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Modern Santa Drops in ...



Crowds Crush Kris ...



A Thousand Kids



Santa's Court in Session ...

## County Council Recommends '57 Review Further Study Agnew Hospital Report

While County Council in regular session Tuesday did not adopt the Agnew hospital report, they did recommend that the 1957 council review the document and obtain additional Departmental information as to the county financing such a program.

The Hospital Committee's report to council is as follows: "The Committee agrees in principle with the Agnew Report with some reservations. A further, more detailed report be made on the Georgetown area. That portion of the report appears to bear more on present finances than hospital needs. If the county financing of hospitals was done on an equitable basis, then the money to be raised would be for Milton \$50,000, Burlington area \$125,000, Oakville area \$214,486. Total \$389,486.

"This is approximately four mills on the 1956 assessment of \$206,000,000, (1) a capital levy on the mill rate, (2) a yearly debenture issue of \$50,000, the limit set out in the Act.

"A capital impost of four mills is not acceptable to the hospital committee, and money certainly would not be to the individual communities.

"On the other hand, a yearly debenture issue of \$50,000 would be of no value at the present time when the money is needed.

"Further information on county financing is being sought so that a firm recommendation may be given council at the earliest possible moment.

Reeve Robert Marshall, Trafalgar, said he understood there had been changes in the Act to lessen the restrictions on county participation in county hospital programs.

**Dangerous Rail Crossings**

The request of council to have four dangerous railway crossings improved by grade separations received a setback when the Board of Transport Commissioners asked for more information, with drawings and costs for the proposed improvements. While the matter was left for the road committee, Reeve Shannon urged the committee to commence the study immediately. "Early this year a department asked for crossing improvements on the Seventh Line, and if this council does not proceed at once, it would be too late to incorporate any plans to be taken care of in the 1957 budget," he stated.

Nelson township council sought council's endorsement of a resolution to have traffic lights installed at the intersection in Nelson village. The request was supported by a petition of 113 names.

## Turkeys Prizes At Club Bingo

The Y's Men's club of Acton held their annual bingo night on Friday last week in the town hall with a good crowd attending.

Holders of lucky tickets in the turkey draw were Harold Willes, Martin Armstrong, Georgetown, B. McDonald, Alliston, Susan Shaw, M. McKenna, Toronto, Charles Hansen, Acton, Nancy Dubs, Tommy Tyler and W. Midleton, all of Acton and G. Ellis of Scarborough.

## Christmas Message Given to Institute By Miss M. Bennett

The Christmas meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Holloway, Main St. Mrs. George Fryer presided and welcomed the large turnout.

Miss M. Bennett, as the guest speaker, brought a lovely Christmas message based on the motto: "God gave us memories that we might have roses in December."

Mrs. Ganley gave vocal solos and led in carol singing. Mrs. Roy Brown reported on current events. During the business period, a donation was voted to the Christmas seal fund, and plans were made to send Christmas gift boxes to sick and shut-ins in hospital and sanatoria.

A visit to Halton Centennial Manor was planned for early in the new year and a date was set for a euchre and penny sale.

Santa Claus climaxed the meeting, arriving to distribute gifts. After a carol, a bounteous lunch in keeping with the festive season was served. A vote of thanks was expressed to the hostess and committee in charge.

## Hydro Cost Doubles In Past 50 Years

Despite all the changes and increased cost of living in the past 50 years, hydro power cost here has only doubled. In 1906 the 50 Years Ago column this week reports councillors discussing entering into a contract with the Hydro Electric Power Commission for power for the town. At that time, Acton was generating its own power.

Council learned that power could be delivered from Niagara Falls at \$22.12 to \$23.33 per horse power per annum. The cost now, exactly 50 years later, is \$46.25 per horse power per annum.

The selling point in 1906 was the fact that the town would have continuous power—for all 24 hours of the day.

The town then required 800 horse power of current, with 600 of it for Beardmore and the rest for everyone else. In one month this year, Acton has saved 2,315.7 kilowatts of power and the cost is over \$12,000 a year.

## Yule Deadline

Members of the congregation of the Christian Reformed church are still hoping they may be holding Christmas services in their new church. The floor is still to be laid.

A crew of about eight workmen is employed hoping to beat the Yule deadline.

## Bible Society Officers Named

Annual elections of the Bible Society branch here were held Sunday evening in Knox church, when Marjorie Coles was again named president. Charles Landsborough is secretary. Each participating congregation appoints a representative to the executive as well.

An enjoyable Moody Bible Institute film was shown. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the service.

