

Personal Notes . . .

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

Bill Reed was home from Waterloo University for the weekend.

Robbie Buckner commenced the term at St. Andrew's College, Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Buck of Hanover visited with Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Mann on the weekend.

Newly-elected warden Bert Hinton and Mrs. Hinton entertained friends and well-wishers at their home Tuesday evening.

Mrs. J. A. Chapman spent 12 days over the holiday season in Ottawa with her daughter and family, Elt. Lieut. and Mrs. R. Pfaff.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Warner observed their 45th wedding anniversary January 5 with a dinner at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Allen.

Some of the Acton policemen attended "Tiny's Night" in Milton Union Hall on Friday when 400 honored Sgt. Tiny Wilkinson, transferred now from head of the 26-man O.P.P. detachment at Milton to Oakville.

Rick Currie and Paul McGeechie of Acton, with friend Peter Newton of Toronto, drove to Daytona Beach, Florida, during the Christmas holidays. Rick is now at Queen's, Kingston, and Paul and Peter at Waterloo University.

Randy Lidka visited in the Southern United States, including New Mexico, over the holidays.

Mr. Peter Hurst, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hurst, Arthur St., is stationed in Vientian, Laos, where he will spend the next few months before returning to Saigon, South Viet Nam. He is on the staff of the Advisory Board of the Canadian Delegation to Indo-China.

Mr. and Mrs. Bing Ramsden, Joan and Gordon; Mr. and Mrs. George Wallace; Mr. and Mrs. Max Storey, R.R. 4, Rockwood; Mr. and Mrs. George Young and Marilyn were in York Mills on Sunday for Open House in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Young, who were celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary.

Three carloads from Knox Young People's group enjoyed the program of Winter Fellowship sponsored by the Presbytery of Guelph at Galt on Saturday evening. Included were tobogganing, folk singing, dancing, worship service and lunch of hamburgers and doughnuts. The Rev. McKenzie went with the local group.

Mrs. H. S. Lang, Monteith, Ont. visited recently with her sister, Mrs. Donald Reed, Tides Ave. She was accompanied by her son, Rev. A. W. Lang and family of Don Mills. Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Reed and Laurie, Victoria Corners, visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Reed Sr. Mr. Reed Sr. has recently returned home from Guelph General Hospital.

Pageant at St. Alban's Held For First Time in Sanctuary

For the first time, St. Alban's Christmas pageant was presented in the church itself, following Evensong on Sunday, January 2. It was the third annual pageant. Children participating moved in procession up to the front of the church to take their positions for the traditional re-enactment of the Nativity story.

Narrate Story

The pageant was again directed by Mrs. E. Franklin assisted by Sunday School superintendent Ernest Coker and John Last. Others helping were Mrs. George Lee, Mrs. Dorson Frizzell and Mrs. Ron Lewis, with mothers and Sunday school teachers.

Dressed as an angel, Sue Robinson narrated the Christmas story with carols and hymns interspersing. Organist was George Hall and choir member Vic Bristow sang Ave Maria.

Garbed in white with halos of tinsel were the angels, Debbie Bagby, Mary Frizzell, Jane Withers, Cindy Lee, Judy Holmes, Sharon Ellerby, Patricia Lynch, Lynne Mellor and Janice Ellerby. Brenda Denny was Mary and also sang a solo. Randy Coker played Joseph. Shepherds were Jimmy Lynch, Peter Hargrave, Michael McMurray and Robbie Ellerby. Dressed as the three Wise Men were Sammy Schonnop, Ted Hagan and Jim Frizzell.

Bearing Gifts

Children bearing gifts for the Christ Child were Janet Storey, Bonnie Bristow, Muriel Holmes, Pauline Lynch, Kathy Frizzell, Susan Aldworth, Susan Shafki, Debbie Barr, Gillie McMurray, Cindy Barr, and Lorrie Mellor. After the pageant the rector announced the arrival of the other Wise Man, Artaban. Robed as the legendary king, he handed out candy to all the children.

No Novelty

Having the pageant in the church itself was a novelty for the parish but the parish church is the traditional place for the performance of the "mysteries" of the Christian Faith. The world famous annual "Passion Play" at Oberammergau reminds one of this fact. For centuries the chance or choir space, and even the sanctuary itself, have been the church's "stage" for the performance of religious drama.

