—Just 14 shopping days until Christmas.

—High school exams are over Monday.

—People meeting on the street are saying, "Lovely weather . . . for spring!"

—Watch the town office Saturday — a sign will announce if there's public skating for sure. So far, they think so!

—Sunday evening on the local news on Kitchener TV, there were shots of the Minstrel Show and the first sheet of ice in the arena.

—The firemen will be calling door-to-door Monday with information about fire calls after the dial changeover. That's information which can be of vital importance to everybody.

—Many friends here were delighted to watch Debbie and Diane Boustield on television from Hamilton last Sunday afternoon. The youngsters danced with their usual enthusiasm and weren't nervous at all.

—Out-of-town visitors always comment on our lovely Christmas decorations here. The main streets are gayer than ever.

—Only local firm to make a bid, McNally Construction has been handed the contract to build the million dollar technical wing to append Georgetown high school in late 1962. Most of the construction will be sub-contracted to local companies.

—Acton Y's Men's Club held their first Saturday afternoon movie last weekend and the response was so heavy that two shows were necessary instead of the one planned. Before the lights were dimmed for the first showing, a large crowd of youngsters had to be turned away and returned for a later afternoon movie.

—Wonder how to get chosen as a model for the series of pictures the photographer took of Mary Watson shopping in Acton? Easy. Just be the first person he happens to meet when he's ready to shoot . . . Good report was that the clerks in the stores were just too busy waiting on customers to pose with the five-year-old.

Pack Auditorium During Three-Night Ministrel Show

Jammed to the doors three nights, the Robert Little School auditorium rang with music and laughter when the Lions club sponsored their first annual Minstrel Show with an all-male cast of 45 of Acton's best singers last Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The fund-raising event was "very successful" with ticket sales totalling 1100. Attendance the last two nights was up to 450 each night, when others who'd heard of the success of the show could not obtain tickets. Thoughts of a repeat performance were scotched when it was learned some of the cast and pianist could not be available.

Tuneful But Unrecognizable

Melodious four-part harmony characterized the singing of the chorus under the direction of talented George Musselle Sr. When you'd referred to the gold and purple program and peered long and hard at the coal-black features highlighted by large scarlet mouths, you could finally detect Nino Braida, George Kendrick, Gil Malcolm, Charlie Thomson, Don Hett, Hartley Coles, Ray Agnew, Henry Devries, Bert Halladay, Allan Lauder, Alec Johnson, Ted Tyler Jr., Murray Harrison, John Barr, Jerry Jerome, Tom Mullen, Garnet Rose, George Hall, Hugh O'Rourke, Barry Inscoe, Leslie Doby, George Holmes, Vic Bristow, Grenville Masales, Pete Papillon, Hamilton Peal and Keith Black.

In the traditional manner Jack Doherty sat at ease in the middle of his disguised companions to link together their jokes—many with hilarious references to Acton places and people — and their songs. He was flanked by the six endmen who wildly rolled their eyes and drawled their speech. They were John McHugh, Ed Owen, Ray Arbic, Rae West, Walter Dubois and Frank Spielvogel.

Never Before

The audience went with the chorus down "Memory Lane" and met some characters they'd never encountered before on street or stage! By the Seaside brought out John Blundell, Bill Taylor and Phil Unger as stunning bathing beauties; Bill Taylor took the unlikely title role of If You Knew Susie; Norm Braida and John Blundell made Strolling Through the Park a riot; Bill Taylor minced across the platform with the moon in Shine On, Harvest Moon, while John Barr took the solo; and in the finale, Show Me the Way to Go Home, Pete Papillon very obviously needed help—and got it from his perky pup who, first night only, did tricks.

John Blundell's cedar sprout carried across the stage early in the show, blossomed into a tree by closing time.

Bring Down House

Tambo — Frank Spielvogel — brought down the house with his tentative and finally enthusiastic soft shoe dance which was wildly encored.

Couldn't have a minstrel show without "Mammy" and John McHugh's rendition was another showstopper with fans demanding more. Rae West had two fine solos, Bye Bye Blackbird and Carolina in the Morning.

Allan Lauder told a story which held the youngsters spellbound, illustrating it with a clever performance on the harmonica. And of course, an encore.

