

**—Have a Merry Christmas!**

—The weekend was unusually busy with Christmas concerts, parties and services.

—When Santa came to Georgetown Saturday, Acton Citizens' Band was in the parade.

—Christmas and New Year holidays don't change publication dates of the Free Press this year.

—Gifts of the intermediate group of the United Church C.G.I.T. went carolling Wednesday evening.

—Parties and hockey cut down attendance at the Y's Men's movie in the Y last Saturday afternoon.

—Last merchants' draw for this series is Saturday afternoon. Some Christmas presents — \$60 in vouchers!

—The first meeting of the newly formed Milton Museum Board is being held in Milton this afternoon.

—The Christmas Reformed Church Christmas concert is on Christmas afternoon. There will be a full report next week.

—Kindergarten and grade one classes at the Robert Little school are combining for a Christmas party this afternoon.

—This week's snow makes the colored street decorations and lighted by Christmas tree at the post office even more enchanting.

—With the crowds of the first weekend thinned out, a large public skating was enjoyed at the arena last week end.

—Today's the shortest day of the year—and the start of winter.

—Although we can now call Georgetown free, we don't get the Georgetown numbers in our phone book until the next one is issued.

—Members of the town working staff have been kept busy playing and cleaning the snow off the streets as well as gathering garbage.

—High school forms are all decorating their rooms for a competition. The school bus drivers are judges. There's a dance tonight and the term ends Friday.

—High school students are selling magazine subscriptions to raise student council funds. Their parents are looking forward to lots of reading this long, cold winter.

—Christmas trees will be collected on Wednesday, January 3. There's garbage collection this Friday, next Wednesday and Thursday, January 2. Regular collection starts again January 8.

—Approximately 1,150 colored bulbs greet motorists travelling through Acton during the Christmas season. Colors prominent in the decorations include red, green, blue, yellow and white.

—Acton Citizens' Band played their first Christmas carols this season in front of the Y.M.C.A. Wednesday evening. After playing a few numbers at the Y, bandsmen enjoyed the warmth of the fire hall and serenaded residents with carols over the firemen's public address system mounted on the roof.

**C. G. I. T. Candlelighters Circle Darkened Church at Service End**

Overall theme of the C.G.I.T. candlelighting service at the United Church Sunday evening was "God's glorious response to a dark world in need of light". The darkened church represented the world in need of light when a congregation of over 100 watched the girls and leaders of this active group in their impressive and sincere ceremony.

Four girls from the senior choir, Kay Dennis, Mary Beth Elliott, Jean Hart and Janet Rognvaldson assisted the C.G.I.T. choir, Vivian Smith, Ruth Ann Elliott, Judy Dohy, Nancy Gordon, Jacoba Van Der Brink and Ann Fryer.

Three Groups The candlelighters were divided in three groups with two coming forward during the procession. When the third group came forward, Susan Radford brought a lighted candle and two other senior girls, Dianne Angell and Lorraine Lasby, lit candles for the two other groups from her candle. Then the lights came on in the church to represent the light carried over the earth.

The three candles were placed on the communion table and Joy to the World was sung.

The litany prayer was read by superintendent Mrs. Ken Allen in the section of the program called "In the Bleak Midwinter". Leader Fern Smith read the scripture.

Fantasy A Christmas fantasy in which C.G.I.T. members represented an angel and angels with him main reactions to the news of the birth of Christ followed. An angel was Diane Angell and angels were Lorraine Lasby, Susan Radford, Ruth Lamb, Eleanor Heard and Donna Shortt with Betty Cook as the "wise angel" who had difficulty seeing everything. The angel said to the angels all to join the sheep.

heads — the news was "for men and not for angels".

The next section termed "Light on the Dark" and "Grace Striken" included the story of the messenger read by leader Dwight Engel. Gabriel's appearance learned his work was more important than himself.

