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"GEE, THANKS!" little Jeff Townsley says to Santa Claus during the Firemen's Christmas party held Sunday afternoon when he received his parcel. The little tyke was one of many of the firefighters' children present at the fire hall to greet St. Nick when he made his annual visit. During the afternoon presents were handed out and parents and children alike joined in the activities.

1100 Children Greet Santa As Helicopter Lands in Park

Below zero weather failed to deter about 1100 youngsters and parents who waited anxiously for Santa's helicopter to touch down at Acton Park Saturday. He made his yearly visit on behalf of the Acton Chamber of Commerce retail section.

His visit brought a pre-Christmas gift for one area resident, when he drew the name of Mrs. Robert Foyers from the large green drum and presented her with \$60 in the merchants' Free Living Draw.

Hovering over the well-chilled group momentarily the helicopter, with Santa waving madly, raced to a fenced-off area near the centre of the park while corporal Ray Mason fought to restrain the large troop of children running wildly to greet the jolly old fellow. After the helicopter touched down and Santa alighted, his pilot took off again quickly to head north while Old Saint Nick made his way to near the park entrance where he made the draw from the drum filled with coupons.

Candy, Apples

After the draw, Santa was taken to the arena where he was

seated in a chair and handed out candy canes and apples to every boy and girl present.

In spite of sub-zero weather parents and kiddies alike stood in line and waited anxiously for their turn to greet the visitor from the northland. Red nose and all he answered questions tossed at him by excited children and promised to fulfill their wishes if they were good children.

Assisted by members of the Acton Chamber of Commerce, Santa handed out the Christmas treats. After bidding everyone the best for Christmas and waving at shoppers on the streets he made his way back to the north pole to finalize everything for December 25.

About 1100 treats were given out, but some children, crying with cold, had to leave the park before their turn to enter the still chilly arena, where ice is being made.

Santa had an interesting ride to town, encountering a snow storm on the way. This year he has a particular interest in the town's businesses, and he recognized most of his young customers. (And in a few cases they reciprocated.)

Auditorium Packed on Monday For M. Z. Bennett School Concert

The Robert Little school auditorium was packed on Monday evening for the Home and School meeting which featured a delightful musical program by pupils of the M. Z. Bennett school. In the chair, H. and S. vice-president Mrs. W. Wolfe declared the business dispensed with, and the program opened with O Canada.

Following the custom of previous years, one school gives the Christmas concert, and this year it was the M. Z. Bennett school's turn. Music supervisor Glen Banks was in charge and directed almost all the program from the piano.

One exception to his jurisdiction was the kindergarten class. The appealing youngsters were led by their teacher, Miss Joan Park, who accompanied them. They sang Welcome Song, Who's Coming on Christmas Night and Merry Christmas.

Miss Bosley's grade two class gave a choral reading, Greedy Peter. The intermediate choir sang Amid the Winter's Snow, The Angel's Song and Frosty the Snowman.

Couldn't Decide
The junior choir just couldn't decide which of their Christmas songs to sing at the concert and solved it by singing them all—Away in a Manger, Old English Carol, Up on the Roof-top, Jolly, Jolly Santa Claus and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.

A "Huron Carol" was sung by Alan Capper's grade five class, with Teddy Jinks dressed as an Indian brave and Brenda McKeown as an Indian princess.

An attractive star drill was presented by girls of Mrs. Benton's grade three—Jean Gibbons, Cheryl Lee, Judy Dwyer, Olga Nutma, Bonnie Shortill, Deborah Winter and Kendra Page. The boys' changed voices choir sang Christmas in Killarney and Red Berries and Mistletoe. Grade four pupils of Miss Jackson recited Christmas Tree. They were Ann Blunn, Heather Ann Dumarch, Janice Jordan, Shiela Jeffery, Linda Gordon, Peter Marlingell, Beverly Brunelle, Beverly McKnight, Jennifer Bishop, Nancy Gordon, Archie Binnie and Du-gald Dick.

The senior choir sang O Come all Ye Faithful and Christmas Carol. The loveliest rendition of the evening was the final one when the matted choirs sang Silent Night in parts. They were still humming the old favorite as the parents left the hall.

