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## Gloves to \$3,000 Stolen Thursday

Shortly before midnight last Thursday, thieves entered the plant of Storey Glove Co. here and got away with between \$2000 and \$3000 worth of fine gloves.

Entry was made by climbing up a fire escape on the west side of the plant and raising a window into the shipping room. Here they took boxes of fine gloves and tracks indicated that these were loaded in a car left at the rear of the building.

It would appear that the primary object of the break-in was to loot the safe and obtain money. The tool house at the C.N.R. had been entered that night and bars etc. had been taken. The safe at the Storey Co. office is however, a large one with very heavy doors and breaking into it seemed too great a task for the thieves. We are told that no funds are kept in the plant at any time and they apparently saved themselves a lot of trouble by not forcing the safe.

The night watchman found the open window during the night and closed it but did not realize an entry had been made until about six o'clock when Mr. H. L. Ritchie, a plant foreman was called and police were notified.

An investigation was made and several pieces of clothing and items that would have been used if they had been discovered were found in and near the plant. The stock stolen has been listed and the investigation is being carried on by the police.

## Greenock W.I. Has Christmas Meeting

The Greenock Women's Institute held the December meeting at the home of Mrs. Elwood Johnston. Mrs. T. Hemley was in charge. The meeting opened with the singing of a Christmas carol and the scripture lesson. The Christmas story was read by Mrs. Ralph McKewen.

Fifteen members and two visitors answered the roll call with "One way to make someone happy at Christmas" the motto. "It and what you give but how you give it that makes gifts at Christmas so significant" was ably given by Mrs. J. L. Allan. Mrs. Chester Allan was in charge of the program.

Christmas readings were given by Mrs. A. Thompson, Mrs. Elliott Patterson and Mrs. C. Allen and a solo "Holy Night" was sung by Mrs. H. Turner. Mrs. H. Reid won the lucky chair prize and a contest was won by Mrs. Turner. Several Christmas carols were sung and gifts exchanged by all present. Lunch was served by Mrs. Johnston and the committee in charge.

The Institute held a social evening in Greenock school recently at which Miss Sybil Bennett, K.C. of Georgetown gave a very interesting talk on a trip across the Dominion of Canada. Readings were given by Mrs. Ballentine and Mrs. E. Ross of Orton also vocal solos by Mrs. H. Turner.

## MRS. BARBARA SOPER, 84 HOSPITALIZED AFTER A FALL DOWN STAIRS LAST SUNDAY

Mrs. Barbara Soper, 84 was injured when she fell down a flight of stairs last Sunday. Dr. Garrett was called and Mrs. Soper was taken by ambulance to Guelph General Hospital where she was later reported to be resting comfortably.

She was suffering from cuts and bruises but luckily no bones were broken. Mrs. Soper lives with Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Lambert Main St.

## Business Men's Grand Draw For \$100, Four \$25 Prizes To Be Made Saturday

Santa Claus is coming to town next Saturday afternoon as the guest of the Acton Retail Merchants' Association. The gifts that will be given out in the presence of St. Nick himself are ones any one, child or adult, would ask Santa for—a cheque for \$100 and four others for \$25 each.

The weeks of collecting Business Men's tickets for every 5c purchase in Acton stores will culminate Saturday at 3 o'clock with the drawing of the tickets of the winners. As well as the cheques, numerous other prizes will be given out to lucky shoppers. These merchandise prizes are on display in the window of George Holloway's barber shop.

About 3 o'clock it is expected that a clown band will jazz around town in a truck to remind those



## Water Bills To Double For \$24,500 Debenture

The Finance Committee of the Acton Council reported to the final meeting of the year on Monday evening it finds it needs the \$24,500 Sewerage debenture due in June. It would be necessary to start collecting sewer rental on the first water billing in January. Water bills will be exactly double, one half being for water and the other half for sewers to raise \$12,250 or half of the debenture due in June. The remaining half of the debenture will be raised by taxes. Council passed a resolution that we start to collect the revenue for sewer purposes on the first billing in January and the solicitor was instructed to prepare a by-law for presentation at the first meeting in January.

## Rev. R. Armstrong Installs Officers

The Christmas meeting of the Senior Auxiliary W. M. S. Knox Church was held at the manse on Thursday, December 14th. A service of worship in which all present took part consisted of the Christmas story as related by St. Matthew and the singing of familiar carols. Keeping Christmas by Henry Van Dyke was read by Mrs. H. O'Hara. A summary of the year's work was given by the secretary, Mrs. Barbara Clark and Mrs. R. M. McDonald presented the financial report.

