

## Horse Pen Pal Delights Owner With Picture

With most Acton residents receiving a host of Christmas cards and letters soon to be discarded to the incinerator, one Acton family will cherish forever a letter and picture sent them from an old time friend (continue)

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Talbot, 7 Frederick Street in Acton, received a letter and parcel addressed from Charlebourg, Quebec.

The sender, "Noisy Guy," a trotter raised, trained and raced by Mr. Talbot on Toronto tracks as well as the local circuit.

Upon retirement, the horse was given to Dr. G. Beaudet in Quebec, who promised to give the animal his kind attention and above all a good home.

### Horse Wrote Letter

The letter that accompanied a large picture of the horse in action, pulling his new master in a slight way supposedly penned by "Noisy Guy" himself, relating how he had learned to understand French fluently and had overheard his new master inform the caretaker that a picture had been taken of the doctor and Noisy Guy in action.

The horse reported he was pleased to learn that Mr. Talbot was to receive a picture of himself and stated he longed at times for his old master but was content to do his best for his new owner.

The letter and picture will no doubt receive top priority in the Talbot home as both Mr. and Mrs. Talbot still kindle fond memories of their great race horse.

A few Christmas trees have already been put out at the side of the house for pick-up.

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## Just Testing

Residents of Acton hearing the fire siren Sunday afternoon wondered where the fire was and when the bright red engines remained in their quarters at the fire hall, became more puzzled.

To clarify the action, Fire Chief J. Newton reported that one man placed at the Force Electric Plant had developed an electrical dead short circuit due to weather conditions when freezing rains had frozen it.

The siren was taken down by foremen, re-wound and returned to its original position and then a test made on Sunday afternoon to ensure it was in perfect working condition.

## Sparkling Weekend Concludes With Fog

Travelling conditions were good for most of the long Christmas weekend, but took a sudden nasty turn on Sunday evening. The sun shone on sparkling snow from Wednesday until Saturday as many visitors took to the roads.

Fog made a miserable end to the weekend though. Many carloads of Christmas callers encountered much difficulty in driving home Sunday.

One trip from Burlington to Acton took two hours, much of it in second gear.

The white lines on the roads were barely visible as heavy fog shrouded everything.

There were very few accidents reported locally, however.

## Song, Scripture Christmas Eve

A service of song and Scripture reading was attended by many at Acton United church on Christmas Eve. The junior choir in their white gowns sat in the front pews of the church with the senior choir in the loft. Missa was under the direction of George Elliott, choir-master.

The minister, Rev. Gordon Adams, spoke on The Message of Christmas during the impressive service.

An organ recital preceded the program of lessons and carols. Songs were sung by Ken Allan, Dorothy Simmons and Nates Lymbert. A girls' choir and boys' choir also sang.

Four girls, Jean Hart, Kay Dennis, Mary Beth Elliott and Janet Rogivaldson sang together.

## Is Crew Member Of H.M.C.S. Huron

Forbes Cole of Acton is a member of the crew of H.M.C.S. Huron which suffered damage in exercises in the Mediterranean. The ship was returning home after undergoing temporary repairs in Toulon when it was delayed due to storms in the North Atlantic.

Crewmen were hoping to be back in port for Christmas.

Mr. Cole is married to the former Betty Williamson of Acton. They live at Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

The old year is certainly going out in a sharp crisp manner.

## Bowler Gayle Hulford Featured In Canadian Bowler Magazine

A recent issue of The Canadian Bowler carries a story about a well known local bowler, Gayle Hulford. The article reads:

Bowling on the Acton Lanes at Acton, Ontario, Gayle Hulford, a seventeen year old Miss reached the high spot in her bowling career Sunday when, on April 10th, in company with fellow bowlers, Bob Agnew, Wayne Spurr, Mike Hurst and Bob Skidmore, she ran a triple of 320-400-337 for a record of 1057.

A consistent high bowler, Gayle bowls in the Acton High School League on Monday afternoons where she is holding the triple record of high average 212, high triple 828, and high single 326.

On Tuesday nights she bowls the foul line in company with the Mason Knitting Company Girls League and maintains an average of 207, a high triple of 912 and high single of 375.

Gayle started her bowling career at the age of four at the Olympic Lanes in Hamilton under the tutelage of her father, now in Toronto, and further developed her skill with the Teenagers at Wames Creek. Moving to Acton four years ago, she bowled in Acton with the Acton Teenagers League and then graduated to the High School League in which she now holds office as secretary.

Gayle started to bowl consistently in the higher brackets in 1956 and took part in the Kitchener-Waterloo Tournament where she bowled an 899 triple in the Ladies Single to finish in fifth place. The season and saw her sweep the Acton Ladies triple crown of high average 230, high triple 306 and high triple 827.

Her parents, Bob and Ken Hulford, Acton's bowling impresarios and Ken a BPAO vice-president, are justly proud of their daughter's success.

bowling skill but claim no credit for her achievements. Gayle, they assert, always liked bowling and developed her own style over the years through league and friendly competitive matches.

A picture which incidentally was taken by the Free Press staff photographer, accompanies the story.

The issue also contains a picture of the trophy winners during the recent 24th tournament at the Acton Lanes.

## Favorite Carol Told As Roll Call Answer

(Continued from last week)

The monthly meeting of the Ellen Anderson Auxiliary was held Dec. 14 in Knox Presbyterian church. The meeting was opened with the singing of "O Come All Ye Faithful." Following this the Christmas story was read responsively. Marilyn Young read a poem.

"The Angels Still Sing" Ronald Buckner sang "The Holly and The Ivy" and played the piano. He was thanked by Shirley Mason.

After the secretary's report the business was discussed. Beverly Smith gave the treasurer's report. The roll call was answered by My favorite Christmas Carol. After the offering Cheryl Murray led in prayer. Nates Skypen read the scripture and Betty Lemon led in prayer.

The study on Canada continued and Nates Skypen read a French Canadian story. The meeting closed with carol singing and a gift exchange.

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