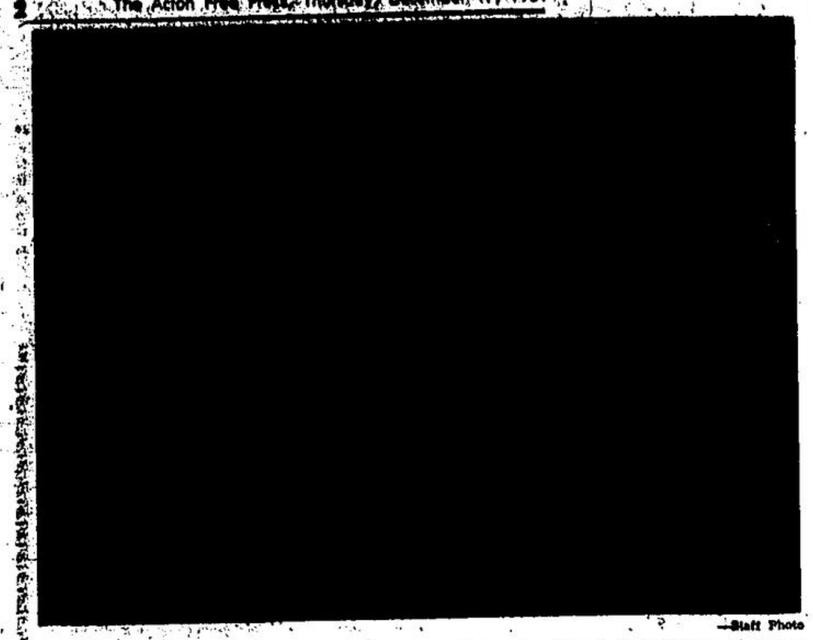

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MAIN CHARACTERS depicting the Christmas story during the Robert Little School Christmas concert Wednesday night are pictured as they performed in the auditorium. Shown, above seated in front left to right are: Lena VanDyke, as an angel and Jacqueline Lee. Shown in the second row, left to right, are Barbara Nicolak, Terry Gordon, Robert Bonnette, as Santa Claus, Lorrie Ironside, and Brian Wilkinson. Standing at back with Christmas tree is Michael Wolfe.

Rev. McKenzie Speaker At Y's Men's Banquet

A pleasant conclusion to an eventful year was the annual Christmas dinner of the Y's Men's club and the Y's Menettes in the Y banquet room on Thursday, December 10. Tinsel and red and green streamers decorated the room for the delicious dinner served by the Y Ladies' Auxiliary. The menu went from juice to hot turkey and vegetables to hot mince pie and ice cream.

After the introduction of the evening's guests by Y's Men's president Sonny Rognvaldson, Lorne Doberthein led the fines period as fines master, getting all the participants into a party spirit with hilarity and good-humored ribbing.

A vote of thanks to the ladies who catered evoked enthusiastic applause.

Christmas Music

Doug Copeland led in carol singing with Glenn Banks at the piano. The two then entertained with their renditions of Winter Song, Christmas in Killarney and Walking in a Winter Wonderland followed by a solo by Mr. Copeland, Bless This House.

During the evening and previously, Christmas gifts had been donated by members. It was unanimously decided to enlist the help of local agencies in selecting deserving children and to hand out the presents as part of the Y's Men's community effort.

Bill McKay introduced the guest speaker, the Rev. Andrew McKenzie, giving a resume of his life and theological studies.

Goodwill, Aggressiveness

Mr McKenzie spoke on "What Christmas Means to You", pointing out that from the time that Christ was born there had been a past and a present marked by the coming of Christ. Even an atheist acknowledges Christ every time he dates a letter, he said. Enlarging upon the aspect of love in the celebration of Christmas, he mentioned, with particular reference to service clubs in general and the Acton Y's Men in particular, that "we must be aggressive in our goodwill and unflinching in our loyalty to the idea of serving. It is unusual to mention the word of goodwill and aggressiveness together, but that is what our service clubs are doing."

Mr. McKenzie also mentioned that when the Y.M.C.A. was founded in London, England in 1844 it was done with the intention of serving and administering to the spiritual and mental needs of young men in London factories of the time. Since then these initial ideas have been greatly enlarged upon, but the idea of serving still is very prominent.

Although we live in a democratic world, he said, we are all under the imperial command of Jesus Christ. We are under His orders and guidance, and in obedience to His orders to love our fellow-men and to serve.

