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Ringing NEW YEAR GREETINGS to all

PRESENTING THE WALLET to Mayor Amos Mason is reeve Ted Tyler who was acclaimed mayor for 1951 recently. Mayor Mason was thanked for his co-operation and apt handling of municipal affairs at the last meeting of the 1950 council on Dec 18th.

$200, Thirty Prizes Won In Business Men's Draw

Santa Claus dressed in his customary red suit and with a white flowing beard brought $100 to Tom Nicol, $25 to Mrs. E. Footitt, $25 to Mrs. Margaret Waterhouse, $25 to Mrs. Betty Ryder and $25 to Beverley Ann Bradley when he made his visit to Acton and handed out candy to a thousand children. Picking the vouchers from the overflowing 45 gallon drum Santa left 30 other prizes for citizens.

Santa was welcomed with a clown band and carol singing on Willow St. south of Main at the rear of the Post Office. Children received a bag with an orange, candy and nuts in it from Santa.

Prize winners were: the following box of chocolates: Dorothy Emerson, bag of sugar: Ron Dayes, roll of bacon: Shirley Cohen, box of groceries: Mrs. Ken Patterson, Rockwood, case of canned corn: M. J. Rowles, electric kitchen clock: Harry Murray, R.R. 3, box of groceries: H. Thompson, electric fan: Mrs. S. Hurst, ham: Dorothy O'Rourke, Speyside, carving set: C. Brennan, Rockwood, men's slippers: Mrs. Peter Smith, electric clock: Ed. Thatcher, Rockwood, camera: Mrs. Charles Thompson, R.R. 4, carton of cigarettes: Mrs. H. Perkins, set of 3 lamps: Les Duby, linen table cloth: C. M. Davidson, box of chocolates: G. Perryman, Silver Creek, expandable watch strap: Mary Cooney, $5 merchandise voucher for Van Wyck Cleaners: Mrs. Melvin Walker, men's white shirt: O. Dyriw, ham: F. Stuckey, electric table lamp: Ruby Smith, box of chocolates: Mrs. F. Krantz, cigarette lighter: Louis Dimick, shoes size 4: Mrs. A. McKeown.

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PURSE PRESENTED TO MR. AND MRS. McMENEMY IN HALL AT BALLINAFAD

Last week a presentation was held at Ballinafad Hall for Mr. and Mrs. Bert McMenemy, a bride and groom of early December. Progressive euchre was played during the early part of the evening after which Mr. John Coulter acting as master of ceremonies called on the newly weds to come forward. Mrs. Sandy McKay read an address of congratulations and best wishes for their future and Mrs. D. McKechnie on behalf of the community, presented them with a gift of a purse. Mr. McMenemy then thanked the gathering for their kindness in remembering them with the generous gift. Lunch was served and dancing was enjoyed to the music of Mr. C. Varey accompanied by Mrs. N. McLaughlin. Mrs. McMenemy is originally from Acton.

As late as 1789 instruments of "unicorn's horn" were used in the French court to test the royal food for poison.

FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY was celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin B. Coulson on Tuesday, December 19th. At a reception at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Roy Coulter, Campbellville, seventeen of the original wedding guests were present to congratulate the pair again. The flower girl at their wedding, Mrs. Vera Elliott of Hamilton, was one of these. Over a hundred and fifty guests called to wish many more years of happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Coulson. —Photo by Starbuck

R. Harris Is Dean Of Correspondents

Since this is the season for retrospect as well as for looking forward to the future, special mention is made of a man who has been a figure in Free Press schedule for the past 26 years. This January Richard Harris, the correspondent who brings Rockwood news to all the readers of this paper, begins his 27th consecutive year of reporting.

His reports are regular, full and unbiased, as a bird's eye view of Rockwood happenings is presented each week in his column of news. In 26 years of correspondence, about 1340 collibits altogether have been sent in for publication.

Again this year, congratulations to Mr. Richard Harris, the dean of rural correspondents.

Christmas Services Held At St. Alban's

On Sunday evening, December 17th the Senior and Junior choirs of St. Alban's church presented a service of carols and Christmas music which was much appreciated by a large congregation. Such a service reflected careful training under Mrs. F. G. Oakes, organist, and Miss L. Stewart, choir leader.

