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GREETINGS

At this joyous Christmas season... we extend to everybody our heartfelt wishes for a happy holiday, a prosperous New Year.

Continue Zoning By-Law Study Refuse Gas Station Application

Acton Planning Board Monday night, in its continuing preparation of a complete zoning by-law, discussed the older residential areas of town during its regular meeting with planning consultant P. Allan Deacon.

Staying closely to its expressed wish of rigid adherence to minimum standards for any given area, the board reviewed possible R2 locations within the town and the structures permissible within such zones.

Gordon Dean, Shell Oil Company representative, appeared before the board with an application for the establishment of a retail gasoline service station on the south-east corner of Queen St. and Meadowdale Rd.

Mr. Dean accompanied his application with lot diagrams and

presented a list of requirements necessary for the successful operation of a service station. He commented that the area requested met all the requirements and was felt to be, by his firm, an ideal location.

It was pointed out to Mr. Dean by William Mattocks, chairman of the board, that the area desired has already been zoned C2, local shopping center, and that the proposed by-law states gasoline stations will be allowed only in M1 or M2 industrial areas.

The application was refused by the board because it did not conform with planning requirements.

Secretary J. McGeachie submitted his resignation from the Planning Board, effective the end of the year.

Y's Menettes Are Inducted

An induction and charter service was a highlight of the Y's Men's annual Christmas meeting held Thursday evening of last week in the Y.M.C.A. Fourteen wives of Y's Men were inducted into the newly-formed Y's Menettes club by Malcolm S. Bowman, past international president of the Y's Men's organization. He also addressed the group. Pins were presented to the charter members by Bill Gauld of London, international director of the Y's Men.

A delicious turkey dinner was served by the Ladies' Auxiliary. Considerably padded. Charlie Leatherland played Santa Claus as gifts were exchanged. Dancing followed.

Special guests included Bob Morrow, O.P.P. officer of Milton and Mr. and Mrs. Tarrant, who helped with the swimming lessons last summer. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman and Mr. Gauld.

Dinner Meeting Concludes Year For Area Board

Chairman Ross Carbert of Campbellville was host at dinner on Monday evening at Hawthorne Lodge for the final meeting of the North Halton High School District Board year.

The financial statement for the year showed a small balance on the credit side. This will be improved when debenture money due from Georgetown for construction of the new school there is made available to the Board.

The session was consumed with other routine matters. In his review of the board's activities of the year, the chairman praised the service to the board of G. A. Dills, who has been a member since the inception of the District and this year has found it necessary to retire.

Minor Sports Have 14 Teams For Hockey Loop

There will be 14 teams in the Minor Sports hockey league this season. Teams, coaches and managers were decided on at a meeting of the executive on the week-end.

Games will be played every Tuesday and Thursday evening after the New Year. Assistance is still needed and anyone interested is asked to contact president Gord James or secretary-treasurer Roy Kirkness.

Lists of the members of the 14 teams will be published next week.

Closed Christmas

The Free Press office will be closed, of course, on Tuesday—Christmas Day. However, the office will be open Friday, Saturday morning as usual, Monday and then Wednesday. The paper will be published Thursday as usual. Due to the holiday, advertisers and news correspondents are asked to have their copy in as early as possible.

Refugee Visits Cousins, Enjoys Canadian Food

Just recently a resident of Budapest with his life in danger, Chaba Teglas was last week-end eating special treats at the home of cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Jo Jang, here in Acton. An architect, Mr. Teglas has returned to the Red Cross depot in Toronto, where other Hungarian refugees are located, and is seeking a position with an architectural firm there. He is picking up his first words of English. He will be back to Jang's for Christmas and more abundance of food as he has not seen in years.

He particularly enjoyed radishes and oranges, and could scarcely believe the abundance of food for sale in such quantities in Acton stores. In Budapest, housewives queue for many articles in short supply. Even staples such as sugar are not used freely as here.

Mr. Teglas escaped possible imprisonment in his homeland with only a knapsack. In it were his most precious possessions—his books.

Immediate Fines Suspensions for Holiday Drivers

"Don't drive the HIGHWAY on the roads," is the slogan of the Ontario Provincial Police over the holiday week-end and throughout the festive season.

