

### Ocean Voyage From Holland For Santa Claus

In Holland, Saint Nicholas arrives about a month before Christmas and he leaves gifts for the children on December 5. Christmas Day there is traditionally a religious observance.

So, this year, the Dutch Santa Claus has already called on new Canadian families of Dutch origin in the district. In Acton and in the district, young bilingual tots put their shoes in front of the fireplace last Sunday night—and the Dutch Saint Nicholas proved an ocean trip is no problem!

In Holland, the day that Sinterklaas and Zwart Piet arrive "from Spain" by boat is very festive. There are crowds on the streets in every city and towns hold a parade to honor the old saint. He is dressed as a bishop and walks with the aid of a staff. Black Peter carries a sack of presents.

Since the children here who remember the excitement of an early-December Christmas in Europe missed seeing Sinterklaas himself this year, Rev. R. Groenboer hopes to have him arrive in Acton next year just as Santa Claus arrives normally at dozens of Christmas parties. He is sending to Holland for costumes.

The mayor of Amsterdam and the Queen of the Netherlands and her daughters are among those who greet the old saint when he arrives there.

On Christmas there are three church services, two on December 25 and one the following day. In Holland, New Year's Eve is called Old Year's Eve and is also observed with church services.

The Ladies' Aid of the Christian Reformed church here held their bazaar last week-end so last minute Christmas shopping could be done by the many families who still observe the traditions of their former homeland.

### Deal Expected Completed Soon On 7500 Acres

The 7,500 acre land deal in Trafalgar township north of the Dundas highway is in the major portions, virtually completed.

The main deal, for some 3,000 acres lying between the Ninth and Tenth Lines, and running north from the Dundas Highway to Number Five side road, has been practically completed by the two real estate companies involved.

The two companies, Duern and Terryberry and Roger-Hill, were commissioned by a Canadian syndicate to purchase the 3,000 odd acres. Contrary to erroneous reports, the huge deal will include industrial as well as residential development.

Herbert Duern of Duern and Terryberry, stated the syndicate will comply fully with Trafalgar township requirements that 40 per cent of the total assessment be industrial. He could not say when construction would begin. There is a belief in some quarters, the land was purchased to hold until such time as construction is warranted.

Real estate experts point out the strategic location of the property, lying between the Queen Elizabeth highway and the proposed new highway, will run through the north part of the township and its proximity to the C.N.R. railroad line at Hornby.

Both firms pointed out that several other operators are working fast to tie up properties lying to the west of the 3,000 main acres. In all, an estimated 7,500 acres is under consideration.



WARDEN R. SHANNON was host last week to county officials and guests at the annual Warden's Dinner in Burlington.

### Burlington Vote Sees Different Election System

Burlington electors Monday gave no uncertain mandate to the proposed by-law to determine the composition of the municipal council and the manner of its election, when the plebiscite carried by a majority vote of 1,037. Total vote was for the by-law 1,164 against 127.

The proposed by-law will mean that the mayor, reeve and deputy-reeve will in future be elected by the vote at large and one councillor will be elected to represent each of six wards, the total percentage of council to be nine as at present.

Reeve Robert H. Shannon was re-elected reeve by a majority of 41 over his opponent, Frank Whitaker, a member of this year's council.

George Albert Kerr, a Hamilton lawyer, a newcomer to Burlington municipal politics, headed the polls for councillor with 896 votes. Another newcomer to the municipal field this year, Harry Foster Allen, came second with 883 votes. Others elected to serve on the 1956 council were: William Hewitt, 786; Frank G. Darton, 736; Hugh C. Elsom, 735 and Harry A. Cozens, 103. William Hewitt and Frank Darton are members of this year's council. Hugh Elsom has had previous experience on council.

Unsuccessful candidates in order of their standing were: John B. Wiseman, 651; William MacFarlane, 529; George D. Johnson, 403; Gordon E. Rusby, 379 and James Waunsley, 375.

Mayor E. W. Smith had been given an acclamation for his sixth term as mayor and 21st term consecutively on municipal council. Fred C. Atkinson had been re-elected deputy-reeve by acclamation and all members of the School Board and Public Utilities Commission had been given acclamations.

Out of a possible 4,948 electors, about 25 per cent exercised their franchise. Last year it was 17 per cent. The highest percentage of vote was polled in ward three with 45 per cent of the electors marking their ballots.

The first export of natural gas from Canada occurred in 1891 when surplus gas from wells near Port Colborne, Ont., was piped to the city of Buffalo, N.Y.

More than two out of three families in Canada own their own homes.

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### New Tales

Council took time out for a loud chuckle Monday night at the tale circulated about one of the town employees at the recent firemen's ball.

Seems the employee in question discovered an only-somewhat dusty set of men's formal dress in a trash-laden one regular garbage collection day, plucked the garment out, had it cleaned for \$1.54, then wore the good-as-new tails to the firemen's ball.

