# For Christmas Rush

put into working order at the post office Thursday - just too late to help with the annual deluge of Christmas mail. By then, almost all

Althoguh letters must be stacked and fed correctly into the machine by hand and taken away from the other side, the machine will save hours of time at the post office by eliminating much of the hand

### Santa Hands Out Randy Lidkea. 27 Mystery Gifts

Santa Claus jingled down Mill St. Saturday-the day before Christthe special "mystery prizes."

Saturday's lucky winner was H. Kaminga who held a 10 per cent. coupon and was, in addition, able to identify the merchant of the week. Total of \$19.58 was thus won.

Also called, but not answering, were Frank Fowke and N. Hurst. They will receive merchandise vouchers.

"mystery gifts" from genial Santa. They were: Miss J. Kril, Miss P. Mackie, Mrs. E. Williams, R. Arbic, Mrs. P. Kenney, Mrs. N. Patrick, D. Davidson, Mrs. B. Anderson, Mrs. S. Drew, Mrs. M. Courtney, Mrs. J. R. Davison, F. J. Richardson, Mrs. M. Plester, Mrs. D. Forster, Miss M. Mainprize, Mrs. E. Wensley, Mrs. E. Fryer, Mrs. S. Cripps, Mrs. A. Walker, Mrs. W. Dawkins, Mrs. E. Heffernan, Mrs. M. Storey, Mrs. J Wilds, Mrs. F. Lingard, Mrs. L. Roach, Mrs. H. Yateman, G. H. Rit-

fortunate coupon holder could win nearly \$100.

#### Christmas Weekend Quiet Here – Police

Christmas week-end, with no public scroll. disturbances or accidents reported. on town streets overnight in order school education here. that sanding or snow removal may be carried on efficiently when the on Friday and had to leave again day afternoon was out before fire- | A man from R.R. 1. Campbellweather requires it.

### Machine Too Late Many Carols The new stamping machine was By Candlelight Christmas Eve

the cards for out-of-town had been light, the choir of the United church sang carols ranging from the 12th century to the present day at a special Carols by Candlelight service on Christmas eve. The organist and choir leader, George Elliott,

The junior choir sang the carol Father Brebeuf wrote for the Canadian Indians, Twas in the Moon

mas to take personal charge of Ac- two selections from Handel's Meston merchants' treasure chest draw siah, Sheep May Safely Graze by en six months probation. The inwhere the largest crowd yet flocked Bach, old French and old English cident which led to this charge ocfor a chance at the weekly pot and carols, a Czech carol, organ selec- curred early last Thursday morning

Twenty-seven people received the were in charge of the short program Rev. Father V. J. Morgan anand carols.

About 200 attended each of the a.m. three services on the week-end. The evening service was with-

# Completes Training

Next week's pot is worth \$197. A from the R,C.A.F. for Christmas, mon at the Midnight Mass in spirit of Christmas and sympathetby four to pass the stiff course.

However, police again urge own- year ago last June. He received holy and happy holiday season, ers of cars not to park their vehicles most of his public school and high

Sunday for his new course.

# All-Time Record for New Building

arranged the program.

Rev. Gordon Adams read brief appropriate passages of Scripture. Soloists were Dorothy Simmons, Nancy Lambert, Frank Bean and

tions by Dr. Healey Willan and The Musical Clocks by Haydn,

airplanes and even a pogo stick in school brought their new gifts to the family service at 10 a.m. Christ-

had the news that he has passed his Georgetown and celebrated Mass ic to their plight. course in jet flying at Gimli, Mani- in Acton on Christmas day. Lighttoba, and is being transferred to ed Christmas trees backed a man-the unemployed carpenter, his wife McDonald, Manitoba, for a six-week | ger scene and the altars were es- | and two daughters into the snow. gunnery course. He was one of on- pecially decorated for the Christ- offers of assistance, refuge and

He joined the Air Force just a ers and the citizens of Acton for a er, some \$365 has been donated.

He arrived home for Christmas in the fire on Church St. last Fri- girls.