Rev. R. H. Armstrong conducted the election and installation of the officers for 1951. These are: hon. president Mrs. R. H. Armstrong, past president Mrs. A. G. Blow, president Mrs. H. Maninger, 1st vice-president Mrs. A. J. Buchanan, 2nd vice-president Mrs. E. J. Henshaw, recording secretary Mrs. R. O'Hara, Glad Tidings secretary Mrs. A. G. Blow, home helper secretary Mrs. C. Hansen, assistant home helper secretary Mrs. D. G. McLaughlin, life membership secretary Mrs. H. L. Bonnie, supply secretary Mrs. G. W. Masles, welcome and welfare secretary Mrs. F. Anderson, press secretary Mrs. E. Cooper, corresponding secretary Mrs. A. G. Blow, literature secretary Mrs. Ida Ritchie, pianist Mrs. A. Smith, assistant pianist Mrs. H. Wallace, program convenor, Mrs. H. Allison, nominating committee Mrs. R. M. McDonald, Mrs. J. Allison, auditors Mrs. Wm. Cooper, Mrs. H. Allison.

## Legion Youngsters At Party Saturday

Santa Claus was the guest of honor at the Legion Party held last Saturday afternoon in the Town Hall. Each child under 12 was given a toy and Christmas candy with 195 children altogether receiving the annual treat.

Roy Agnew played the piano during the afternoon and Rudolph Spielvogel played the violin. Another highlight of the afternoon was a sing song. The party was held by the Acton and District Legion and the Ladies' Auxiliaries.

## MAX STOREY RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ACTON LEGION FOR THIRD TERM, THURSDAY

At the final monthly meeting of Branch 197 Canadian Legion on Thursday evening, Comrade George Musselle conducted the election of officers for the coming year.

Comrade Max Storey was re-elected for his third term as president. Other officers elected were: 1st vice-president, Comrade Wm. Mattocks; 2nd vice-president, Comrade Thos. Salmon; sergt.-at-arms, Comrade John McHugh.

Comrades George Musselle, S. Snow and F. Coles were elected trustees.

## Christmas Holiday Full Of Activities

The usual Christmas holiday variety program will be featured again this year at the Y. Aimed at keeping the young folks busy at worthwhile activities during the school holidays, a full program has been lined up by the Junior Leaders Club who will help in its administration.

## Present Kettle To Miss M. Bennett

Miss M. Z. Bennett opened her home for the annual Christmas party of her Sunday School class, the Friendly Circle on Wednesday evening, December 13. A record attendance of around sixty spoke for the popularity of this party.

Mrs. Clarence Rogynaldon presented her charge of the business, of which Mrs. Gordon Johnston assisted by Mrs. Robbins, Mrs. G. McKewen and Mrs. Curry, conducted the devotional period.

Mrs. Veldhuis and Miss Dorothy Johnson, favored with a duet.

A short play entitled "Mother Club" was a hilarious success. Mrs. Gordon Rogynaldon, Mrs. McKewen, Mrs. H. Bittorf and Mrs. C. Rogynaldon played the role of small girls.

Miss J. McPhail entertained with a solo followed by a Christmas reading at the fireplace by Mr. Roy Johnston and Mrs. J. J. Stewart.

A jolly Santa Claus made his appearance straight down the chimney and proceeded to give everyone a gift from the well hidden tree.

Miss Bennett received an electronic kettle from the class as a token of their love and esteem. In expressing her thanks she told the girls their work was a great joy to her as their enthusiasm made her work easier.

A delicious Christmas lunch was then served by the group in charge, Mrs. D. Richardson and Mrs. Norman Baird, former members from Toronto were present for the occasion.

## St. Alban's Guild Names Officers

The regular meeting of St. Alban's Guild was held Wednesday evening December 6th at the home of Mrs. Charles Leatherland. A very pleasing report was given on the success of the annual Variety Fair. A generous donation was voted for the Parish Hall Building Fund.

Following the general business discussion, the Rev. G. W. Luxton took charge of the meeting for the election of officers. Mrs. A. Gamble, the retiring president, expressed her appreciation to the members for the co-operation she had received in the past year. A very hearty vote of thanks was given Mrs. Gamble for the splendid leadership provided during her year in office.

The following officers for the coming year were duly nominated and elected: president, Mrs. Thos. Jones; vice-president, Mrs. Pat Dolphing; honorary president, Mrs. G. W. Luxton; recording secretary, Mrs. Geo. Fountain; treasurer, Mrs. A. Haydon; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Wm. Coon; flower convenor, Mrs. F. Hunter; altar convenor, Mrs. G. Hargrave; reporter, Mrs. L. Doby; social committee Mrs. H. Jolley, Mrs. G. Hargrave, Mrs. C. Cook, Mrs. C. Sutton. Following the election of officers, Mr. G. W. Luxton closed the meeting with prayer.