### Old West Is Theme For Men's Bazaar

Last Saturday afternoon Luxton Memorial Hall was the scene of the first Men's Fun Fair and Tea in the history of Acton. It was produced by the St. Alban's Chapter of the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen.

The hall was decorated in the style of the old west for the occasion. At the entrance was a corral fence appropriately hung with harness and saddles. On the stage was a sulky cart (1890 style) complete with harness. Welcoming visitors and guarding the whole show was a "rotting" looking sheriff of the old west, Six Gun Pete, Charles Cuts.

The handicrafts booth was ably presided over by Indian Chiefs Ugh (Cyril Taylor) and How (George Lee). They traded wampum for leather work and woodcrafts made on the reservation. The Bachelor's Bakery looked after by Dave Spicer did a rushing business. A good deal of the goods were baked by Mr. Spicer.

Vis Bristol was in charge of fishing down by the creek. Les Dubsy, the "cookie" in the chuck wagon kept the "ranch" well supplied with hot dogs and hamburgers. The "Chuck-a-luck table" and disposal plant (rummage) were in the capable hands of that ole cowpoke, Brian Evans.

Downstairs, tea was served by the pipe smoking Sky Pilot, Rev. Evan Jones, William Barrett and George Hargrave. Getting dish pans and kitchen ware, Cliff Taylor and Ken Thomson. Fred Kingsmill did a fine job of selling tea tickets at the door.

In spite of the inclement weather a goodly number of neighbors came out curious, perhaps. The door prize was donated by Cliff Bradley and was won by Mrs. Doris Creamer. Prizes for estimating the weight of a cake baked by Mr. Spicer were won by Mr. Massey and Mrs. George Fountain.

The men hope to see their friends at a similar affair next year.



The absence of Cub News the last few weeks is no indication of the activities of the Cubs.

All 67 boys in the two cub packs are well into their first star work and have all completed their Tenderpad tests.

Competition in A Pack came to an end last Thursday night with only three points separating the four Sixes. The Yellow Six emerged winners with 106 points, shading out the Red and White Sixes who had 104 each. One point back of these two Sixes was the Tawny with 103. A new competition will begin in January.

At last Tuesday's meeting of B Pack the Yellow Six edged out the White Six by two points in the six competitions. The Yellows finished with 98 points, the Whites 96. Red and Tawny finished third and fourth with 92 and 85 points respectively.

Both A and B Packs' instruction last week was on the First Star knot, on which a competitive knot relay was run.

—Murray Scoyne, Akela.

### Ladies' Aid Hold First Bazaar in Y

The Ladies' Aid of the Christian Reformed Church held their first bazaar in the Y.M.C.A. on Friday evening with a large crowd, both Dutch and English speaking, in attendance. Financial results were most gratifying. The ladies' aim is eventually to equip a kitchen when the congregation builds its church.

The bazaar was a family affair with attraction for everyone. Clothing, livestock and specialty articles were sold in the gymnasium of the Y while many enjoyed games. Downstairs, refreshments were served.

Mrs. W. Klooster of Ospringe won the Christmas cake. Two dolls were to be prizes for the persons who could guess their names but no one was successful and the dolls were auctioned. The girl was given an English name—Jacqueline—while the boy had a Dutch name.

Clarence Kamminga of R.R. 4, Acton, had the closest guess of the weight of a live rooster and chicken and won them. Mrs. Jack Koelner of R.R. 3, Acton, won a cut of meat.

### Christmas Theme For C.W.L. Bazaar

Despite unfavorable weather conditions, the annual bazaar of the Catholic Women's League was an outstanding success financially. Winners of the various draws were lamp, Mrs. H. Phelan, Acton; kindergarten set, Rino Binotti, Guelph; aluminum tray, Mrs. C. McColl, Acton and Christmas cake, Mrs. A. White, Acton.

In charge of the apron and fancy goods table were Mrs. Theo Papillon, Mrs. B. Drew, Mrs. W. Duval Sr. and Mrs. A. Papillon. The tea was convoked by Mrs. C. McColl, with Mrs. Charles Watson pouring. Mrs. M. McMillan, Mrs. H. Coles and Mrs. E. Marks were in charge of the baking table and Mrs. Lawrence Gibbons and Miss Julie Lesniewich looked after the candy sale.

The event was held in the church hall, which was appropriately decorated in Christmas theme.

### Young Acton-Skaters In Guelph Ice Show

Acton skaters' are to be among those taking part in the Guelph College Figure Skating Club Ice Show in Guelph between Christmas and New Year's. The show will feature world champions, Canadian champions and Olympic aspirants, Frances Dufor and Norris Bawden are the world champions who will be skating, champion who will be skating their program they intend to use in representing Canada at the Olympic competitions in Italy this winter.