Goal \$1,000

Bill Wilson spoke, asking the parents' support for the Home and School Association. He revealed tentative plans are being made to start libraries in each of the schools, with a desire to raise \$1,000 this year.

Plans are being made for a school reunion—the first in 60 years—next June. He invited everyone to return to the January meeting.

Brigade Ready

The St. John Ambulance Brigade has been attending Christmas concerts with their first aid kits in the event an accident occurs. They attend all functions in the Robert Little school auditorium.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

In New School

Dublin W.I. Celebrates 35th Anniversary Candle-Lighting Ceremony is Highlight

Last Thursday evening, December 15, the Dublin Women's Institute members, former members, friends, 4-H girls and a group of the menfolk gathered in the auditorium of the new Brookville public school to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the organization of this branch of the institute. It was an ideal setting for the celebration and many who had not viewed the new school before did so before the meeting.

Mrs. Horace Blyth, the president, presided for the singing of the Institute Ode and the repeating of the Mary Stewart Collect and the Lord's Prayer. The minutes and roll call were read by Mrs. Chris Britton, the assistant secretary, the roll call being responded to by "a gift for the needy". A donation of \$10 will be forwarded to the Salvation Army. Mrs. C. Armstrong as one of the leaders in the tug training project announced the first meeting would be held at her home on Thursday, December 29.

Present Pictures
Mention was made of the formal opening of the Speyside pub-

lic school last month when members of the Dublin branch served lunch. It was announced that the gifts of a picture of Queen Elizabeth and a Union Jack flag presented to each of the schools in the community—Speyside and Brookville—at their opening ceremonies recently, will be recorded as gifts in commemoration of the 35th anniversary of the organization of Dublin Women's Institute.

A one minute's silence was observed following the reading by Mrs. C. Britton of the names of former members of Dublin Women's Institute who have passed on, after which the Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison. Mrs. Dougal Kennedy, who had been convener of a committee to make preparations for the meeting, called on Mrs. Alex Near, Mrs. Near read the minutes of the 30th anniversary meeting held five years ago at her home.

Summarizes Work
Continuing, she read excerpts from the Cavalcade of Progress for the five years up to the present time and gave a very interesting and comprehensive

summary of the work of the branch, mentioning in particular the work with the 4-H girls; Summary Days, covering the making of lampshades, and The Third Meal; the course on aluminum trays and Focus on Finishes; charitable donations; and many other features.

A fine Christmas song was rendered by Miss Sandra Blyth, accompanied by Mrs. George Robertson. A play depicting the many changes in the mode of living during the past 60 years was cleverly portrayed by Mrs. Wm. McIntyre representing Mrs. 1900 and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Calvin McIntyre as Mrs. 1960.

Christmas carols were sung, interspersed with the reading of the Christmas Story by Mrs. D. Kennedy, assisted by Mrs. W. McIntyre, Mrs. W. Britton, Mrs. D. Moffat, Mrs. C. McIntyre and Mrs. J. C. Dennis. Solists were Mrs. Eyle Somerville, Mrs. C. Armstrong, Mrs. W. Watkins and Mrs. M. McCullough.

Candlelighting Ceremony
A pleasant feature of the program was the candlelighting cer-

emony under the leadership of Mrs. Alex Near. The first candle was lit in honor of the founder of the Women's Institutes, Adelaide Hoodless, by Miss Minnie Somerville, who has been a continuous member of Dublin Women's Institute since its organization in 1925 and is the only charter life member of the branch. Candle number two was lit by Mrs. H. Blyth, the present president, in honor of the past presidents and secretaries of the branch whose names were read by Mrs. W. McIntyre.

Candle number three was lit in honor of present and former members by Mrs. C. J. Van Gouzen of Guelph. Candle number four was lit in honor of the organization by Mrs. G. R. Somerville, who has held many offices in the branch and has also been awarded county and provincial honors. Candle number five was lit by Mrs. Wm. Frank in honor of the present officers. Candle number six was lit by Mrs. Clark Armstrong in honor of the institute's projects.

