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Burned Last Week Rebuilt This Week

The storage building destroyed by fire at the plant of Ajax Engineers last Tuesday afternoon was replaced by a new larger building and all ready for occupancy by Tuesday of this week. The new building is 10 feet longer, 6 feet higher and three feet wider than the building destroyed.

The new structure is all sheet metal with steel fire doors closing it from any of the plant buildings. The building was erected by the company's workmen under the supervision of superintendent Wm. Coon. Production in the plant was not curtailed in any way by the fire.

Reconstruction in Acton sets a new pace. Rebuilding of the A. P. Green Company is on a larger scale than ever and a complete new building with equipment was in operation just four months from the date of a fire that wiped out the whole plant. It seems to be quite the thing in Acton to rebuild rather and quickly after fire strikes.

Children Present Christmas Concert

Acton United Church Sunday School Concert was presented on Friday evening of last week by about 80 children in a variety program including readings, tableaux, plays, piano selections and a visit by the jolly gent, Santa Claus, who climaxed the evening by distributing bags to the children.

Mrs. V. West, Mrs. M. Simpson, Mrs. S. Dills and Miss E. Jennings were the ones responsible for the training of the children and were praised for their efforts during the program.

Rev. E. A. Currey was the master of ceremonies for the evening. Gordon Hufnagel welcomed the parents and friends that filled the church auditorium. Jingle Bells was one of the opening numbers presented by the junior members of the Sunday School.

Barry Stewart gave a reading and junior members presented a Toy Shop number complete with dancing dolls, wooden soldiers and balls. Five of the intermediate girls sang "Silent Night" and Ann DeForest gave a recitation. A comical rhyme novelty with "Little Jack Horner" and other characters answered questions about themselves.

Darlene Lambert gave a reading the audience sang Christmas carols. Peter Wolfe and Mary Jane Force played piano solos, and Charlie Saul sang "Frosty the Snowman." A tableau of the nativity with shepherds and wise men, and a choir was followed by a recitation that announced the arrival of Santa Claus concluding the event.