Mansell Nellis thanked the speaker for his timely address and Mr. Rognvaldson presented him with a letter opener.

After the tables were cleared, the group enjoyed dancing.

Building Permits For $186,685 In Eramosa Twp.

Eighty-three building permits have been issued by Walter Hunt, building inspector for Eramosa township, in the past 11 months 13 of these were for dwellings at an estimated value of $93,500. One dwelling only has not yet been started.

Two permits were for summer cottages with one still under construction. One commercial building now completed is the attractive and very modern store built by Mr and Mrs T. Gellatley on Main Street in the village of Rockwood.

One addition of another room is about finished at S.S. No. 2 on No 8 Highway.

Parish Hall Addition

An addition to the Anglican parish hall in the village is started. There will be some alterations to the present building with new chimneys.

Value of buildings other than dwellings is $93,185. This amount includes four barns. One of these is metal and replaces one burned last June on what is now Dr. A Kingscote's farm, formerly owned by J. Stienstra, on the Indian Trail. Another is at Speedside and also replaces a burned building on the Hill farm.

It is built of used materials, being a barn that was torn down and rebuilt on the Hill farm. Originally it was in the Milton or nearby area.

Total estimated value of buildings is $186,685.

The Christmas tree is being erected at the post office today (Wednesday).

Storm Cuts Power In Eramosa Saturday

Residents in the Eramosa Township area were without hydro three times on Saturday afternoon when sleet played havoc with the lines.

"We had two trees down across the lines, a broken pole and a cross-arm burned off," said J. E. Morgan, manager of Ontario Hydro's Guelph rural operating area. "Unfortunately the trouble was all in the one location around Eden Mills and Rockwood."

Start 2.30 p.m.

The hydro was first cut off by the weight of accumulating ice about 2.30 p.m., and it was not until 7.45 p.m. that all the trouble was finally cleared by the three gangs working on repairs. One break lasted for nearly two hours and this was followed almost immediately by a 90 minute break.

Sleet freezing on the branches of trees caused them to crash across the lines and the same cause sent a hydro pole crashing down. The cross-arm was burned and power fractured when hydro leaked from a conductor through the crust of ice to the arm.

C.G.I.T. NEWS.

The C.G.I.T. group of Knox Presbyterian church met at the church on December 14 The meeting opened with the C.G.I.T. purpose and hymn. The treasurer's and secretary's reports were given and the attendance was taken.

The business was taken by the president and secretary. Plans were discussed for the carol singing and Christmas party. Gail Roszell, Linda Parker and Geraldine Calder volunteered to be in charge of games for the party.

The food committee was composed of Julie Holmes, Betty Finlay, Gertrude Kuhn and Marilyn Lemon Janice Flatt, Mary Wilds, Lynne Masters and Gail Buttenham made up the clean-up committee.

Following the business the girls worked on their Vesper service while some girls worked on the boxes for shut-ins The meeting was closed with Taps

Guides Present Toys During Final Meeting

A Christmas party highlighted the final meeting of the Girl Guide patrols on Tuesday evening when skits were recorded on tape and played back for the girls.

Mrs. W. Finley, Churchill Road, recorded the various skits the girls presented and later played them back for the group much to their delight.

The Daffodil Patrol were excluded from presenting a skit for winning first prize for inspection.

The Acton Guides were pleased to have six guide guests from Limehouse to join with them in their Christmas meeting and look forward to having the young girls pay another visit to the Acton meetings in the near future.

Guide captain Mrs T Watson expressed her pleasure to the girls in their efforts of preparing articles for the Christmas project of making gifts and repairing broken toys for some of the more unfortunate children.

Some of the gifts made were by the girls themselves with others repaired by them including dolls of all sizes, teddy bears, cradles and many other varied articles including a toy giraffe.

One of the most interesting events of the evening to each guide was the singing of Christmas carols after which each was presented with a blue comb with the guide motto inscribed on it and a book mark with the guide law on it.

Following the evening's activities the girls enjoyed cookies and hot chocolate before concluding the final meeting of the year.

The guiding group wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing a big turnout for their first meeting in the New Year.

Employees Too

County Council Increases Own Pay

Increases in county council salaries for members and employees were approved Wednesday afternoon at the last regular council meeting of the year.

Retroactive to January 1 of this year, the Warden will receive $800 plus mileage and expenses, plus the council rate for committee and council meetings; councillors will receive an increased allowance of $12 for attendance at council or committee meetings, with a maximum of $30 for more than one meeting in one day.

