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THE FINAL MEETING of the Public Utilities Commission was held at the Utilities Office on Thursday, December 19, with the above members of the commission all present. Pictured front row, left to right, are Mayor E. G. Tyler, Chairman J. J. Stewart, Commissioner F. G. Oakes; back row, left to right, Commissioners R. Everdell, C. Lindsay, and Secretary-Treasurer J. McGeachie. Chairman J. J. Stewart thanked the members for their co-operation during the past year and expressed regret in losing the services of retiring Mayor E. G. Tyler.

ACTON COUNCIL FOR 1957 are pictured before retiring for the year. Conducting the business of the town for the past year were front row, left to right Councillor W. Cook, Reeve J. Hargrave, Mayor F. Tyler, Deputy-Reeve W. Wilson and Councillor H. Lowe. Back row, Clerk J. McGeachie, Councillor S. Brunelle, Councillor G. Barbeau and Councillor F. Watts.

Church Group Receive Gifts From Stocking

Jolly Old St. Nick, with Mrs Santa to help him, visited the Friendly Circle meeting at the United church on Wednesday evening, and laden down with the largest Christmas stocking ever seen in Canada, distributed presents to the ladies of the group.

The origin of the stocking, which was approximately 12 feet in length, dates back to 1890, when the present owner, who owned a knitting mill, had the stocking made for his wife.

The suit worn by Mrs Santa was also made at this mill and only worn by the family.

The ladies formed a line and gifts were handed out to each lady in passing—with cheers and bells. Santa wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Mrs Santa was Mrs Ida Olsen and Santa, Mrs Irene Douglas.

The group in charge had decorated the church room with streamers and a beautiful tree. Mrs Fran Leyland read the Christmas story and a poem entitled "Christmas When I Was a Little Girl". Mrs. Doris Kentner led in prayer.

The ladies enjoyed carol singing and Silent Night, in two parts, by the Explorer group of Acton United church. Two duets were rendered, by Hartley, Leyland and Leslie Ann Duby, and Margaret Davidson and Leslie Ann Duby.

Christmas carols were sung. The new girls in attendance were called to the front, where Miss M. Z. Bennett told them the history of the origin of the Friendly Circle.

Get acquainted games were played. Mrs. Adams' group won the "Know your Local Newspaper" contest, and Mrs Annetta Van Fleet won the "Feed the Turkey" contest.

A buffet luncheon was served. Mrs. Edna Stewart thanked Mrs. Pauline Symon and her group for the lovely Christmas party.

Greetings were received from several out-of-town former members and out-of-town guests present were Mrs. Stella Adamson, Galt and Mrs. Jean Wilhelm from Waterloo. A social time was enjoyed by all.

Santa Claus Visits Acton Y's Men's Club

The regular meeting of the Y's Men's Club took the form of a Christmas party, complete with turkey, a tree, a visit from Santa Claus and dancing. Among the guests were Mrs. Lorne Masters, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Kratz of Kitchener. Rev. Gordon Adams was guest speaker and his theme was the wisdom of the Wise Men.

The jolly gentleman who delivered the gifts was none other than Y's Man Doug Mason. Jack Carpenter enlivened the program with his jokes and stories, and the Christmas carolling was staged by a group of six led by Mrs. Jack Carpenter.

The dinner and address, with the program and dancing, were a fitting and happy atmosphere where the Y's Men joined in saying Merry Christmas to one another.

Lorne Doberthein, as chairman for the party, was master of ceremonies for the evening and the success of the party was due to his organization.

—Friends were sorry to hear of the passing away of the father of Mr. R. Bean formerly of Acton.

P.U.C. Receives Protesting Letter Utilities Office to Close Saturdays

A letter of protest from a resident in Lakeview subdivision objecting to a final notice threatening to turn the meter off if the bill was not paid, was aired at the Public Utilities Commission meeting on Thursday, December 19.

Declaring the taxes were too high in Acton and stating payment on the water and light bill could not be made in time, a resident in Lakeview subdivision objected when a final notice for payment was issued.

Enclosed in a letter to the P.U.C. office was a post-dated check for payment of the account.

Asked when the account was due, J. McGeachie noted that the account was due on November 20 and the first notice had been sent out on December 3 and a final notice issued on December 13th. The check received was dated December 27th.

The commission, after a lengthy discussion, instructed the secretary-treasurer to inform the meter reader to return the check and shut the meter off.

The commission resolved to order the Public Utilities office to be closed on Saturdays commencing December 28.

It was understood that if any account falls due on the Saturday an extension would be allowed to the next day of business.

Secretary-treasurer notified the commission that Len Owers of the O.W.R.C. had taken tests at the spring and although they were clear they showed a chemical content and requested the water superintendent to take further tests and have them sent to the O.W.R.C.

Following the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, F. Oakes asked what action had been taken to have E. Braida sign an agreement to install street lights in his subdivision.

J. McGeachie informed the commission an agreement had been drawn up and mailed to Mr. Braida, who had refused to sign it.

At an earlier meeting, it was discussed that Mr Braida had made a verbal agreement to install street lights as soon as his land was sold as a subdivision.