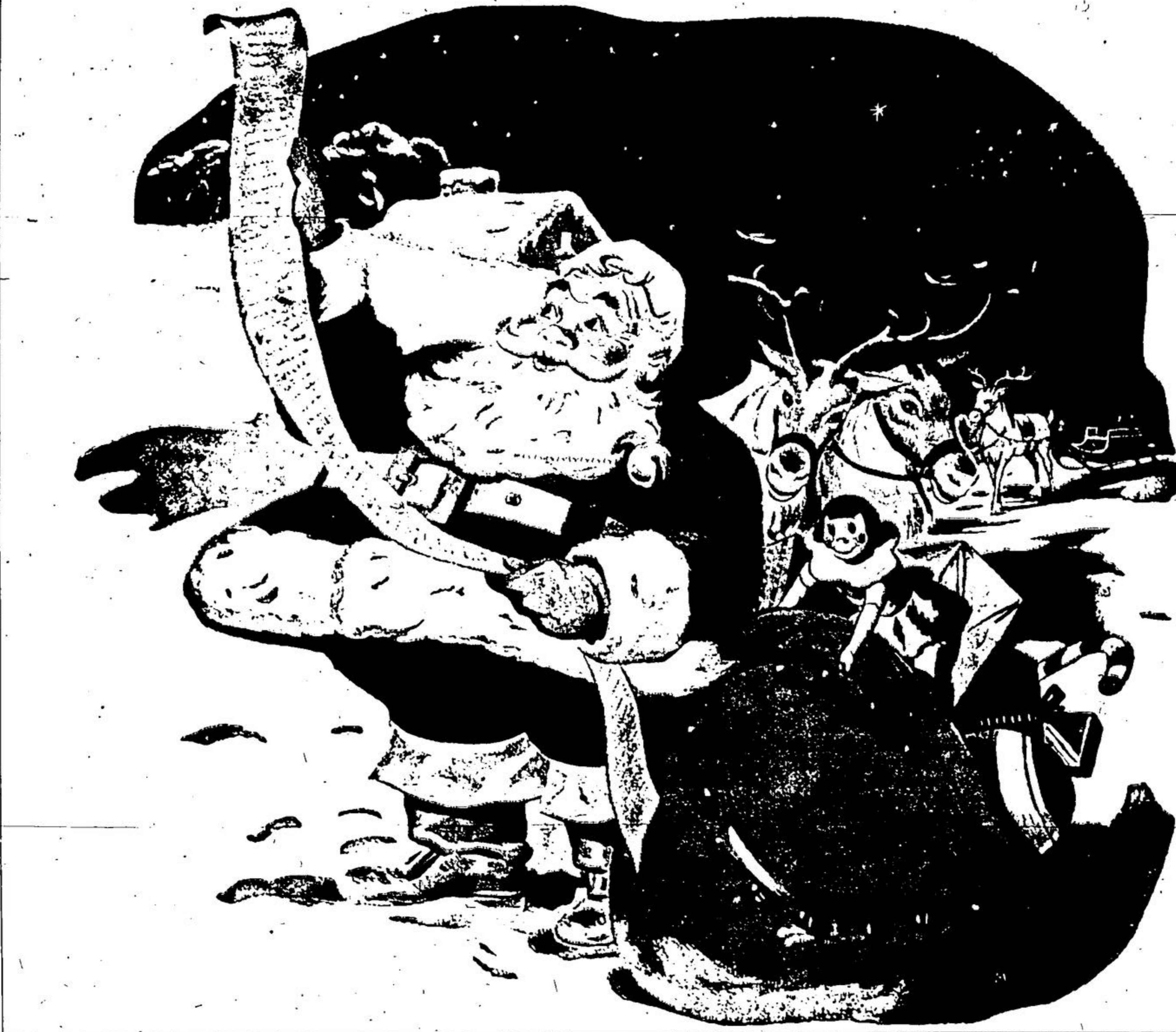
Crossed Wires Cut Rural, Acton Power

Weighted with ice, one wire feeding power to the rural sections fell across the line feeding power to the sewerage plant and blacked out the east end of Acton, as well as rural hydro on Monday evening. The power was interrupted at about 10:30 p.m. Monday and complete service was not restored until about 4 a.m. Tuesday. Hydro Superintendent D. Mason reported.

In 1939 Ottawa took 40 cents out of Canadians' tax dollar, provinces and municipalities took 51 cents, in 1951 Ottawa took 73 cents of the tax dollar, other governments 27 cents.



LEANING POST was caused when John Clark, Toronto, collided with the pole Sunday morning on Young St. No injuries were sustained and damage to the car was slight.



Two Killed, Two Injured In Week-End of Fog, Ice

Two youths were found burned beyond recognition in the wreckage of their car at Silvercreek on Sunday morning, a car driven by a Toronto man skidded into a hydro pole on Young St and knocked the pole over; and two local men returning from Georgetown were thrown from their car and hospitalized when it went into a four foot ditch just beyond the town boundaries over the week-end as the heavy fog and icy driving conditions took their toll.

Ken Adamson saw a blazing auto on the side of No. 7 highway and called police and Acton firemen early Sunday morning. It was several hours before the charred remains were identified as John Bacon, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bacon of Rockwood, and Fatt Wilfred Trimble, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Trimble, Rockwood.

Surviving Trimble are six sisters, Mrs. Edna Sayers of R.R. 6, Puslinch, Mrs. Grace Dyer, Mrs. Iris Butcher, Mrs. Vera Brown, and Mrs. Marie Powell, all of Guelph, Patsy, of Rockwood, and four brothers, Albert of Guelph, and Donald, Clifford and John Jr., all of Rockwood.

Bacon is survived by his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bacon, a brother, David, and a sister, Alveda, all of Rockwood. Also surviving are his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Saunders of Rockwood and his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Bacon, of Erin.

The '41 Ford evidently left the road, hit an elm tree and burst into flames. Positive identification of the bodies was made by a dentist. It is reported the driver might have dozed off from the strain of driving in the heavy fog.

