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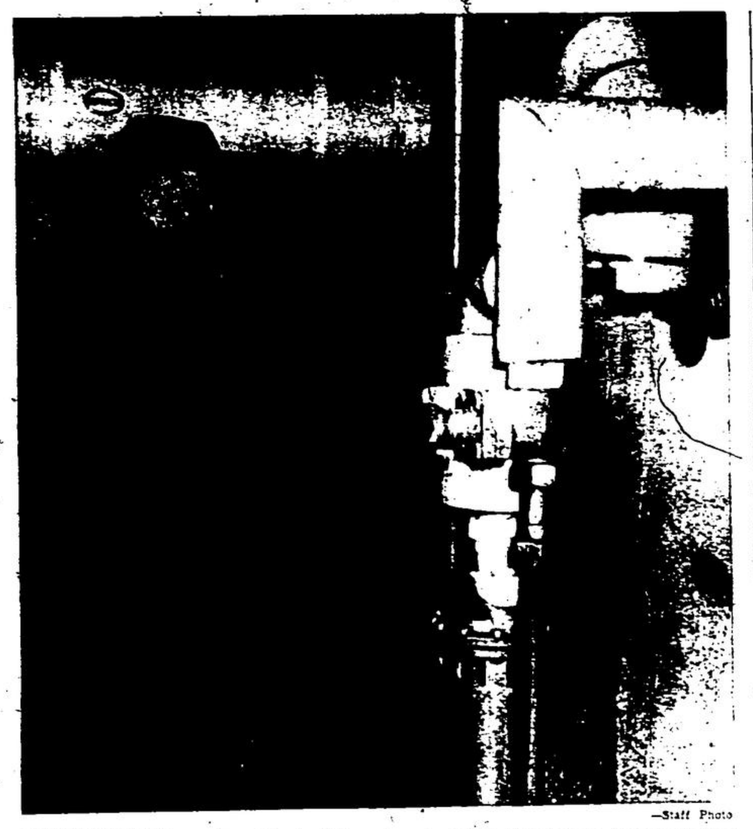

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CHECKING VALVES to make certain the brine return is correct, Jim Ralston, former engineer with Beardmore and Company, keeps an eagle eye on the ice making equipment at the arena. Mr. Ralston has been engaged as engineer for the ice making plant and has everything running smoothly. He checks and re-checks each time he enters the room and his keen ear can detect when something is wrong.

New Night School Courses Lined Up for Winter Term

Four new night school courses begin and eight are open for more registrations when night school classes start again at the High School after the Christmas break on Monday, January 8 and Tuesday, January 9. It was agreed at the last meeting of the night school committee that these courses would begin and others could join classes half way through for $3.50.

Four new courses are:

Home and landscape gardening, taught by Prof. Weall of the O.A.C. Mondays.

Power mower and boat motor repairs taught at Canadian Tire Mondays.

Dramatics, Mondays with high school teacher Michael Bevan.

Leadership, Tuesdays with Mr. Bevan, being attended by those who took effective speaking before Christmas as well as any others who'd like to come.

Classes running since the fall but which will take anyone else:

Motor mechanics Mondays ($5) with Ron Burcombe at Prouse Motors. They'll tear down and rebuild a car motor.

Choral singing Mondays with Glenn Banks. Some from the Minstrel Show are expected to swell the choir's ranks.

Leathercraft (assembly only) with George Bowman Tuesdays.

Draperies and slipcovers with Miss Jessie Merriam Tuesdays.

Oil painting, elementary, Mondays with Major Newman.

Oil painting, advanced and sketching with Frank Black Mondays.

Flower arranging Mondays with Mrs. Hayward of Guelph, was expected to end at Christmas but goes on "by popular demand" and more can be accommodated. Everyone participates. Mrs. Hayward is a member of the Guelph Horticultural Society.

Display Night Next

At the last night school committee meeting, after these courses were decided on, members began to lay plans for the annual display night.

A.Y.P.A. Yule Dance Brings 70 to Hall

St. Alban's parish hall was liberally decked with mistletoe Friday for the Christmas dance sponsored by the thriving new Young People's Association of the church. About 70 attended to dance to records with chaperones the Rev. Donald West, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Coker and Mrs. Ted Moyse. Hot dogs and soft drinks were sold.