In their regular holiday crackdown on drinking drivers, special highway squads will patrol every section of the province. With all men on duty, exits at all towns will be subjected to periodic checks for impaired or drinking motorists.

"There will be no warning tickets issued and suspected drivers will be immediately locked up and subject to fines, possible license suspensions and auto confiscations.

Auxiliary Present \$500 Check for Fund

The Legion Ladies' Auxiliary staged their annual banquet at the Legion auditorium on Monday evening. A turkey dinner was served to the ladies by the men of the Legion and the ladies countered after dinner by presenting the men with a \$500 cheque, to be used in the building fund.

Following the presentation, films of previous banquets at which the ladies had worked, were shown. Dancing to a Legion trio followed and Christmas gifts were exchanged.

—Tomorrow is the shortest day of the year and the first day of winter.

Music and Movement Display Proceeds Aid Retarded Children

The importance of rhythm in music is acknowledged by everyone, but the bringing of it into the lives of children is equally important. This accomplishment was demonstrated on Wednesday night of last week in the Acton Parish Hall by Mrs. Eileen Buckner (L. R.A.M., London, England) and her young followers, with Mrs. Roberta Moran at the piano.

Without restraint and with precision, the children told stories to music, sometimes singing, sometimes acting, all with the serious end in view—that of feeling the rhythmic pulse or beat of music, which is its very essence.

It was fascinating to see and hear Little Miss Muffet come to life, played by 30 lively girls and boys, to see Jack in the Box jump from the make believe box of surrounding pretty little girls to feel the thrill of a ball tossed from student to teacher and back—all in rhythm.

Not without its serious side were the application of time notes in music and actual reading of notes and the development of natural graceful movements in the children.

The nucleus of a band, complete with drums, tamborines, cymbals, triangles and bells, with the older children reading their scores, replaced on music stands kindly lent by the Acton Town Band, gave the final showing.

Songs were sung by Ruthann Leatherland and Sally Wilson, while Robbie Buckner and Jon Hurst sang the numbers with which they competed in the rec-

ent Kewans Music Festival in Guelph. Bidding young band player, Jon Hurst also played a clarinet solo. Their accompanist was Miss Helen Landsborough.

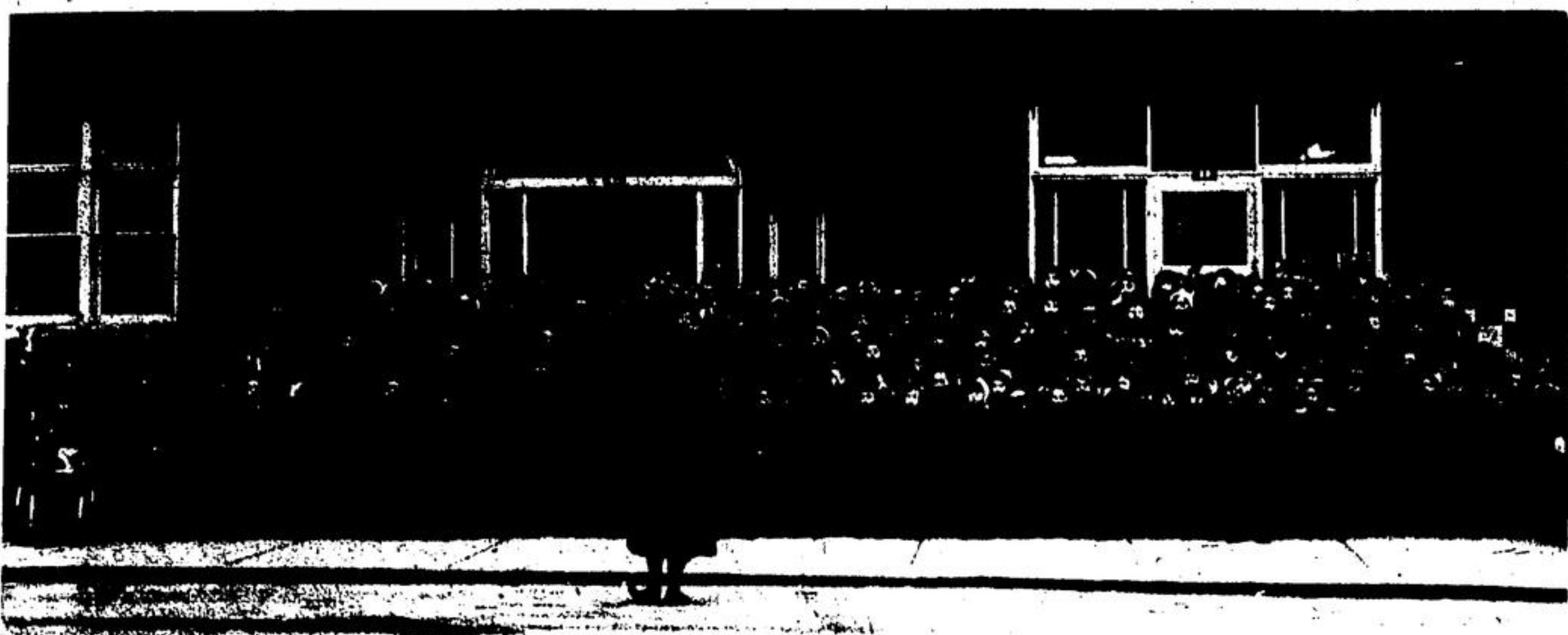
\$24 was cleared and with this money percussion instruments and a record album of rhythmic activities have been presented as a Christmas present to the pupils of the Sunshine School for Retarded Children in Milton. Representatives of the Association came over to Acton for the display and Peter McWilliams spoke briefly on the progress of the school.