Candle number seven was lit

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Plastic Coating On H.S. Windows

Trained workmen with special equipment shipped direct from head office in Vancouver completed the job of spraying "Aqua-Glare" a plastic coating on the gym windows at the high school this week.

Following research by the property committee of the school board under the direction of trustee William Coon, the Eastern Glass Tint Company was engaged. The work was completed Monday.

The new material, used in various places in the United States and Vancouver on windows in hospitals, schools and government buildings, is guaranteed to cut out 70 per cent of glare, 90 per cent of fade and 51 per cent of direct sun rays.

The material is guaranteed against cracking, chipping or peeling and will not change color over the years.

The new transparent color scheme comprises a combination of half blue and half green. Previous tests have proven the material stands up for over three years but company officials are almost certain the application will last much longer.

The Acton high school job is the first in this area. A Toronto office was set up only three months ago.

Christmas Sunday

Plan Special Services In All Town Churches

Churches, beautifully decorated, will be filled Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, which falls this year on the Sabbath.

On Christmas Day at St. Alban's church there will be a Choral Eucharist at 9.30, with an 11.15 service at Rockwood. On St. Stephen's Day, December 26, Holy Eucharist at 10 and on Innocents' Day, December 28, Holy Eucharist at 10. There are regular services on New Year's Day.

The church is most attractively decorated.

Midnight Mass will be sung at St. Joseph's Church Christmas eve and in the morning Masses are at 9, 9.30, 10, 10.30 and 11 o'clock. The choir will sing carols before the Midnight Mass and the junior choir will sing Christmas morning.

Christmas trees will be banked around the crib at the front of the church.

At the United Church, a Christmas Eve carol service will be held at 8 with special music by choir and the reading of the whole story of Christmas. Both services on Christmas morning will be identical and at the usual times, 9.30 and 11 a.m.

Why Jesus Came will be the topic of James Rudd's address Christmas morning, at the Baptist church, and in the evening there will be a program of Christmas music.

At Knox church, the Rev. A. H. McKenzie will speak on The Christ of Christmas. Then in the evening there will be a Christmas cantata by the senior choir.

Beyond Recognition

Car is Completely Wrecked

By-standers said they had never seen a car so completely wrecked, when a vehicle driven by Gordon Holmes of Acton, age 24, was smashed beyond recognition on Highway 25 early Sunday morning.

Pieces of debris from the 1956 Mercury were strewn nearly 100 feet in all directions, yet the driver luckily received only a broken ankle and head lacerations in the spectacular crash.

Skids 289 Feet
According to witnesses, Holmes was south-bound on Highway 25 about a mile south of 10 Side-road when he attempted to pass another car and skidded on the slippery road. The car left skid-

marks for 137 feet along the east side of the roadway, barely missed an oncoming car driven by Ron Tasker, slid 152 feet through the ditch, and knocked out three guardrails, one sign and three large trees.