T. S. Eliot wrote such a drama, called "Murder in the Cathedral". Wherever his play is produced, if a church is not used, then stage setting is made to resemble the interior of a church. In Toronto at Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Square, the Christmas Nativity Play has been produced in the chancel and sanctuary for over a quarter of a century. Recently, a famous Episcopalian (Anglican) Church in New York city, St. Clement's, located near the theatre section of the city, has entirely given over the chancel and sanctuary space permanently for the performance of religious drama. On Sundays in that parish the Holy Eucharist is celebrated "on stage" with a short drama in place of the usual sermon. Some of the productions of St. Clement's have won praise from the artistic world in which the parish is situated.

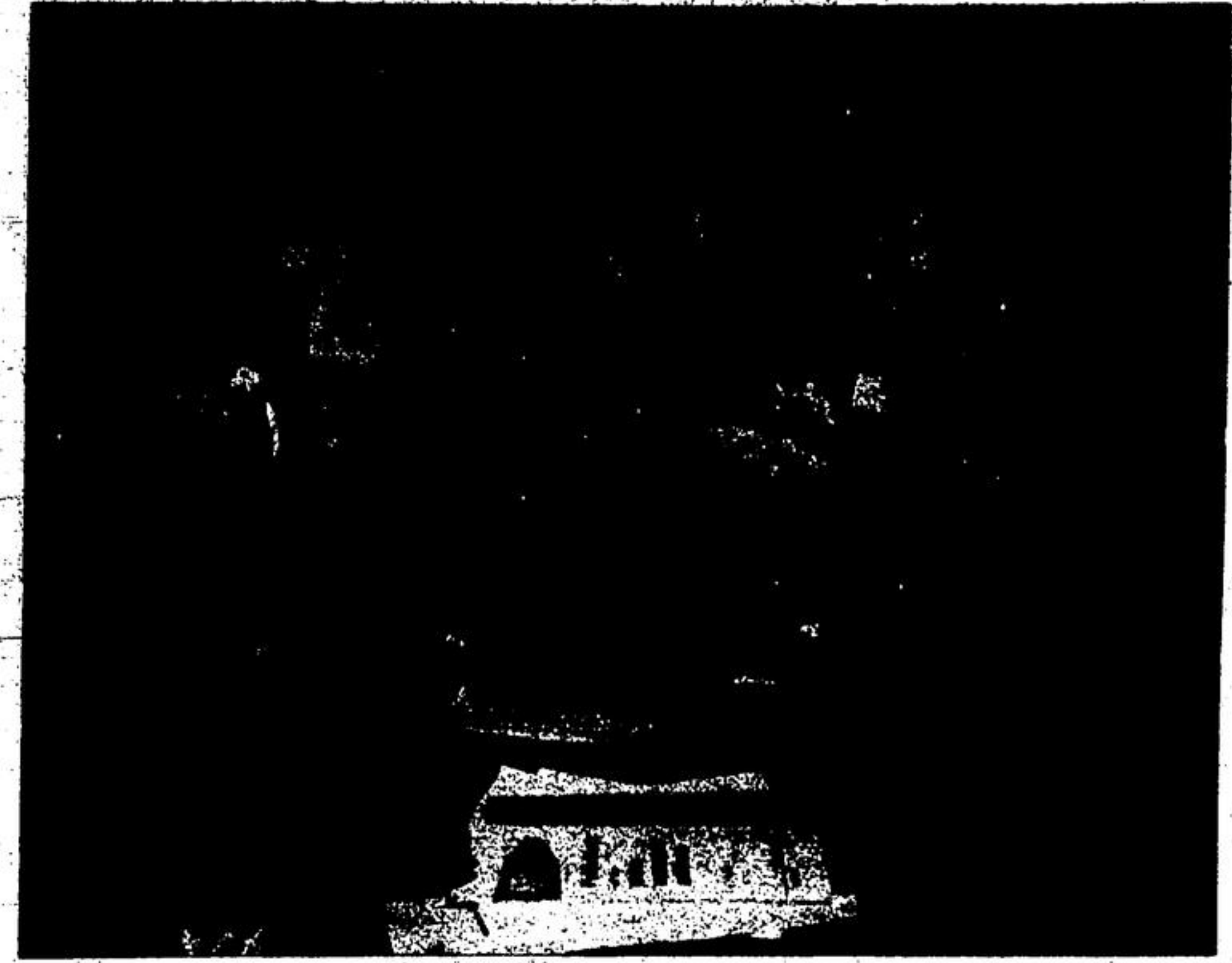
German Shepherd Joins O.P.P. Force

A German Shepherd from district kennels has "made good" in police work and his talent was the subject for a recent feature story in the Globe and Mail.