## BIRTHDAY PARTY

At an eight year olds birthday party, the adults rushed around frantically keeping the party going, organizing games, treasure hunts and raffles. In the midst of the confusion, one little boy asked: "When this is all over, can we play?"

## Price High Man As Locals Lose

The Acton Y.M.C.A. indoor and outdoor basketball teams played host to Kitchener Y teams last Saturday in the Y gym and once again came up with the short end of the score in both games.

In the opening game of the doubleheader, Acton bantams bowled to Kitchener 40-30 after being tied at half time with 12 points each. Spiking the offense for the locals was Tom Price, with 18 points, followed by Peter Lawson with eight, Brian McCreath and Dave Fleming rounded out the scoring with two points apiece.

Other members of the team were Wolfgang Lorenz, Fred Dawkins, Pat Churchill, Vic Cairns and Uppe Pasma.

After leading by only four points at half time, Kitchener made steady work of the gap and coasted to a 40-21 win over Acton bantams. Dave Fleming with six points followed closely by John Tripp with five, Frank Marisak and Peter Lawson with four each, and Stewart McDonald with two.

Doug Riddick, Don Price, Bill Churchill, Bill McMullen and Bill Shannon also played but failed to net a score.

## 1000 Children Greet Santa Helicopter Lands in Park

## Halton Warden Stan Allen Honored at Annual Dinner

"Efficient planning for the future is as essential as planning services in any community," said Fred Young, speaker at the Warden's dinner which was held at Georgetown Legion Hall Tuesday evening. Mr. Young, chairman of the Parks and Planning Committee of North York Township Council, urged all municipal officials in the County of Halton to proceed with official plans and zoning by-laws so they will avoid pitfalls experienced in his township from the lack of planning soon enough.

The speaker reviewed the many errors experienced for lack of planning in his community, adding that without this foresight, land developers will "walk all over a community," causing them to go into greater debt than should be if thought had been given to these developments.

About 150 guests attended the banquet and the many guests were introduced by toastmaster Joseph Gibbons. Mayor John T. Armstrong, Georgetown, presented the address of welcome to those attending. A toast to Warden Stanley A. Allen was proposed by Robert Marshall, Reeve of Trafalgar, and was responded to by the Warden, who expressed his appreciation to all members of his county council, officials and others, who assisted him throughout the year. The Warden paid high tribute to the press of the county and introduced the various newspaper representatives attending.



Warden Stan Allen

His Honor Judge W. N. Robinson proposed a toast to members of county council, which was responded to by Reeve Walter Lingham of Esqueping Township. Many past Wardens were present and a toast to them was proposed by L. D. Dingle, Q.C., Crown Attorney for the County. This was responded to by Mrs. Mary Pettit of Milton.

To show their appreciation, members of County Council presented Warden Allen with a beautiful chair. The presentation was made by Reeve A. R. Service, Nasagaweya, and Deputy Reeve Geo. Currie, Esqueping.

"There he is, Mummy there Santa," was the cry heard on all sides late Wednesday afternoon as that venerable gentleman with the bright red suit and billowing white whiskers descended in true Santa fashion from the sky among the 1000 children and adults assembled at Acton park.

An hour prior to Santa's arrival, the multitude began to gather. From the moment his whirling helicopter was first sighted to the minute it landed, enthusiasm mounted. When he stepped on the ground, all restraint and caution fled from the minds of the youngsters. Santa was mobbed.

Escaping to his easy chair, mounted on the rear deck of a truck provided by Franklin Prouse-Motors, Santa made his way to Ledger's I.G.A., where he held court for the hundreds assembled.

The affair proved a huge success as it was witnessed by crowds of over 1,000. Mr. Ledger reported the original 850 balloons for presentation to the children was exhausted early. Popcorn and candies were also distributed.

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## Early Adjournment for P.U.C. As Superintendents Report

Hydro and waterworks superintendents reported on departmental activities at the regular business meeting of the Public Utilities Commission held Thursday last week in the town office. The meeting adjourned before 9 p.m., the earliest adjournment this year.

The hydro superintendent, D. Mason, reported as many street lights as possible have been installed in the Lakeview subdivision.

J. McGeachie, P.U.C. secretary, commented it was obligatory for the developer of the subdivision to install part of the system, and until this was done further installation could not be made. The commission directed a letter to be sent to the developers, referring to the agreement and asking for immediate action.

Continuing his report, Mr. Mason stated power lines have been installed to the new M. Z. Bennett school, now under construction. Also, arrangements have been made to remove the flags from Mill St. poles and to erect and connect the colored Christmas lights.