Christmas gifts were presented to Mrs. Moran by the two youngest members of the classes, Pauline Costerus and Mark Wolfe, and to Miss Landsborough by Angela Ross. Jill Hurst presented a gift to Mrs. Buckner from the ladies of the afternoon and evening Rhythmic Relaxation classes.

All Long was busy with his movie camera and Mrs. Bill Wilson and Charlie Leatherland with the tape recorder.

Children taking part in the display were Dougie Allan, Helen and Bernie Benton, Jeanie Bulmer, Robbie Buckner, Ruthie and Pauline Costerus, Karen Gervais, Billy Hansen, Jill Hurst, Diane and Laurie Ironside, Joanne, and Billy by the Acton Town Band, gave the final showing.

The amount of compensation coverage on the members of the Acton Volunteer Firemen's Association was raised from \$4,000 per man to



200 SCHOOL CHILDREN of the Acton public school grades two, three and four, presented a program of Christmas carols and songs on the steps of the Y.M.C.A. Thursday morning. Arranged and directed by Miss Goodwin, school music teacher, the program in-

Council Asks Retraction on Radio Plea In Final Meeting; Conclude Activities

Acton council, at its last regular meeting of 1956 Tuesday evening, demanded a retraction from a Brampton radio station following a recent appeal broadcast over that station concerning an Acton welfare case. The action was taken following a review of the situation.

In its review council learned the appeal had stated an Acton resident and his sister, ages 72 and 82 respectively, were in dire need of assistance. The appeal claimed the couple were starving to death and had been living on oatmeal for the past week, and that a bed for the invalid sister was urgently needed.

Acton clerk treasurer J. McGeachie, in reporting to council, noted the brother, a resident of Acton for four to six months, had made a request for assistance from Acton as well as from many other organizations in the area. Mr. McGeachie declared he had contacted some organizations in regard to the couple's plight. The societies contacted had agreed to investigate the situation and it was reported groceries were delivered to the couple last week-end, prior to the broadcast.

Investigation had also shown the man had recently purchased a house in Acton, after selling his house in Etobicoke. He is also the owner of a car.

Members regretted that it had been inferred the town had refused assistance.

Town Hall Roof

Councillor Barbeau reported following receipt of a letter from the contractor engaged for the roofing of the town hall. The contractor informed council that since partners of the concern do all the work there is no need for compensation coverage and regretted council was not agreeable to their sub letting of the contract.

Council agreed to asking the Maple Leaf roofers of Hamilton to complete work, at the same price. It was also agreed to withhold payment until a written guarantee and proof of compensation is submitted and the town engineer's approval given on the work.

A report from the International Water Supply Ltd. stated the hardness of the water at the new well site to be around 1300. Hardness at the present source is about 350.

