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CARS DESERTED Acton streets as the first heavy snowfall came on Monday, making driving conditions treacherous. No serious accidents occurred in Acton but several were reported in the district with many cars in the ditch on No. 7 highway and cars lined up in an attempt to climb the mountain on No. 25 highway.

MORE THAN 200 HONOR GEO. LESLIE AT WARDEN'S DINNER LAST WEEK

Over 200 past and present officials of Halton county and men and women prominent in the municipal life of the county, attended the annual warden's dinner last Thursday night and joined in honoring George L. Leslie, reeve of Esquesing township and 1953 Warden of the county. The event was held in the Legion Hall, Georgetown, and a delicious and bountiful turkey dinner was served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Georgetown Legion.

The Warden's Dinner in Halton is the one place where all those who are living and have taken a prominent part in municipal affairs are most likely to meet. Like the county, it is getting bigger each year. One hundred used to be the limit and this year that figure was doubled.

Chairman for the program was Le Roy Dale, Q.C. and Rev. Alex J. Calder said grace. On behalf of the town of Georgetown Mayor Jack Armstrong extended a welcome. Guest speaker was Rev. R. K. Cameron of Toronto who was born in Georgetown. Subject of his address was "The Protection of Things We Cherish." Thanks to the speaker was extended by K. R. MacDonald, reeve of Georgetown.

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Year Climaxed In Municipal Dinner

The annual municipal dinner of Acton council officials and their wives was this year held at Hill Top Lodge in Erin on Friday evening last week. It was a delightful informal social evening with a bounteous dinner being served. Mayor and Mrs. Oakes gave real leadership in keeping the sociability and informality of the gathering in an evening that will be remembered as one of the [illegible] municipal years.

It culminated a very successful year in council work and the [illegible] officials were commended [illegible] for their cooperation and [illegible] during the year. The municipal [illegible] were [illegible] by [illegible].

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Christmas Program For Acton Institute

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Councillors, P.U.C. Question Decided

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Council (unopposed): Garfield McGowan 483, Doug. Nelson 452, Douglas Steele 448, Harry Hall 397, Willis Gray 279, Thomas J. Lyons 263, D. Wallace 212, W. O. Brownridge 88.

Hydro commissioner (one elected): Edwin Buckley 326, Don Bierage 281.

Election of public school board by general vote instead of by wards: Yes 481, No 94.

Lawn Bowling Club Meets on Monday

At a meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Rogers on Monday, December 14, the Acton Lawn Bowling club decided to hold a bridge and euchre in February.

Committees were chosen. The president, Harry Rogers, presided.

Christmas Story In Song, Readings

The Friendly Circle held its Christmas meeting on Wednesday, December 9 in the Sunday school room of Acton United church with president Mrs. Jean McPhail in charge. The report of the previous meeting was read. The business of the evening included a donation to be sent to the W.M.S. and six girls volunteered to decorate the trees at the church.

The Christmas story was told in song, scripture and readings and was conducted by the executive. The carol "The First Noel" was sung and the story of the Annunciation and the message as told to the shepherds was read from the Bible by Mrs. Edith Jennings.

A Christmas poem entitled "The Inn Keeper" was read by Mrs. Helen Little. The story of the shepherds was read by Mrs. Helen Hutorf. Another reading was given by Mrs. Joan Hollinger.

Miss Bennett closed the service with prayer and the carol "Silent Night" was sung. A solo "The Gift" was sung by Miss Dorothy Simmons.

The executive then presented a skit which was a representation of the first meeting of the Friendly Circle.

A pot luck supper of salads, sandwiches, cookies and candy brought this enjoyable evening to a close.

Chairman is Host At Final Meeting

Members of North Halton High School District Board and principals of the schools were guests last evening of Chairman N. L. Parkett at a delightful dinner at the Milton Inn. The meeting was the final one of the Board for the year and former principal Marcellus and Howard Hill of the Bank of Nova Scotia were also present. It proved a fine culmination for the busiest year in the history of the Board. All the members except Mr. Geo. Brown were present.

In the meeting which followed the dinner, correspondence was read from the architects regarding the purchase of hardware for the new building. A tender of $1,622 was accepted for the hardware at the Georgetown addition.

The secretary reported that Inspector Shaw had supplied him with the average attendance at the public school and that next year Georgetown would have the appointment of an additional member rather than Esquesing.

The secretary of the salary committee of the teachers wrote expressing appreciation of the Board's increases as requested and the Georgetown principal and teachers also wrote appreciatively of the increases granted.

W. Coon, chairman of the building committee, reported on the purchase of furniture for teachers' and Board room and principal's office. He felt very suitable equipment had been secured at satisfactory prices. All prices were well below the budget allowance.

Accounts passed amounted to $16,162.40 for the past month.

The secretary submitted [illegible] Board [illegible] same levy from the municipalities as requested [illegible] amounts.

A discussion followed [illegible] M. [illegible] supplies.

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Storm Stalls Traffic In Heavy Snow

2,400,000 Seals Sent Out in Halton

Past and future plans are being considered this month by the Halton County Tuberculosis and Health Association, as they once again ask assistance in the fight against tuberculosis.

