

Carols by band, choraliars 250 in audience "sing along"

The largest crowd yet attended the annual Christmas concert of the "Acton Citizens" Band Sunday evening in the high school auditorium. The program was scheduled to begin after the special Christmas church services, and many went directly to the concert from church.

Over 250 were seated at tables in an informal atmosphere for the pleasing program, which concluded about 10:30 p.m. During intermission, wives and daughters of bandmen, with gay Christmas carols pinned to their dresses, served coffee and cookies to the chatting groups.

Guests were included on the program.

The Choraliars, under the direction of George Musselle, en-

tertained in each half of the program. During one of their medleys the crowd joined heartily in singing Christmas carols. There were 20 singers in their gold jackets singing favorite hymns Eternal Father Strong to Save and Abide with Me, and carols.

Problem of hearing accompanist George Hall from the platform brought a couple of false starts which their leader amiably overcame.

Joyce and Jack Carpenter were teamed up again when Jack introduced his wife and her talented young dancing students. Joyce sang several numbers and danced herself, as well.

All in blue, her dancers included one boy, billed as "Big John" (John Ashley). Others

were Mary Frances Marcoux, Karen and Cathy Ashley, Marianne Coles, Mary Lou Fendleton, Kim Kressler, Bonnie Bristow and Lynne Nielsen.

The entire group, accompanied by three guitars and Bob Watson on the drums, sang Wimaway.

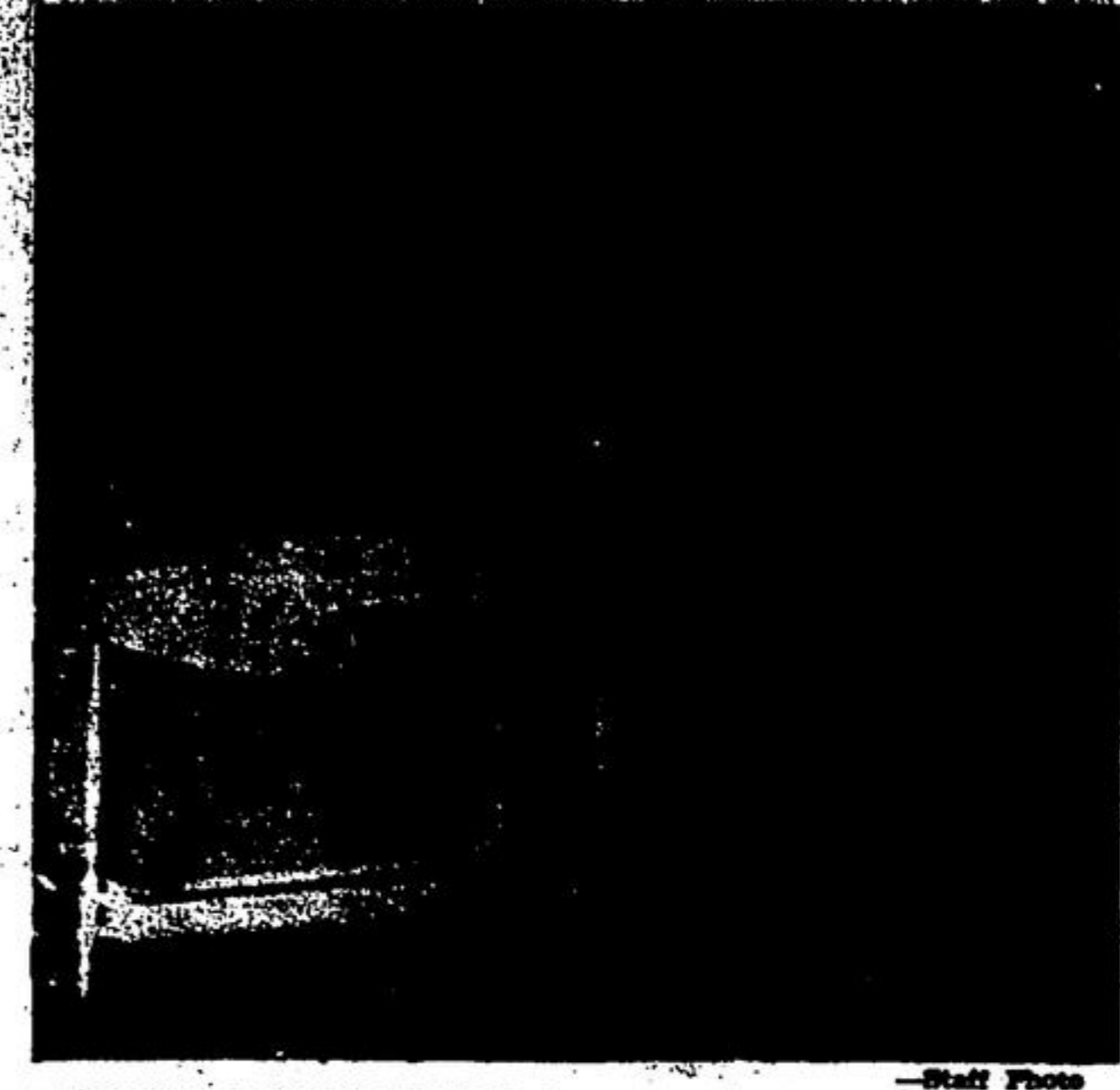
Three of the girls did a tap number together.

In turn husband Jack told some jokes, brought a couple of roars of laughter with impromptu ad libs, and did a very reasonable imitation of a Harvard trainer with a kazoo. His off-hand humor proved just right for the informality of the audience.