# Christmas Eve The choir loft glowing in muted ight, the choir of the United church ang carols ranging from the 12th Set This Year--\$1,755,100 Total

#### Disturbance Charge Draws Fine in Court

A brief magistrate's court was held here Wednesday afternoon. There were several dismissals Two charges were dismissed, filed under the Highway Traffic Act, and one other Liquor Control Act

charge was dismissed. An Acton man was convicted on Music during the service included a charge of creating a disturbance. He was fined \$10 and costs and givat a local taxi stand.

### There were guns, tractors, steam shovels, skates, dolls, jewellery, PlanTwoMasses bers of the United Church Sunday For St. Joseph's

Two Masses will be celebrated mas morning. .Mrs. B. Mowat, the in St. Joseph's church each Sunsuperintendent, and Rev. G. Adams da ybeginning New Year's Day, which included the Christmas story nounced on the week-end. Constant overcrowding has necessitat-At the regular morning service ed the new arrangement. The Massthere was Christmas Communion. es will be held at 9.00 and 40.30

Two Masses will also be held each Sunday in Georgetown. Father MacDougall of Guelph celebrated Christmas midnight Mass when St. Joseph's was crowded. Two more Masses were held Christmas morning. Father Morgan's nephew. Father Francis Mor-Pilot Officer Ron Rolston, home gan of Hamilton, preached the sermas season. Special music was Now qualified to fly jet planes as provided by the choir, who also

men could assist.

## The Free Press Wishes All Its Readers Good Fortune

And Sincere Happiness

Throughout 1956

### Pre-Christmas Fire Victims Aided Christmas Day After Newspapers Tell Of Plight

The family of Tom Munt, forced from their small home near Silvercreek last week when fire raged Oakville Man Plans through the structure, destroying it all their furniture and personal belongings, found many with the

Shortly after the blaze forced comfort, poured in.

In Georgetown, businessmen well as the regular type, he is to sang Christmas carols before the started a drive to collect money Local police reported a quiet have an extra set of wings and a Midnight Mass. The pastor extend- for the unfortunate family. Under ed his best wishes to his parishion. the leadership of Rev. Fred Fletch-The Salvation Army, shortly after the blaze, provided clothing -Although an alarm was turned for the father, mother and two

ville, offered his home for the family to take temporary shelter after reading of the fire in this newspaper. However, Mr. Munt had al- Campbellville sideroad on Thursday ion and song by Wendy Bowen, ready accepted an offer from Alex of last week, causing a total of \$350 | Happy Birthday Jesus. Kay Nor-Mitchel, near Ballinafad, to live damage. in some rooms at his home until a

new house is built.

tragedy. Mr. Munt was offered a job in Georgetown by an employer who

radio station. Mr. Fletcher, minister at Zion Tabernacle in Georgetown ers wishing to help the family may do so by sending donations to him or to Mr. Munt.

### Surprise Gathering On 40th Anniversary

A surprise gathering was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson on Friday evening to celebrate their 40th anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson were holding a committee meeting for the -Photo by Hazel Mack Acton Fair Board when nearly 39 CHILD HEALTH CLINIC, sponsored by the Eden Mil's and Eden Crest Women's Institutes, is of high friends arrived about 9.30. A social

# Local Radio Station

Mr. Caine, who is station man-

ager at CKFH, stated financing arrangements for the venture are well Away in a Manger. under way. He said he will make and hopes to appear before the CBC board of gevornors in support of his application in February.

#### Two-Car Collision Causes \$350 Damage

A car driven by Jared Taylor of lehem Star. A trio composed of R.R. 2, Milton, turned onto the high- Mrs. G Bowen, Mrs. R. Brown and In addition to the money, cloth- way from the Campbelville side- Mrs. Reid sang, Glory to God in (\$5,675); October, \$290,000 (\$37,098); ing. furniture and food has been road. A second car proceeding south the Highest. An exercise, Our November, \$18,600, \$(90,000); Decollected from friends - many on No. 25, and driven by Dieter Wishes, was given by the junior cember, \$37,500, (\$18,220). unknown - neighbors and others Claer of Main Street, Milton, skid- class. A recitation by Marie Lorwho heard of the pre-Christmas | ded on the ice and collided with the ette. Sharing Makes Me Glad. rear of the Taylor car.

