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## Special 28-Page Christmas Issue

This Christmas edition of the Free Press, with the heartiest greetings of council, merchants, subscribers, and the staff here, contains a 16-page special full color section and a regular 12 page section, a 20 page of news, pictures, advertisements and cards of greeting coming via this page.

Next week a tabloid size paper will include advertisements, new year messages, many news stories not yet published of holiday parties and news. The paper will come out on Thursday in usual size and will be the paper of Thursday, January 2. There will be delivery to all the houses who are open, but on the Friday to dealers who want their Sunday Day or the day after New Year's. Advertising deadline, for classified and display ads, is Tuesday at 3 p.m. News copy is sought as soon as possible.

The Free Press plant and office are open both Boxing Day and January 2.

A special feature for the two holiday weeks only is the addition of a 10 years ago and 75 years ago columns to the regular 10 and 20 years ago columns. Merry Christmas!

## Cars on Street Hamper Plowing

Overnight parking on Acton streets is prohibited according to the town by-law and motorists are being warned by the Acton O.P.P. Detachment to comply with the by-law.

Corporal Ray Mason asks motorists to obey the regulations in order to allow town workmen to proceed with plowing the streets. According to the by-law, cars will be towed away at the owners' expense and charges laid.



"THE LITTLE SHOEMAKER" and "Me and My Teddy Bear" were two of the skits presented by Mrs. Doug Copeland's grade four pupils during the Robert Little school Christmas concert Wednesday evening. Taking part were left to right Teddy Hagen, Diane Bousfield, Bob Toth and Harry Lawson. A large crowd of parents were on hand to enjoy the program.

## Junior Grades Present Songs, Dances Senior Nativity Pageant at Concert

Christmas carols, a nativity pageant and entrancing rhymes about Santa sung by wide-eyed youngsters filled the program when the Robert Little school pupils presented a Christmas concert last night (Wednesday). The program was jammed with parents and the students returned to their classrooms after their appearances on stage. (They had all seen the show at the dress rehearsal—Tuesday afternoon.)

The most endearing aspects of Christmas were all apparent here: the wonder, faith, awe, reverence and, of course, excitement.

All Junior Classes

Wendy Fryer welcomed the many parents and friends. Miss Jasper's kindergarten classes came first, with songs and rhythm band. Then Trudy Patrick recited.

Mrs. Gamble's grade one had songs and dances; Mrs. Reed's grade one dances and action songs in costumes; Miss Duby's grade two songs; Mrs. Black's

grade two a dance and song and a comical puppet show with parts taken by Susan Shoemaker, Bonnie Bristow, Judy Engel and Elaine Lamb; Miss Jones' grade three choral reading; Mrs. Doherty's grade four songs, with a solo by Carl Reed; Mrs. Copeland's grade four song and dance; The Little Shoemaker, with Bob Toth aptly cast as the dancer, and a song, Me and My Teddy Bear with a duet by Ted Hagen and Harry Lawson; Mrs. White's grade five songs, one of them well-done parody in French.

Senior Pageant

After an intermission when music supervisor Glenn Banks led the audience in carols, the senior students presented a pageant. A 100 voice choir sang sweetly in two and sometimes divergent harmony appropriate hymns and the familiar story unfolded in pantomime on the darkened stage. Costumes were excellent. Even a choir of angels, in white and silver, appeared

from the wings.

The part of Mary was taken by Joseph Murray; Joseph, Leona Knutson, the angel Ann Gordon and the reader Mariamne Coles. The Three Kings, who had solos, were Robert Bonnette, Neil Anderson and Bill Pendleton. In the finale, Silent Night, Cathy Krul had a solo.

Mr. Banks accompanied all the numbers on the piano.

Some parents stood against the walls, even after all available extra chairs had been brought in.

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## Will Consider Bridging Gap In Retarded Education Cost

Should the County Council fill the gap between the cost of operating Halton's three schools for mentally retarded children and the amount of provincial grants received?

Executives of the three schools feel as, and approached Halton County for some help a couple of months ago. Recently G. G. Addison of the North Halton school met with the property committee and convinced members the action was necessary. The property committee asked County Council on Tuesday to have the finance committee discuss the problem and possibly include the required amount in the 1964 estimates.