As well as the familiar carols in which the congregation joined, special numbers were given including the anthems "The Little Road to Bethlehem" with Miss Yvonne Brunelle as soloist, "Ring Ring Merrily on High", "While Shepherds Watched" with Mrs. H. Turner taking the solo part and "Let Carols Ring". The Junior choir sang the anthem "Sleep Little Dove", a two-part setting of "Away in a Manger" and the descant to "Good Christian Men Rejoice". Other soloists included L. Duby, V. Bristow, F. Kingsmill and Leona Sagaskie.

On Christmas Sunday morning the Senior Choir sang the anthem "In Excelsis Deo" with Miss Carolyn Oakes as soloist while the Juniors contributed "On this Christmas Day".

A large number attended the Christmas Eve choral communion service when the church was tastefully decorated with evergreens and white chrysanthemums. The anthem at this time was "As Lately We Watched". The rector, Rev. W. G. Luxton, was in charge of all services.

BANNOCKBURN SCHOOL HOLD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT 14 PUPILS HELP ENTERTAIN

Bannockburn School was specially decorated for the annual Christmas concert on Thursday, December 14 and the school was filled to capacity for the event.

Although there were only fourteen pupils with their teacher Mrs. Pearl Kennedy, those present were entertained for two hours with carol singing, drills, solos and three short plays. Accompanist was Mrs. George Robertson at the piano.

At the close of the entertainment Santa Claus appeared to present the children with treats from the Christmas tree.

Moffat Soldier Believed In Korea

Private John Keith Robertson, 21, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson, Moffat, is believed to be in Korea or en route there from Japan. He is a graduate of Nassagaweya Township public schools and Milton high school. Before enlisting last August in Toronto, he was employed with the International Nickel Co. at Sudbury.

Private Robertson went directly to Calgary with the 2nd Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry for training and spent two weeks' leave at home in October. Further training was given him at Wainwright, Alberta and just a few weeks ago the regiment set sail from Seattle to Japan. It was announced that these troops would go directly into Korea rather than complete their training elsewhere.

His father, Jack Robertson, is a former Nassagaweya Township Councillor. A married sister, Mrs. Clare Pembleton, lives in Guelph.

Power Cost To Rise Jan. 1st — Hydro

A letter was received from the H.E.P.C. of Ontario at the regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission Tuesday evening which stated that the per kilowatt cost of power to Acton would be increased to $.0860 as of January 1. This is an increase of $.110 per kilowatt. This will amount to about $400 per month on the power bill.

Another letter from the H.E.P.C. of Ontario gave the cost of power supplied to the Waterworks Department and also to the street lighting service. There is a surplus from the waterworks operation but the street lighting has a deficit and an overall deficit of considerable amount.

Two motions were passed transferring monies from the Water works Department to that of the Corporation. One amount was $3000 and a temporary transfer was also made of $1500.

A motion was passed offering H. Palmer $17 per month for caretaking services as of January 1st 1951.

The Utilities renewed its membership in the Waterworks Association.

Hydro superintendent Mason was instructed to purchase a testing meter for the installation of demand meters and to also check on a watt testing meter which the Commission had ordered purchased.

Waterworks superintendent Lambert reported that there were 18 leaks caused by the high pressure on the water mains. All but one of these leaks have now been repaired. Cost of repairing the services have not as yet been computed.

Superintendent Lambert also reported that the new mains had all been installed east of the C.N.R. tracks. The mains on Crewson St. were being installed and it was expected they would be completed this week. The service pipes were not installed at the time of the mains but would be installed later.

Superintendent Mason reported that Kerwin McPhail who was injured some time ago, had the cast removed from his foot last week. X-ray showed that the break had not properly healed and another cast was put on his foot.

The Commission discussed the extra charge levied by the Council on the water rates. This new rate goes into effect with the first billing in January. It was felt by some members that a joint meeting should be held with council before any of the new charges should be billed as no agreement had been made with council for setting up a special account for sewers.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Hydro Department

Bell Telephone Co., serv	$29.30
Acton Free Press, supp	1.62
H. G. Barlow & Co., supp	24.00
Dominion Hotel	44.00
H.E.P.C. of Ont., power	8506.87
Federal Wire & Cable Co., supp	70.81
Can. Westinghouse Co., supp	30.19
Express and transport	12.85
MacDonald Electric Ltd., supp	32.90
Mason Electric Co. Ltd., supp	9.67
	$8762.23

Waterworks Department

Power and heat at spring	$66.25
N. McEachern	7.50
Can. Brass Co. Ltd.	172.72
Neptune Meters Ltd.	.73
H. Dufaros	86.97
J. Sawchuk	10.00
A. R. Ford	25.00
J. Calder	45.00
A. Ross	13.15
	$427.04

Boxing Day for many loses its original meaning -- parcelling gifts for servants—and denotes the day when boxes are picked up and stored away, wrappings are either thrown out or folded, and bits of of ribbons and seals get sucked into the vacuum cleaner. Boxing Day signifies cold turkey, too.

