

# Personal Notes . . .

Of Actonians Visiting Out-of-Town Points and of Visitors in Acton Homes

Lady curlers exchanged gifts on their last day together this year.

The Ladies' Aid of the Christian Reformed Church had their Christmas meeting Tuesday.

Friends are sorry to learn Mr. Sydney Scriben is a patient in Milton hospital.

Knox C.G.I.T. girls had a Christmas party Monday evening after being carolling.

Mr. Robert Landsborough was home from North Bay for a couple of days last week.

The Rotarians held their Christmas meeting at Dave Manes' home Tuesday evening.

Master Ricky Gordon is in Guelph General Hospital with a foot ailment and will likely be there for Christmas.

Mrs. Florence Hamilton of Wawa, Saskatchewan, is visiting at the homes of Richard N. Brown and Melvin McCullough.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Fraser of Pembroke visited with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Griese over the weekend.

Principal G. W. McKenzie and Mrs. McKenzie entertained the Robert Little school staff to dinner Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Sinclair of Downsview visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Landsborough on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anderson were in Toronto on Saturday visiting with her brother, M. B. Collier, who is a patient at the Osgoosway Hospital.

Haltom Mutual Fire Insurance Company held their dinner and annual meeting at Knox church Tuesday. The Ladies' Aid catered. Mel Barden of Hillsburgh is president.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Warren and Andrea of Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Wood and Steven of St. Catharines visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. Ryder and Dave and Mrs. J. Wood.

At their meeting Tuesday in the arena, St. John Cadets had a Christmas party. Their meeting room was decorated; there were games and lunch.

Former Fire Chief Jack Newton, now of Toronto, visited his old haunts at the Acton Fire Hall Sunday and enjoyed watching firefighters' children receiving gifts from Santa Claus.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Woolf have sent an attractive Christmas card from Walthamstow, England, to the Free Press, expressing thanks for the papers and "good wishes to all our good friends in Acton."

The Rev. A. H. McKenzie was among the ministers of Guelph Presbytery attending the funeral last Thursday of Dr. George Aiken, minister of Rockwood, and Eden Mills Presbyterian church.

Last Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Ted Tyler Sr. entertained commission members, hydro linemen and superintendent Doug Mason and press representatives to a buffet lunch after the commission meeting.

Once again, the Thumbs Up Club held their Christmas party at the Dominion Hotel and as in the past were served a delicious turkey dinner, followed by a euchre party, election of officers and exchange of lovely and useful Christmas gifts.

On Sunday evening, Mayor Les Doby entertained council, their wives and a few other guests to a delicious buffet dinner. Enjoying the evening together, away from town business, were receive Bert Hinton and Mrs. Hinton, deputy-mayor Bill Denny and Mrs. Denny, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Alec Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Ham Peel, Mr. and Mrs. Ab Irwin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bert Wood, clerk administrator Jack McGeechie and Mrs. McGeechie, office manager Joe Hurst and Mrs. Hurst, council reporters, Dan Ryder, with Mrs. Ryder, and Miss Esther Taylor.



LAND RANGERS have staged a Fixup program for needy children, this Christmas and have been busy mending broken toys, repairing doll clothes and making articles of the scout hall. Some of the articles ready for shipment are shown above, with the girls, left to right are Janet Rogvaldson, Captain Mrs. E. Franklin, Gwen Laurier, Sandra Hargrave, Joan Ramsden and Vivian Smith. Not included in the picture is Nancy Rogvaldson who is also a Ranger.

## Candlelighting, Installation Knox Afternoon W.M.S. Meeting

Once again for their Christmas meeting, the Afternoon Auxiliary W.M.S. of Knox Church enjoyed being at the home of Mrs. A. H. McKenzie, where a large tree, aglow with lights and prettily decorated by the children, stood waiting to receive the many white gifts for folk less fortunate than we.

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear was the opening carol, before the president gave thanks for such bounty and asked help and mercy for all. She spoke of the need for good used clothing and thanked the hostess and committee.

Band Greetings Names and addresses for members and friends to be remembered were given and the roll was answered by the payment of 1963 fees.

Following the business session Mrs. A. J. Buchanan led a most joyful Carol Candlelight Service beginning with her reading of Christmas poetry and a piano solo by Mrs. O. Moran of a medley of carols.

Following this, Mrs. R. M. M. Donald read passages of scripture and readings between the lighting of candles by Mrs. G. Sprawl and solos by Mrs. A. H. McKenzie, Miss Bella Mave Rossell, Mrs. John Davidson and Mrs. R. Rupert and a duet by Miss Russell and Miss Isabel Anderson, members not only of the Afternoon Auxiliary but of the Afternoon Auxiliary and the Daughters of Knox attended.

As a closing to this service everyone joined in singing Joy to the World as a triumphant chorus and then Silent Night as a closing prayer.

Install. Officers After this beautiful service was

## Ten Turkeys for Prizes Y's Men's Bingo, Draw

If Christmas turkeys were the coveted prizes in the Y's Men's annual turkey draw, which took place last Saturday, at a bingo in the Y.M.C.A.

Mrs. Earl Masales won two turkeys of the ten, so refused her second and it was "fill up" as a special bingo prize. Second round around it was won by Doug Copeland.

