

## Government approval for lake improvement

Enlarging the storage capacity of Fairy Lake has been approved by the provincial government. The scheme was the first of its kind presented to the Department of Energy and Resources Management for their approval by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

The provincial grant to the Authority, announced Tuesday, amounts to \$148,500, or 75 per cent of the cost of the program. Total cost was estimated at \$198,000.

Acton's lake will be deepened under the Provincial Water Supply Reservoir program.

The lake, which makes the town park so attractive, will be dredged to remove silt and aquatic weeds. The weed growth is recognized as dense in large areas.

With increased storage capacity following dredging, there will be sufficient water to augment the stream flow in the

Black Creek, particularly during the low flow period of summer months. The headwaters of the creek are in the lake.

The Conservation Authority's new concept in water control, recently announced, involves dredging 15 or 20 existing small reservoirs in the watershed to their original depth. If this first scheme proves successful others should follow.

R. R. Parker of Acton is chairman of the Flood Control Advisory Board of the Authority. He explained that under the small reservoirs policy the provincial government pays 75 per cent and helps the Authority finance the remainder. The Authority hopes to have the plans completed and ready for tender next June.

News of the acceptance of the proposal by the provincial government was phoned Tuesday to this newspaper, by M.P.P. George Kerr.

## 17 Acton convictions \$265 paid in court

Members of the Acton Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police accumulated 217 work hours and patrolled 1,059 miles, in and for the town of Acton, during the past week. Five traffic citations were issued, while 19 motorists were warned to correct their driving habits.

Two motor vehicle accidents, one involving a male pedestrian and resulting in injuries to the man, were reported to and investigated by the Acton Detachment. Charges were laid in each instance.

Two classes at the M. Z. Bennett Public School, totaling approximately 60 children, were lectured on the proper care, equipping, and handling of bicycles and on general traffic safety procedures.

Criminal occurrences recorded this week included a theft

of Christmas tree lights, two minor disturbances and four miscellaneous complaints.

Criminal and Liquor charges caused two men to be lodged in the Halton County Jail at Milton.

Magistrate's Court in Milton saw a great increase in activity, with 17 Acton convictions resulting in \$236 in fines and \$39 in court costs being paid.

Cpl. Ray Mason said "I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Constables of the Acton Detachment and myself, to wish each and every one of you a joyous Yuletide, but urge you to exercise extreme caution during this busy season. As you enter your car this weekend, ponder this thought, 'Wouldn't it be nice if EVERYONE got back?'"

Cpl. R. Mason

## Mail volume higher peak day December 15

Postal employees in Acton have been kept busy at a steady pace since December 5, when Christmas mail first began to flow. Postmaster Gordon McKeown this week commended patrons for their co-operation in handling Christmas cards in at the wicket.

This type of co-operation saved the staff countless hours of work in handling cards," he stated.

Mr. McKeown also noted the peak flow this year was December 15, when 15,730 cards were handled. The rush lasted for over six days. Last year the peak day resulted in over

20,000 cards being handled in one day. In spite of the lower peak, the volume of cards this year is above last year.

### Walking on road man struck by car

An Acton Man, Colin Williams, Elizabeth Drive, was hospitalized Thursday evening of last week after he was knocked down by a car driven by Elmer Grischow. Mr. Williams was walking along Elizabeth Drive, where there are no sidewalks, at the time of the accident.

He was taken to Guelph, General hospital for X-rays and observation and received four stitches in the back of his head to close a laceration. He is still in hospital and it is hoped he will be able to return home this weekend.

Constable Bruce McArthur of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment investigated.

## Supermarket window broken in scuffle

An Acton man received a lacerated head when he was pushed through a window at A-B Supermarket Saturday night. Constable Bruce McArthur is investigating the incident and reported Robert Rawsell, Poplar Avenue, was pushed through two corner windows at the A-B Supermarket during the scuffle.

## Council newcomers

At next week's council meeting, the last for the year, newly elected councillors will be present to become acquainted with procedure. The newcomers are G. W. McKeenie, Charles Perry and Ted Tyler Jr.

The three not returning are R. R. Parker, Mrs. G. Fryer and Charles Leatherland.

## Big card

Christmas greetings from your friends, Acton's businessmen, are all contained in a special magazine - type section of this week's Free Press. The annual articles on Christmas are specially chosen for this extra section. Today's paper is likely the biggest Christmas card you'll receive, containing the most "best wishes" from the most people.