# heard of the fire over a district Juniors Perform solo, Down from His Glory.

The appearance of a dozen Halton Junior Institute on television on Bowen. party. They had made the film the member of the Sunday school. previous Thursday evening in Tor-

Before the party, three of the group were interviewed separately. the Junior Farmer radio broadcast. value to such district families as the Brunsdon boy, shown here with Halton M.O.H. Dr. A. Bull evening was spent and at lunch Congratulations were in order for while Mrs. Brunsdon holds the youngest. It is feared that lowered attendance at the clinic may force the group, who gave an excellent operator and chauffeur licenses and Halton County undergoing treatit closed. Those in charge have urged mothers to utilize the service to insure its continuance. " were presented to the happy couple, performance in this new medium:

## Three Residential Developments Responsible for Building Upswing

New building in Acton during 1955 set an all-time record. An estimated \$1,755,100 was put in or slated to go into construction here, by far the most of it in residential subdivision developments:

## Burnt in Mon. Fire Firemen were roused from their

swer a call to the Mill St. home of \$250,873 was spent on new or ex-Considerable smoke filled the house but little damage was caused after the blaze was traced to an air foam mattress in a basement room

occupied by a roomer. Some bedding, in addition to the mattress, was damaged.

# Sunday School Program Given

morning service combined.

The opening number, A Christmas Time Welcome, by Tommy Lorette, was followed by a recitat-Howard C. Caine, former Oak- ion by Georgina Wragg, Christmas ville councillor, confirmed a report Recipe. Gloria Albertson recited A that he is going ahead with plans Christmas Prayer. Prayer was offor a radio station to serve this area. | fered and the beginner and primary classes gave an exercise entitled Christmas Quiz and sang-

application for a license to the de lowed by a recitation by Joy this development is now occupied. partment of transport early in 1956, Reid, Little Bed. The Young The Department of Planning and People and intermediate classes Development has approved the plan presented The Angel Song. Bern- of subdivision for a 12-lot resiard Fruehler recited The Secret dential area submitted by E Braida A solo was rendered by Oscar Work is started there and is expect-Broughton.

There was congregational singing during the lifting of the offering. A skit entitled, Christmas Two cars collided near the inter- Sharing, was put on by the intersection of Highway No. 25 and the mediate class. Next was a recitatton recited. The Light of the Bethfollowed. The Christmas Story from Luke was read by Tom Mc-Cutcheon, Mrs. G. Bowen sang a

On TV Christmas titled Guided by a Star. The Receipts for Christmas seals sent Birthday of a King was sung by to householders throughout the

Christmas Day excited friends and Following the program a presrelatives throughout the county, as entation was made to Rev. and Despite this welcome fact, the TB the group laughed and sang Mrs. Reid and presents and bags through a supposedly "impromptu" of candy were distributed to each

#### New Plates

License plates for 1956 will go on resources. The film was shown on the regular sale January 3, and must be pur-

This figure, representing more money spent in Acton on the eree-Mattress and Bedding tion of new homes, extensions to industry and other construction than has ever been spent before in any 12-month period, is \$1,504,200 greater than the building value for beds early Monday morning to an- 1954 when by comparison a paltry

> tended structures. In 1963 building permits issued totalled only \$163,745.

Latest building figures, for December and November, show a total of \$18,600 for the latter month. This month building permits issued total \$37,500, including an approximate \$20,000 permit for an addition to the Canadian Legion here and a \$5,500 permit for Micro Plastics Ltd. where an extension is being built on the south side of the factory.