Never Over Half

Mr. Addison points out the Province in some cases pays one-third of the operational cost of the schools, but never more than half. The County Council should make up the difference and get the Association who operate the schools "out of the fund-raising game and back into education."

Last year operating costs came to \$28,000 for the Burlington

school, \$14,000 in Oakville, and \$18,000 in North Halton. The Province paid just about half, leaving the Associations to raise the remainder through charitable donations and door-to-door canvases.

Next year the County grant, if approved, would come to \$27,000. Mr. Addison pointed out if the County gives a grant the local municipalities will not be asked to donate.

## E. Tyler President A.C.B. Fourth Term

Ted Tyler Jr. was returned as president for his fourth term Friday evening when members of Acton Citizens' Band held their annual election of officers at the Orange Hall at Crewson's Corners.

Other officers include first vice-president John McHugh, second Dave Peal, secretary George Elliott and treasurer Joe Vostri. Other executive members are Julian Zajac, Walter Dubois, Gordon Ramshaw and Aldo Braide.



WHITE GIFT SUNDAY was marked by Knox Sunday School Sunday afternoon as children brought gifts to distribute to needy families. Pictured hanging in their gifts are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Toth, front to back, Kathy, Gordie and Ann, and Rev. A. H. McKenzie and Sunday school superintendent Clarence Coles take the gifts. Singing of Christmas hymns preceded the white gift service.

## Ho! Ho! Ho!

## Council Hangs Up Christmas Sock With Note to O.M.B. for \$859,000

Providing approval is granted, the town of Acton conceivably will have a credit amounting to \$859,000 for capital expenditures during the next five years. This projected figure will be handed to the Ontario Municipal Board following the board's request.

Before approval can be given by the O.M.B. for any capital expenditure, projects must be forecast for a period of five years. Recently, when approval for the proposed 10-room high school addition was sought, the O.M.B. informed council a complete projected estimate for both school boards, hydro commission and town council must be submitted (\$8,000).

Christmas List? Tuesday evening at council, the high school requested \$300,000 for a proposed 10-room addition in 1963 and \$289,000 for a four-classroom and gymnasium addition in 1967.

Council requested \$175,000 for a proposed addition to the disposal plant and \$25,000 for paving in 1963 and proposed a \$50,000 per year for five years for industrial expansion. Both public school board and Acton Hydro Electric Commission agreed against any capital expenditure in the next five years. The hydro commission at their last meeting agreed any unforeseen capital expenditure could be handled without long term borrowing.

## Santa's Helpers Hit Peak Loads

Postal employees are in the midst of their Christmas rush and are sorting an average of 10,000 cards per day over and above the regular mail of 2,000 letters. On top of the cards, about 30 to 40 bulging bags of parcels arrive daily.

Postmaster Gordon McKeown urges patrons to mail their cards immediately in order to ensure delivery before Christmas.

Four extra helpers have been added to the staff to cope with the Christmas rush.

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Because this projected figure of \$859,000 has been reached, it doesn't necessarily mean this amount will be borrowed. If approval for this amount is given

by the O.M.B. it will allow the high school board to proceed with architect's plans for the 10-room addition immediately and the proposed capital improve-

ments by the town can be financed if undertaken.

Every municipality has been requested to submit a projected figure for the next five years for the board to allocate funds for capital expenditures.

Thank Bill Denney Mayor Lee Duby expressed council's appreciation to deputy-revee William Denney for his service to the community. Mr. Denney is stepping out of the political picture this year due to business pressure.

The deputy-revee wished the new council every success next year and said he had thoroughly enjoyed serving the town the past two years both at municipal and county level. He has had a good bunch of fellows and it has been a real education to me during this time. Who knows? Perhaps I will come back again some year," he said.

Councillor-elect Mrs. George Fryer was present to get acquainted with procedure but Ray Arbie sent apologies for not attending due to a rush order at his plant.

## Recount

Bob Drinkwater has been informed by Judge George Elliott, through his solicitor Alvin Beckett, that the recount of votes for councillors will take place at the court house, Milton, on Thursday morning, January 30 at 10 a.m. All other candidates for council will be informed and may file application to attend if they wish.

TYING A FRIENDSHIP knot in each other's ties are Irene Anderson and Anne Watson. Both took part in the C.G.I.T. candlelighting service at Knox church Sunday evening.

