

HAPPY NEW YEAR



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WITH MANY HELPERS Santa presided at the annual distribution of gifts when the local branch of the Legion held its annual children's Christmas Party. Seated on Santa's knee is Georgina Angell, 5, who glows with delight at Santa's pre-Christmas visit.

"I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown' and he replied 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than the known way.'"

Quotation from address by His Majesty King George VI in his Christmas Broadcast, to the Empire December 25th, 1939.

Commission Studies Variance In Water Pumped, Sewage Flow

A variance between total water output and total sewage disposal was brought to the attention of the Public Utilities Commission at its last regularly scheduled meeting of 1956, held Thursday evening last.

A report from the Ontario Department of Health concerning an inspection of the sewage disposal plant in November noted that 8,000,000 gallons of water per month passed through the disposal plant. It immediately raised the question of where the excess water is coming from as the town pumping station is only delivering 4,000,000 gallons for the same period. Some of the additional water, an estimated 2,000,000 gallons, comes from two other sources.

Superintendent Lambert of the waterworks department blamed the excess on cellar drainage and the extremely wet weather. Mayor Tyler suggested excess water was coming from residents who dispose of water from private wells not purchased from the Acton commission.

The by-law leading with meter installations on unpurchased drainage water was studied by the commission and it was noted the town has an option to either install a meter on drainage water or charge the resident a flat rate of \$4.

The commission suggested the sewage superintendent study the report and present his views at the next commission meeting.

The Department of Health report also noted a general improvement in the disposal plant efficiency and the apparent good condition of the station.

Receipt of a reply from the developer of the Lakeview subdivision was announced by secretary J. McGeachie concerning the installation of light standards. The letter stated that because of the weather, completion of the job at this time was not practical but that the project would be completed in the spring.

A complaint from S. Cannon regarding the high reading of his water meter was presented to the commission for consideration. Mr. Cannon, a resident of his house for only two months, was charged for 40,000 gallons of water.

It was decided by the commission that because of the inaccessibility of the meter, estimates and not correct readings had been taken. On that basis, Mr. Cannon was charged according to his previous average and installation of the meter in a more accessible position was suggested.

Also read was a complaint from W. Kelly regarding his high water meter reading. Superintendent Lambert reported he had personally, in the company of Mr. Kelly, tested the meter and it was found



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OVER 300 CHILDREN received gifts from Santa at the Beardmore Christmas party last week when the jolly fellow appeared for the event. Master of ceremonies for the event was Bob Parker. A group of children are shown here receiving their gifts.

J. Haggins Instantly Killed As Truck Slams Boulders

John C. Haggins, age 25, of R.R. 1, Acton, was killed instantly and three other persons escaped uninjured when the one-ton pick-up truck in which they were riding slammed into two boulders and somersaulted in a ditch on No. 20 Sideroad a few miles west of Acton Friday night.

Wayne Haggins, aged 16, who was driving the truck, and Lloyd Zigler, 30, of Georgetown, were uninjured. Edward Zigler, who was riding in the back of the truck,

O.P.P. Register 160 Convictions From 189 Cases

Acton's Provincial Police detachment registered 160 convictions of 189 cases prosecuted during the 11 months of this year from January to November.

Monthly reports filed with the town indicate a total of \$2,030 in fines imposed as the members of the three man detachment travelled 14,958 miles.

November saw the heaviest series of fines as they reached \$440. During the first six months of the year, 336 warnings were issued under the Highway Traffic Act.

According to magistrate's reports filed with the town by that court, fines issued totalling \$1,396, of the town would receive \$583.53 for the first 11 months.

Works on Roof Falls 23 Feet, Hospitalized

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He was treated by Dr. Kenney of Acton and sent to Guelph General hospital for observation.

