised and applied on the costs. The concert with admissions, program advertising, and donations has added to this amount, but, there is still a considerable portion to be met to wipe out this deficit and to carry the band with supplies this year. The annual grant from the town amounts to approximately $500. Bandmaster Mason gave a brief review of the assets and standing of the organization at this concert.

Interesting to the audience, too, was the program which preceded the concert, when the Junior Band of boys and girls from 8 to 12 years of age, presented their scales and first tunes. They were the first uniforms acquired by the senior band and convinced the audience that they will be worthy successors and keep full the vacancies in Acton Band.

Reeve-elect T. Jones and Councillor-elect L. Hotchen expressed appreciation of themselves and citizens in the Junior and Senior Boys' and Girls' Band of Acton.

LADIES AUXILIARY TURKEY DINNER AT LEGION HALL

Acton branch of the Legion Auxiliary enjoyed a Christmas Turkey Dinner and Birthday Party in the Legion Hall on Thursday evening. The special event was under the convenorship of Mrs. E. B. Grischow and was followed by a short program. Other members on the committee were Mrs. Maddox, Mrs. Holloway and Mrs. Roach.

Scout Hall Is Enclosed And Part of Roof On

In our progress report this week we are happy to advise that our Scout clubhouse is entirely sheeted in. Through the combined efforts of Reeve-elect Jones, Bill Coon, Ellis Reynaldson, Sam Snow, Geo. Ritchie, Bill Benson, Jackie Davison, Troop Leader, Dave Dills and Charlie Wilson, the east and west ends were closed in and half the north side of the roof was shingled. Last Wednesday Ray Mason and Grant Allen shingled half of the east end but had to stop on account of ice on the roof. As soon as the ice is melted from the roof the shingling will be completed and there will be no further holdups.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations: Mrs. Symon, $5.00; Ajax Engineers, $15.00; Mr. J. K. Reid, $15.00; Mason Knit. Ltd., $100.00; Storey Glove, $100.00.

Acton Scout Group Committee

All Ready For Christmas Party Here Friday

Everything is ready for the Children's Christmas party in Acton to-morrow (Friday). It will be at the Roxy Theatre, which will be open from 10 to 12 in the morning and from one o'clock until the party is over in the afternoon.

Santa Claus is arriving by sleigh and will be welcomed by Reeve McCutcheon and Reeve-elect T. Jones about two o'clock. There is a feature picture and plenty of cartoons and comedy on the screen.

Treats and souvenirs have been arranged by Acton Merchants and the Christmas parcels are ready for each child attending. If any children in Acton are ill and unable to attend, parents should contact Mr. Robinson, who will arrange for a treat to be delivered to them.

That's the story. There is no charge. It's a children's party for Acton and district, and the merchants and theatre management hope you all have a good time. The feature starts at two o'clock.

LATE FLASH—Ice cream and chocolate milk will be served in the morning to the children between 10 and 12 a.m.

TROUSSEAU TEA AT TORONTO HOME DECEMBER BRIDE

A charmingly arranged trousseau tea was given by Mrs. Leslie Ramshaw at her home 142 Humbercrest Blvd., Toronto this week in honor of her daughter Betty, whose marriage to Mr. J. Matthews is to take place December 28th.

Silver baskets of roses and carnations decorated the spacious rooms of the home. The guests were received by the bride-to-be and her mother.

The gifts were in charge of Mrs. H. Nevins while the trousseau and linens were displayed by Mrs. J. J. Stewart and Mrs. D. Ramshaw.

In the dining room, Mrs. I. Dawson, Mrs. R. R. Burke, Mrs. R. G. Bond poured tea.

Those serving were Mrs. S. White, Mrs. T. Spratt, Miss Shirley Ramshaw and Miss Audrey Abron.

Knox W.M.S. Elects Officers For the Year

Knox Presbyterian Church W.M.S. held their monthly meeting in the class rooms of the Church on December 10th, 1948.