The new president then reverted to the role of auctioneer and very successfully disposed of the articles left over from the Variety Fair. A delightful lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. R. Heeley, Mrs. Wm. Coon and Mrs. W. Mattocks, to bring to a close a very successful meeting.

## High Scores Mark Basketball League

The Saturday Night Basketball House League got off to a flying start last week at the Y. Both games were high scoring affairs with everyone displaying top form. In the first game the Reds downed the Golds 50-48 while the Blacks dropped the Blues 61-45 in the second feature.

In the Gold-Red match Phillip McCristal of the losing squad led the scoring with 29 points while Bob Bruce was the big gun for the victorious Reds with 24 points. He was banished with 5 fouls in the final minutes of the game. Other high scorers were Jack Pink and Dick Woods with 19 and 15 points respectively.

In the second match between the Blacks and the Blues, the Blacks led all the way with Don Dawkins racking up 33 points for the winners and rookie Ross Morton scoring 19 points for the losers. Crawford Douglas and Don Davidson also fared well with 20 and 14 points respectively.

Both games were fast and rough with a total of 31 personal fouls meted out to two players. Bob Bruce and Rae Hutt were banished during the play after having committed the maximum of 5 allowed.

Legend has it when Christ was born, Satan died, and that the bell in the Church was rung. At exactly midnight the tolling changed to a joyful peal, announcing the birth of the Christ.

## 17,000 One Cent Stamps Sold Monday Marks All-Time High at the Post Office

Last Monday an all-time peak was reached at Acton Post Office. As far as those employed there can remember, there has never before been the amount of mail there is this Christmas and Monday was the most rushed day of all the rush.

The mail contractor, Jack Lockyer, handled 114 bags of mail on Monday. On an average day of any other month the total would only be about 20. Half of those were incoming and half outgoing.

This year's stamp sales are practically double those of last year's Christmas boom as more greetings than ever before pass through the office. On Monday a total of 17,000 one-cent stamps were sold. More four-centers are being sold than in any other month, any other year.

## Teachers Apply To Board For New Salary Schedule

A delegation representing all the teachers in the three schools in the area attended the last meeting of the year of the North Hutton High School District Board. The teachers requested revision of the salary schedule for the District, increasing each teacher's salary by \$300 per year. They asked that this amount be applied to the maximum and minimum of the present schedule effective January 1st, 1951. They also asked for an annual increment of \$200 effective September 1st, 1951. This would bring the new maximum to \$5,000 and \$3,000.

## Portrait of Mayor, Broadcast Planned

The Public Relations Office of Cities Service Oil Company Limited has announced that Acton has been selected as one of the 157 cities, towns and villages to be featured during 1951 on the company's radio program, Ontario Marches On. This program will be aired three times weekly over Station CFBT Toronto on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The first program in the series will be heard on New Year's Day.

Complete information supplied to the company by local Municipal Authorities, Ontario Marches On will outline the history and progress of this community to some 3,000,000 listeners throughout Ontario.

It is their plan to mark the occasion of this broadcast by having Edward C. Reed, well known Canadian artist who was commissioned by the Dominion Government during the war to do the portraits of General Montford, Eisenhower and other military leaders to execute a life size charcoal portrait of the Mayor and arrangements will be made as soon as possible following the broadcast to have an official of the company present this portrait in person.

While the actual date of the program is not yet available, notice of same will be published as far in advance as possible.

## Christmas Pageant At Baptist Party

The annual Christmas party of the Acton Baptist Church was held Monday evening December 18th in the church.

Supper was served by the ladies in the basement of the church, after which a program was held in the church with Mrs. Ethel Franklin and Mrs. Charles Landsborough playing carols on the piano and organ.

A very beautiful pageant of "The Christmas Story" was then presented by the Sunday School scholars under the direction of Mrs. Lorne Garner with Mrs. Stanley Cripps narrating the story.

Bobby Cripps gave a recitation "What can I give Him?" Carols were then sung by the congregation after which Santa Claus made his appearance and gave each child a gift and bag of candy.

## Car Crashes Rails No Serious Injury

James Van Norman narrowly escaped serious injury Tuesday evening when his car knocked out five or six guard rails and a checker board and turned over at the sharp turn on Highway No. 7 just east of Rockwood at about 10:50 p.m.

Police report the car was proceeding to Rockwood when another car is reported to have cut the corner too sharp and cut in on the other driver's right forcing him to the ditch. Trying to avoid the accident Mr. Van Norman is alleged to have tried to take the road leading to Eden Mills but was unable to make it and the car turned over in the ditch.

The driver of the 1947 Dodge sedan was not seriously injured but damage to the car was estimated at \$1200 and a tow by four from the guard rails was paid out of the front of the car.

Constable Huppert of the Guelph detachment, Provincial Police, investigated the accident. No charges have been laid.

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