



RANDY AND TODD MCINTYRE, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McIntyre, get a real bang out of the firefighters' Christmas party Sunday - both received guns and holster sets. They are shown with their mother after Santa handed out gifts.

Excited Kiddies'

St. Nick Distributes Gifts For Firefighters' Children

Santa Claus was heralded into the Fire Hall Sunday afternoon to music from an accordion as he paid his annual visit to distribute gifts to firefighters' children. Although his trip to Acton was made by motor vehicle this year, the jolly old Saint promised children snow for Christmas. After his usual jovial greetings and pats on the head for the youngsters, he took his traditional seat in front of the Christmas tree and handed out gifts. Soon after a few presents had been distributed, excited kiddies were tearing off wrappings and shouting with joy at the sight of their gifts. Trucks, dolls, bingo

games, guns, blackboards and many other presents were shown around the room to proud parents before Santa left again for the North Pole. Each child also received a bag of candy. Before afternoon was over, many bags had been opened and boys and girls were munching on the sweets.

Ron Valerote played several tunes on the accordion. At the conclusion of the gift distribution firefighters' wives were served steaming cups of coffee.

Former Fire Chief Jack Newton, now of Toronto, was present to enjoy the Christmas party.

Council Names Reps for Year

Acton council Tuesday night finalized appointments to high school board, planning board, recreation committee, committee of Adjustment, Credit Valley Conservation Authority and Planning Board. Appointments to Parks Board will be made in the near future as soon as recommendations are submitted. Roy Daught Engle and Chester Anderson were returned to the Acton District high school board as council representatives. R. R. Parker was again appointed to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority and Murray Smith was returned as representative on the committee of adjustment. J. Bert Wood will serve on the recreation committee as council representative and Aldo Braida and Eric Johnston were appointed to Planning Board.

Milton Here

Going... Going... Gong; Lions Continue Exchange of Snatches

The current gong-snatching rife among district Lions Clubs received more impetus Monday night at the regular meeting of Acton Lions. Ten Lions from Milton, headed by Lion Chief Dave Brush, attended the meeting in a body demanding the return of their gong which was snatched from Acton last week. According to the rules of the contest, which is designed to encourage inter-club visits, Milton Lions were eligible to take the Acton gong back with them along with their own.

The plot failed, however, since the Acton gong has already been snatched by the Brampton club. Some effort was made by the visitors to take the Lion gong which Acton Lions had swapped back to Milton in lieu of Acton's but it was headed off by alert local Lions. Another feature of the meeting which was finished off in record time was the induction of three new members into Acton club. Neil Miller, Harry Hawkins and George Eckert were sworn in in a solemn ceremony, membership chairman John Greifeneder arranged and conducted assisted by Lions Pete Papillon, Dave Hunter, Murray Harrison and Al Lau.

The zone chairman took the opportunity of addressing Acton and Milton Lions with several humorous incidents which were speeded by 80-year-old Shell Rice, who accompanied the zone chairman along with Ron Jackson of Streetsville. Lion Alex Johnson also found the meeting an opportune time to return to Milton Lions their treasurer's pin which Acton Lions swiped at the county towners' charter night. Again convention funds were swiped by Earl Twister Al Land wearing a Caribbean chapeau checked out with the words "Bird for Bird." This unique method of extracting funds were heartily applauded by the Milton visitors who commiserated themselves, in some but found out otherwise. Lion Chief Andy Nolan presided for the meeting which also included some singing led by Milton visitor Bob Brown.

Junior Farmers Present Cheque To Retarded Children's School

The December meeting of the County Board of the Halton Junior Farmers was held on December 2 in the board room of the Agricultural Office, Milton. The highlight of the meeting was the presentation of a cheque for \$300 to help the Retarded Children's School in Hornby. Jim Spruat, a representative from the Sunshine School, accepted the cheque on behalf of the school from the acting vice president, Joe Lowe. Mr. Spruat expressed his personal word of thanks to the Junior Farmers for their hard work with their club project. This year's project consisted of selling aluminum cans at the Milton Steam Show.

Attendees included: Two Halton Junior Farmers have been selected to attend Junior Farmer activities in the province. Dennis Sinclair's name has been submitted to attend Rural Leadership week in Orillia. Harold Thompson will attend a Nelson-Huron Public Speaking course held at Abbot Hills Conservation School in December. Both members are from the Palermo Club.

Attention Debaters! More people are needed to form a debating team for Halton. The topic this year is "Resolved that the National Health Scheme be beneficial to all Canadians." Halton County will be represented in the Ladies' Trio, Mixed Quartet and Public Speaking at the Toronto Conference which is held in the King Edward Hotel in Toronto on January 9.

Girl Guides' Choral Concert Shows Fun of Family Christmas

An old-fashioned Christmas at home was the theme of the Acton Girl Guides concert presented Wednesday evening of last week in the Robert Little school auditorium. To the delight of many parents, friends and relatives, about 30 girls depicted a typical Christmas during their appearance on stage. From the time the tree was cut, decorated and Santa arrived and presents were opened followed by the usual Christmas dinner, the audience was kept in laughter. Decorating the tree proved quite hilarious as did bedtime when the girls lay down to sleep and Santa arrived with presents. Opening gifts was quite an event and dinner consisted of baked (fraz) and cold potatoes, dinner rolls and all the trimmings. Carol singing was well presented.

Important Dates

The following are some important dates for the New Year. The annual meeting of the Halton Junior Farmers will be held at the Agricultural Office on Thursday, February 11. The committee for the meeting will be the presidents from each club. The Halton Drama Festival will be held on February 24 at the Milton High School. Finally the annual banquet and dance will take place at the Palermo Hall on March 12. Everyone is welcome. The date for the next county board meeting is January 6.

489 AREA ACCIDENTS

Milton O.P.P. investigated a total of 45 accidents in the North Halton district during the month of November. Figures released this week show the accidents caused 21,870 in property damage, and 15 persons were injured. To date in 1964 there have been 489 accidents in the area, with 162 persons hurt and 232,590 in property damage.

TONGUE TWISTERS

Say it three times quickly if you can: What a shame such a shapely sash should show such shabby stitches. She sat in a fish sauce shop sewing shirts for soldiers' shirts.

Name School Board Appointees At Year-End Nassagaweya Meet

- In a busy year-end meeting, members of Nassagaweya Council Monday night:
 - Agreed to continue the present P.S.I. coverage on employees rather than change the program to another firm.
 - Appointed Duncan Moffat to the Acton District High School Board and Russ Carbert to the Milton District High School Board for two years.
 - Approved the school attendance officer's report.
 - Directed a letter of appreciation to the Guelph Pipe Band with a cheque for \$35 thanking them for their services at the Remembrance Day program.
 - Approved road accounts totalling \$5,044.13, and instructed the receiv and clerk to pay final accounts to the end of this year.
 - Instructed the tax collector to return his tax roll December 31 and prepare a list of lands liable for tax registration.
- Approved a grant of \$50 to the Association of Assessing Officers of Ontario toward their fall meeting that was held in the township.
- Approved payment of \$17 to deputy returning officer and \$15 to poll clerk's and \$15 for accommodation, in conjunction with the recent election.
- Accepted with regret the resignation of Mrs. Blanche Elliot as caretaker at the Brookville Hall.
- Approved payment of accounts totalling \$3,146.18.
- Heard all members tender their thanks to Reeve W. Coulter for his efficient conduct of the meetings during the year. Councillors also extended to municipal officials and ratepayers their thanks for co-operation during the year.

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