The meeting was opened by Mrs. Blow with a short reading and prayer. The devotional period was taken by Mrs. D. McLellan and Mrs. G. W. Masales offered a prayer. The report on the Mission Band and Explorer Group was given by Mrs. R. O'Hara. A Christmas reading was given by Mrs. Blow after which Mrs. E. J. Hassard came forward and presented Mrs. Blow with a gift as a token of appreciation for her thirteen years of faithful service as President of the W.M.S.

At the November meeting of the W.M.S., Mrs. A. J. Buchanan and Mrs. E. J. Hassard were appointed a committee to secure the officers for the year 1949. The following is the list of officers according to report given: Hon. President, Mrs. Blow; President, Mrs. Mainprize; 1st Vice President, Mrs. A. J. Buchanan; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. E. J. Hassard; Secretary, Miss Ruby Clark. Leaders of the Mission Band and Explorer's group, Mrs. Douglas Maplesden, Mrs. O'Hara and Mrs. Spickett; Home Helpers Sec., Mrs. C. Hanson and Mrs. M. Lellan. Welcome and Welfare Sec., Mrs. F. Anderson. Supply Sec., Mrs. G. W. Masales. Life Membership Sec., Mrs. A. Stalker. Literature and Library Sec., Mrs. Geo. Ritchie. Press Sec., Mrs. Cordyner. Glad Tidings Sec., Mrs. K. Blow. Corresponding Sec., Mrs. F. J. Wright. Pianists, Mrs. A. Smith and Miss H. Wallace.

After the meeting closed with prayer, Mrs. Blow invited all to remain and have a cup of tea when a very pleasant social time was spent.

Tanners Lose First Round of Play-offs

Weston Made the Win Decisive In Two Straight Games—Georgetown and Weston to Battle for the Tost Memorial Trophy—Tanners Ready for O.H.A. Season

Acton fans were forced to conclude that Weston's auspicously clad Canaries, in a startling reversal of what they had observers believing in early cup clashes, enjoyed a marked edge over the Tanners in the semi-finals, goals-to-count round, that Tuesday terminated the Tanners part in the Tost Memorial Cup hunt.

The belligerent Weston outfit made light of the impressive skein of wins chalked up by the Tanners during the schedule as they hammered out two consecutive wins to reserve exclusive rights for entry into the finals. Last Thursday they shaded the Tanners 5-4 and then again on Tuesday they decisively downed them 7-3, consequently enjoying a 5 goal margin on the round.

Displaying a dazzling polish around the net, they came from behind a three goal last period deficit in the first encounter to exact a win. Lackadaisical checking on the Tanners part aided their efforts profusely and if it wasn't for the presence of rotund "Phooney" Evans in the nets, they could easily have doubled the count in the last canto alone.

In the second game on Tuesday last, Weston's robust and aggressive checks subdued Acton to such an extent, they barely permitted the locals to pass their blue line, even with a man advantage.

Deploying their greater weight to advantage, they continually slammed the light forward threesomes of the Tanners to the ice with vigorous body checks that drained a lot of the moxie, they usually ooze, from our boys in quantity. The contest was close until the last period when Weston fired four goals to Acton's one.

As a result of Oakville's forfeiture of the first game of the twin bill in the last period, Weston will meet the Raiders in the final. First tilt is to-night, again resuming on Tuesday. If a third game is necessary it will be played the following Thursday.

Disappointment

It was a big disappointment to local fans to see Tanners eliminated when they showed a marked proclivity to make a solid bid for the cup in the regular schedule, but it must have been an even more rude jolt to the Georgetown Arena management who doubtless had already envisioned the harvest to be reaped from the bountiful crowds invariably drawn thither by a Georgetown-Acton series.

However, Hockey is by no means over. Rather it is just starting. The Tanners are bound to improve and fixtures will soon be in full-swing on the Acton ice-cushion, where fans will be able to glimpse their favorites, without suffering the inconvience of a trip to our neighboring towns at weird hours.