The band, under the direction of George Elliott, played a wide range of pleasers from classics to pop. Included on

their Christmas list were a couple of rousing marches, all the stops out; highlights from West Side Story, a Chopin Etude and a Grieg medley from Peer Gynt; a band overture Kensington, a clarinet solo by David Watson, a medley of Christmas carols, Chim Chim Chere, Get Me to the Church on Time, Watousi Trumpets and a swinging version of Tijuana Taxi. From bouncy to martial, their beat changed with precision and the audience responded with enthusiasm.

Ted Tyler Jr. announced the band's selections, thanked all those who attended and who took part, and announced the band would be playing carols, if the weather is good, at the old post office or Y steps one evening this week.



FATHERLY CHRISTMAS HUG for Mrs. John Krapek went along with a doll bed for daughter Jennifer, at the firefighters' Christmas party in the fire hall.

Seven phases of library project outlined to public in board report

A year-end progress report has been prepared for the public by the library board, and details the phases of the project. The library report follows:

Since the Council gave their blessing to the Centennial Library project, your Library Board has had a busy six months and with the approach of the birthday year of the country, we offer a progress report to our fellow citizens.

It was considered advisable to tackle the problems of this project by phasing it into seven distinct though compatible stages, because the time that

can be given to this project is limited due to the board's normal avocations.

The first phase is the building. This is rapidly nearing completion and will be well fitted to fulfill its function.

The second phase is the furnishing. The requirements have been finally decided after an extensive research and evaluation program, to obtain the best for the least price.

The third phase is the landscaping and the foot bridge approach. The former is in work and the latter should be ready for use by the New Year.

The fourth phase is the

transfer of the old Library facilities to the new. Details of how this will be accomplished are not yet determined.

We would like to make the transfer without interruption of the Library Service but preliminary plans indicate that this may prove impossible. In addition we may have to call for some volunteer aid to assist in recataloguing our volumes.

The fifth phase also under consideration is the operation of the new library, hours of opening, staff requirements for efficient operation, etc.

The sixth phase which will be a continuous phase for the first 12 months or so, is the education, re-education of the board, staff and subscribers so that we may get the best out of the library facility.

The seventh and final phase belongs to you, the citizens of Acton and to you alone, because it is in your actions how fast we progress to obtain the maximum return for our investment for the future.

At this time we would like to thank No. 1 Committee of the Council who have co-operated with us so well during this period.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all.

G. Y. Lee, Chairman

Choraliars hold draw

Following are the winners in the Legion Choraliars' Christmas draw. Names were drawn Friday night at the Legion hall. Prizes included a variety of items and gift certificates:

William J. Mitchell, Guelph; V. McCallum, Oakville; Garnet Roszell; R. R. Agnew; C. Stephens, Fergus; David Shannon.

Mike McCristall; Bert Allen; Roger Lazenby; V. Scoror, Erin; Bill Dawkins; L. Petric.

D. Fryer; Steve Brunelle; K. Rvoff; Toronto; C. Day, Fergus; Ivy Hall; Don Harris.

K. Turkosz, P. Lesueur, Joe Cozzarin, Mrs. McConnell, Ed McGiloway, Reg Adams, L. Tallefer, all of Acton.

Underground wiring laid to new building

Hydro commissioners may have their new building for Christmas—but extras which were added to the contract will not be completed unless the weather turns warmer.

Construction superintendent Fred Gray from Whitney Construction reported this week the extras which were added including the front patio area, will not be completed unless the weather changes. Outside painting will possibly have to wait for warmer weather as well.

Meanwhile floor tiling and inside painting are being completed and hydro workers are

Presentation to family candlelight service held

A number of friends and neighbors gathered at Churchill Church Hall on Saturday evening, December 17, to spend an evening with Mr. and Mrs. George Malby who lost their home by fire a few weeks ago.

After games were played Mrs. R. Denny read a card and Mrs. L. Swackhamer and Mrs. W. Swackhamer presented. Gail and George and boys with a quilt and two wool blankets. Mrs. F. Freeman read a card and handed George an envelope containing money from the community.

George, in a few well chosen words, thanked all for the

gifts. The ladies served lunch at the close.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Freeman attended the reception in the L.O.F. Hall in Guelph on Friday evening, December 16, for Mr. and Mrs. Ross Awrey who were married in Regina on December 10.

A lovely candlelight service was held at Churchill Church on Sunday evening with the Junior Choir in attendance. White gifts were also presented.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron McEachern and Sharon visited at the McEachern home on Sunday.

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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7 AND 9 P.M.

Home from Australia for holiday season

Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Campbell and three children who have spent the last two and a half years in Melbourne, Australia, arrived last week to spend a holiday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Craik. Dr. Campbell has been teaching and doing research at the University in Melbourne, and in the new year they will leave for Ithaca, N.Y. where he will be following his profession.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Craig, Linda and Steven spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Millson and family; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baptie; Mrs. Nellie Bell of Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Watson; Mr. and Mrs. G. Cruickshank; Miss Gertrude Watson of Hillsburg; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Watson and Ricky,

Orton and Mrs. Etta Barden, Eden Mills, were recent visitors with Mrs. M. Jackson.

Mr. L. J. Buck spent a few days in Montreal, where he attended the fur sale.

Mrs. Jerry Klumpenhouwer and young son of Gowans town visited on Wednesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. Klooster.

Mrs. Bruce Sr. of Whitehead, Sask., arrived on Thursday by air, to spend a holiday with her sons Ward and Byron and families.

Mr. George Grundy, who is a patient in Western Hospital, Toronto, underwent surgery last week, and expects to be home shortly.

Mrs. G. Sunter, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bruce, Mrs. Bruce Sr., visited on Sunday evening with Miss Emma Baldic at the Nursing Home in Hillsburg.

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