## Two Tenders

## Hydro Takes Final Leap Buys Ford Truck Chassis

Acton Hydro Commission completed the last lap of its nine-month tussle to purchase a new piece of aerial equipment last Thursday evening when they finalized purchase of a truck chassis to support the new aerial

Only two tenders were reviewed during the meeting; a committee comprising chairman E. G. Tyler Sr., commissioners Gord McCutcheon and Ray Arbie, was asked to investigate minor discrepancies in the tenders and, if the delivery of the G.M.C. chassis was suitable, to purchase a unit from Pote Motors.

Friday afternoon, the committee shopped around between the two bidders, Maxwell Motors and Thompson Motors, and after phone calls to other members of the commission, agreed to buy

the Ford chassis from Thompson Motors.

A letter from the Ontario Hydro informed the commission the rapid voltage fluctuation in the power factor had been caused by a faulty regulator (which has been replaced) at the Rockwood substation, through which power is supplied to town. Ontario Hydro stated the line between Guelp and Rockwood would be re-strung in the spring with heavier conductor.

The commission agreed to notify Ontario Hydro voltage fluctuations were still occurring and request further tests to determine the trouble. Recently the faulty regulator had been replaced, but the trouble is still happening.

Superintendent Doug Mason informed the commission he had placed a test meter at the Beard-

more spring to determine whether the present meter there is faulty or not. He produced charts indicating the voltage fluctuations which have occurred throughout the plant.

Members approved a resolution to notify the town council the commission did not intend to pay any capital expenditures during the next five years which cannot be handled without long term borrowing. This was done in conjunction with a request by the town from the Ontario Municipal Board to hand in a two-year projected budget on capital expenditures from council, school boards and hydro.

Accounts (totaling \$17,961.44) were approved for payment. Secretary-treasurer Mrs. Audrey Urquhart reported a bank balance amounting to \$34,401.40 as of the end of November.

## Beth-El Sanctuary Dedicated Founder Visits from Michigan

The new sanctuary of the Beth El Christian Reformed church was opened to the congregation and their guests for the first time on Friday and Saturday evenings for services of dedication the first in English and the second in Dutch. The man who helped found the group, former ministers and members of town council and clergy were among those specially invited.

Members of the church have been holding services in the basement for several years, and before that met in the Y.M.C.A. Much of the work on the church was done by volunteers.

Church Filled

The modern church, with simple lines and light-finished wood furniture, was filled to capacity. The congregation is presently without a minister, and their counsellor, the Rev. James Jurwe, who is pastor of the Georgetown congregation, welcomed everyone. Casper Paun played the new organ, donated by a member of the congregation, and John Daenk accompanied some of the hymns on the organ.

Church Elder Marjorie Traas brought in the Bible and read a passage from Luke. In the service of dedication, the congregation joined in repeating the question "Will you use this church?" with Mr. Jones as replying appropriately.

The choir of about 24 voices, formed especially for these services, sang Great is Thy Faithfulness and Now with Joyful Expectation.

The last minister, the Rev. Jelle Nutma, was back from Duquesne with Mrs. Nutma and other guests. He read the Scripture. (Continued on Page Three)

## Approve More Rooms On Esqueving School

Approval from the Department of Education has been received on a three-room addition to Stewarttown school and a two-room addition to the Glen Williams school, Esqueving School Area Board trustees learned Tuesday.

The Stewarttown addition is dependent on the availability of water. The board has taken an option on five acres of land beside the school.

Trustee William Lawson reported on the Transportation costs to date this year, which worked out to 34.4 cents a mile or \$200 per day. A 51 per cent grant is received. He said the right buses transport 754 pupils over 534 miles of roads daily.

Date of the official opening of Stewarttown School on the Seventh Line north of Horbury, was set at January 29. Education Minister William Davis is to be the guest speaker. The school

opened to pupils in September. A complaint was received from children having to wait outside the Linthouse school from bus arrival time at 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. The board reviewed its policy was to let the children into the school when they arrived.

Contract for installation of a double drinking fountain at the Stewarttown school was let to E. MacKinnon of Georgetown, at \$224. Consideration was given to erecting some fences at Linthouse, Sprydale and Natural Islands.

At the meeting, clerk, reading trustee Stanley Brown asked the secretary-treasurer to mail a copy of the auditors' report and a full statement of board finances to present members.

This was the final meeting of chairman Cunningham and trustee William Lawson, who were defeated in the recent election.