Bands, Floats, to Herald Santa Claus Arrival in Acton This Saturday

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ACTON BROWNIES held their annual Christmas Party, meeting in the Scout Hall on Monday afternoon and each received a gift, following the regular meeting session and playing of games. The Scout Hall was decorated and a lighted Christmas tree sat in the corner. Entered above, seated left to right are: Kathy McKenzie, Elizabeth Leatherland and Susan Adams. Back row: Marsha Lee, Parker, Mrs. S. Bowen, Brown Owl, Jean Hart, Parker and Mrs. G. W. McKenzie, Tawny Owl.

Council Approves $87,640.99 Tender For Glenlea Storm Sewer, Paving Project

Council accepted the tender of Gordson Contractors of Toronto for the storm sewer installation and paving of the Glenlea area at a tender price of $87,640.99 upon the recommendation of the roads committee Monday night.

Ten tenders submitted for roads by the roads committee ranged from the accepted price of $87,640.99 to the high of $124,085.45 it was noted by the commissioner's report.

Before final approval was given resolution B D Ba[illegible] asked which portion of the project was payable by the town and depth to rock. Engineer explained that approximately $[illegible] would be the lowest portion of the road with the balance being taken care of by gravel.

By laws Questioned

Following the first reading of the by law for the purpose of establishing a fund for the support of town roads, councillor W. McLeod objected that the ballot taken at the municipal election stated a grant and the by law calls for a half mill.

The councillor informed the council he was [illegible] the people voted on approving the by law which stated a half mill grant.

Mayor W. H. Cook informed council he had spoken to the solicitor for one of the bonds and the solicitor was interested in the question and agreed that the public should know how the ballot wording was going on.

Mr. McLeod informed the council he had been told which was going on when he was interested in the question and agreed that the public should know how the ballot wording was going on.

Council [illegible] Robbins [illegible] what the [illegible] to be that included in [illegible] Mr. McLeod [illegible] leagues that council was within the law on the issue but just he added.

The council [illegible] stated that he had been against a half mill grant from the beginning and remarked he was still against it.

Mayor Cook charged that Mr. McLeod was taking [illegible] time [illegible] the situation and was informed by the council [illegible] council to do same [illegible].

Mr. Cook agreed that the question could have been worded on the ballot differently but pointed out the answer that said it was [illegible].

Mr. McLeod [illegible] that [illegible] and then was asked to vote on giving a half mill to the bonds when the people thought they were voting on a grant.

Reeve W. W. [illegible] remarked that in view of the publicity given the issue people should have been aware what they were voting on.

When approval for passing of the second reading of the by law was [illegible] all members present with the exception of councillor McLeod voted in the affirmative.

When final vote for passing of the by law was called councillor McLeod suggested if the by-law could be passed today that if so he would vote with the rest.

The reeve informed the councillor that in view of the firm stand he had taken on the issue from the very beginning and the fact that it was still a democratic country he could keep his stand if he desired.

When third and final vote was called councillor McLeod remained the sole negative vote.

P U C By Law

The by-law for discussion of the present PUC in favor of the formation of a hydroelectric commission received the nod of approval on third reading following a question raised by councillor Rachlin who asked if there were any plans for setting up the hydro commission.

Mayor Cook informed the councillor nothing could be done on the situation until the PUC council sits.

I haven't heard a thing about this remarked Mr. Rachlin.

Deputation Present

Alex Johnson president of the Acton Legion Minor Sports accompanied by four members requested council's consideration for arena time for the Minor Sports hockey.

Mr. Johnson asked that Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evening from the hours of 6.30 to

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AN INDIAN FAMILY was depicted by Dorothy Sterritt and Bobby Hart when their Sunday school class put on a pageant at the United Church Christmas concert last Sunday. White gifts donated by the children of the Sunday School were sent to India since the boys and girls have been studying also of that country all fall.

Brownies Hold Christmas Meet Sing Carols, Receive Gifts

Brownies of the Second Acton Pack enjoyed their annual Christmas meeting in the Scout House on Monday afternoon and received gifts following their regular meeting exercises.

The meeting opened with songs and games and all joined in singing Christmas carols after which Tawny Owl Mrs. Mary McKenzie read the story of The Birth of Jesus.

The group sat around the campfire and all enjoyed a lunch consisting of sandwiches, cookies and chocolate milk. More carols were sung.