Kanaka is a 75-pound dog from the well-known Tanhardt Kennels of Miss Laura Treble, R. R. 1, Georgetown, on No. 7 highway near Silvercreek.

As a vital part of the Ontario Provincial Police Detachment he has been trained to climb ladders, jump through burning hoops and hunt criminals. On duty he may attack, but at night he sleeps quietly in the bedroom of the children of an O.P.P. constable.

He has been assigned to the Mount Forest detachment with his handler A. A. Boley as one of three man-and-dog teams put into service last month by the O.P.P. They attended training courses in Maryland. The other teams are at Sudbury and Kemptonville.



—Photo by Peter Jones

PROSPECTIVE GREEN THUMBS on rosy cheeks, cubs watch Acton leader Mrs. Dorothy Jordan demonstrate gardening at a Sixers' conference in Georgetown Saturday. Boys are Bruce Uren, Brampton; Michael Cole, Georgetown; Mark Rowe, Acton; Doug Coulter, Georgetown; Peter Young, Georgetown; and Bob Montgomery, Glen Williams.

Sugar and Spice . . .

BY BILL SMILEY

This is the time of year when we get rid of all the undesirables in the community. By undesirable, I mean people with more money than I. They leave our northern community for Florida, Mexico, the West Indies.

In one fell swoop, we get rid of all the softies, the cowards, the sycophants. In short, the rich white trash.

It's as much a part of our heritage as the Saturday night bath or spring cleaning. And I think it's a good thing.

When the last barber or bricklayer has bragged about being off to the Bahamas, when the last druggist or doctor has informed me pompously that "We'll probably take in Acapulco this year", I feel a sense of relief.

The rats have left the freezing ship and there's only the hard core, the sturdy pioneer types, the rugged individualist, and the poor people, left in the temperate (hah!) zone.

The rest of us, the best of us, can get down to the real glory of winter living, without stumbling over a lot of sissies who are better off down there getting sand in their navels.

As one of the old true - blue breed, fighting it out with the elements, I am inclined to scorn them. As a humanitarian, I can only pity them. Think of what they're missing!

What is there in the soft and sensuous south to equal that crunch of toes breaking off that crack of bursitis in the shoulder when you throw the first curling stone, that snap of thigh bones on the ski hill?

Let's take a look at a couple of these hot weather hounds. Look at this bird in Florida. Gets out of bed and there's that same old, crumbly, monotonous sun blazing down, just like all the other days. Same old routine. The inevitable orange juice on the inevitable patio; the inevitable trip to the beach with the inevitable obscenely fat softies, lying all around. Or the inevitable sweating it out on the golf course with a lot of other middle-aged liars.

And here's our pal in Mexico, just getting up at 10.30. He hasn't paid last year's income tax yet, but he borrowed \$1,500 from the bank to make the trip. He has a hangover from those six ounce, 40 cent Mexican drinks, and a twisted back from trying to tango.

His wife, in the other twin

bed, looks like an inmate of Belsen, because she's had Mexican complaint, commonly known as dire rear, ever since they crossed the border. She whines; he snarls. They totter out into the muggy heat. And another horrible day in Acapulco has begun.

It's not like that around here. My daughter wakes me at 6.30 and I call a cheery good morning. It may sound a bit more like "rump" but it's well meant. My life's partner shows me out with her foot 10 minutes later.

Down to a jolly breakfast: vitamin pills, cuppa tea and a half slice of toast. There's the thrill of variety as you prepare for the day. When dawn comes, will the sun be shining, the snow falling, or a blizzard howling?

Out into the wild white yonder. Grab the shovel and make the snow fly, chucking heartily all the while as you think of those poor slob in the south, with nothing to do every day but the same old things.

The clean, fresh, northern air hits your lungs like a dum-dum

bullet. Bark seal - like greetings to neighbor, whose head is just visible over his snow bank.

Off to the garage. Excitement of wondering whether the car will start. The sheer demonic joy of belting out the driveway backwards and trying to smash through the bank the snow plow has thrown up. Sometimes you make it.

The skidding, slithering adventure of the drive to work. Wheels spinning, visibility 12 feet, every man for himself.

The good fellowship and vivacity of the teachers' cloakroom, everyone stamping, cursing, and running at the nose.