The Canadian dance champions, Johnson and Johnson, who are leaving for the world championship competitions in Austria shortly, will also be in the show. Other outstanding visiting stars are also scheduled to appear.

Acton members of the club who are taking part in the show are Betty Garner, Jo Anne Force, Marilyn Young, Donna Ledger, Gail Dobbie, Elizabeth Force, Faye Garner and Mary Jane Force.

### PERSONALS

Mr. Peter Hills is spending the winter months in Erin.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Elliott and David of Cookeville visited with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hinton, Lake Ave., on Sunday.

People buy the Free Press to read and read the Free Press to buy.



It is hoped by the time you read this the new building will be started. We have also received a very nice contribution from the Cribbage League towards the building fund. It was very much appreciated.

The regular December meeting will be postponed one week due to the election in town. It will be held Monday, December 19 at 9 p.m.

Eachre results: first, E. Landing; second, Danny Kidd; third, Frank Fowke; fourth, Fred Mellor.

Cribbage results: Eden Mills 20, Legion 12; Station Hotel 19, Tiger Cats 13; Ramblers 18, Union 14.

Standing: Eden Mills and Tiger Cats 11, Ramblers 10, Legion 9, Station Hotel 8, Union 5.

We were sorry to hear that Herb Price was in the hospital. It is hoped he is feeling better and will soon be home.

### OBITUARY

**Mrs. John Symon Dies in Vermont**

Funeral service was held at the Rumley Funeral Home today for the late Mrs. John Symon, who passed away in Barre, Vermont, on Monday, December 5. Flora and John Symon lived in Acton on Main St. for about three years. After Mr. Symon passed away, Mrs. Symon and her grandson John moved to the States.

Mr. and Mrs. Symon lived for many years in Sault Ste. Marie. She was a member of the Anglican church and Rev. E. Jones conducted the funeral service here on Thursday. Interment followed in Fairview cemetery.

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### Bronte Councillor Case Is Adjourned

In the Supreme Court in Milton on Wednesday afternoon of last week, the Honorable Mr. Justice Smith adjourned until January, the hearing of the case brought by Bronte Councillor Davidson against Reeve Millward for \$10,000 damages for allegedly requiring Councillor Davidson to vacate the council chambers on August 15.

The adjournment was made at the urgent request of Mr. F. O. Gallagher, counsel for Mr. Davidson and after strenuous objections by Mr. Brewin, counsel for Reeve Millward. Mr. Brewin claimed that the adjournment was sought merely as a pretext for delay.

Later Mr. Brewin stated that from remarks made to him by Mr. Gallagher, he was convinced that the adjournment had been obtained by Mr. Gallagher solely so as to enable the plaintiff to run away from having the true facts exposed at the trial before the municipal election in which both Councillor Davidson and Reeve Millward were candidates.

Mr. Brewin said that the trial would have costed Reeve Millward more than the case against him, was utterly without foundation and had been brought solely to harass the Reeve in carrying on his municipal duties and for political reasons.

**TIPS ON CAKE**

If your Christmas cake appears dry, place cut orange alongside the tin for moist atmosphere. Remove or replace the half orange in a week's time to prevent mold as it will cause a tin of water on oven shelf when baking cake to keep it moist.

### Notice

TAKE NOTICE THAT—

1. The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Acton intends to acquire as a Local Improvement, Watermain extension on (a) Elizabeth Drive from Main Street to the south limit of plan no. 605 with a connection to the existing main approximately 200 feet west on Main Street.

(b) On Nelson Court from the South limit of lot 18 to the North limit of the Street.

(c) On Blackham Street from the South limit of lot 25 to Elizabeth Drive.

(d) On Tyler Avenue from Elmore Drive to Elizabeth Drive.

(e) On Jeffrey Avenue from Elmore Drive to Elizabeth Drive.

(f) On Tildy Avenue from Elmore Drive to Elizabeth Drive.

(g) On Elmore Drive from Elizabeth Drive to the North limit of Parcel "G" and (h) Connecting for the "Lands Now Under Lease" but not subdivided.

2. The estimated cost of the work is \$77,871.52, of which \$25,990.53 is the Corporation's share. The estimated cost per foot frontage is \$3,820, including interest. The special assessment is to be paid in fifteen equal annual installments and the estimated annual rate per foot frontage is 25.5c.

3. Application will be made by the Corporation to the Ontario Municipal Board for its approval of the undertaking of the said work and any owner may within 21 days of the first publication of this notice, file with the Board his objections to the said work being undertaken.

4. The said Board may approve of the said work being undertaken but before doing so, it may appoint the time and place, when any objection to the said work will be considered.

Dated at Acton, this Twenty-first day of November, 1955.

MURRAY SCOYNE, Clerk, Corporation of the Town of Acton.

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