All Light Candles "We as Light Bearers" was the next section when Donna Pendleton, Vivian Smith and Barbara Symon lit small candles from the big ones, reciting then all the other members lit their candles and circled the church with the lights out to repeat their purpose and sing "O Little Town of Bethlehem". The choir sang the Hebrew benediction.

George Elliott directed the choir and played the organ. Ushers were Eleanor Heard, Nancy Dohy, Ruth Ann Elliott and Barbara Symon.

This is an annual service and the offering goes to the work of the national C.G.I.T. committee of the Canadian Council of Churches.

**Legion Party Delights Tots**

The Legion hall was filled with the squeals of delighted children Saturday afternoon when all children, many years of age and under, whose fathers or mothers are members received a somewhat "excited" Santa himself.

The youngsters were called to the front in family groups for gifts, candy, games and oranges distributed by Mr. Claus and members of the Legion Ladies Auxiliary. Henry Wedge, as a clown, helped give out balloons.

Recordings of carols set the atmosphere for the party as the singing cars, doll sets, jewel boxes, bowling games and many other.



BEING TEMPTED with a choice piece of pie are three of the young tykes who enjoyed the Baptist church Christmas party Friday evening. Pictured above, Pastor James M. Rudd and Mrs. Rudd show pies to Diana De Vries, Kevin Evans and Mary-Ann Turner. A large turnout enjoyed the Christmas dinner and program following.

**Family Dinner, Program For Baptists on Friday**

A delicious hot roast beef dinner followed by plenty of pie was enjoyed by family groups in the basement of the Baptist church Friday by about 125. This is an annual congregational dinner which precedes the traditional Sunday School concert. Mrs. H. Freuter and Mrs. H. Helwig were convener of the meal assisted by other ladies of the church.

Upstairs, the baptistry had been converted to a stage for the program. Carols were led by Ruth Landsborough with her father Charles Landsborough playing the organ. The program, called The Characters of Christmas, Meet Christ, was divided into six sections. After the singing of "O Come All Faithful" with Miss Helen Landsborough at the piano, the pastor the Rev. James Rudd led in prayer.

Program sections were called "The Shepherds Accepted Him", "The Wise Men Accepted Him", "The King Rejected Him", "The

**10 Girls Receive Golden Bars At Second Brownie Pack Party**

Santa was absent but sent a Brownie helper, equipped with red nose and all, when Brownies of the second pack entertained their mothers during their Christmas party Monday afternoon at the scout hall.

Following the usual opening with roll call, the 24 Brownies entertained with solos or musical numbers after which everyone joined in singing a Christmas carol.

Each mother present was given a gift made by her daughter the previous week and Patty Dunne, dressed as Santa's helper with a bright red nose, handed out gifts from under the Christmas tree to each Brownie.

To conclude the party Brownies were given bags containing candy

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**Pot Luck Supper, Cards for C.W.L.**

The Christmas meeting of the Catholic Women's League began last Thursday in the hall with a delicious pot luck supper. Gifts from beneath a gum tree were exchanged and then the ladies played court whist. A short business meeting was chaired by president Mrs. Hartley Coles. Reports on the successful bazaar were given and a few articles left over were sold by auction.

Conveners were Mrs. Gordon Thompson, Mrs. Bert Fowler and Mrs. Leo Swinnett.

**Driver Injured In Accident**

An Acton man was slightly injured and the car he was driving received an estimated \$300 damage Wednesday evening near Crewson's Corners on Highway 7.

William Oost, 22, of 41 Church St., received facial lacerations when he was thrown from his car as it left the highway and struck a culvert. Const. Peter Orr of North Halton O.P.P. investigated.



HESITANT at first, five-year-old Billy McGilloway soon clambered onto Santa's knee when he saw the big present being offered. Billy was among the many children attending the firefighters' visit from Santa Sunday afternoon at the fire hall. A few tears were shed when Santa entered the room but as soon as his bundle of toys and goodies was unpacked everyone was smiling and waiting a turn to receive a gift.

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**Acton United Church**

DWIGHT I. ENGEL Pastor

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