Raise Salaries

The work week of jail governor and turnkeys was reduced from 48 to 40, the matron is to receive a $100 yearly increase, and casual matrons are to be paid $8 a day. Salaries of the clerk and treasurer are to be increased by $500 each, and the salaries of assistant assessor, clerical workers and caretaker are to be increased five per cent.

The by-law was approved authorizing council to sell $250,000 of Milton High School debenture issue on the American market at $94.00 and the remaining $185,000 on the Canadian market at $93.25. The issue covers site purchase, erection and equipping of the new high school south of Milton.

Pay Final Grant

The finance committee reported that $351,763.20 had been received from the sale of $372,000 debentures at $94.56 for the county grant to Milton District Hospital. It was recommended the treasurer pay the board the balance of the grant, $72,763.20, as soon as government approval is received for payment of the final subsidy.

The Bank of Nova Scotia, it was noted, has authorized credit up to $600,000 for financing the Halton Manor addition on the understanding that Provincial grants would reduce the loans to half that figure.

Deer Season

Correspondence from the Department of Lands and Forests asked council to discuss adoption of an open deer season in 1960. It was agreed to write neighboring counties which had sponsored open seasons last year to determine difficulties.

Burlington Deputy-Reeve F. L. Ryckman suggested the county consider purchase of reforestation land in the area surrounding Walker's Line to act as some type of protection to the present town of Milton water supply. No action was taken.

Less Committees

The special annexation committee was dissolved on the recommendation of the committee, and the finance, hospital accounts, civil defence and assessment committees were joined into one, cutting the number of committees for 1960 to seven.

A request from the town of Milton for a traffic light at the Highway 25-Base Line intersection was discussed and held until a traffic study had been made at the intersection.

Pay Dinner Costs

Procedure on the annual Warden's Dinner was discussed and it was decided to have the county undertake the costs in future. Reeve William Card of Oakville reported last year's dinner cost him over $800.

Arrangements were made for the planting of 42,000 trees on the former John Coulson farm which the county purchased as a reforestation area. The work is to be done by the Department of Lands and Forests and costs assessed to the county. The clerk was also authorized to order 6,000 hardwood trees for the area.

Apply to O.M.B.

Solicitors McConachie, Marshall and Grose reported they were preparing an application to the Municipal Board for an amendment to the town of Milton zoning by-law, to rezone the Victoria Park block.

J. Curran was appointed to the Oakville-Trafalgar high school board and Ross Segsworth to the Burlington Board of Education, both for on year terms.

Pass Accounts

Accounts as follows were presented for payment: agriculture and reforestation $647.15, civil defence $1,109.29, assessment $2,981.61, legislation and by-laws $194.05, county buildings $2,671.70, Mainway capital account $84,055.49, county roads $73,132.95, finance and hospitalization $7,007.93, printing, education and special communications $892.27.

Tribute to Warden

At the conclusion of the meeting, Reeve Card took the chair while council presented a motion thanking Warden John Milne for the manner in which he had conducted the county's business during the past year, and councillors gave the retiring warden a standing ovation. Mr Milne replied he was highly honored and praised the clerk and members of council for their co-operation. A later motion expressed thanks to all officials and employees and clerk G. Brown expressed thanks to the four retiring members of council

There were 842 unemployed in the Oakville - Trafalgar - Milton-Clarkson area last week.

Top Attendance At Heart Lake

Heart Lake was visited by 279,000 persons this year, the largest attendance of any Metro Toronto and Region Conservation Authority area. The executive committee of the Authority has decided to ask TTC to extend its Woodbridge service to take in the Boyd Conservation area, which received 180,000 visitors this year.

The committee recommended expenditure of $1,050,000 on channel improvements on the Humber between Weston and the confluence of the Black Creek.

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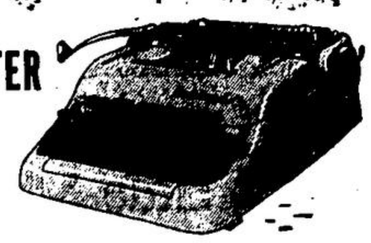
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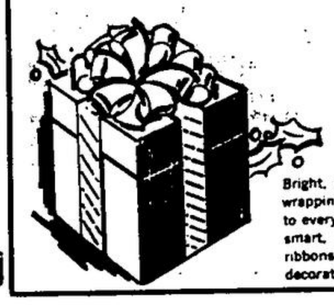
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