

Ten Win Christmas Turkeys At Y's Men's Bingo Saturday

The annual draw for 10 plump turkeys was made at the conclusion of the Y's Men's very successful bingo Saturday evening in the Y.M.C.A. The 15-pound Christmas turkeys go to Gloria Barber, R. R. 2, Acton; Mary Heit (Don Heit's sister) 42 Hynds St., Kitchener; K. Martensen, 137 Perth St., Acton; C. L. Cook, 58 Main St.; Georgina Angell, Earl Breaers, 105 Mill St.; Kay Spence, 238 Arthur St.; Lloyd Nellis, R.R. 1, Acton; W. Buchanan, 240 Elmure Drive and M. Makonecny, Acton.

Several of the winners were in the Y when their tickets were drawn by a willing child in the crowd. Guy Ross was in charge of the popular yearly draw. Again many tickets were sold in advance in the project.

Board Room Riffed
Attendance at the bingo was very good. To accommodate the crowd, more and more tables and chairs had to be set up. Finally, even the table from the board room was brought down!

Derek Milnes won a \$20 special and another special went to Mrs. G. Johnson.

Santa and Elves
The men playing Santa Claus with the cash and the turkeys were Guy Ross and Lorne Doherty. Their helpers, although they didn't look much like North Pole elves, were Bill Mainprize, Mansell Nellis, Sid Saitz, Pat McKenzie, Don Heit and Lou Bonnette.

Chips, soft drinks and coffee were all sold to boost the night's profit even more. Annually money is given by the club to the Y.M.C.A. for its upkeep and operations.

The turkeys were on order, and were delivered later.

Girls in Charge

Three C.G.I.T. Girls Light Candles in Service at Knox

The Explorer Group of Knox Church attended the service with their leader, Mrs. Moore.

Knox Presbyterian church C.G.I.T. held its Vesper Service on Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. The service was led by the president Sandy Sinclair.

Margaret Mackenzie gave the Scripture reading from Luke 2, Verses 1-20. Lynn Masters led the congregation through a very moving meditation.

The three candlelighters were Lorraine Cleland, Marlene Heatley and Wendy Masters. Other C.G.I.T. girls helping throughout the service were Arlene Wensley, Debbie Jordan, Irene Anderson, Moira Parker and Beverly McKnight.

The leaders are Mrs. K. Livermore and Mrs. R. Lee.

The junior choir was present under the direction of Mrs. A. K. Mann and Ted Hansen.