The ingenuity of the Georgetown management in introducing this series is appreciated by Tanners who otherwise would have had to practice at irregular intervals at much greater cost.

CHRISTMAS MEETING FRIENDLY CIRCLE AT MRS. BENNETT'S

The annual Christmas meeting of the Friendly Circle of the United Church was held at the home of Mrs. Bennett on Wednesday, December 15th.

The first part of the meeting dealt with business. Louise Baxter's group then presented a play entitled "The Night Before Christmas." Miss Bennett was presented with a lovely pin and earrings and Mrs. Morris with a box of hasty notes. The members exchanged gifts. A bountiful lunch brought the enjoyable evening to a close.

Christmas Party For Children By Beardmore & Co.

The annual Christmas party of the children of the employees of Beardmore & Co., was held on Tuesday at the Roxy Theatre when 500 children and 100 adults enjoyed the annual function. Rev. T. Pickering gave a Christmas story. The carol singing was led by Vic Bristow with Mrs. Robinson as accompanist.

Mr. R. R. Parker was master of ceremonies and introduced Mr. S. G. Bennett, president of Beardmore & Co., who spoke briefly.

On the screen there were the comedies and cartoons that delight the children and of course Old Santa Claus arrived and a big Christmas stocking went to every child.

CHRISTMAS MEETING BANNOCKBURN W.I. AT MRS. GOODWIN'S

Bannockburn W.I. held their annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Roy Goodwin on December 15th.

Most of the guests spent the early part of the evening playing Euchre, and afterwards entertainment was provided by Les Duby and his guitar.

A report was given of the proceeds of the Christmas cake draw. Marjorie McDonald drew the winning ticket and announced the name of the winner as being Miss Mary Ritchie of Acton.

Meeting closed with the singing of Christmas Carols.

Many incidents show that no unpleasant results will follow if a man goes to the assistance of a

North Halton Board Completes Year's Work

Chairman Was Host At Dinner on Monday Evening

Prior to the concluding meeting of the year of the North Halton High School District Board, Dr. C. Martin, chairman entertained the members and officials at his home and at dinner at the Milton Inn on Monday evening. It proved a delightful event for a year's work that has been rather a heavy one in arranging the new district and building program.

Accounts were passed at the Board meeting. Transportation problems were discussed. The building report on the two rooms in Milton is that they will be ready for classes at the beginning of the new term. Equipment is now arriving and will be set up. At that time the transportation of pupils between the two schools will be inaugurated so that all will have the benefit of the new courses provided.

In meeting the heating problem for the added rooms at Milton it was decided to instal a Livingstone Stoker at the Milton building. Additional seats were ordered for the Acton School and other requisitions approved.

The Board unanimously endorsed a resolution thanking Dr. Martin for his work as Chairman during the past year and his courteous and efficient fulfilment of his duties. He and Mrs. Martin were also thanked for their hospitality. Principals Stewart and Marcellus both expressed their appreciation of the cooperation that had been accorded them during the past year and were pleased with the progress that had been made.

Campbellville Lad Dies After Eating Overdose of Pills

(By Campbellville Correspondent)

Master James Turnbull, age 3 and a half years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Turnbull of R.R. No. 1 Campbellville passed away Friday evening in Milton Private Hospital. His mother had put him to bed for an afternoon sleep, and while the mother was away at work the child climbed out of bed and took an overdose of A.B.S. pills. As soon as the mother noticed what had happened, she summoned Dr. Syer of Milton and he was rushed to the hospital but passed away Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull have moved to this district about a year ago, coming from Georgetown to the farm purchased from Mr. David Henderson.

His toys were purchased for Christmas and his parents intended taking him to the Santa Claus parade in Milton Saturday. A brother, John, six years old, also survives.

The funeral of little Jimmy Turnbull was held on Monday afternoon from the family residence with Rev. Mr. John MacNeil in charge.

Interment was made in Nassagaweya Presbyterian Cemetery. Pallbearers were Paul Robertson, Cecil Edmund, Laveine Blacklock, Russell Elliott.