In fine voice Vic Bristow, Hamilton Peal, Keith Black and Leslie Doby sang Cornfield Melodies, A Little Close Harmony and the favorite Dry Bones. They were accompanied by George Hall.

There had to be banjoes, and Keith Barber and Richard Kindersley of way down south in Georgetown played them. Out of character for the show but especially well received were accordion numbers by pianist David Benham.

They Roared Again

The Twenties roared again when four gorgeous dames displayed what was actually an excellent rendition of the favorite Charleston. The flappers who were flipping their wigs were Norman Braida, John Blundell, Bill Taylor and Phil Unger. They had lessons from dancing teacher Mrs. Joyce Carpenter.

Some declared they laughed till they cried and the cause of the tears was "Hurry, Hurry, Hurry", a recording mouthed by the most luscious babes in town with colored mops of hair (including purple). And beneath the outfits (from Halloween via Paris) were Ray Arbic (with a mouse in his bloomers), Ed Owen and Walter Dubois.

Paul Barber, Baldwin organ dealer from Georgetown, played an organ before the show.

Lionettes acting as ushers and giving out programs were Joanne McKenzie, Ilse Rilke, Gwen Lauder and Elke Macke.

Many Thanks

There were many people for Lions president Ray Arbic to thank at the end of the last performance. He presented to director Mrs. Ruth Musselle a necklace, to George Musselle a pen and pencil set and to David Benham a wallet.

He especially thanked those in the cast from outside the club who had contributed time, effort and talent. Mrs. Musselle and her father-in-law are both experienced directors and produced a minstrel show in Rockwood. Mr. Musselle is well-known as a singer himself.

David Benham, pianist, comes from Rockwood and teaches now in Guelph. He's an organist and choir leader in Rockwood.

Make-up was by R. R. Parker and Mrs. W. Sproston.

Under Alec Johnson, the gay costumes were all made "from scratch" by Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. G. Malcolm, Mrs. Hartley Coles, Mrs. Allan Lauder, Mrs. J. Jerome and Mrs. J. S. Reed. The wigs were purchased.

J. B. Mackenzie and Co. lent planking and Tom Watson pop cases for the seating; the school board gave the hall free and the wardens gave St. Alban's parish hall free for practices.

Tom Mullen was in charge of advertising, Gil Malcolm in charge of tickets, Ernie Marks in charge of public relations, props by Vic Bristow and Barry Inscoe, lights by Vic Morris.

Halton 4-H Members Exhibitors In Queen's Guineas Competition

4-H Members from Halton exhibited the Grand Champion Shorthorn steer, and the Grand Champion Group of Three Steers from any county or district.

Robert Merry, Milton, was the exhibitor of the Grand Champion Shorthorn steer; and Carolyn Gardhouse, Larry Gardhouse, and Bob Merry, all of Milton, were the exhibitors of the Champion Group of Shorthorn steers. Halton County had five competitors in this event. Marilyn Sherwood, Burlington, was also exhibiting a Shorthorn steer, which placed in the first prize group.

Halton's one entry in the Aberdeen-Angus section was Charles Martin, with a steer that placed in the first prize group.

The Queen's Guineas Competition is open to 4-H Beef Calf Club Members exhibiting steers in the 4-H competition. The steer must be weighed during May, and is weighed again at the end of the five month feeding period. Each steer must gain an average of 2 pounds per day in order to qualify. In addition each Club Member must obtain 75% of the total points allotted in the 4-H Club programme.

When held up at a level crossing, always stop your car in a well back from the tracks. The Ontario Safety League warns that cars halted close to the tracks have been bumped into the path of the train by a following automobile, travelling too fast to stop in time.

This is a lousy depression. Everybody's working and everybody's broke. At least we didn't have to work in the last one.

Legion Auxiliary Visits Sunnybrook

Christmas came early for veterans confined to Sunnybrook hospital when members from Acton Legion Ladies' Auxiliary paid two visits within as many weeks and distributed parcels amounting to $300.

On Tuesday of last week six ladies distributed parcels of cigarettes, fruit, candy and gum and on Monday six more made the trip to visit veterans and distribute Christmas gifts. Last year the Auxiliary presented a television set and wheel chair for use by the patients.