NO AGREEMENT

Parkhill fire fighters were frustrated by law when they had to stand helpless and watch a six-month old house burn to its foundation, about 25 miles northwest of London.

The house was in West Williams Township which had no fire protection agreement with the town. Chief Gordon Fraser said the town offered the township an agreement about two years ago. "It was an economical one but the township thought it would raise the tax rate too much."

— Made up a list of new year's resolutions yet?

CAMPBELLVILLE

Auxiliary Christmas Meeting Donates Sunday School Gifts

Mrs. Menzies opened her home for the Christmas meeting of the Blair Evening Auxiliary on Wednesday evening. The president, Mrs. Douglas Inglis opened the meeting with a short poem, "The First Christmas Stocking."

The First Noel was sung, followed with prayer by Mrs. J. R. McPhail. The president led in the reading of the Christmas lessons found in the second chapter of Luke, dwelling chiefly on the visit of the Wise Men bringing their gifts to the baby Jesus.

Mrs. J. R. McPhail and Mrs. Maurice Roberts sang a beautiful duet, The Dear Little Stranger. The Roll call was answered by naming a favorite hymn. Away in a Manger was sung. Mrs. W. Mahon prepared a paper on "Christmas just didn't happen." Mrs. R. Mahon read the paper in her absence.

Silent Night was sung. The secretary, Mrs. Webb, treasurer Mrs. Cramp and cheer secretary Mrs. C. Mitchell gave their respective reports. Mrs. McPhail gave the report of the nominating committee. Mrs. J. Robertson on behalf of the members presented a gift to Mrs. R. Elliott and Mrs. S. Cramp in appreciation of special help given at the time of the 25th anniversary. Mrs. Robertson read a letter about sending pretty cards to Formosa.

A box of gifts given by the members for the Sunshine School in Milton was presented by Mrs. Webb and accepted by Mrs. T. Mitchell who spoke for a few minutes on the work with the children which appears to be quite encouraging. The Good Thought was given by Mrs. Menzies on a subject taken from second chapter of Luke verses 15-to-17, where the Shepherds hastened to visit Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus.

"It came upon the Midnight Clear" was sung. The meeting was closed with the Lord's prayer in unison. Mrs. Lloyd Crawford was accompanist for the evening. Mrs. James Wallace, a former member, now living in Lansing, Michigan, entertained the ladies by telling of many experiences they have had, especially in the church which they have joined.

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS are enjoyed by school children as they swoop down the hills at the Robert Little school on tobaggans and sleighs. A group of the youngsters is pictured above as they congregate at the top of the hills to ride down. Other children are enjoying skating and hockey during the holiday season.

Last Merchants' Draw Saturday Fury's, Lions Prizes Won Next

Mrs. H. Lasby, Acton, was $60 richer Saturday afternoon when her name was drawn from a large drum during the final merchants' "Free Living" draw at the post office.

Mrs. Lasby received vouchers, redeemable at participating merchants' stores to the value of $60. She was presented with her prize by Paul Neilsen, officiating merchant.

During the final draw, six other lucky winners went home with prizes. Lovell Brothers presented a chicken which was won by Mrs. Jim Savers, R.R. 4, Acton; Ledger's I.G.A. turkey was won by Mrs. A. Frost, Acton; Paulette Shoppe's $5 voucher went to Amelia Prystasz; Rachlin Jeweler's $5 voucher was won by Mrs. Hector Lambert; Gordon Hardware's $5 voucher was received by Mrs. H. Peal and the Junior Modes Shoppe's $5 voucher was won by Miss Karen Perkins.

Fury's Draw

With one of the largest crowds present for the final draw, the Automobile Club made their Christmas draw with Fury's three lucky winners taking home prizes.

First prize of a four-speed record player went to Fred Collins, R.R. 3, Orton; second prize of a mantel radio was won by Robert Farr of Deep River and third prize of a travel alarm clock was given to Leslie Cripps, Acton.

Lions Draw

The Lions club made a draw too while the crowd was gathered. First prize went to Marion Elliott, second prize to Emmerson Baxter and third to Mrs. R. Kloester.

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Trees Can Go to Blazes

Christmas trees used this year by Acton residents can go to blazes as far as the Acton Chamber of Commerce is concerned. That is exactly what will happen to them. Friday evening, January 5, at 7.30, Mayor John Goy and chamber president E. G. Tyler Sr. will touch a match to the old trees which will be piled near the town dump.

