Attendance, Other Awards at Concert

Santa Claus, busy with many engagements at this time of year, included St. Alban's church scholars in his visits and arrived to climax the Sunday school concert held Thursday in the parish hall. About 100 parents and children attended.

The children had prepared numbers for the program under the direction of their Sunday school teachers. They also sang carols and enjoyed a moving picture, "Hansel and Gretel."

A Christmas tree decorated the parish hall for the concert. Rev. R. Price acted as master of ceremonies.

Santa brought oranges and candy to the pupils at the conclusion of the program.

Awards and prizes for attendance were presented by Rev. Price.

Those who missed not more than one or two Sundays — senior class, Frances Oakes, Peggy Oakes; junior classes: Mrs. Newton's class, Barbara Ware, Faye and Robina Sagaskie; Carolyn Oakes' class, Danny Holmes, Leslie Jones, Cliff Sutton's class, Laurie Duby, Don Cook, Wayne Ridley, Stewart McDonald.

Primary, J. H. Price's class, David Hargrave, Peter Taylor; George Hargrave's class, George Ware, John Leatherland, Jim McDonald; Shirley Fryer's class, Leslie Duby, Carolyn Cook, Catharine Higgins.

In the beginners' group, 36 won attendance awards.

Special prizes for the best all-round pupil in each class were won by Peggy Oakes, Danny Holmes, Dianne Newton, Laurie Duby, Ted Moyse, Gail Patrick, Carolyn Cook and Susan Wilson.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ONE AND ALL
Seasons Greetings
Grace Logan
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Our Sincere Good Wishes for the Happiest of Christmasses and for a New Year of Health and Prosperity.
The Rachlins

BALLINAFAD

Families Attend Institute Social

The Women's Institute held a social evening in the Hall on Tuesday evening when the Institute members and their families attended.

At the close of the evening, a bag of candies and oranges was given to each child. Each member brought a gift for the girls at Cedarvale school at Georgetown.

Hold Yule Services

A Christmas service was held on Sunday morning in the church and a candlelight service in the evening. Mrs. Colton as chairlady. Mrs. Baker, Miss Hilts and Elizabeth Gibson brought the messages of Christmas. Mr. Russ played an organ solo and Janice Baker a solo. Brock Robinson brought a message from the mission band.

Jimmy Kirkwood showed pictures of Christ's birth and all joined in singing the Christmas carols. Mr. Russ closed the meeting with prayer.

Extend Sympathy

The sympathy of the community goes to Miss Maud Young and Mrs. Norman, in their bereavement in the passing of their sister, Miss Janet Young.

Your correspondent wishes a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the editor and staff of the Acton Free Press.

Ontario boasts the most telephones per population of any Canadian province. The figure is something better than 30 telephones per 100 persons.

LIMEHOUSE

Gifts Presented To August Spitzers

A pleasant social time was spent in the hall on Saturday evening when those who could brave the elements gathered to present gifts and good wishes to the August Spitzer's, who have recently moved to Georgetown.

Jack Roughley was chairman and Mesdames Frank Brown and James Noble made the presentation of a living room lamp, shelf table, and bronze book ends. A few games of euchre and cribbage were played and the Karn's provided music for dancing.

Mr. Ronald W. Mitchell of New Zealand, at present a student at the School of Chiropractic, Davenport, Iowa, is spending his Christmas holidays with his uncle, Wm. Mitchell. Miss Doris Mitchell was also home from Toronto during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Mills have arrived safely in Daytona Beach, Florida, for the remainder of the winter. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mills and family have taken up residence in their parents' home in the meantime, having sold their house in Streetsville.

Mr. A. C. Bourne is home from Trinity College for the Christmas holidays.

Christmas services were observed at Limehouse Presbyterian church on Sunday. Mrs James Kirkpatrick and Miss Muriel Appleyard sang solos.

We wish the editor and staff of the Acton Free Press a very merry Christmas.

First Christmas Party Held in Roxy

About 150 children of employees of the Wool Combing Corporation and 50 adults gathered Saturday morning in the Roxy theatre for their first Christmas party, which it is hoped will become an annual event. The party was sponsored by both the company and the union.