Making the trip last week were Mrs. Robert Angell, Mrs. Doug Rogers, Mrs. Mat Johnson, Mrs. Cecil Maplesden, Mrs. Vern Churchill and Mrs. Peter Camp. Ladies making the trip on Monday included Mrs. George Angell, Mrs. James Loutett, Mrs. Alvie Gordon, Mrs. Hank Earle, Mrs. Jim Bradshaw and Mrs. Henry Wedge.

Name H. H. Hinton President To Head Chamber of Commerce

At last night's general meeting of the Acton Chamber of Commerce, held in the Dominion Hotel, the complete slate of officers brought in by the nominating committee was elected by acclamation.

The new executive officers for the year 1962 are: president, H. H. Hinton; first vice-president, Rev. A. H. McKenzie; second vice-president, Rev. D. H. West; secretary, Murray Harrison; treasurer, William MacKay.

Elected directors for a two-year term were Fred Gordon, Jim Ledger, Bill Benson and J. Bert Wood.

The highlight of the evening was a presentation made to past-treasurer Walter Woodburn, who is leaving to accept a position in the head office of the Bank of Nova Scotia in Toronto. The presentation was made by Jim Ledger on behalf of the Chamber executive and members. Mr. Woodburn received an engraved desk cigarette lighter.

Before the meeting adjourned, it was proposed and adopted that the date of the general meeting be set for January 17, when a town parking lot project will be discussed.

Mrs. W. Denny New President Of St. Alban's Parish Guild

The December meeting of St. Alban's Parish Guild was held in the parish hall with Mrs. E. Blunn presiding. The Rev. D. H. West opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Guild prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. L. Clarke, followed by the treasurer's report by Mrs. E. Franklin. Corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. Taylor, gave her report.

The meeting was then taken over by the Rev. D. H. West, who conducted the election of officers. The new executive will be as follows:

President, Mrs. W. Denny; vice-president, Mrs. G. Currie; secretary, Mrs. Lorna Clarke; treasurer, Mrs. H. Denny; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. W. Taylor; lunch convener, Mrs. G. Fountain; Welfare committee, Mrs. C. Nellis, Mrs. W. Coon; press secretary, Mrs. J. Creasey Jr.; flower convener, Mrs. C. Lindsay; kitchen committee, Miss M. Rowles, Mrs. E. Footitt; visiting committee, Mrs. C. Leatherland, Mrs. W. Dubois.

The nominating committee was Mrs. V. Bristow and Mrs. C. Leatherland.

It was decided that the January meeting be changed from January 3 to January 10 and be in the form of a party and pot luck supper.

The meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction after which lunch was served by the ladies in charge.

Fruit Growers Counting Trees

E. F. Muir, Fruit and Vegetable Extension Specialist in Halton County has announced that commercial fruit growers in Halton will take part in a fruit tree census.

Starting December 1, commercial fruit-growers in Ontario and the Extension Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture will co-operate in a fruit tree and grapevine census. It is five years since such a count was made.

During the first week in December, census forms will be mailed to each fruit grower from the offices of the Extension Branch in Milton. Included with the form will be a self-addressed and stamped envelope, plus a short letter of explanation. Each grower will be asked to fill in the form as it applies to his orchard and return it by mail in the stamped, addressed envelope.

Fruits covered in the census will be apples, pears, plums, cherries, and grapes.

LIMEHOUSE

Illness, Visits In Week's Column

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hill of Kingston called on former friends in the village one day last week.

We regret that Mrs. Fred Brown is ill in Georgetown and District Hospital, but hope for her improvement in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Norton and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Morrow visited the latters' daughter and her husband in Ottawa last weekend.

Mrs. Albert Neutel and little son of Burford are spending a week with her mother, Mrs. L. Janssen here.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Pearson of Milton visited the A.W. Benton's on Sunday.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Spitzer on the arrival of a little daughter at the Georgetown District Hospital on Sunday.

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Your confidence in acclaiming me your Mayor for another term is sincerely appreciated.
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SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL
JOHN H. GOY
MAYOR

To The Voters of Acton:
I WISH TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SUPPORT AT THE POLLS ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5.
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