—305,000 Business Men's draw tickets were printed for distribution to local stores during the last few weeks. The grand draw for the winners was made last Saturday afternoon.

Install Officers Of Walker Lodge

Last evening the officers of Walker Lodge A.F. & A.M. were duly installed in their respective position for 1951. W. Bro. H. L. Ritchie was the Installing Master in charge and following are the officers for the next year.

W. Bro. J. H. Watkins, W.M.; W. Bro. I. M. Harris, I.P.M.; Bro. A. J. Buchanan, S.W.; Bro. L. W. Lovell, J.W.; V. Wor. Bro. W. M. Cooper, Chaplain; Bro. W. K. Graham, Treasurer; Bro. G. H. Metcalfe, Secretary; Bro. I. S. Cooper, S.D.; Bro. S. F. Snow, J.D.; Wor. Bro. W. J. Beatty, D. of C.; Bro. A. C. Patterson, S.S.; Bro. G. F. Wingate, J.S.; Bro. S. L. Bowles, I.G.; Bro. I. R. McKeown, Organist; W. Bro. R. H. Elliott, Tyler.

Those assisting W. Bro. Ritchie in the ceremony were: Rt. Wor. Bro. J. A. Leslie; W. Bro. R. A. Winston; Very W. Bro. C. A. Darby; W. Bro. F. J. Salt; W. Bro. W. G. Middleton; W. Bro. W. J. Beatty; Very W. Bro. W. M. Cooper; W. Bro. J. M. Steele; and Very W. Bro. F. McIntosh.

In Acton In 1890, Pastor Turns 83

Rev. W. G. Charlton will conduct services on December 31st in Erin to mark the conclusion of sixty years in the ministry of the Church of Christ (Disciples). He began in Acton on January 4th, 1890 and other pastorates were Hillsburgh and Erin in 1893-99 and 1930-32 and Aylmer, Everton and Erin. At two different times Rev. Charlton was evangelist of the church for the whole province of Ontario.

This January 14 he reaches his 83rd birthday. He left last week by plane to spend a week with his grandson, Gerald Jones, who is stationed with the R.C.N. at Moncton, N.B. He looked forward very much to his first trip by air.

When Rev. Charlton preached in Acton the Church of Christ (Disciples) was located on John St. between Mill and Church Sts. It has since been converted into a double house.

Mrs. A. McIsaac Is Elected President

The Knox Evening Auxiliary met for its December meeting at the home of Mrs. G. W. Masales. The president, Mrs. F. Anderson, presided.

The Christmas devotional program from the Glad Tidings was led by Mrs. O'Hara with all members taking part. Mrs. G. W. Masales offered a prayer. Christmas carols were a distinct part of the service.

Mrs. H. L. Bennie brought a delightful inspirational message relative to the festive season. Mrs. Gordon Bowen sang two beautiful solos "No one ever cared for me like Jesus" and "Heartaches".

As this was the annual meeting when officers are chosen Mrs. Geo. Somerville was appointed for the election of officers. Mrs. A. J. McIsaac was the unanimous choice for the new president for 1951.

Following the business period Miss Margaret Brown rendered some musical numbers on the piano. The meeting closed with the Tuesday Prayers in Unison.

Mrs. Masales was assisted by Mrs. Bennie, Mrs. O'Hara, Mrs. Margaret Brown and Miss F. Ash in serving a delicious lunch.

Santa Gives Gifts At Beardmore Fest

Over 350 youngsters spent an exciting afternoon in the Roxy Theatre last Friday afternoon at the annual Beardmore Christmas party. A magician, contortionist and ventriloquist proved most entertaining.

The climax of the afternoon for each child came when a number of the Beardmore office staff and the foremen guided them up to the platform. Each was handed a Christmas stocking by the one most qualified to give out presents —Santa Claus himself.

