

### First S. S. Christmas Concert Held by Fellowship Baptists

Last Sunday was a special occasion for the Fellowship Baptist Sunday School which is a new work in Acton — their first Sunday School Christmas concert. Everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy the program and it was well attended by the friends and parents of the children. An overall attendance of 65 was recorded.

The program commenced with the Welcome Chorus sung by the children, followed by a recitation by Dougie Porter. The beginners' department under the direction of Mrs. Wm. Rochester and Mrs. E. Presley sang 'Away in a Manger'. The scripture was

read by Bonnie Burcombe, after which David Rochester led in prayer. A recitation was given by Brian and Archie Binnie.

The junior departments, under the leadership of Mrs. J. Porter, gave a dialogue, "Christmas Who's Who."

Miss Yvonne McCallum and Doug Green of Guelph gave two instrumental duets "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "Because He Came." A film strip entitled "Emmanuel" was shown by Mrs. Ron. Cripps of Guelph.

Carol singing was enjoyed by all. William Rochester closed the meeting with prayer.



A PRETTY DRESS for a party is a must for the young ladies and tiny Audrey De Vries is being prettied up by her father Henry De Vries as two other girls, Sandra Cripps and Deanna West, look on. The children were caught by the camera after they had enjoyed a Christmas dinner in the Baptist church basement. They were waiting for the program to begin.

### Courts, Greens for Sale

The property that has been the site of Acton's bowling greens and tennis courts for the past 50 years is up for sale, it was revealed this week.

W. G. Beatty, president of Beardmore and Company, said this week, "The decision to sell this land and close up the tennis courts and bowling green has been stayed off for a couple of years. The final decision was made when it was realized there has not been sufficient use of the facilities to justify continuance of these sports."

Location of the facilities, it was suggested, in relation to other sports facilities, may have been a factor in their limited use.

The courts, greens and club house comprise most of the block bounded by Mill St., Church St., Wilbur St. and Fellows St. The property is listed with a Brampton realtor but in the event of sale, commissions will be

shared with local realtors, the Beardmore president explained.

#### News Is Shock

News of the property sale came as a shock to members of the tennis club executive. They had held their annual meeting in the club house on November 30, elected a new slate of officers and made plans for the coming year.

Tennis has been enjoyed on this property since the early 1900s. After a home owned by A. O. Beardmore, on an adjoining lot, was destroyed by fire, the land was used as bowling greens.

—Have a safe yule.

—Residents of the Second Line, Missagaweya, report mail stolen from roadside boxes recently. Now who would want to swipe Christmas cards?

### County Council Briefs

Tuesday afternoon at the final meeting of 1961, Halton County Council:

\* Learned three roads department employees who had earlier been laid off had been rehired as of December 4, and a complaint by the National Union of Public Employees against their layoff had been withdrawn when they were rehired.

\* Turned over to the 1962 council a request for a grant of \$1,853 toward an addition for the Burlington Mayfield School for retarded children, because the figure was not included in the 1961 budget.

\* Recommended to the next council that an extra grant of \$98,000 be paid to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital for a further 16 1/3 beds, over and above those given a grant earlier this year.

\* Received a request from the Oakville and District Labor Council, asking that local labor be used in the construction of the new court house. Council decided to ask the architect to use local craftsmen, laborers and materials wherever possible.

\* Learned that hospitalized Reeve Irving Ryckman of Burlington, who will be absent from the January meeting, cannot cast a ballot for the election of a warden. Arrangements were made to have Deputy Reeve Gordon Gallagher take the Reeve's place on the committee which sets up committees for the new council at the January meeting.

\* Awarded a contract to Halton Construction Co. at \$1,459.50 for installation of water and sewer facilities to the new court house building.

\* Approved nine by-laws to adopt a common seal for the county, fix the expenses of the councillors, warden and officials, name Jim Andrews deputy clerk, establish the office of clerk-administrator and appoint Garfield Brown to the position, amend a by-law adopting a county road improvement, hypothecate proceeds of debentures as security for advances from the bank, expropriate land for road expansion, and set the date of the first meeting of council.

—First meeting of the newly-formed Halton Museum Board is being held this afternoon (Thursday). Alex Cooke is Milton's representative.