Jack Smith, union president, acted as master of ceremonies. The youngsters enjoyed children's films with chocolate bars and ice cream at intermission.

Mr. Knox spoke briefly and conducted a draw. Bill Churchill of Acton was announced as winner of a turkey and Mr. Sargent of Eden Mills, of a chicken.

Santa Claus arrived and handed out about 150 bountiful stockings and gifts. Names were called by union secretary Mrs. Janet Wilds and the youngsters were given stockings of candy and toys; the younger ones received pyjamas and the older children sweat shirts.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Dance, Milton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Merina Elizabeth, to Earl Dane McCoy, son of Mrs. McCoy and the late Mr. William McCoy of Acton. The marriage to take place on Saturday, January 23rd, 1954 at 3.00 o'clock in Grace Anglican Church, Milton. b

CHURCHES MARK CHRISTMAS SUNDAY WITH CAROLS, CANDLE LIGHTING

The Christmas season is a time for especially impressive services in all of Acton's churches. In the Protestant churches, last Sunday was devoted to the story of the birth of Christ, timely messages, more extensive participation of choirs in the worship services and the singing of favorite Christmas hymns and carols.

Some of these churches are also holding Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.

In St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church, midnight Mass is being celebrated tonight and two Masses on Christmas morning.

A Christmas candlelighting service was held at St. Alban's Anglican church last Sunday evening. On the altar were 13 candles, one large candle in the centre and six smaller ones at each side. The large one alone, the "Christ candle," was lighted at the beginning of the ceremony. During the ages a burning candle has represented to many people the person, power and light of Jesus Christ. He is the light in a world of darkness.

The light which radiated from Him passed into His disciples represented by the additional 12 candles. Rev. Price, Vic Bristow and Les Duby carried the light to these candles.

The Apostles made the connecting link to Christian disciples of all times and now the responsibility of lightening the way of Christian faith has fallen to us. Representing this, the light from the 12 candles was carried out into the church or the world.

The choir then processed singing "Silent Night" to conclude the impressive and solemn ceremony.

Carols and anthems by the senior and junior choirs, a solo by Garnet Rose and duet by Peggy and Frances Oakes were given, interspersed with scripture lessons of the Christmas story.

The congregation joined in the opening, offertory and recessional hymns.

The Christmas story and Christmas hymns were also included in the morning service at St. Alban's. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services are also being held in the church.

The Christmas story in sacred art was shown on slides by Rev. E. A. Currey at the United church last Sunday evening. The service was held in the decorated Sunday school room.

Two duets were sung by Miss Dorothy Summons and Mrs. B. Veldhuis.

Christmas was the theme of the morning service as well, when Rev. Currey addressed the large congregation in the church on "Wise Men Still Worship."

The choir sang two anthems, Mrs. R. Robbins a solo and Miss Summons and Mrs. Veldhuis a duet. The hymns and scripture also highlighted Christmas.

Two decorated Christmas trees had been placed in the church for the Christmas services.

"The Christ of Christmas" was the topic chosen by pastor Ray Costerus for his sermon in Acton Baptist church Christmas Sunday morning. In the evening, he spoke on "The Word Became Flesh." Choir selections, solo by Mary Reid and trios of Faye Garner, Helen Landsborough and Mary Reid were accompanied by Charles Landsborough.

A carol service preceded the regular evening service.

Members of the Baptist congregation hope to sing carols through the town tonight (Christmas Eve) if weather permits.

Christmas carols, played by Ted Hansen on the organ, were amplified from Knox Presbyterian church on Christmas Sunday before both the morning and evening services. These carols rang out over Acton as hundreds went to worship at the church of their faith.

Special Christmas music had been prepared by Knox church choir and Mr. Hansen for the special services. In the morning there were Christmas anthems; in the evening a completely musical service with the congregation joining in carols and hymns.

In his sermon in the morning, Rev. Armstrong explained what Christmas meant to different people. To the shepherds Christ's birth meant wonder, he said, to the wise men, it meant gratitude and to Simeon and Anna, hope.

Both services were well attended.

ORTON

Combined Concert Of Church, School

A combined concert of S.S. No. 2 Esa and St. John's Sunday school was held in the church on Friday evening. A good attendance was well entertained with choruses, piano solos, duets, etc.