Tree Biz

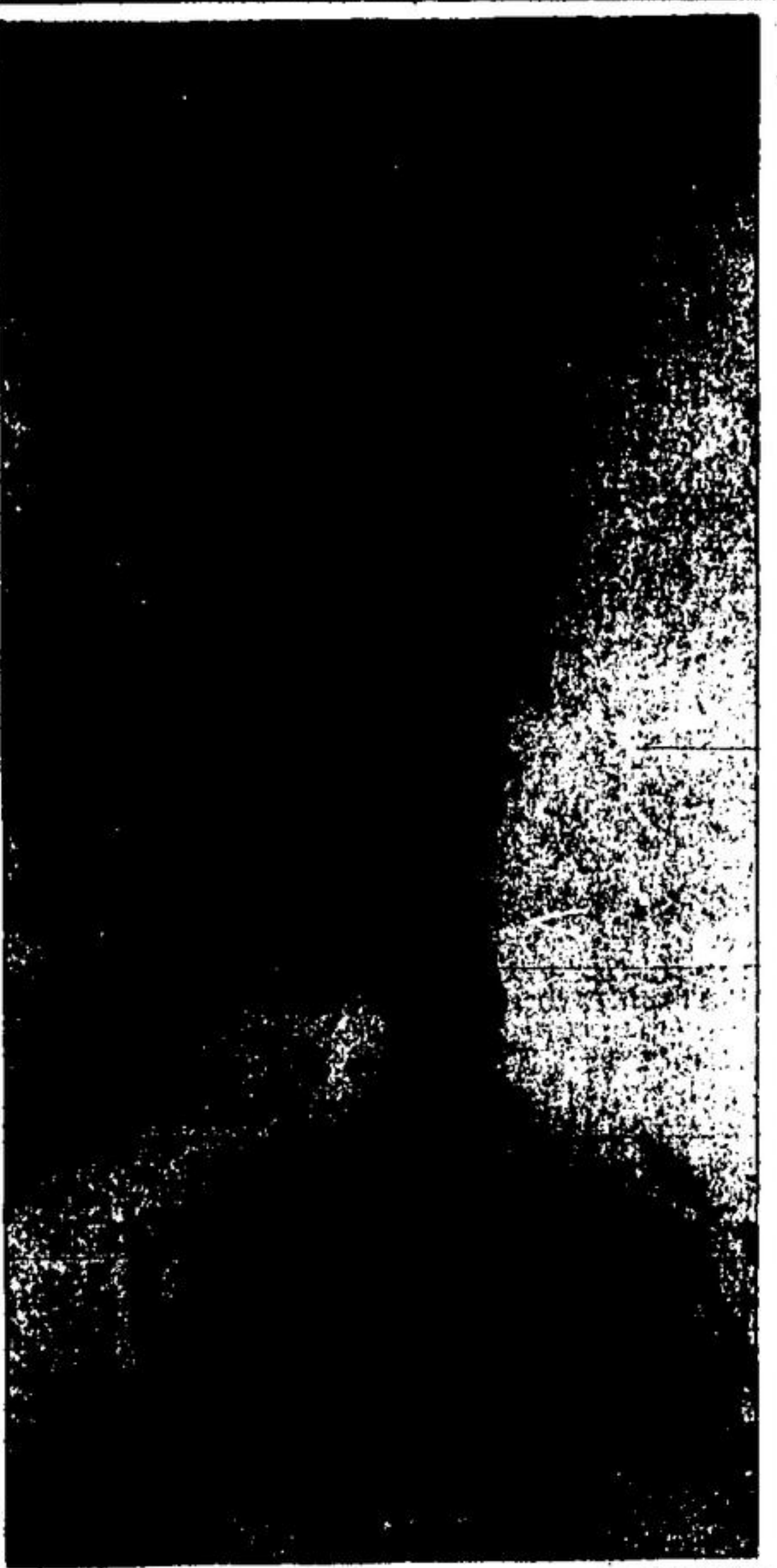
Christmas tree sales amounted to almost \$250 on Saturday at the Y.M.C.A. This project is sponsored annually by the Y's Men's club. Sales were almost as high again on Monday.

The trees, frosted with snow, are spotlighted and club members have a schedule for duty hours.

CUT BUTTONS OFF CLOTH

When cutting buttons off a piece of cloth, slide a thin comb between button and fabric and snip the threads with a razor.

— Last week the Free Press carried Dr. Harry Harley's opinion poll on a Canadian flag. He'll be reporting on the replies he receives and he expects to send us another poll soon.



TOMATOES IN DECEMBER ripe off a vine in Acton? That's right! Pupils at the M. Z. Bennett school have a seven-foot tomato plant in full bloom and bearing fruit. Jackie Lee is pictured as she picks the first ripe tomato. Ten others are beginning to ripen. See story elsewhere in this issue of the Free Press.

Miss Laura Wiles Awarded Auxiliary's Life Membership

The Christmas dinner meeting of the Alert Evening Auxiliary of Knox church was held in the basement and convened by Miss Emma Cole and Mrs. Eli Masters of the losing group in the copper contest. Mrs. G. McLennan expressed thanks on behalf of the winning group for the delightful dinner.

