

Christmas visitors, 4-H club chimney fire in district news

The eighth and final meeting of the "Springside Meat Balls" 4-H Club was held at the home of the assistant leader Miss Laurel Stubbington. The meeting opened with the 4-H pledge followed by the roll call. Each member's second score chart, showing improvements since starting the club "Meat in the Menu".

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Doris Spence. Mrs. R. Ellis, the leader, demonstrated how to make "Stuffed Peppers" with ground beef, bread crumbs and seasonings. These were baked in the oven, while the girls discussed plans for the exhibit at Achievement Day on January 14. Record books were checked, and these are to be completed and handed in at once.

Everyone sampled the stuffed peppers and found them delicious.

Miss Beverly Bruce, nurse-in-training at Toronto Western Hospital was home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fitzner and family spent the holidays with relatives at Goderich.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Newmark spent Christmas with their son-in-law and daughter. Mr. and Mrs. William Mann and family in Toronto.

Mrs. Isley Sr. of Georgetown, Miss Judy Isley, Guelph, spent the Christmas weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Isley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bruce and family; Mrs. Bruce Sr., Whitewood, Sask.; Mrs. Sayers, Acton; Garnet Bruce, Toronto;

and Barry Bruce, student at Western University, London, were Christmas guests with Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bruce.

Mrs. M. Jackson spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Murray Millson and family in Guelph. Greg returned home with her for a few holidays.

Mrs. G. Sunter was in Niagara Falls, with her son and daughter-in-law, Arnold and Mrs. Sunter and family for Christmas week.

Christmas day visitors with Mr. and Mrs. David Stewart included their sons and families — Vernon and Mrs. Stewart and family, Ed and Mrs. Stewart and sons, Aleck and Mrs. Stewart and sons and their niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. Baldwin and children of Ancaster.

Mr. George Grundy is still confined to Toronto Western Hospital, where his condition is "not too good."

Miss Judy Buck spent Christmas week in Halifax. Miss Sharon Buck, nurse-in-training at St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph was home for New Year's.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Jackowski of New-Hamburg were Christmas visitors, with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Sinclair.

Miss Bonna Weeks of Alma College, St. Thomas, spent the holidays with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Norman McKenzie. Mrs. Glassford of Hillsburg spent the weekend at the same home.

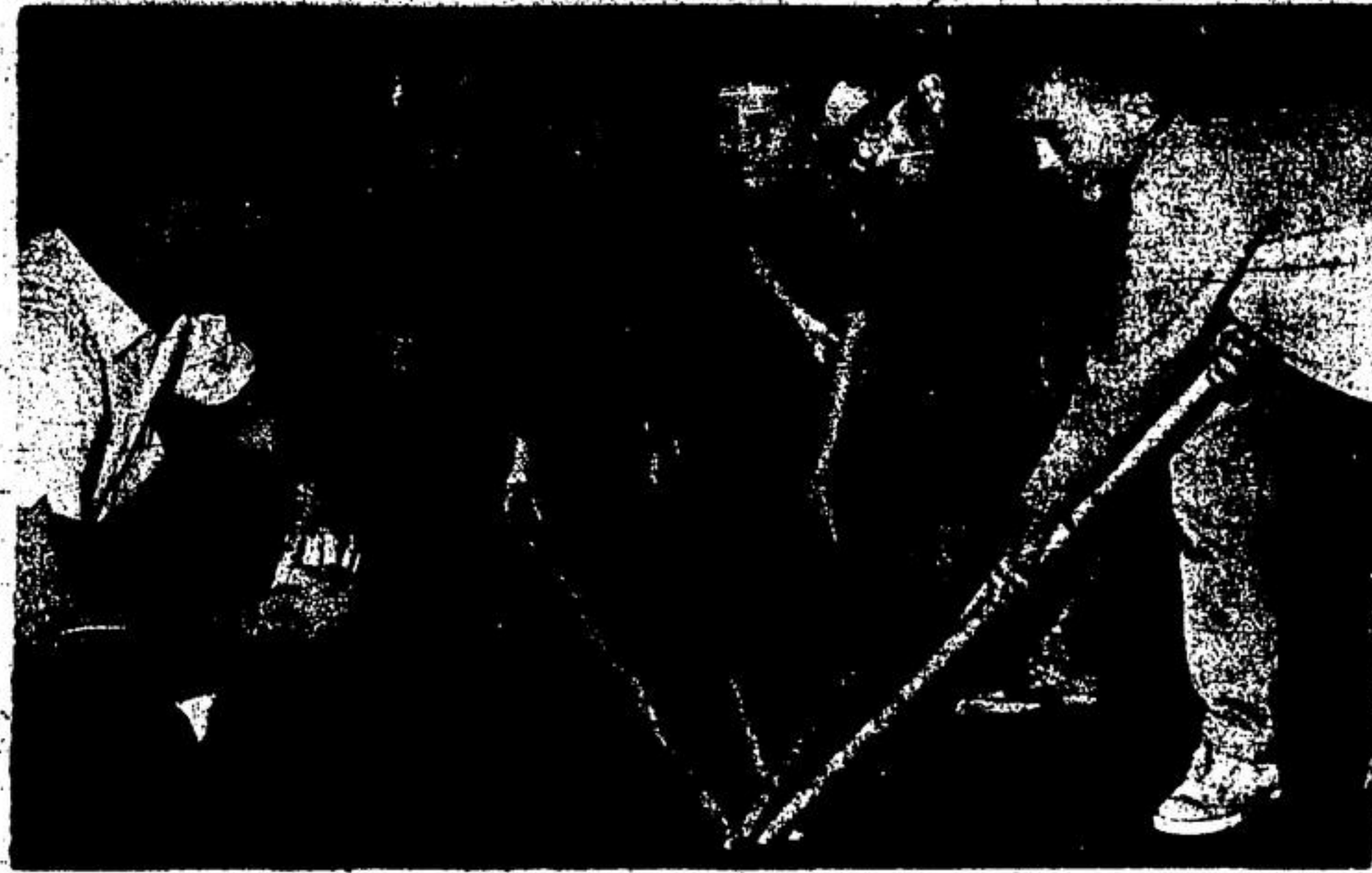
Holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Aitken included Mr. and Mrs. John Aitken, Mr. and Mrs. Sherlock Aitken of Bagotville, Que., Mr. and Mrs. M. Hutchinson and sons of Toronto, Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Moorehead and children of Woodstock.