The housing developments responsible for most of this year's record-breaking building total, the 200-lot Glenlea subdivision and the 240-lot Lakeview subdivision, con-The Christmas program of Acton tinue to spread over their planned Pentecostal Sunday school was sites. At Glenlea, where some 90 held Sunday morning. December houses are completed and most oc-25 with the Sunday school and cupied, work continues despite winter weather. The builders, Bradley and Houghton, are working at the rear section of the develop-

At Lakeview, the builders there are also working through the winter on a block of 32 homes started this fall. Many of these houses are completed and new residents are expected as soon as service in-

stallations are connected. The 14-lot Cobble Hill subdivision Wayne Bowen sang a solo, foll- was completed earlier this year and

ed to continue next year. Breakdown, month by month, for new building in 1955 is as follows, with the comparative figure for the same month in 1954 shown in brack-

January, Nil. (nil.); February, \$7,500 (\$200); March, \$165,000 (\$800); April, \$26,000 (\$7,800); May, \$32,500 (\$60,445); June, \$422,000 (\$24,935); July, \$260,000 (\$2,250); August, \$480,-

### TB Seals Receipts Up 15 Per Cent

the Young People's class. The county by Halton TB Association Junior Farmers and members of the closing verse was given by Mark are running 15 per cent. higher than at the same period last year, president R. F. Bean reported this week. Association president urged all those who had not yet sent in their donation should do so as soon as possible. He explained the organization plans a mass survey in the county next fall and indicated the program would be a heavy drain on

This month the Association dis-Sunday program, Country Calendar, chased by January 31, giving On- tributed Christmas packages to all A recording of part of the pro- tario motorists a month's grace on those from Halton at present in gram was played Saturday noon on their 1955 plates, it was learned this sanatoria. A credit was also deposited in their canteen funds. The same extension applies to There are about 17 person from

#### Acton's Rapid Growth in 1955 Stood Out as Year's Highlight Acton's expension in 1965 was ex- on in the Cobble Hill and Glenlea enture issue to renovate and ex- for Acton H. S. addition; Planning ' Acton gets into the city headlines! June: Acton opposes idea of round over new store hours by-law

tensive and the year saw some subdivision. three new subdivisions - reached ena.

this progress revealed itself to assessment; Chamber of Commerce commented on them in its editor-

tal columns. Here, as 1955 comes to a close, is Free Press:

January: Council's inaugural sescase'; no word yet about decision on number of non-resident pupils mills, up from 1954's 59 mills: Acon finally - completed, annexation at school. . ton to get \$3,860 in unconditional

ion gives Acton 465 additional anniversary celebrations. Month by month through 1955 acres, adding some \$400,000 more

causes \$7,000 damage. sion proves indicative as knotty. Council pessimistic over rising "backward step"; coming of spring subdivision problems cry for at uncontrollable levies as higher renews subdivision problems as ention the deadest at Lakeview, all rate is funcast for '55; C., of building continues: PUC gots disanwhere the first land transaction C set up plan for endorsation of pointing 13th power bill in \$1.155. There are pictures of me

February: New industry revealed school purposes. to move into closed Storey Glove Acton's Planning Board retains P. building, later announced as S. G. A. Deacon as town planner to ina review in summary, of those Smallwood Co. Ltd., manufacturer sure controlled, ordered growth; news, highlights as reported in the of radio and TV components; un. Council protests impending withtraced fire in local hydro shop drawal of OPP officers from towns

troubles crop up, later to entangle charity canvassers here: School deficit. into the worrisome 'Brankiewicz Board notes annexation cost down 1955 tax rate is announced at 73

record-setting advances in the min- ! First five-man P.U.C. for Acton ton Health Unit impresses County works on town plan. utes of municipal progress here, holds inaugural meeting; W. Wolfe Council with need for higher bud-The town's population, assessment named chairman of Acton public get to extend TB preventative war: and boundaries grew at an un- school board; minor hockey league approval received for three-room. equalled rate, and residential swings into action with six teams \$40,000 addition to new Acton building - mainly developed in skating on for openers in the ar- High School; initial 10 houses in Glenlea near completion; local Rotan all-time high in value of con- Long-awaited annexation decis- ary club joins in International 50th cil: 1954 audit report is published:

March: Option announced on 70 Actonians. Elected bodies dealt plans for search of artificial ice acres of Acton land for industrial regularly with the problems and costs and data; services problems purp ses, probable purchaser and provisions for a growing commun. in new subdivisions absorb new present owner not disclosed; yeggs habilitation and extension program ity. And as these problems, dec- council's attention; W. Coon named leave safe-cracking equipment beisions and actions affected local NHHSDB chairman; Urban Board frind in hasty exit from local post ratepayers, the Free Press report. announces plans for Trade. Fair office after burglary attempt fails; ed them in its news columns and display to interest industry in area. Council and School Board make offer to but eight acres for public

with over 2000 population as a

bearings; houses start-to get roofs; P.U.C. announces another dev. provincial grant; plans approved; the year's progress.