"This year we sent out 12,000 letters with Christmas seals," said Mrs. M. E. Lunau, secretary of the Association, "and we urge everyone who has received seals to contribute to the work they represent."

The Association was asked by members of the I.O.D.E. in the task of making the 12,000 letters, each of which contained 200 seals to decorate Christmas parcels and letters.

The money raised in the annual campaign is used in a variety of ways. It contributed to the mobile X-ray clinic that visited the Georgetown area a year ago and revealed nine persons were suffering from tuberculosis. These nine are now receiving treatment in sanatoria.

A six-bed ward in the children's ward of the new Holbrook Pavilion at Hamilton's Mountain Sanatorium is maintained by the Halton Association. The Association also provides clothing for needy persons when they are discharged from the sanatorium.

Other work made possible by Christmas seal sales is the setting up of clinics for diagnosis of TB. There is also a pre-employment X-ray program in operation which provides chest X-rays for persons seeking jobs in industry before they start work.

The Association also provides materials for sanatoria patients who wish to do handicraft work while in the San.

A motion picture projector will soon be received by the Association for educational work in the county. This projector will be used to tell the facts about tuberculosis in school, club and at other gatherings throughout the county.

Draw For Turkeys At Annual Bingo

Ten turkeys were drawn for Friday evening at the Y's Men's club annual turkey draw and bingo. The event was held in the town hall with Ed Footitt and B. E. Benson announcing the game and calling the numbers.

About 175 enjoyed bingo, two turkeys were also won there for prize game.

Winners of the turkeys were: Chas. Parker, Garfield McFadden, Bill Darby, B. Schneider, D. Clark, Mrs. Chris Swackhamer, Bob Rumsey, H. R. Foore, Mrs. Bertha Kitchor all of Acton, and F. E. Hardy of Lindsay.

Santa, Candy After Scholars' Dinner

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Officers Installed At Christmas Meet

The Senior Auxiliary Women's Missionary Society of Knox Presbyterian church had as its Christmas theme, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem." The meeting held in the manse opened by the president reading a Christmas poem.

Mrs. Macpherson and Mrs. Beaton had the worship service which consisted of the reading of Luke 2 and Isaiah 9: 6, 7, prayer, two carols and the story of Christmas from Peter Marshall's book and the reciting of the Apostles' Creed.

Instead of a missionary play, Ann and I. Carey story of "The Man Who Owned the Stable" was read.

Using the impressive service outlined by the W.M.S. executive, the Presbyterian church Rev. W. H. Armstrong installed the new officers for 1954. He then welcomed all to the manse, thanked all for the work they are doing and hoped that next year more still would be interested in the work of mission.

Monthly and annual reports of the respective secretaries were read. An invitation to attend the year's closing of Mission Band and Explorer groups on December 21 was received.

After thanking all for their cooperation throughout the year and extending greetings for the new, the president asked Rev. Armstrong to close the meeting.

A real Christmas lunch was provided and all enjoyed the social hour.

Watch That Tree !

The fire chief has warned that the festive season may be marred by a disastrous fire caused by defective wiring or carelessness in arranging Christmas decorations.

Make sure your Christmas tree is securely placed; that circuits are not overloaded; that the wiring is safe; that extension cords are not run under rugs or where they may be tripped over. Don't leave tissue paper or other wrappings where they might catch fire from a cigarette and blaze within seconds into a tragedy.

Don't leave tree lights on when no one is home.

Make it a happy—and safe—Christmas.

Silvercreek Crash Due to Bad Road

Silver Creek hill on No. 7 highway was the scene of an accident involving a pick-up truck driven by John Kazanoff, RR 1 George town and Stewart Richardson, RR 2 Rockwood, on Monday as road conditions worsened from heavy falling snow.

The Kazanoff car was driving up the hill and had reached the top when it was struck by the Richardson car. The Kazanoff car came to rest in the ditch.

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Yuletide Customs Abroad Told Group

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SNOWFALL BRINGS CHRISTMAS SPIRIT SALE OF TREES BRISK; MAIL HEAVY

Acton looked like a Christmas card Monday and the Christmas spirit seemed to arrive with the snowstorm. A white Christmas was no longer a dream—it will be a reality if the cold weather lasts.

Blue Monday was white Monday this week and although the initial impression was one of delight many were in a different mood by the time the day was over. Traffic crawled, many were sick.

Dozens of cars were held up on the Milton mountain on the hill at Rockwood. Cars which had skidded into the ditch and could not be dug out left drivers a little short of the spirit of forever joyality.

Snow was still blowing when the street lights came on in Acton. The colored lights strung across Mill and Main made a delightful blurred pattern—but beneath them cars were still skidding and slipping despite a cautious rate of speed.

Fortunately, the police report no serious accidents in town during the storm. One car was damaged when it smashed into a telephone pole near town.

The taxis were busy with fares short distances in town and out into the country.

As usual, the school creek was about the most beautiful spot in town as it always is after a snowfall. The trees sparkled above the water as the children trooped to and fro, delighting in the new plaything that blanketed the ground.