Noting that tree trimming is necessary, Mr. Mason inquired if it would be feasible to let a contract as done before. Members of the commission felt it would be more economical if the work was done by the local crews.

Waterworks superintendent J. Lambert reported on the progress of the winter check of the town's 87 fire hydrants. Commenting on the job, Mr. Lambert noted for a town of its size, Acton has a very high number of hydrants.

A large 10 inch crack in a

## Elmer Lowered After Accident

An 11-year-old boy was "shaken up" Friday afternoon as the result of being hit by a car driven by Bud Keatner of Frederick St., Acton.

Mr. Keatner reported he was driving on Mill St. when the lad, Roy Dink, 104 Gough St., walked into the side of his car. The boy was only shaken up and did not require medical attention.

There was another report to the minor accident, however Elmer the Safety Elephant flag has been lowered from the flagpole at the public school. The flag remains down until the pupils have had an entire free month.

## Waterworks Accounts

Highway Garage repairs	\$ 125
Thompson Motors act	11.05
Can Brass Co. Ltd.	46.54
Can Valve & Hydrant Co.	62.30
	120.14

## Sewer Accounts

Thompson Motors	1.65
Grant's Motors	19.97
Toth Motors	20.20
Acton Woodcrafts	8.75
H. Thompson Fuels Ltd.	36.94
Whitham's Garage, gas	34.49
Roy's Electric Service, rental and misc.	8.50
	130.50

## Hydro Accounts

Petty cash, exp. trans.	24.55
Dr. F. G. Oakes, mileage	13.20
H. Palmer, office cleaning	25.00
Whitham's Garage, gas	5.00
Pitney-Bowes of Can. re postage meter	18.00
HEPC of Ont., power consumption, Oct.	12720.26
HEPC of Ont., misc.	62.21
G. H. Wood, C.	8.75
Thompson Motors	63.10
H. G. Barlow Co. Ltd.	2.43
Underwood Ltd., typewriter	252.50
Shartlett's Sheet Metal	97
Can. General Electric	243.75
Northern Electric	4.04
Powerlite Devices Ltd.	83.75
J. R. Kearney Corp.	37.41
Rec. Gen. of Canada re meter inspector	2.25
Can. Line Materials Ltd.	18.00
	\$13,644.17

## Car, Truck Collide Two Suffer Injuries

A car and light truck collision Saturday at the intersection of Church and Frederick Streets sent two local women to Guelph General hospital with minor injuries.

According to police, the truck driven by Mrs. K. Timbers, 31 Main St., was proceeding east on Church St. and came into contact with a car driven by Mrs. Sophia Ewing, 1000 Main St., which was going south on Frederick St.

Both drivers were treated by Dr. Kenney, Acton, and sent to Guelph General hospital for observation.

## W. Near Wins Prize At Firemen's Ball

Dancing and door prizes were the features of the annual Firemen's Ball held Friday evening at last week in the Legion auditorium.

A lucky draw was held and lucky winner of first prize was Willie West, Mill St., Acton. Holder of the second prize ticket was H. Thompson, Lakeview Ave., Acton.

Supplying the music were the Madonnas of Georgetown.

**CANT TRY BREAD**

HALIFAX (CP) Police received a complaint that 18 loaves of white bread were strewn on the sidewalk in front of a bakery here. Vandals who broke into the bakery were responsible.

## Speeding Car Hits Trees Kitchener Man Killed

A father of one, Lloyd Earl Weissgerber, 19, of Kitchener, died early Tuesday morning as his car careened out of control on a pair of highway and slammed into a No. 7 highway just inside Acton's town limits.

According to police, Weissgerber was driving at speeds up to 85 miles an hour and could not negotiate a sharp curve. The vehicle veered out of control and spun down the road for about 200 yards. It finally vaulted a three foot ditch and smashed into the trees.

Thrown clear by the impact, Weissgerber landed about six feet from the wreck and was still alive upon the arrival of police but died from chest and head injuries moments later. He was pronounced dead on the scene by Dr. J. Chamberlain of Georgetown.

Guelph police reported chasing a vehicle travelling at high speeds in the area about 15 minutes before the smash-up.

Mr. Weissgerber is survived by his wife and small child.



Photo by Dick Holborn, Toronto, Star

**TWISTED WRECKAGE** is all that remains of this 1930 vehicle which became a death trap for its driver, Lloyd Weissgerber, 19, of Kitchener. The car, travelling at speeds up to 85 miles per hour, flew out of control after failing to negotiate a sharp turn on No. 7 highway, just inside the town limits.