Flower bearers were Grace Blacklock, Judith Eisley, Frances Simpson, all playmates of the child. Besides the parents and brother are left to mourn, Grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Woodland of Orangeville and Mrs. Basil Edmund of Cheltenham.

CHURCHILL W.A. RE-ELECTS OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR

The monthly meeting of the Churchill W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. Harold Griffin on Wednesday afternoon with eight members and visitors present. After singing carols Mrs. Bennie read the lesson. Mrs. Freeman took the devotions which was taken from Missionary monthly Christmas service.

Mrs. Caldwell moved that the officers be returned by acclamation and are as follows: President, Mrs. Freeman; Vice Pres., Mrs. W. Swackhamer; Sec., Mrs. Butler, also Sec., Mrs. Dobbie; Treasurer, Mrs. Griffin; Flower Sec., Mrs. A. Thompson; Pianist, Mrs. Flindall; Missionary Sec., Mrs. A. Kerr; Reporter, Mrs. Turner. Visiting Committee for the past 3 months were Mrs. Leitch, Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Butler and Mrs. W. Swackhamer.

There was a general discussion of the Sunday School Rooms which we hope to get started in the spring. Mrs. Caldwell closed the meeting with prayer and a dainty lunch was served by the Committee and Christmas Gifts were exchanged.

General Motors Announces New Agency and Garage

Official announcement is made this week of the appointment of Mr. Bert Woods, of Weston, as distributor Acton and district for Pontiac and Buick cars.

Mr. Woods purchased the corner lot at Main Street and West Bower Avenue. The residence on this land was removed to a site on Knox Avenue which is now occupied by Mr. Jos. Laidlaw, a new resident in Acton recently arrived from Scotland who will make this home headquarters for the distributor until the new building is completed.

On the corner site a compact block and steel structure is being erected by J. McMullen, contractor. It's building will be 45x90 feet, have a modern show room, stock room and service station. The basement is already in and the blocks are at ground level. With moderate weather it is hoped the building will be ready to display the new models which are soon due.

United W.M.S. Elects Officers at December Meeting

The December meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church was held at the home of Mrs. C. L. Poole on Tuesday evening with the president, Mrs. E. J. Caldwell, presiding.

Mrs. R. R. Arnold presided over the devotional period and the following program was presented: Origin and authors of several Christmas carols read by Mrs. C. L. Poole and each carol sung by the members; Paper on Yule Logs by Mrs. A. T. Brown; Solo, Miss Dorothy Simmons; Duet, Mrs. C. L. Poole and Mrs. B. Veldhuis; talk on the dangers lurking in China by Mrs. Pickering. Mrs. E. J. Caldwell dedicated the offering. The installation and dedication of the newly elected officers will be held at a Sunday evening service early in January. Rev. C. L. Poole closed the meeting with prayer.

The officers for 1949 are as follows: President, to be elected; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. B. Mowat; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. G. A. Dills; 3rd Vice-President, Miss M. Mainprize; Recording Secretary and Press, Miss E. Hawthorne; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Lambert; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. G. A. Dills; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. T. Brown; Mission Band, Miss M. Z. Bennett; Christian Stewardship, Mrs. G. McDonald; Community Friendship, Mrs. F. Cleave; Temperance, Miss D. Simmons; Supply, Mrs. J. Moore; Missionary Monthly, Mrs. J. Bell, John Mowat; C.G.I.T., Mrs. L. Pickering; Pianist, Mrs. R. R. Arnold; Assistant Pianist, Mrs. G. McDonald; Auditors, Mrs. F. Cleave, Mrs. J. Symon; Official Board, Mrs. R. L. Johnson.

Mrs. Poole assisted by Mrs. B. Veldhuis, Mrs. R. R. Arnold, Miss D. Simmons and Miss M. Mainprize served a lovely lunch of cookies, sandwiches and Christmas cake. A vote of thanks was given to Rev. and Mrs. Poole for their home and hospitality and to those who assisted with the lunch and program.