Secretary-treasurer informed the commission that Mr. Braida denied having made any promise to do so.

Mr. McGeachie was instructed to check the minutes of Planning Board and council to ascertain if the statement was recorded.

A request was carried from council, to allow flooding of a piece of land in the Glenlea subdivision, for skating.

In discussing the matter, the commission agreed not to take any action as the property was private land and previously complaints had been forwarded to the town from some subdivision residents as to the danger involved in this area when it had flooded during a rainstorm.

Commissioner C. Lindsay asked if the commission had been instructed to shut off a water meter in a house on Queen street, by the owner.

He informed the commission that the hot water tank had frozen and apparently when it thawed it burst, flooding the house.

He was told that irregardless of whether the meter was shut off or not if the tank was not drained, it would still freeze.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Waterworks	$ 4,988.07
Sewerage	748.12
Hydro Accounts	971.09

Chairman J. J. Stewart at the close of the meeting expressed his appreciation of working with the other members of the commission and remarked how well they had got along.

The chairman expressed regret on the part of the other members [illegible] in losing the opinions and good judgement offered by F. C. Tyler, retiring Mayor, and council representative on the Commission.

Mayor-elect Hargrave thanked the members and informed that he had never worked with a better group and in spite of little differences they always settled things.

Professional Acts Entertain At Beardmore's Christmas Party

Over 350 children and parents were on hand to greet Santa Claus and enjoy a program of variety acts at the annual Beardmore Company Christmas party, held this year in the auditorium of the Robert Little public school on Friday afternoon.

Before the arrival of Santa, the audience enjoyed the antics of a trained seal act that had the children roaring with laughter as "Jimmy" the seal performed his many tricks of balancing balls, blowing horns and singing, under the handling of his master, James Tiebor. The Tiebor family have been in this work for 48 years, performing with Ringling Bros and other well known circuses.

A magician act held the children spellbound as "Carl" the magician made articles appear and disappear with the usual customary black hat and magic wand.

Spinning ropes and performing trick shooting the Del Rios entertained the children as the husband-and-wife team from Australia, dressed in Buffalo Bill costume and Annie Oakley style dress, coiled ropes around and broke balloons with a 22 calibre rifle in the unorthodox manner attributed to professional performers.

Cheers went up as Santa arrived in all his splendor to distribute parcels to the anxiously awaiting children.

R. R. Parker acted as chairman for the program and for the distribution of the gifts, Santa was assisted by staff members of the Beardmore Company plant.

Christmas Eve

Four Ways Not to Get Killed

Ontario's 2,000,000 car drivers are being strongly urged on the eve of Christmas 1957, to think of careful, courteous driving in holiday traffic as the best possible way they can express their seasonal spirit of generosity, good cheer and consideration for others.

W. B. G. Reynolds, recently appointed Provincial Commissioner of Highway Safety, today commended police and press throughout Ontario on their current campaigns for sensible and sober driving in the year-end holiday season, a time when happy families have all too often in the past been tragically broken up by fatal or crippling traffic accidents.

Ontario's daily toll of preventable accidents has nearly always, during the last ten days of the year, soared much above the year's average. If this sad state of affairs is to be remedied in Ontario this year, we must, he points out, develop a climate of opinion which condemns people who insist on driving cars when they are fatigued or have been drinking, a public attitude which effectively backs up police efforts to keep such drivers off the roads.

On the positive side the Safety Commissioner's prescription for a safer and happier Christmas includes these four special seasonal pointers for Ontario motorists:

1. Translate your Christmas season goodwill toward all men into goodwill, patience, courtesy and considerateness for all other users of the roads;

2. Watch constantly for pedestrians, especially children and old people;

3. Make it a habit to allow more space than you think you need: between your car and the vehicle ahead; for coming to a stop at intersections; wherever you might need to stop unexpectedly;

4. Take it easy a holiday season should be a time when hurry (and with it the kinds of speeds that kills) is obviously of no profit to anyone.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Annie Lazenby Buried in Fairview

Funeral service was held on Thursday, December 19, at the Rumley funeral home for the late Mrs Annie Lazenby who passed away Sunday, December 15, following a lengthy illness.

Daughter of the late George Worthy and Mary Anne Goodchild she was born in England in 1887. She married Robert Lazenby in England and came to Canada in 1926 where they first resided in Timmins and moved to Crewson's Corners in 1956, where they have resided since.

Mrs. Lazenby leaves two sons besides her husband to mourn her loss, Thomas and Robert, both living at home.

Rev. E. Jones conducted the funeral service from the Rumley funeral home. Interment was in Fairview cemetery, Acton. Pallbearers were Floris Turner and George Lazenby, nephews, Jack Airdrie, Ken McDonald, Leonard Cripps and Jack Croft.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Plouffe of Ballinafad, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Eileen to Eugene McElhinney son of John McElhinney and the late Mrs. McElhinney of Milton. The marriage will take place January 11th, 1958.

Acton Children To Demonstrate On Television

Mrs Eileen Buckner will be demonstrating "Music and Movement" on CKCO Channel 13 on Monday, December 30th at 1.10.