Ten Turkeys Winners of turkeys were Ruth Masales two, W. N. Edwards, C. H. Elliott, P. Henderson, G. Gibbons, all of Acton, Chris Denny, R. R. 2, Neis Robinson, Norval G. Higgs, Milton and Laura Mea.

## Santa Visits Fire Hall Hands Out Parcels to 60

In spite of his busy schedule Santa Claus found time to visit nearly 60 children at the fire hall Sunday afternoon, when he made his annual distribution of gifts and candy to firefighters' children.

Children amused themselves during the short wait for the jolly fellow. When he arrived he made his trek around the room shaking hands and putting young stars on the head.

After he took his traditional

## Former Minister Why We Need Christmas Told to Y's Men, Wives

Wives were guests of the Y's Men for a pre-Christmas turkey dinner and a program Thursday night. The downstairs room in the Y.M.C.A. was brightly decorated and about 40 enjoyed the traditional Christmas menu, with mince pie and ice cream.

Many former friends greeted the Rev. Forbes Thomson of Guelph, minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, 17 years ago, who was the guest speaker, and Mrs. Thomson. Some of the active members of the club and their wives had been teenagers when the Thomsons were here and they talked with others he had married.

Head table guests were the Thomsons, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Currie, who brought them from Guelph, president Walter Dubois and Mrs. Dubois, treasurer Charles Leatherland and Mrs. Leatherland and international president G. W. McKenzie and Mrs. McKenzie with their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Patterson.

Bob Currie said grace. High school teacher John Davison led a sing-song with Glen Banks at the piano. Gifts were brought for needy children. All the ladies had white carnations for the special evening.

Why we need Christmas was forcefully explained by Mr. Thomson in his very timely talk. Our hearts grow hard during the rest of the year but Christmas soundly softens them. It's also dancing.

It is at this time of year we realize the worth in our lives of pity and generosity. Love is still the greatest thing in the world. He was thanked heartily by Mr. McKenzie and given a Y's Men's letter opener. Harry Arbie had arranged his rest of the year but Christmas soundly softens them. It's also dancing.

## Knox C.G.I.T. Candlelighting Watched by Parents, Friends

Girls of Knox Church C.G.I.T. took complete charge of the annual candlelighting service, three Sunday evening, while parents and friends joined in singing for a familiar Christmas hymns at the prepared program.

There are 15 girls in the C.G.I.T. and their leaders are Miss Judy Franchette and Miss Lois Walker.

Three candles were lit at the front of the church as three of the girls read the specially prepared ceremony. The candle lighters were Debbie Jordan, Irene Anderson and Wendy Mas

## Paul's Men's and Boys' Wear Team

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—Jim Cashburn likes the letters he gets addressed to him at "Acton Arena."

—Last Thursday was the first "open night" for Acton stores doing their best to keep Christmas sales in town.

—In Georgetown, Mrs. Desmond Baxter brought her newborn home from hospital to his excited parents. The baby's father, second officer Baxter, was one of 118 killed in the tragic air crash near Montreal.

—Keep your eye on the sky just five days to go!

—Skiing season has begun at Glen Eden.

—Many extra news pictures have been taken the past week and they'll be published next week and the week after, when meetings are few.

## New Home to be Three Storeys

A three-storey design has been agreed upon for the new Haltom Manor, the Manor board of directors informed County Council on Tuesday.

Architect Donald E. Skinner had shown proposed drawings on both a two-storey and a three-storey building to the Manor board at the last meeting. Members agreed upon the three-storey structure with services on the lower floor and had care and special care occupying separate floors.

The plan announced three months ago in The Champion, is for the addition of a 300-bed building on the same site of Haltom Manor's prospects on Highway 25, Milton, but not at reached to the present Manor.

The Department of Welfare feels 300 beds is the size limit for a home for the aged and the present Manor has 225 beds.

The superintendent was asked to locate block plans and elevations for the new building or hire a surveyor to plot the existing buildings and elevations. Soil tests are also being taken on the property.

The committee of management has approved a "saw-tooth" design for the new building's windows to allow maximum use of existing light.

Photographs of signs, highway markers and other landmarks add interest and identification to your picture story.

—The children's pictures on the Free Press editorial page last week were looking in the smartly-decorated window of Exquire Men's Wear.

—The lighted "Season's Greetings" sign, framed in cedar boughs, greets shoppers and visitors above the Y.M.C.A. door.

—Mansell Nellis's Christmas trees are on sale in Georgetown, too.

—School's out Friday for the longest holiday possible at Christmas — a full two weeks.

—Carols are being broadcast from the fire hall over the p.a. system. The Christmas music began last Thursday and sounds pleasant to those shipping at night.

—Friday afternoon there'll be a Christmas program at the high school when the students will see "The Mouse That Roared." Each form is decorating its classroom for a competition. The gym is being decorated by the At Home tonight (Thursday).

—Some from Acton were at the Haltom County Social Club Christmas party in the new county building Saturday.

—A few months behind the times, a man dashed up the old post office steps Monday with a letter in his hand and jerked in vain at the longlocked door. Somebody came along and pointed the way to the new post office, two blocks away.

—The Y's Men are selling chocolate-covered almonds and licorice almonds as a money-raising project.

—Luxton Young People had a Christmas dinner in the parish hall Sunday evening.

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