The group gathered in the Sunday school room. The worship service was presided over by Miss Cole and included familiar carols and the Bible story read by Mrs. Masters. Miss Cole led in prayer and Mrs. McLennan contributed two lovely poems, Christmas is Remembering and The Things that are Needed.

Mrs. J. L. Davidson took charge for the business. Roll call was answered by each presenting a gift to sick and shut-ins. The matter of delivering these was left to Mrs. G. Young and Mrs. Mel McCullough and Mrs. F. Masters. They go to hospitals, the manor and local homes.

Treasurer Mrs. J. Inglis will send finances in to Presbytery to finish the year's giving.

A life membership was presented to Miss Laura Wiles, who has been a member well over 30 years, but she was unavoidably absent. Mrs. Robert Turner and Mrs. Young accepted it and would be glad to answer any questions.

Y Holiday

Children are so entranced by their new toys, attendance at the Y is generally low just after Christmas. Again this year Sid Saitz is halting the Y program for Christmas week. Swimming lessons have stopped and resume on January 4.

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Every consumer should satisfy himself that there is no Canadian equivalent before he reaches out his hand for an imported product. By becoming "label conscious," he will probably find that often habit has led him to the imported product. The Canadian product, alongside, may be just as good. Buy that, and help create the 60,000 jobs that Ontario needs for the prosperity of all its people.

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Don't Leave Children Alone Chief's Christmas Message

The holiday season introduces many new fire hazards into the home. Fire Chief Mick Holmes warned this week. While Christmas is a time for children, they might face great danger from fire if they are left alone and unattended even for the shortest interval.

The highly inflammable Christmas tree, decorations and gift wrappings make it an imperative duty of all parents to make sure their children are never without responsible supervision.

Quotes Code
The fire chief quoted Section 189 of the Criminal Code of Canada: "Every one who unlawfully abandons or exposes a child who is under the age of ten years, so that its life is or is likely to be endangered or its health is or is likely to be permanently injured, is guilty of an indictable offence and is liable to imprisonment for two years."

During this season of parties and visiting, there is an increased tendency to leave children alone "just for a minute," but it only takes 18 seconds for a Christmas tree to burn furiously to "charred wood!"

If you must go out, the fire chief advises, get a responsible baby sitter for the children and you will enjoy your party much more.

KNOWN TO ALL
In southern France "santons" are better known than Santa. "Santons" are clay replicas of members of the Holy Family, manger animals and saints. Since the crèche, rather than the evergreen tree, is the centre of Christmas home decoration in France, the santons play an important part.

Greetings

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Forums Urge Program "Avoid Dairy Disaster"

Three thousand Canadian farmers, meeting on December 3 to discuss the dairy situation, agreed that the dairy problem requires a greatly expanded promotion program. They called for increased spending on advertising, a greater effort to introduce school milk programs across the nation, and research to determine the role of dairy products in nutrition and health.

The study groups called for united action by dairy farmers, organized through a single milk marketing board. Such a board could set standards, regulate the market and equalize receipts to producers. One group said:

Complete Disaster
"We would suggest that the various dairy organizations get back together and stay together and get a Dairy Marketing plan in operation quick before we have complete disaster in the dairy industry."

Most groups believe that Dairy Farmers of Canada should take the lead in establishing policy designed to bring order back to the dairy industry. The Federation of Agriculture was another organization which was charged with the responsibility of providing leadership to producers.

Well over 40 per cent of the groups agreed to support an expanded Dairy Farmers of Canada set aside to pay for stepped-up promotion and organization. It was agreed that more money is needed for promotion and new product development. Some groups were concerned that all producers be equally assessed for such expenses.

Turn Down Probe
In Ontario, the groups were asked for their reaction to the idea of a Royal Commission on the dairy industry. Well over half of the forums and almost all of the dairy groups turned the idea down. Said one group:

"A Royal Commission is just a waste of time. The McFarlane Report and Government branches of Agriculture and Economics have all the needed figures and information now."

One comment sums up the

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