Members agreed to reserve discussion until a report from the Department of Health is available, at which time further consideration will be given.

The new 60 foot cable fence at Churchhill road was reported by Reeve Hargrave to be quite satisfactory.

The town engineer was instructed by council to fence off the gap between the Maria street bridge and the property line fence. He was also instructed to investigate possibilities of a step on the new sidewalk at Frederick and Mill streets and the low sidewalk in front of the W. Cole house on Church street.

"Shocking Condition"

Councillor Cook declared the roads in the Glenora subdivision are in a shocking condition and it is going to cost the town a terrific amount of money to put the roads in an acceptable state of repair.

Mayor Tyler blamed the uncertain weather for the condition of the roads and council agreed to the filling of any pot-holes.

The road committee was instructed to review the drainage ditch situation in Glenora. It was reported the ditches in the area were too deep to permit the safe passage of an automobile and too shallow for the installation of culverts. It was decided to have the road committee meet with the town engineer and investigate the situation.

As it would cost the town only an estimated \$20 additional Council approved the measure.

A request from J. McCallum for the rebate of 50 per cent of business tax was reviewed and approved by council.

A town lot in Saltfleet township, acquired from an indigent patient, was to be placed in the hands of a Hamilton real estate firm for sale. Reason for the action was receipt of a final tax notice due on the lot and it was decided to take the sale action.

A request from the Hungarian Evacuees Association was read to the Council, asking for the establishment of a committee to provide housing and jobs for refugees. Council filed the request pending further discussion.

Members approved the payment of \$6,925.35 due to the Gaffney Construction Company for work done on the Maria street bridge. The amount made up two-thirds of a total holdback of \$10,388.03, with the remaining amount due in September, 1957.

Reviewing the magistrate's monthly summary it was noted fines amounting to \$315 were assessed, of which the town receives \$151.17.

Winter operations of the arena were discussed and it was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the arena committee, a staff of two, one to make ice and the other to manage the building, was to be considered.

Before moving for adjournment, Mayor Tyler congratulated the new members of council, H. Lowe, F. Watts and J. Guy. He expressed his regret at seeing some of the present council leaving, commenting, "If you gain you have to lose also."

R. N. Brown, also retiring, commented on his enjoyment of the past year and asked the new council to turn a portion of its attention to the light situation on Churchhill Road. In wishing the council continued success in the future, Mr. Brown cautioned them on the advisability of keeping a sharp eye on finances.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

W. Edwards, trucking	\$ 35.00
J. Newton, Mutual Aid Lakeview Greenhouse	5.90
The Telegram, adv.	28.90
Bell Telephone Co.	47.45
Acton P.U.C.	566.12
Lawrence Motors	12.40
Acton Woodcrafts	133.02
Tob's Motors	4.90
Symon Hilde	4.59
E. Braids, posts	17.50
Bramford Coach & Body Ltd., repairs to truck	9.63
Whitham's Garage	156.88
M. Nellis, loader, truck	751.50
Acton Free Press	69.06
C. E. Hickey & Sons Ltd.	125.00
Sifto Salt Ltd.	450.00
R. V. Anderson & Assoc.	5136.48
C. Overland	139.80
Prov. Treasurer, insulin	3.69
Toronto Star, adv.	39.20

14-Hour Days for Post Office While Christmas Rush at Peak

"We've been working 13 and 14 hours a day lately," said Frank Terry, local postmaster, as he surveyed the mounds of mail stacks yet to be processed, at the Acton post office this week.

However, Mr. Terry expects to be caught up with the rush by Friday of this week. With the regular staff plus the addition of four temporary members working the extra hours, the mountains of letters, cards and packages are quickly melting and should be dissipated by the end of the week.

The staff begins work on the mail each morning at 7 a.m. Postmaster Terry expressed his appreciation to the people of Acton for observing post office service to mail early and declared such action was responsible for keeping the rush at a minimum.

The post office department has issued special working hours for December 21, with employees this year having part of the afternoon free.

Church Christmas Celebrations As Scheduled For the Week-end

Churches throughout Acton will commemorate the birth of the Christ Child with special devotionals and services to be held commencing Sunday and ending on Christmas Day. All churches have been decorated in keeping with the Christmas religious spirit and services will be exceptionally beautiful, all paying homage to the little babe, born so far away, so long ago.