The presenting of diplomas for good attendance and a visit from Santa with a treat for all the children brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

Offering for Korea

Services in St. John's church, Orton were conducted on Sunday by Rev. Erla Currey when a choir of boys and girls sang several carols. Then David and Marybeth Hooper pulled a wagon with a small decorated Christmas tree to the front of the church. All the children placed their offering envelopes for Korean relief on the tree.

Miss H[illegible] and Master Ray F[illegible] of Burg[illegible] spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Ken S[illegible] and family.

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Trucks in Collision $100 Damage Each

Two trucks were in collision on a curve just west of Speyside last Friday, December 18 at 10.45 a.m. A Stevens truck driven by John Dredge of R.R. 1 Acton was travelling west and approaching the bend when it was in collision with a pick-up truck driven by Ernest Zuest of R.R. 6 Milton which was rounding the curve travelling east.

Damage to each vehicle was estimated at $100.

THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF
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wish all their friends and customers a

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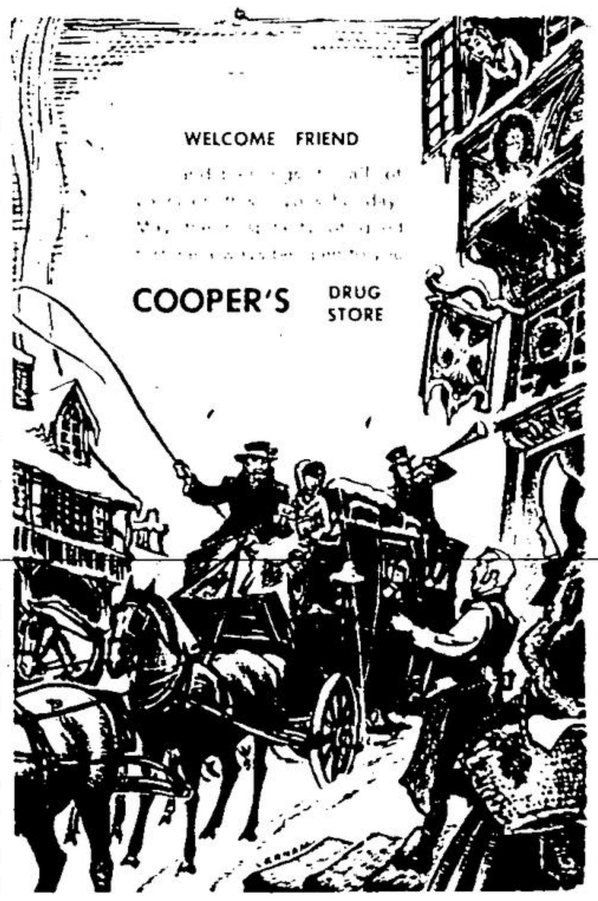
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

PROCLAMATION
By order of Council
I hereby proclaim
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26th
AS BOXING DAY
and request that all citizens observe that day as such
F. G. OAKES, Mayor

Christmas Greetings
from
The Acton Ministerial Association
AT THIS SACRED CHRISTMAS TIME [illegible] the Acton Ministerial Association wish to send our greetings to all those in this community and district.
HAVING IN REMEMBRANCE [illegible] past year [illegible] that we have been able to serve the Christ whose birthday we now celebrate with joy and [illegible] taken form [illegible] opportunities presented for Christian work and service. We have [illegible] fellowship [illegible] in this community.
BUT LOOKING TO THE FUTURE we [illegible] together [illegible] serve him and his [illegible]
MAY YOU HAVE A JOYFUL AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS
MAY THE BABE OF BETHLEHEM BRING
YOU HIS PEACE AND JOY
"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." St. Luke 2: 11.
R. H. ARMSTRONG, Minister, Knox Presbyterian Church
R. H. COSTERUS, Pastor, Acton Baptist Church
E. A. CURREY, Minister, Acton United Church
R. E. PRICE, Rector, St. Alban's Church

Season's Greetings
[illegible] Christmas [illegible] this [illegible] friends [illegible] our sincerest gratitude [illegible] the confidence you bring you [illegible] parcels of [illegible] and [illegible] cheer
Hotchen's Bakery