### Full House for S.S. 11 Concert Skits, Choir, Dance on Program

S. S. No. 11 Erasmus School held their annual Christmas Concert on Friday evening in Edna Mills Hall to a full house.

Master Tommy Parker gave the welcome address. The School Choir gave many selections followed by a radio play by Bert Tugan, John Stevenson, Bob Miller and Marshall Wickham. A male drama, grades 2-4; special dance by Eloise Watson, Doris Fubman, Tim and Connie Atkinson; rhythm band, grades 1-2; senior choir, drummer boy; Mr. Christmas tree, grades 3-4; concert rehearsal, grades 4-8; closing speech by Jeff

Perry. Coffee and dancing followed.

#### In Hospital

Mr. Bob Funk is confined to Guelph General Hospital at present.

Mr. and Mrs. William McLean Sr. spent the weekend in Toronto.

Mrs. J. D. Lowrie poured tea at Mr. and Mrs. Martin's 50th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gilbertson and two sons were guests of Mrs. J. Gilbertson on Sunday.

Mr. Jack Chamberlain had the misfortune to fall on the ice skating Sunday breaking his arm.

### Brick Companies Compete For County Bldg. Contract

The brick products of two Halton County firms will be considered for use in the new county court house and administration building, county councillors agreed Tuesday following a protest from one of the firms.

Diamond Clay Products of Tansley's president R. J. McNeil and sales manager J. F. Mechan appeared before county council's December meeting to protest that their product was overlooked when council's building committee agreed to purchase the necessary brick from Milton Brick of Milton. The company officials pointed out their product could be purchased at a lower price and

could still be classed as "local" as the plant was only 10 miles from Milton.

Councillors agreed to have samples tested, along with samples of Milton Brick's product.

Eleven adult whooping cranes and three young-of-the-year have been sighted by the Canadian Wildlife Service on the nesting grounds in Wood Buffalo National Park.

Thirty-six whoopers completed the long flight to Arkansas last year. Because of the real danger that they may become extinct they are protected by law in both Canada and the United States.

### Tape Tells Police Message First Recorded Call Monday

A recording machine installed in the police office is taking calls for police when they are out on patrol or away from the office. The machine was pressed into service following the conversion to dial.

When a call comes in to the office a pre-recorded message by one of the policemen answers the call and asks the caller to leave a message, name, phone number and address. When the call is received in the office a red light goes on, in the downtown area and the patrolling policeman returns to the office and plays back the message.

This instrument was installed to take the place of the operator at the former manual switchboard who previously took a message for police.

Corporal Ray Mason of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment reported this week the first recorded message was received Monday evening from a local resident who complained his outside Christmas tree lights had been stolen. Corporal Mason reminds callers to listen attentively to the recorded message and give a clear and concise report into the phone so the policeman on duty may investigate the call's purpose.

### Safe Too Fast

An Ipperwash base soldier who thought he'd play safe while driving along Highway 401 Sunday played it safe too quickly.

Driving past Milton on the highway, he hit a foggy patch and decided to slow down his car. He slowed quickly and another car driven by a London man rammed the rear end of the safety-conscious soldier's car, causing \$475 damage. North Halton O.P.P. investigated.

#### FAMILY BATH

A strange Christmas custom in Finland is the annual Christmas Eve steam bath taken by the entire family. After the bath everyone is supposed to roll in the snow.

### Longevity Runs in Her Family Mrs. William Dredge Turns 93

Longevity seems to run in the family of Mrs. William Dredge of Haltonville, so it wasn't unusual that she celebrated her 93rd birthday on Monday, December 18.

One of a family of nine (two of whom were born in Ireland) Mrs. Dredge has many relatives who passed the 90 years of age. One sister died a few years ago at 95, and all her close relatives lived past the age of 80, including one sister who was crippled since childhood.

#### Most Of Life Here

Born in Toronto, Mrs. Dredge lived in Painswick and Milton, then after her marriage lived at St. Helena (Spessy) before moving to live with her son George at Haltonville (R.R. 2, Rockwood), about 50 years ago. Her husband died about 10 years ago and she is still living with her son.

Recently Mrs. Dredge broke her hip and was hospitalized four months, and is now confined to a wheelchair. However up until her accident she was quite active around the house.

#### Family Of Seven

She has seven children, Raymond of New York, Mabel (Mrs. Morton) of Toronto, Hazel (Mrs.



MRS. WILLIAM DREDGE Was 93 Monday

M. McConnell) of Milton, Austin R. of Burlington, Ethel (Mrs. William Job) of Palmerston, George of Rockwood, and Kathleen (Mrs. Tindale) of Ashprose. She also has 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Most of the family visited her Sunday when a little party was held in her honor.

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