And another day of glorious winter living has begun. Don't try to tell me about the seduction or the languorous southland. Just give me the crisp, virile challenge of living where men are men. And you can tell them from women. When you get them thawed out.

Two Newest Councillors Welcomed at Inaugural

Two new councillors, C. F. (Pat) Patterson and Thomas Hill officially began their duties as Esqueping Township councillors Monday of last week, at a brief inaugural meeting at the Township office.

Clerk K. C. Lindsay swore them into office, along with returning Reeve George Leslie, Deputy Reeve Wilfred Leslie and Councillor Currie.

The devotional period and dedication was conducted by Canon I. E. Maxwell of Hornby and Stewarttown Anglican Churches. Following a dinner, councillors returned to the hall, rolled up their sleeves, and began the township's business for 1966.

Council heard a request for permission to erect a water gauging station on Five Siders road between the Third Line and Fourth Line, to measure water flows in the area.

Members learned a subdivider planning a 19-acre housing area is seeking to have the township negotiate for sewer services. The "Briarthill" subdivision is to be a 90-acre development, on the former Cromar farm near Georgetown.

Members agreed to inspect senior citizens' housing projects in nearby Erin and Orangeville before meeting with the Georgetown Kinsmen, when plans for a

Georgetown project will be discussed. The town owns the land but it is situated inside the township. Thomas Hill was appointed to the Ballinacod Community Hall Board. Cliff Wrigglesworth, W. Carney and George Currie to the Hornby Parks Board, Wilfred Leslie to the Credit Conservation Authority and George Currie to the Halton Region Conservation Authority.

Dies Tuesday

The father of Free Press employee Henry Harbers, passed away on Tuesday. The family home is a farm near Iroquois, Ont. Henry Harbers, boards in town with the Van Stralens.

LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

By Bill Coats

A squeeze play at contract bridge is a play where you make the opponents discard cards that guard a suit. The simplest squeeze play is where one opponent guards two suits and you can force him to release one of the suits.

One of the prerequisites of a squeeze play is that you must lose all the tricks except the ones that you are after. An example of this type of squeeze play occurred last week at the Acton Bridge Club. This was the hand.

Dealer South. East - West vulnerable.

North		East	
S-A 7	H-A 6 4	S-8 4 2	H-7 5
D-10 9 5	C-A J 8 6 5	H-K J 10 9	D-A K 7 6 3
S-Q 6 5 3	H-K J 10 9	D-8 7 6 5	C-Q 10 3
D-7 6 5 4 2	C-K 9	S-K J 10 9	H-Q 8 3 2
H-Q 8 3 2	D-Q 4 2	S-K 9	H-Q 8 3 2
D-Q 4 2	C-K 9	S-K 9	H-Q 8 3 2

The bidding: West Pass North 1C East Pass West 1C North 2NT East 3NT All Pass

You may wonder at South's initial response of one heart. With both major suits, South does not want to miss a major suit fit. If he bids spades the first round and North has four hearts, North may not be able to bid them at the two level. If South bids hearts the first round and North has four spades, then North can show them at the one level.

South's one heart bid had an interesting effect on West. West had the lead against the three no trump contract and chose the other major - spades. He was reluctant to lead into South's hearts. The lead was won in South's hand and the King of Clubs was cashed. A club finesse lost to East. East "rectified the

count" by cashing two diamond tricks. Now South has a squeeze for the rest of the tricks.

East exited with a spade and dummy played off the good clubs. Unfortunately, East did not know the value of his heart seven, for he discarded it on the clubs. The position after the last club had been played was as follows:

North		East	
S-2	H-A 6 4	S-8 4 2	H-7 5
D-10	C-A J 8 6 5	H-K J 10 9	D-A K 7 6 3
S-Q 6	H-K J	D-8 7 6 5	C-Q 10 3
H-K J	D-10	S-K J 10 9	H-Q 8 3 2
D-10	C-A J 8 6 5	S-K 9	H-Q 8 3 2

The diamond was led from dummy and South won. West could not protect both suits. He was squeezed in the majors. He must discard either a spade or a heart. Since he knew that declarer had the spades, he "threw away the heart" jack. South's spade king and dummy's heart ace and six took the last three tricks.

Last week's winners were: first, Brian Hamilton and Chuck Hamilton; tied for second, George Solt and Jack Coats, with Duke Wilson and Mike Lorusso.

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