Funeral services were held Monday. A car driven by John Dennis travelling west on Saturday about 4:10 p.m. left the road just east of the town boundaries on No. 7 highway. Bob Anderson, a passenger suffered shock, chest bruises, and a lacerated left leg. He was hospitalized and discharged from the Guelph Hospital on Monday. John Dennis suffered shock, a strained right shoulder and bruised right leg.

The car went off the north edge of the road, came to rest on its right side facing south as it straddled the ditch. Damage was estimated at \$400.

John Holloway Clark, Toronto, skidded into a hydro pole on Young

Santa Gives Gifts At Nursery School

Busy Santa Claus fulfilled another seasonal engagement last Friday afternoon when he distributed gifts and delighted the children at the nursery school party in the Y.M.C.A. Each girl or boy received a bag and candies.

Santa also presented Mrs. D. G. Price with a gift of nylon lingerie from the mothers of the children who attend the classes.

About 35 children and 35 mothers attended the party held by the Y Ladies' Auxiliary.

The children sang a few Christmas songs and tea, milk and cookies were served. A tree and the table were decorated for the party.

Watch Presented To Lorne Masters

Another seasonal visit of Santa Claus followed the Christmas dinner of employees of Baxter Laboratories held on Friday, December 19th in the Legion Hall. Gifts were exchanged from beneath the Christmas tree.

In charge of arrangements for the party were Newt Hurst, Jackie Watkins and Sam Snyder.

A wrist watch was presented to Lorne Masters by Gordon Rogvaldson and W. Benson, marking 10 years' service with Baxter's.

Oldtime music and accompaniment for a sing song were played by a trio of Gerry Candler, Rino Braida and Johnny Graham.

APPROVAL TO ENGAGE ARCHITECT FOR HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM GIVEN

North Halton High School District Board at its regular meeting in Stewarttown on Thursday evening discussed the engaging of architects for the building program. The Board has already met a number of architects and arranged for a special meeting on December 29th when some of these firms will be interviewed and a decision may be made so that sketch plans can be prepared.

This decision was made when G. A. Dills reported to the Board that in Toronto that day members of the Municipal Board had given tentative assurance of approval and

to go ahead with engaging an architect. At the meeting with members of the Municipal Board in Toronto were Mr. K. Y. Dick representing Milton and Mr. Charles Willson, Clerk of Georgetown, Mr. J. McCreesh, Clerk of Acton, Deputy Reeve J. J. Stewart, Councillor Mrs. E. Taylor and G. A. Dills, of the High School Board. The Municipal Board outlined the procedure now to be undertaken by the municipalities and the information required for the Municipal Board. In answer to the question of engaging an architect the Board gave assurance this was now in order to have sketch plans made.

All the necessary steps had been taken including approval of all Councils, and the Department of Education. The School Board desired to proceed immediately and hence arranged the special meeting to settle upon an architect for the work. It was generally agreed that one architect should draw all the sketch plans and have charge of the work on the three schools.

A letter gave approval of the night classes held at the three schools and it was reported enrollment at Acton was 50 at Milton 24 and at Georgetown 25.

Other letters gave clarification of how department grants were made up and approval for grant purposes of equipment that had been purchased.

No. 1 Area of Esqueping Township as a letter said Mr. Craig had been appointed to the Board as its representative for 1953. This area has the largest public school enrollment and replaces the appointment previously made to the Georgetown Public School.

The Secretary was instructed to pay the account to Hamilton High School District for \$77 and monthly accounts of \$17,336.19. The Board also decided to continue membership in the Urban and Rural Trustees' Association and instructed the Secretary to pay the fee.

Present at the meeting last Thursday were Messrs. Martin, Prokett, Rich, Coon, Carbert, Dilly, Beaumont, Cleave and Brown and Chairman John Bell presided.

About 1,700 X-Rayed: Record Made at Tannery

Almost 100 per cent at all the Acton industries and a "good" attendance at the Y was reported by Dick Bean following the x-ray survey taken in town on Thursday and Friday of last week. The swift x-raying of about 1700 local citizens for signs of tuberculosis went according to the tight two-day schedule except for a breakdown about 4 p.m. at the Y.M.C.A. Those waiting to be x-rayed returned later, and the mobile unit was again in service at 7 p.m. until 10 p.m.