The Acton children taking part will be Daryl Costerus, Terry Dowding, [illegible] Ironside, Gail Ross, [illegible] Wolfe, Karen [illegible], [illegible] Holland, Bronwyn Buchanan, [illegible] Berlis. Also taking part in the discussion and demonstration will be Mrs Buckner, Jean Dowding, Eddie [illegible], David Spraston, Paul and Steph[illegible].

Mrs Roberta Moran will be assisting with the children and Mrs Kathleen Diggle of Guelph will be at the piano.

- Many special Christmas church services and entertainments have been featured in town this past week.

Acton and Guelph Pianists Receive Medals at Recital

Two young pianists from Acton and Guelph received Trinity Teacher's bronze medals at the Christmas recital by pupils of Dorothy Richardson Scull, held in the Sunday school room of Acton United church Tuesday evening.

Fourteen-year old Gloria Jean Hall of Guelph was presented with the award for two books in grade nine theory. She is a pupil of Miss Susanne Adams Eight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] S. Adams, Acton, was awarded the award for obtaining highest marks (100) in grade six theory with first class honors in piano. The medals were presented by the music teacher Dorothy Richardson Scull, Georgetown, who congratulated the two girls for achieving such a high standing in their respective classes.

Barbara Norton, on behalf of the class of 25 pupils, presented Mrs Scull with a flower figurine as a token of appreciation for the music teacher's hard work and patience.

Parents and friends attended the recital, which was followed by games and refreshments and an exchange of Christmas gifts, with Mr. F. Scull in the role of Santa Claus but minus the beard and red coat.

The program included the following selections: Ruth Ann Leatherland, At the Skating Rink, Gerry Rood, Toy Soldiers, Sandra Irwin, From a Wigwam, Ricky Ironside, The Singing Mouse, Jill Hurst, The Sleigh, Diane Ironside, A Little Waltz, Terry and Judy Papillon, A Merry Dance, Dean Cochrane, At the Ice Ballet, Marilyn Cripps, Hark the Herald Angels Sing, Janet Adams, I Saw Three Ships, Diane Swackhamer, At Play, Sheldon Blow, Garden of Roses, Sharon Bradley, Brahms Lullaby, Barbara Norton, Blue Swans, Donna Landsborough, Silver Bells, Suzanne Adams, Melody, Donna Ledger, Drifting Moon, Susan Heard, Caprice, Ella Jany and Dorothy Richardson Scull, duet, Rendezvous, Joan Lidkea, Rhapsody, Ella Jany, Song Without Words, Ruth Landsborough, Peel Prelude, Mary Jane Force, Sonata; Helen Landsborough, A Moonlight Sleigh Ride.

Garbage Collection

Garbage collection this week will be on Friday instead of Thursday, town officials announced.

Owing to the holiday on Thursday garbage will not be gathered until the following day.

All home owners are asked to have their garbage in proper containers and any papers should be tied securely in order to have all garbage picked up promptly, Town Foreman A. Kirkness explained.

The milder weather has spoiled the skating for the children.

The Country Mouse and the City Mouse

By AESOP

ONCE upon a time a Country Mouse who had a friend in town invited him, for old acquaintance's sake, to pay him a visit in the country at winter holiday time. Though plain and rough and somewhat frugal in his nature, the Country Mouse opened his heart and store in honor of an old friend. There was not a carefully stored-up morsel that he did not produce from his larder—peas and barley, cheese parings and nuts—to please the palate of his city-bred guest.

The Town Mouse, however, turned up his long nose at the rough country fare. "How is it, my friend," he exclaimed, "that you can endure the boredom of living like a toad in a hole? You can't really prefer these solitary rocks and woods to the excitement of the city. You are wasting your time out here in the wilderness. A mouse, you know, does not live forever, one must make the most of life while it lasts. So come with me and I'll show you life and the town."

In the end, the Country Mouse allowed himself to be persuaded, and the two friends set out together on their journey to town. It was late in the evening when they crept stealthily into the city, and midnight before they reached the great house where the Town Mouse lived.

On the table of the splendid banquet room were the remains of a lavish feast. It was now the turn of the Town Mouse to play host. He ran to and fro to supply all the guest's wants. He pressed dish upon dish and dainty upon dainty upon him as though he were waiting on a king. The Country Mouse, for his part, pretended to feel quite at home, and blessed the good fortune that had wrought such a change in his way of life.

But in the midst of his enjoyment, just as he was beginning to feel contempt for his frugal life in the country, the sound of barking and growling could be heard outside the door.

"What is that?" said the Country Mouse.

"Oh, that is only the master's dogs," replied the Town Mouse.

"Only!" replied the visitor in dismay. "I can't say that I like music with my dinner."

At that moment the door flew open and a party of revelers, together with two huge dogs, burst into the room.

The affrighted mouse friends jumped from the table and concealed themselves in a far corner of the chamber. At length, when things seemed quiet, the Country Mouse stole out from his hiding place, and bidding his friend good-bye, whispered in his ear: "This fine way of living may do for those who like it. But give me my barley bread in peace and in security in preference to your dainty fare partaken with fear and trembling."

Moral: *A crust eaten in peace is better than a banquet partaken in anxiety.*

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