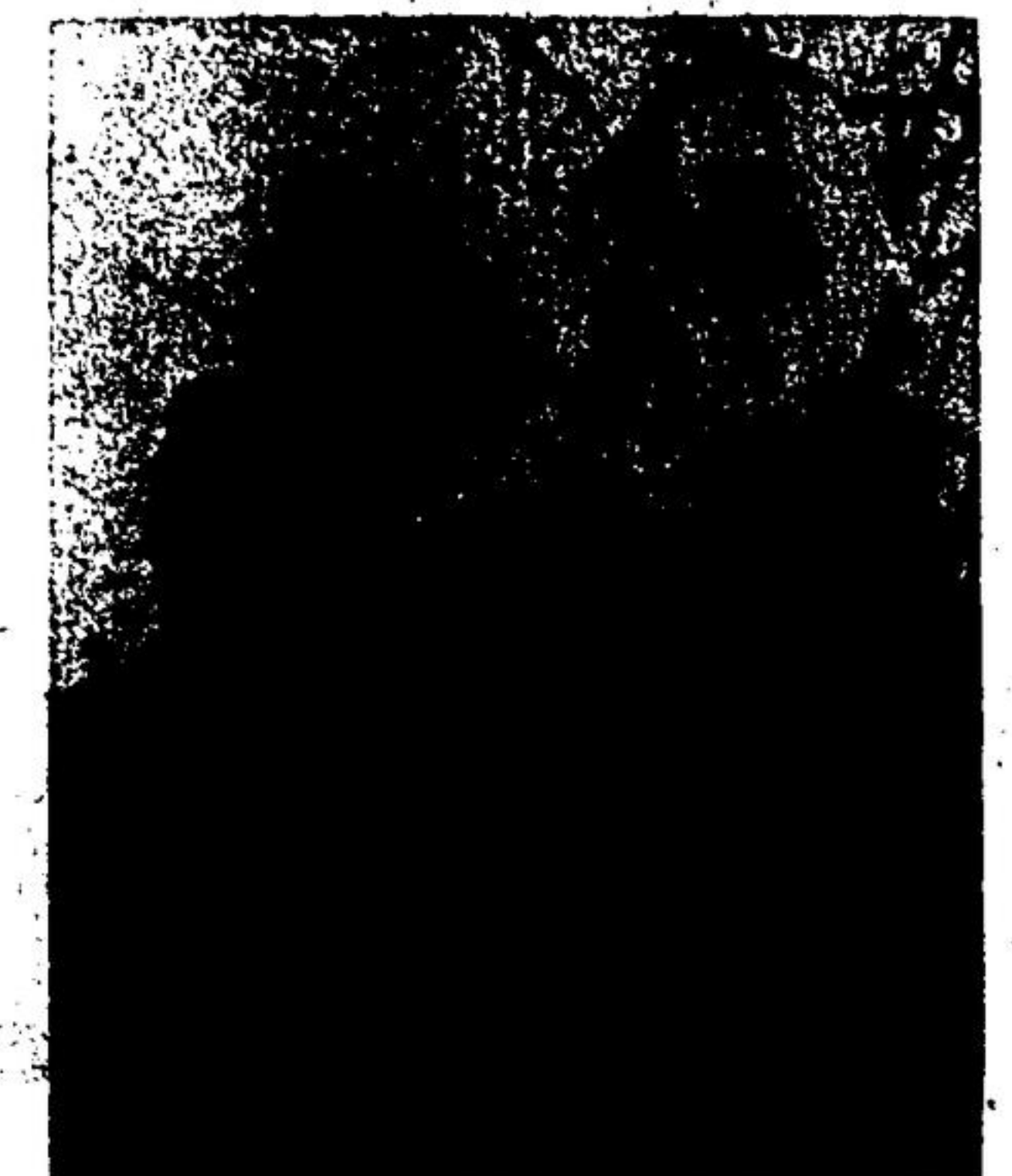
The driver was taken to Milton District Hospital by a friend who was following, Fred Allen of Acton. He was treated there by Dr. J. W. McCutcheon of Milton and, because of a shortage of beds in the Milton Hospital, was sent on to Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital.

—Many comments have been received on the town's Christmas decorations.

Christmas Concerts, Parties, Keep Santa Claus and Helpers Busy



SANTA'S SCHEDULE this year is keeping him on the hop and Saturday he was forced to land at the park in a helicopter in order to attend the Acton Chamber of Commerce retail section's annual party. He is shown above with his pilot as he gives last minute instructions. During the afternoon he drew the winning name from the green drum and presented Mrs. Robert Foyers with \$60 on behalf of the Acton merchants' Free Living Draw.



\$60 RICHER thanks to Santa, when he drew her name from the green drum during the Acton merchants' Free Living Draw Saturday is Mrs. Robert Foyers, R.R. 4, Acton. Her name was the first one chosen and she was present to receive her money. Following the draw, Santa handed out candy canes and apples to the kiddies present.



CAROL SINGING was part of the United church Christmas concert Sunday afternoon, staged in the auditorium of the Robert Little public school. Four of the young singers are pictured in their costumes. Left to right, they are Brenda McKeown, Joanne McKeown, Terry Dowding and Elizabeth Hurst. The girls were four of 35 who sang "Silent Night".