Post office employees reported that Monday was very quiet as few ventured out in the stinging snow, but by Wednesday the volume of mail had increased vastly. Evidently the nearness of Christmas was impressed on townsfolk by the snow, for although postmaster Frank Terry had said Monday that sale of two cent stamps and volume of two-cent stamped envelopes being mailed wasn't nearly as great as it should be just a little over a week before Christmas, by Wednesday the post office was buzzing with activity. Extra help is assisting in transferring greeting cards from friend to friend and a third wicket is open to speed the mailing.

Acton streets were all plowed by Monday evening but drivers have had to be cautious all week.

Christmas displays in the local stores are enticing and business is brisk. Many Christmas cards and packages of wrapping paper have been purchased to wrap the toys, perfumes, sweaters, tools, candles, vases, lamps, appliances and all the other presents bought in Acton stores.

Sale of Christmas trees in the lot by the Free Press office is steady, with the Y's Men taking turns as salesmen.

A giant Christmas tree has again been erected by the post office, where, inside, best wishes fill mail bag after mail bag after mail bag, waiting to be loaded on the train or to be briskly sorted and stuffed into waiting local postal boxes.

From windows of homes on all the streets Christmas tree lights and tinsel glimmer. Meetings all week have had Christmas as their theme.

Just a week until Christmas Eve and Acton is anticipating a wonderful white Christmas.

Donation Replaces Exchange of Gifts

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. B. Leitch was hostess to members of Churchill W.A. when 14 members answered the roll call. Mrs. H. Griffin had charge of devotions and Mrs. F. Freeman read a chapter from the W.M.S. study book.

Minutes were read and fees taken by Mrs. Derry and the penny sacks were handed in containing a good donation toward the building fund. Instead of the usual exchange of gifts the ladies donated the money to the same fund.

Mrs. A. Kerr took charge of business and plans were made for the Sunday school supper to be held in Woodside school. Ways and means were discussed for raising money for the new Sunday school room and kitchen under the church.

The officers were all re-elected. Mrs. Leitch and Annie served a tasty lunch.

More Help, Wickets For Christmas Rush

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Mutual Aid Group Meets at Acton

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Christmas Rush

Correspondents are again this week reminded to send their items of news by first class mail until after the New Year. With such a volume of Christmas cards, their letters may miss the deadline for publication otherwise.

Please send them as early in the week as possible—and with a four cent stamp.

Arrangements concerning the extra postage will be made later.

Dutch Ladies Add To Yule Program

The December meeting of Greenock Women's Institute was held on Wednesday, December 9 at the home of Mrs. Chester Allan. A splendid attendance enjoyed a very interesting afternoon, with the president, Miss Elva Pearen, presiding.

The opening Ode, the Mary Stewart Collect and the Lord's Prayer, all in unison, were followed by the roll call, this was answered by suggestions for Christmas supper, which varied from "more turkey" to "Alka Seltzer."

Following the reading of the minutes of the November meeting by the secretary - treasurer, Mrs. McKeown the business was conducted. It was decided to instal another plug in the school to help in preparing lunches for social evenings. Also it was decided to have additions program at the Film Board pictures in the form of contests among the school children in public speaking, reciting, and recitations, in order to help develop talent in young folk as well as induce more people to come out to see these very educational films.

Plans were discussed for ways and means of raising money during the year. [illegible] three [illegible] for an evening during the [illegible]

[illegible] directors' [illegible] in Fergus, [illegible] for the [illegible] to be held in [illegible] of the [illegible] Hillsburgh. [illegible] program planned.

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A reading "Where [illegible]" was given by Mrs. [illegible]. The topic "[illegible]" was given by Mrs. Vye [illegible]. Dutch ladies. Four of the Dutch ladies then sang "The Angels Sing" and "Silent Night" in the Dutch language.

A contest of jumbled letters, each group of letters spelling a word in the Christmas story was won by Mrs. Hugh Reid. A demonstration of Christmas table decorations was put on by Miss Elva Pearen. One of these included a glass cutter which had been given her grandparents in 1887. This was loaded with tiny parcels and Santa himself drove his reindeer over the snow.

The singing of the Queen was followed by an exchange of gifts and a very delicious lunch was served by the hostess and her assistants.

People died yesterday who would have been alive today if a driver somewhere had practiced the little courtesies, the small cautions, that add up to the habit of safety. For safety isn't coming out of a crisis successfully, it's making sure the crisis never happens.

Serious Damage In Car-Truck Accident

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A second accident [illegible] driven by Paul Webb [illegible] with [illegible] driven by James Scott [illegible].

Lost Dog Found

Well pleased with his three line, 35 cent ad in last week's Free Press was a local man who advertised his dog was lost. By four o'clock on Thursday afternoon he had received a phone call, driven to the place where his dog had been found and returned home with his beagle puppy.

This is one of the many cases which proves—it pays to advertise.

WARDEN GEORGE LESLIE was honored at the annual Warden's dinner held in Georgetown on Thursday of last week when county officials gathered for the event attended by about 200.