St. Alban's Anglican Church will present its annual candle-lighting and carol service on Sunday evening as part of its Christmas celebration. The service sung by the senior and junior choirs, will present the Christmas story in words and song, against a background of soft candle-light.

On Christmas Eve a choral communion will be celebrated and on Christmas morning parishioners will partake of Holy Communion.

The annual Christmas supper will be served at the Acton Baptist Church tonight, featuring entertainment presented by the Sunday school classes.

Each class will present a different phase of the Christmas pageant and the evening will be climaxed by a visit from Santa Claus.

Sunday evening a program of carol singing is scheduled for the regular service. Following the program a choir group will visit the sick and shut ins.

Midnight High Mass will be celebrated in St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Christmas Eve with five low Masses to be celebrated on Christmas morning.

In preparation for the Christmas season, confessions will be heard on the Saturday, Sunday and Monday preceding the Christmas period.

At the Knox Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening a cantata, accompanied by a film strip, *Memories of the Manger*, will be sung by the church choir.

On the morning of Christmas Eve, a special Christmas worship will be presented.

The United Church of Acton will observe the Christmas season by presenting on Christmas Eve an organ recital by George Elliott, choirmaster, followed by the Junior and Senior choirs singing carols by candlelight.

On Christmas morning a special service will be held.

Surprise Serenade

Wednesday evening shoppers enjoyed a surprise: an impromptu concert at the Y.M.C.A. by the Acton Citizens' Band. Carols and popular Christmas songs were featured.

Toboggan Party Held Inside-No Snow Out

Novelty Gra-Y held its annual Christmas party at the Y.M.C.A. late Saturday afternoon. Originally scheduled as a toboggan party, it was held inside due to the lack of snow.

Verna Churchill directed the games and refreshments were served by Elaine Daintith and Jill Morton.

Toronto Man Mails Christmas Cards Here

A Toronto man came all the way to Acton to mail some of his Christmas cards.

The reason? He was sending them back to his former home in Acton, England and he knew his friends and family would enjoy seeing the Acton, Canada postmark on them.

Norman Jones dropped into the Free Press office yesterday to compare the newspaper here with his home town paper back in England. Acton is actually a borough of London and has a much higher population than this Acton. He recalled reading items of news in the paper there about correspondence between the two centres.

He has promised to send a copy of the Acton, England, newspaper and it will be on display in the front window of the Free Press when it arrives.

This is the week that Acton merchants and businessmen say "Merry Christmas" through the columns of the Free Press to their many customers.

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First Cross-Country Race Produces Medal

In his first cross country race, Bruce Anderson placed second in a field of 18 to win a medal. The two mile event was run in Waterdown.

Next scheduled race for this promising young athlete is the New Year's Day road race in Hamilton.

Bannockburn School Filled for Concert

Bannockburn school was crowded on Tuesday evening for the annual school concert. Santa Claus climaxed the evening with his long awaited visit.

Clarence Coles introduced the program, which included choir selections, a drill, recitations by Brian Phelps, Anne Duenk and Beth Coles, duet by Dorothy Ann and Sharon O'Rourke, piano solos by Linda and Carol Swackhamer, guitar number by Donald Swackhamer. When the choir sang O Little Town of Bethlehem, Jo Anne Birch took the solo part. Robert Roberts was conductor for the Nativity pageant, with Ruth Coles and Annie Duenk singing a duet. Mrs. Lucille Schroeder was accompanist for the numbers.

Advance Christmas Presents at Draws

An early Christmas gift by Mrs. J. Stewart was her \$114 in merchandise vouchers, won at last Saturday afternoon's Appreciation Day draw. The regular \$5 award went to Mrs. H. McIntyre.

Sales Soar

Christmas tree sales are booming at the Y's Men's lot behind the Y.M.C.A.

The number of trees sold, ranging in price from \$1 to \$4, is approaching the 500 mark.



HUNGARIAN REFUGEE Chaba Teglas arrived at Acton last Saturday, after his flight from riot-torn Budapest. Mr. Teglas, an architect, was met by Mrs. Joseph Jang, pictured here with him. He visited the Jang's for the week-end and will return for Christmas.