Further Donations To Swimming Pool Fund

This week the Secretary reports further donations turned into the Acton Community Swimming Pool Fund:

Previously acknowledged	$7808.50
Carroll's Ltd.	10.00
Mrs. Maplesden	5.00
J. G. Hargrave	20.00
Total to date	$7838.50

Bicycle Rider Killed in Collision With a Car

Robert McDougall, aged 19, of R.R. 1 Rockwood, was killed instantly early last Thursday morning when the bicycle he was riding crashed into a car driven by Wilbert McCutcheon, also of R.R. 1, Rockwood, on the sixth concession of Eramosa.

McDougall, an employee of the W. C. Wood Electric Co. in Guelph, was travelling south along the road proceeding toward a neighbor's farm where he was to get a ride into Guelph. Shortly after 8 o'clock his bike was hit by the McCutcheon car and the youth died instantly.

Provincial Constable Robertson investigated the fatality.

The victim was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charley McDougall of R.R. 1 Rockwood. He had been employed in the office of the Wood electric Co. for the past two years.

The bicycle and the auto were travelling in different directions and as they met the automobile, for some reason, swerved on the slippery roadway, and the rear of the car struck the bicycle, throwing its rider forcibly to the ground and fracturing his skull.

Acton to Have New Type of Telephone Service

System Will Be Changed To Common Battery Operation Next Spring

Telephone users in Acton will receive improved service next spring when the exchange here is converted from "magneto" to common battery operation, according to J. I. Sanderson, Bell Telephone manager for this region.

Under the new system, a light on the operator's switchboard will go on whenever a subscriber lifts his receiver. This signal replaces the hand-crank signal, and informs the operator that someone on that line wishes to make a call.

Similarly, when a call is completed, the operator is automatically informed by the light, without the need for "ringing off", so that the need for the hand-crank is completely eliminated.

The main benefits of the new system are faster handling of calls, quicker clearance of lines after conversations are finished and a reduction in the number of rings heard on party lines.

Many technical changes are required to complete the conversion of telephones here to common battery operation. In addition to the new switchboard to be installed in the exchange, a new and more compact type of telephone instrument will be installed for each subscriber, and extensive changes will be made in the wire and cable network connecting telephones with the exchange.

Co-ordinating these various operations so that the conversion can be carried out smoothly and efficiently requires much planning. New telephone numbers may be assigned to some subscribers at the time of the change. Mr. Sanderson advises subscribers who carry their telephone numbers on letterheads, signs, or advertising matter to bear in mind the possibility of a number change in ordering advance supplies of such material.

The new exchange is designed to give service to present Acton subscribers and allow for expansion for several years and is in keeping with the growth of Acton and conduct of business here.

OLD SUPERSTITIONS

Married in grey you go far away; Married in black, you will wish yourself back; Married in brown, you will live out of town; Married in red, you will wish yourself dead; Married in green ashamed to be seen; Married in yellow, ashamed of your fellow; Married in blue, you will always be true; Married in pink, your spirits will sink; Married in white, you have chosen aright."

What to wear for good luck: "Something old, Something new, Something borrowed and something blue."

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings to be held in Acton for which admission fees are charged, are inserted here at the rate of one cent per line, with a minimum charge of 25c for any one announcement.

The next I.O.L. euchre and dance at Crewson's Corners will be held on January 7th.

New Year's Eve Dance, Acton Town Hall. Douglas and Hume Orchestra. Horns chats novelties door prizes. Dancing 9-1:30. Admission $1.00. 24-3

Nassagaweya W.I. are holding a social dance Brookville Hall on Monday, December 27. Dancing to the music of Al Watson's Orchestra. Door prizes, novelty dances. Admission 50c. B

Holiday season dances, Rose Room, Georgetown Arena. Christmas Eve, December 24th with prizes. Christmas night, December 25th. New Year's night, January 1st. Modernaires Orchestra.