Waterworks Accounts

Bell Telephone, serv.	\$ 6.10
Can Brass Ltd, supp.	35.95
Williams Supply Co.	4.98
Acton P.U.C. Hydro, serv.	113.44
American Waterworks Assn.	
soc. annual dues.	12.50
Empire Brass Mfg.	25.60
Neptune Meters	102.91
Wallace & Freeman	28.57
	\$390.05

Sewer Accounts

Bell Telephone, serv.	11.55
Acton P.U.C. Hydro, serv.	114.13
Grant's Motors, gas, etc.	9.46
People's Fuel, supp.	4.00
M. Nellis, acct.	112.00
	\$251.14

Hydro Accounts

Acton Auto Body, gas	5.80
F. Terry, postage	100.63
Wm. Coon, rent compressor	7.50
HEPC, power bill	16.50
Jas R Kearney	1.67
Rockwood Lime Co.	42.32
Toth Motors, gas, etc.	12.24
Grant Motors	45.91
Can Line Materials, supp.	342.00
Reliance Elec, transformer	17.62
Pett cash, exp. trans.	45.45
Bell Telephone, serv.	71.97
Ellis & Howard, supp.	53.77
Northern Electric	452.90
Can. Wire and Cable	
	\$14,466.43

St. Alban's Annual Candlelight, Carol Service Held Sunday

The annual candlelighting and carol service was held last Sunday evening in St. Alban's Anglican church. The service began with the candlelighting ritual taken by the rector, the Rev. Evan H. Jones, at the altar. The lights were extinguished for the commencement of the altar ceremony.

In the centre of the altar was placed the Christ candle and from this candle the light was carried to the 12 other candles representing the 12 apostles of the church. The two acolytes were V. Bristow and L. Duby. From the altar candles, the light was carried to the standards attached to the pews in the nave of the church.

Following this, the junior and senior choirs sang the processional carol, Silent Night. The church was then lighted and the service proper began with the singing of a hymn. This was followed by the Bidding Prayer, read by the rector. Six scripture lessons based on Our Lord's Nativity were read.

Solists were, Vic Bristow and boys' choristers Andrew Knox, Edwin Spicer, Brian Barbeau and Bill Henry. The junior choir sang a Polish carol and How Far is it to Bethlehem. The junior and senior choirs were under the direction of Mrs. F. G. Oakes, organist and choir mistress.

Forego Party To Aid Others

Employees of the Roxy Theatre provided Christmas joy for 35 local children this year. Manager Bill Leslie and his staff received a cheque from the theatre's head office for a party for themselves. Instead, they turned the money over to the town office to buy gifts for children.

Roxy employees include Mrs. Fred Hunter, Rhona Haggott, Rose-alee Haggins, Shirley Mason, Joy Peal, Mrs. Henry Arbie, Dave Hunter and Clarence Prilove.

Expected Plunge in Building Continues Pass Quarter Million in Current Year

As was indicated in the first six months of 1956, a sharp drop in construction here persisted to the end of the year with this year's quarter million dollar figure far behind the million and three quarters of 1955.

Permits for construction valued at \$279,000 were issued during 1955 with October permits of \$129,000 for the new school and \$60,000 for the bank of Montreal, considerably improving the construction picture for the year.

Only \$59,500 in new construction was reported for the first half of 1956 compared with \$673,000 in the same period of 1955.

Last year's all time record for local building was reached when an estimated \$1,755,000 in new building was reported for the 12 month period. Dipped part of this total was due to the residential growth.

Some permits issued in late 1955 were used for construction of homes in Lakeview subdivision which considerably increases the number of new homes actually built in 1956 with that year's permits not reflecting that construction.

Gifts for 300 At Legion Party

Santa Claus presented gifts to over 300 children at the annual Legion Christmas party. The Christmas tree was a focal point in the Legion auditorium last Saturday afternoon.

Each youngster received an orange and candy cane as well as a gift.

Acton Citizens' Band played for carols, led by John McHugh. He also sang several solos. Mrs. Bob Angell read out the names as the youngsters came up to Santa.

Fog Heavy, Road icy Two Vehicles Collide

Minor damage was sustained when during reportedly heavy fog and an icy road on Sunday, cars driven by Andrew Theriault and Newton Fowler were in collision on Churchhill Road north. Total damage was estimated at \$50.

Police reported Theriault failed to see the approaching Fowler car through the fog and the collision resulted.

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