HURON CAROL TABLEAU was created, while the junior choir sang at the United Church C.G.I.T. and Sigma-C service Sunday evening. In the centre, the Indian Joseph is David Bittorf and Inglan Mary Diane Bousfield; on the left the three chiefs representing the Wise Men are Bob Manning, John Hopkins and Tom Pettit; on the right the three hunters representing shepherds are Mark Wolfe, Danny Allen and Ralphy Coker; in front the children representing "all of us" are John Nessett and Judy Engel and Miriam Engel.

## Ratepayers brandishing signs protest alleged discrimination

Placard-brandishing ratepayers milled about Nassagaweya Town Administration Building on Wednesday night, protesting alleged discrimination by Councillor Ross Gordon.

At one time as many as 12 placards waved in the chilly winter's breeze as ratepayers paraded up and down the parking lot before finally entering the council chambers.

W. A. Johnson, spokesman for the group, said the charges made on the placards were being followed up by an affidavit. The placards asserted; Jesus couldn't qualify for Reeve. He too was Jewish; Secession before slavery; Nassagaweya doesn't show your extermination camps - Herr Gordon; Legislation is not discrimination; one of the finest men it has been my pleasure to know lives in Nassagaweya, he is a Jew, his name is Allan Ackman. Most who carried placards wore a Star of David.

The demonstration followed charges at the post-election meeting on December 12 that Mr. Gordon had made remarks concerning the ethnic-origin of Allan Ackman, a candidate for Reeve.

After parading outside for more than an hour, the picketers entered the council chambers. Mr. Johnson told council he had learned of disparaging remarks made by Mr. Gordon concerning Mr. Ackman's ethnic origins. He said he thought discrimination was terrible. He

said councillor Gordon owed the ratepayers an explanation. He said, "I believe there is a signed statement concerning the remarks."

Robert J. Gregg, an unsuccessful candidate for school board, said there was definitely an affidavit signed in Guelph.

Mr. Gordon said, "I was asked if Mr. Ackman was a Jew. I said I thought he was. I don't believe I said anything wrong. I think the people who are making these charges owe me an apology."

Charles MacArthur charged, "that's not true, you said vote for anyone, but don't vote for that Jew."

Chester Mischuk of Aberfoyle said, "I fought for Canada for five years and I don't believe in discrimination."

Councillor Anne MacArthur said, "when I knew I had won on Monday night, it seemed like a mess of postage. I had supported Allan Ackman and I know him as a sensitive, sympathetic man. I have recognized in him an extremely clever person. To me it was a dreadful thing that in the opinion of people Mr. Ackman was presented as a Jew. When you fight an election you don't fight it with innuendos, you fight it on what you have to give and what you are prepared to give."

She concluded, "everybody has the gift to give, and I feel very sad that anybody should be hurt."

Reeve William Coulter said he would see Mr. Ackman. He described the incident as being "nasty business" and at the end of the meeting indicated "it seems to be a matter involving Mr. Gordon. I will see Mr. Ackman. As far as council is concerned, it is just a matter of opinion."

Don Moffat spoke in defence of Mr. Gordon. "I've

heard a lot about democracy tonight," he said, "but I don't think it is democratic to tell someone how he must vote. I got a letter in the mail telling me how I must vote and it named the candidates to vote for. I think Ross Gordon deserves credit for taking the abuse he has taken, like a gentleman. It looks to me like a bunch of sour grapes. Why isn't Mr. Ackman here? I'll stand behind council 100 per cent and I want to know why we have to have these signs cluttering up the office."

He continued, "some are very mad because Mr. Ackman has been slandered. I think Mr. Gordon has been slandered here, by all these placards."

Following Reeve Coulter's concluding remarks concerning the affair, a motion was passed unanimously to end the meeting.

## Baptist church has cantata

"The wonder of his love" was the theme Sunday evening at Acton Baptist church when choir members presented their Christmas cantata.

Richard Gammon, son of church pastor Rev. S. Gammon and Mrs. Gammon, read the story while the choir sang. Solo parts were taken by Mrs. Murray Harrison, Miss Linda Ralston and Gerald Skirrow; Miss Ralston and Joanne Landsborough sang a duet.

## Holiday skating

Boys and girls from the Y program will be having a program in the arena Dec. 29. There will be extra public skating during the holidays, too.

## "Jolly red giant" greets children of Legionnaires

A veteran with youngsters, Santa Claus arrived in all his splendor Saturday afternoon to greet over 160 youngsters of Legionnaires and hand out parcels and candy canes.

The Legion hall was jammed with excited children as Santa made his entry after climbing the long stairway with his pack of goodies.