Individuals Perform

Several of the individual members sang, danced and gave piano selections as part of the entertainment.

Brown Owl Mrs. Florence Bowen handed out gifts to all the girls and Mrs. McKenzie presented Packers Jean Hart and Marty Paul with the gift of a brown tie and lanyard on behalf of the girls in appreciation of their faithful work with the pack.

The honor of receiving the gift is extended to only those who have faithful attendance and are capable and hard workers in the Brownie ranks.

In presenting the gifts Tawny Owl thanked the two leaders for their assistance.

The meeting closed with Taps and cocoa. Brownie expressed Christmas wishes to all.

Rabies Danger Police Warn

Local OPP officers this week warned parents about the danger of children taking into the fresh air due to the rabies outbreak in the area.

Corporal R. Moore stated that with several rabid foxes in the vicinity of Acton and others seen it is advisable for children to stay out of the woods for the present.

Dr. F. G. Oakes local veterinarian also warned children about taking chances with dogs acting strangely. He also reported the case of the disease is a painful one and requests any person to avoid contact with even a dead animal.

Persons having pets attacked by rabid foxes are asked to contact the local veterinarian and keep their children from handling the pets until veterinarian has been made.

School children were issued a mimeographed form outlining the dangers of rabies last week.

Mill Grant Not Necessary Board Chairman Suggests

"I don't feel the Parks Board needs a full mill grant to operate next year," suggested chairman of the Board of Parks Management V. Barbison at the final meeting of the board last Tuesday night.

In a letter to the town council the chairman informed the board that each member of board of parks management and the parks board has been unemployed and it was felt operation of the board could probably operate on less than a mill next year.

Mr. Barbison also suggested the Parks Board should [illegible] candidate all their effort [illegible] past park [illegible] planning for other parks [illegible] town.

In a discussion regarding plans for next year it was noted that swimming hours would have to be set and a lifeguard hired for these hours. Also to be considered was a program of tree planting to replace trees taken down. Allowances for a parking area at Prospect Park should be made.

The chairman informed members the building committee of the board had suggested that the parks board take over the operation of the arena earlier in the year. Mr. Barbison outlined the board's position on which was: If council provides the funds for a long lease [illegible] to put the arena in [illegible] then the board

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Expect Crowds to Line Streets For Huge Santa Claus Parade

Santa's gala arrival in Acton this Saturday is expected to draw expectant crowds from many out-of-town points as well as local and district residents when Acton's Chamber of Commerce gay Christmas parade moves off from the local high school at 10 a.m.

Sparked by the effort of the local IGA store to have Santa arrive in Acton each year by helicopter the Chamber members joined forces with the store proprietor Jim Ledger and enlarged upon the plans to make the event a big community affair this year.

Plans began to take form some months ago as the retail section of the Chamber of Commerce approached local merchants to assist in presenting decorations for street lighting.

Procure Floats

Meanwhile a special committee set up to plan the parade began investigations and approached the Georgetown Lions Club for the use of floats in their annual parade.

Before parade time Saturday colorful floats will have been moved from Georgetown to Acton and by 10 a.m. the crowds lining the street will witness the gala event as it proceeds down Mill Street from Acton Boulevard. At Main Street the parade will move north to Knox Avenue where it turns left and rounds the block covering Park Avenue and comes back once more to Mill Street.

Led by Acton Citizens Band and Acton Junior Pipe Band the cavalcade will proceed east once more on Mill Street to Young and on to Arthur where it will carry on to the Acton High School once more.

Personal Touch

At the high school Santa will be seated in his throne to greet all the children and as many of the parent as care to meet the jovial old fellow.

Bags of Christmas candies and goodies will be given to every child in attendance after they see Santa.

Assisting the Chamber members will be the Acton OPP detachment, Acton Fire Department, Acton St. John Ambulance Brigade and local truckers as well as many local children who will take part in the floats entered in the parade.

The parade this year is financed by individual members of the Acton Chamber of Commerce and Acton Rotary club.

Town Aglow

The setting of all roads for Santa Claus arrival.

Cooperation of the local merchants.

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White Gift Service, Concert Followed by Supper at Church

White gifts [illegible] school children of Knox [illegible] the Sunday school [illegible] Acton United C[illegible] kindergarten [illegible] were [illegible] S[illegible] Mrs. [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] Mrs. [