About 400 were present altogether, with the singing of Christmas carols prior to the actual program putting all in a holiday mood.

Minor Sports Club Runs OMHA Teams, League

With the arrival of cold weather and a good sheet of ice on the arena hockey activity is starting up to offset the cold. The Minor Sports Club is entering teams in the OMHA Bantam, Midget and Juvenile classes in the Eleven Counties Hockey League. Thursday's convention will set the schedule. Since there is no Intermediate team to represent the town the Minor Sports Club will be able to have the services of a team.

The Juveniles have a promising backfor a group of boys and have already played two practice games against Georgetown. They won one game and won the other. Mike Cox is taking over the coaching duties of this team, and the trainer is again Dr. Saris.

The Midget club is under the hands of Earl Sproule and Bill Holloway and the Bantams are to be handled by Vic Rumley and Johnny Coy. The Bantams will practice tonight (Thursday) at 7 and the Juveniles at 8.15. Boys who were under 14 before Nov. 1st of this year are eligible to try for positions on the Bantam team.

The proposed grouping for these teams will be:

Juvenile: Georgetown, Fergus, Elora, Elmira and Acton.

Midget: Hespeler, Fergus, Elora, Elmira and Acton.

Bantam: Elora, Elmira, Acton.

The Wood Combing Corporation has recently donated a full set of sweaters for the Juvenile team and the Acton Creameries has given another for the town league. The Minor Sports Club has some sweaters on hand for the players. Equipment is bought with donations. Expenses of the teams through these financial assistances are borne by Wood Combing Corporation, Mason Knitting Co., the [illegible] and the Sports Club. Donations are always gratefully received and put to good use. For the town league the Pallet on the pole will be awarded at the end of the season to the winning organization.

Ice conditions will determine whether Acton will have a Junior team next year or not. With no Intermediate team in the here five Acton men are playing for other towns in an Int. A grouping. Harold Townsley is on the Georgetown Raider line-up while Jackie Kentner and Fred Kentner along with Milton's Murray Grenke are sparking the Milton team. Also on the Milton line-up are Ben Bayliss and Leno Marzo. Ben is the king-pin in the Milton defence while Leno set a mark by scoring five goals in the first two games he played with Milton.

It's no secret either that both Georgetown and Milton would like to lure Ilio Marzo out of retirement but the former pro isn't particular about playing hockey.

Mrs. Melvin Storey was removed to a Guelph Hospital last week where she underwent an operation for appendicitis.

New Model Press Goes Into Plant

In keeping with our policy of maintaining our printing plant at highest efficiency we have this week installed one of the latest automatic presses, replacing a similar machine that was in action about three years ago. The new automatic is of the same make known in the trade as the "Heidelberg" and is made in the U.S. zone of Germany.

Decision to install the improved machine was made following a visit of members of the staff to the International Graphic Arts Exposition held in Chicago this summer when the latest model was introduced to the printing industry. It includes a number of new features over the old model that make for better printing and time saving apparatus. We could have kept on keep both machines but the cost financially was too great to bear.

For years the Acton Free Press has known as the "Typical" Heidelberg. It [illegible] authentic [illegible] for many years and has earned for itself a great deal of efficiency and higher speed and [illegible] explosion. The variation of speed is more readily controlled and the speed of the machine [illegible] ed sheets per hour.

As in the former model, envelopes forms and envelopes can be printed two at a time. Heidelberg presses have been well known to printers for many years and their operation and performance have rated them high. The new model has so many improvements that it was difficult for us to believe such an advancement could be made until we saw the machine and it was examined in operation. The former machine was sold on the new machine much as one would trade in an old automobile for a newer model. The same truck that brought in the new machine all complete in its overseas shipping case took out the other model which gave such excellent service until the time it left the shop. As a matter of fact the ink was washed off and the machine was running until the truck machine was ready to roll into its place to go out.

HALF A CENTURY of married life was celebrated last week by Mr. and Mrs. J. Gilmour at their home and at Brookville Hall where they greeted their many friends and received congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. Gilmour are seated in the above picture and Mrs. Ethel Weir, flower girl at the ceremony 50 years ago with Mr. Andrew Gilmour, best man 50 years ago are seen in the back. Mrs. Fred Garrett, bridesmaid at the wedding ceremony was also at the anniversary but not available for a picture.