. April: Chamber of Commerce organizes poll of groups here for potential support of artificial program: road rehabilitation and sewer work gets attention at Counshowing heavy use of red ink on the summary statement for the year's operations.

P.U.C. estimates some \$40,000 needed to put proposed/ hydro/ reinto reality; C. of C. holds 'civic night' with local councillors answering questions about municipal business; sewer extension to 10-lot Cobble Hill subdivision begins.

Picture Story On Page seven of this issue of the Free Press will be found a picture story on highlights of Acton's progress in 1955 a year of record-setting expansion for this

two huge subdivisions now in progress; a chart showing the town't growth as a result of annexation. and many other views recording

to onganize here. May: Halton municipalities. Acton included, hear Ontario Fuel Board chairman on growing natural gas interest in the area; order to cancel Provincial Police contracts in towns of over 2000 population is stayed: UE mud-slinging increases in town as its efforts to organize blocks. are slowly counteracted.

Fishing Derby proposed for July by Ca of C.: local engineering problems pester council in long session; district artists hold big exhibition here; Chamber of Commerce sponsors Free Press eight-page supplement on "Acton Today", designed for industrial promotion use: Planning Board rules firmly on land dedication disagreement with E

standards for Mill St.

tend the town hydro system; Hal- Board reviews subdivision policy, as a vituperative hassle breaks out selling Milton High School build- with council; Acton high school between council and the Commun- ing to Milton P. S. Board through student saves drowning man from ist - dominated United Electrical NHHSDB; lack of sufficient water Fairy Lake. Workers of America, trying to or storage facilities here is blamed for Urban Board foresees area rich ganize the Smallwood, plant, over loss of water on week-ends; Red- and prosperous in discussion of H.S. council's refusal to rent the UE the led UE is whipped by IUEW (C.I. District Board's future: HEPC town hall; C. Holmes succeeds F. O.-C.C.L.) in fight for Smallwood stashes cost proposal on PUC's re-Crump as Planning Board head; C. plant certification; Daisy Folster habilitation and extension hydro I.O. counters efforts of Red-led UE given party at school in honor of program; council pressed for natural 40 years' teaching here.

Stan Hall re-elected as Halton M. P.: Urban Board reports Trade dollar mark for the first half of the Fair booth a success with many year; work steams ahead at Glenlea contacts made; Planning Board dis- and Lakeview subdivisions; PUC cusses zoning and control prob- taps reserve well in Warren Grove lems; a move by a group of Acton as heat wave causes record water businessmen for a Friday night op- consumption; three - room addition ening by-law gets snared in legal rises at Acton high school.

Council lays down the law that all future subdividers here will bear the cost of services, in residential developments at least; work sumption stays. high as all-time begins on 240-lot Lakeview subdiv - record use for July of 7.100,000 milision; school ends with record enrolment year as 600 romp out for for syncronization on natural gas summer holidays; building activity; bristles in town as new sidewalks

ision next to Giernes. Curther bousing subdivisions until ertw. council sterts action to add to

Urban Board wraps up details for local land use map is ready sum - water storage capacity; two Acton International Trade Fair exhibit; P. mer heat wave starts. as mercury scouts attend World Jambores at U.C. authorizes new metal light climbs into 90-degree region; mer-· chants closer to success in second

al gas franchise by two compenies. Building values pass half million

August: Frank Pallosen named town engineer for Acton and Milton by Urban, Board; water conlons reported; Urban Board tries

Department of Planning and Devare laid, new houses go up daily. elopment puts OK on 12-lot Braids subdivision and small private sub-Braida who proposes 12-lot subdiv- July: Council slaps freeze on any division on old Beardmore prop-

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