Entertaining and handing out balloons before Santa arrived were three Legion Ladies Auxiliary members, Mrs. Charlie Shultz, Mrs. Gordon James

and Mrs. Robert Angell, all dressed in clown outfits. A singing was enjoyed.

Children also received chocolate milk and cookies.

Calling names were past president James Milne and first vice-president Gordon James as members of the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary sorted out parcels for Santa.

Some of the youngsters sat eagerly on Santa's knee while others were a little reluctant to face the "jolly red giant".

## All members resign amalgamate in '67

All members of the recreation committee and parks board have tendered their resignations, prior to the re-formation of an amalgamated board. At last Thursday's meeting of the recreation committee, all members formally tendered their resignations.

Tuesday secretary Art Cooper forwarded to council a letter, which included the names of present members of both boards who would be willing to be re-appointed—John Goy, Mrs. H. Otterbein, Hugh Patterson, Harold Townsley and Brendan Aherne. There would also be two council appointees to a seven man combined parks and recreation board.

New members of the board will be named by council on December 27, and the appointments will become effective on January 1.

Of those who agreed to sit on the new board if named, just one, Brendan Aherne, is from the previous parks board. All the others are from the recreation committee.

Advantages of an amalgamated board have been discussed at various meetings and different methods of effecting

the amalgamation have been considered.

At last Thursday's final recreation committee meeting, problem of access to the arena booth was the main item of discussion.

Booth operator Roy Goodwin, who happened to drop in to the arena, pointed out his agreement with the recreation commission stated he had full control of the booth except on nights there is a banquet license.

Curlers, who have paid for part of the equipment, feel they also should have access to the booth on curling evenings.

A more firm agreement, it was agreed, is a necessity. (But presently there is no board to begin drafting one).

On behalf of the curling club Dick Lee appeared to ask for improved ice conditions. Mr. Goy recommended the ice be shaved every day until it is in better condition.

Recreation director Howard Pearce explained the Schomber sweeper-shaver-flooder which was not working properly had been repaired. Added to the physical problem with equipment, was the extra prob-

lem of milder weather, causing drops on the ice.

A report on the building of a trophy case was given by the building and property committee.

The last meeting included a pleasant seasonal note when it was agreed all town employees at the arena will be given a turkey for Christmas.

Members present at last week's meeting were Len Lovell, John Goy, Owen Coultray and Eric Lynch.

Other members of the commission are Hugh Patterson, Mrs. Helen Otterbein, C. F. Leatherland, Harold Townsley, Charles Perry and Mrs. George Fryer.

The council appointees last January were C. F. Leatherland and Ham Peal, who later resigned and was replaced by Mrs. George Fryer. Their term of office expires automatically the end of December.

Parks board members were chairman George Williams, Brendan Aherne, Nino Braida, Cliff Bradley, Gordon Harding who replaced Alex Zbehtnof, and council appointees Earl Masales and Bill Williams.

Joint secretary is Art Cooper.

## Biggest party in town

## Entertain 650 at Beardmore's dinner, gifts, fun on Saturday

Combine Santa Claus and a clown at the same party and children are bound to enjoy themselves.

Saturday afternoon, Beardmore and Co. employees and their families were guests of company officials during the annual Christmas party held at the plant.

While waiting the arrival of Santa, children were entertained with movies and Buster the clown, who in reality is Harold Black of Scarborough, a professional entertainer and magician.

Thousands of hot dogs, cold drinks and ice cream cones

were consumed by the hungry youngsters. Adults enjoyed a smorgasbord dinner served by company officials and prepared by a Guelph caterer.

Cheers echoed throughout the plant when Santa arrived as happy youngsters began to line up for their presents. Office workers were Santa's helpers as they checked off each name and sorted out parcels for the various age groups.

Company president W. J. Beatty and plant manager Norman Braida along with company directors were on hand to greet guests and help keep activities moving. Close to 300 adults and 350 children attend-

ed the annual party. Machinery had been moved out or covered and the area used for the party was hardly recognizable as a busy production centre throughout the week.

A number of company employees donned clown outfits and assisted the gateman park cars as guests arrived.

Employees who belong to Acton Fire Department were on hand in uniform to enforce "no smoking" regulations.

Shortly after the last guest had left, company employees were busy cleaning up and placing everything back in order for the Monday work shift.



WHAT IS IT? Bewildered Joel Pink is encouraged by his father Jack to accept the huge Christmas party Sunday. Krapek are watching, at the firefighters' box from Santa. Bill Spielvogel and John