The second annual community Christmas tree burning, under the sponsorship of the Chamber of Commerce, is anticipated to draw a large crowd of spectators and everyone will be served steaming cups of hot coffee and doughnuts.

Open Invitation

Last year 1,100 trees went up in smoke as a large crowd lined the fence surrounding the town dump property and watched as flames lit up the sky for miles around.

Mr. Tyler extended an open invitation to al parents to bring their kiddies to the tree burning ceremony but warns to be certain everyone stands well back as flames envelop the pile.

Christmas trees will be collected on Wednesday, January 3.

Woman's Suspicions Leads to Man's Arrest

A woman's intuition and suspicions are difficult to overcome and a Toronto man soon found this out recently.

John Jong, a Toronto resident, gave a false name and a Rockwood address when he asked for money refunded for goods at the Acton office of Simpson-Sears. Miss Jessie Coles, store manager became suspicious about the goods being returned and trailed the man to his car.

After obtaining the license number, she notified police and after an investigation, the stranger was arrested at his home and lodged in Milton jail. He remained there for a short time and was later released on $50 bail. He will appear in court at a later date.

When the Toronto man entered the store, his story about the returned articles was not as convincing as he judged and Miss Coles realized the goods had not been purchased from Simpson-Sears Company. She refunded the money and later conducted a bit of detective work on her own.

Clean Up Year-end Business During Final Council Meeting

Councillors-elect Frank Prouse, J. Bert Wood and Hamilton Peal saw the 1961 Council in action at their final meeting Wednesday, winding up the year's business. Mayor J. Goy thanked the 1961 Council for their work and cooperation during the year. He expressed his pleasure that the town would end the year in a good financial position. It is expected all accounts will be paid and there will be no deficit on the year's operation.

The passing of by-laws occupied the attention of Council.

The Sale of Milk by-law was given its third reading and becomes effective January 1, 1962. Provisions of the by-law require all distribution of milk and fluid milk products be made by licensed outlets. All milk sold in Acton must be processed within the town of Acton or within a radius of three miles.

The mayor's salary by-law received its third reading. In this by-law the mayor will receive $1,200 per year. 50 per cent of this amount will be earmarked as expenses.

Up for consideration and given two readings was a No Parking by-law which covers the streets adjacent to the new liquor store outlet. The streets on which no parking will be allowed are both sides of Longfield Road from Queen Street to Mowbray Place, and Queen Street from Longfield Road to Young Street. 27 parking spaces are provided on the liquor store property.

Appointments to the Committee of Adjustment were made by by-law. Jack Doherty was re-appointed to serve for a term of three years and Louis Bonnette was appointed to fill the unexpired term created by the resignation of Ken Hardman.

Given two readings was a by-law to change the official zoning map of the zoning by-law. The changes under this by-law will bring the map into conformity with the zoning by-law.

Appointed to the Planning Board for a term of three years were H. H. Hinton and Aldo Braida. Appointments for one year were Ken Hardman and Syd Lamb.

Consumers' deposits of $26.00 were credited to water accounts.

Mayor Goy reported on his discussions with members of the staff at the high school. The staff had requested a meeting to discuss with the mayor the changes in the educational system proposed by the Ontario government which will become effective in two years.

A copy of the soils investigation report on the route of the

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Cash Box Stolen At Local Store

A steel cash box containing money and receipts from telephone payments was stolen Friday from the counter at Symon Hardware. The owners and clerks were busy at the rear of the store when the theft occurred.

The records of payments were in the box and store owners are asking everyone who paid their bill for the month at their store to notify them immediately.

Police were informed and conducted an investigation but no trace of the missing box or receipts has been found.

Symon Hardware and Gordon's Hardware are the two locations where telephone customers can pay their accounts.

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LORNE YOUNGBLUT was invested as Worshipful Master of Walker Lodge A.F. & A.M., Wednesday evening. He received his regalia from P.M. Fred Salt. Pictured above following the ceremony left to right are P.M. Fred Salt, W.M. Lorne Youngblut, I.P.M. Stan Joe and Very Worshipful Brother, Herb Ritchie, Installing Master. Lunch was enjoyed at the conclusion of the meeting.

HAPPY NEW YEAR