The breakdown was the result of a fire in the unit, which was promptly put out with a fire extinguisher. It was caused by burned wires and a short circuit.

The best time of all was made at the tannery, where 340 were X-rayed in two hours and 50 minutes. The technicians with the unit were well pleased with response in Acton and those coming to be X-rayed were very cooperative. Volunteer clerks, receptionists and supervisors assisted the two technicians.

When the X-ray survey was last in Acton in 1947, there were 1670 given the free X-rays. This year there was a slight increase with 1692 taking advantage of the service slightly over half the population of Acton.

This year some did not come to be X-rayed since they had recently had X-rays while hospitalized—a recent inauguration—or at the exhibition in Toronto. Almost every home in town and district had been canvassed in an effort to have a good turnout at the clinic. The free X-rays are made possible by the sale of Christmas seals. Dick Bean was in charge of the survey in Acton with Mrs. H. Hurling in charge of canvassers and Mrs. A. Long in charge of clerks. At present, X-rays for tuberculosis are given once every four years in each district from the mobile clinics. The department of health is trying to arrange to have them every two years, since it is the only known way of detecting the disease in its early stages.

Noon Refreshments For Bantam Party

Saturday morning at the Y.M.C.A. a highly successful party was held by the bantams, with games, displays, musical numbers and refreshments.

Organized games were played by the girls and then a game of basketball by the boys. "Consequences," a bingo and pin the tail on the donkey were all enjoyed by the 37 attending.

Sandy Redfern sang "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" and Brian McCrystal sang "Another Christmas Song." Solos were also sung by Judy Halladay and Sandra Cunningham. Danny Holmes played the organ and Robert Parker played the piano as instructed in his "consequence."

Bob Redfern, Y secretary, was in charge, ably assisted by Sheila Paul, Anne DeForest and Diane Newton.

Sandwiches, cake and candy were enjoyed at noon.

The 89th annual 100 yards race for the Peter Pan Swimming Cup will be held on the morning of Christmas Day in the Serpentine lake in London, England's Hyde Park. Should the lake be frozen, the ice will be broken to enable the swimmers to take part. The hardy competitors are all members of the Serpentine Swimming Club.

Actonians Bring Party to Manor

About 25 from Acton drove to Halton Centennial Manor on Tuesday evening, December 16 and held a Christmas party with the Manor residents. Charles Mason, who was in charge of arranging for the party, acted as master of ceremonies.

Rev. E. A. Currey showed moving pictures and a string sextet gave several selections. In the sextet were Ted Hanson, Elmer Smith, Rudolph Spierboegel, Ray Agnew and Charles Mason.

Santa Claus—Bill Coleman—was busy as he presented 50 pairs of slippers as Christmas gifts.

A lunch of sandwiches and cake was enjoyed by the visitors and those who live at the Manor.

Donations for the party were as follows: Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E., \$25; Friendly Circle, \$25; Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E., \$25; Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, \$25; Women's Institute, \$10; Y's Men, \$25; United Church W. A., \$10; Ladies' Aid, Presbyterian Church, \$10; Altar Society, St. Joseph's Church, \$10; St. Alban's Church, \$5. A slab cake was donated by Hotehen's Bakery. Donations totalled \$170, expenses totalled \$150. The remainder was given to the Manor.

Ask For Assistance On Shortest Week

Next week is the shortest week of the year, as far as the Free Press staff is concerned, even though it does have the usual seven days. After the long week-end at Christmas, editorial and printing staffs return Monday, and plan a New Year's Eve issue of the paper on Wednesday.

As the work week is shorter by two days, news items and advertisements must again be in early to the office for publication. Advertisers with New Year's greetings or regular sale ads are asked to have their copy in to the Free Press by Monday at noon, and classified advertisements by Tuesday at 4 p.m.

News articles and personals should be in by Tuesday. Correspondents are asked to send in their columns as early as possible.

After the Free Press is issued for New Year's Eve, the office will be closed on New Year's Day and re-open on Friday as usual.

"Merry Christmas to All and to All a Good Night!"