D. G. and Mrs. Robertson had their sons and families home for Christmas — Douglas and Mrs. Robertson, Sharon, Murray and Darlene, from Guelph; Kenneth and Mrs. Robertson, Lynda and Donna from Oakville and Brian from Hamilton Institute of Technology.

Miss Gail Fuller, student at the University of Guelph, is home for the holidays.

Miss Sandra McEwan, student at the University of Guelph is spending the holidays at the home of her parents.

A chimney fire at the home of George Fritzer (formerly the McMillan home) in the village, threatened to get out of hand on Wednesday and a full turn out of the Acton Fire Brigade responded to the call. The fire was quickly brought under control, the firemen stood by and then cleaned out the chimney. A strong wind was blowing at the time and fortunately it didn't do too much damage.



FLOOR HOCKEY was popular at the Y during Christmas holidays. Program supervisor Pete Lawson is shown above handing out a few pointers to the champions. Left to right are Riny Schuts, Russell Dwyer, Randy Coker, Ian Strange and Steven VanFleet. Each boy will receive an individual trophy as soon as they are purchased.

Nassagaweya permits in '66 hit \$1,333,500

The Township of Nassagaweya issued over one million and a quarter dollars worth of building permits during 1966. The year ranged from slack months like February when no permits were issued to fat figures like May at \$788,400 including the \$750,000 addition to Mohawk.

The actual year-end total was \$1,333,500. Other sizeable structures included the \$5,000 heavy equipment school in April; the \$28,000 Sunoco station near Guelph Line and Highway 401, and the \$6,000 Eden Mills camp buildings.

Twenty-nine houses were built.

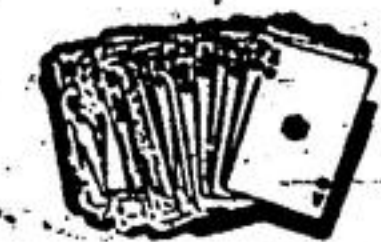
Monthly totals were as follows:

January	\$ 38,800
February	0
March	6,600
April	56,800
May	788,400
June	95,000
July	11,000
August	62,450
September	17,500
October	78,300
November	40,100
December	38,400

Annual permit totals for the past few years show \$610,750 issued in 1965; \$199,900 in 1964; \$309,700 in 1963; \$1,715,625 in 1962; and \$125,000 in 1961.



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Let's Play Bridge

by bill coats

Are you one of those bridge players who hate to give declarer a ruff? If you are, you are not getting the most out of your game.

Forcing declarer to ruff can often cause him to lose control of the hand. It can be useful if one defender is long in trump.

Here is an example from a rubber bridge match.

East dealt and both sides are vulnerable.

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

West
 S-10 4 2
 H-A 5 3 2
 D-K 10 7
 C-K 5 4

South
 S-K 8 6 5 3
 H-K Q J 10 7 4
 D-Void
 C-7 6

The bidding:
 East South West North
 1D 2H Pass Pass
 3C 3H Dble All Pass

It would appear that declarer should have no difficulty in making this contract. There are five heart tricks available and at least four spade tricks.

But let's see what happens to declarer after a diamond lead.

West led the king of diamonds and declarer ruffed. South led a heart to dummy, ducked. West, A spade to the king led declarer in to lead trump again.

This time, West won and led the diamond 10. Again declarer ruffed. A third trump lead revealed the bad news. Both declarer and West have a trump left.

If declarer draws trump, then the spades are blocked in dummy. Declarer's best bet is to take two spades and ruff a diamond. But this is only eight tricks.

It would do South no good to try the spades earlier. He will lose either a spade trick or get a spade ruffed by East.

Next time you have four or more trump on defense, try to make declarer ruff a couple of times. Soon you will have as many trump as declarer and then he will be in trouble.

Last week's winners at the Acton Bridge Club were: first, Jack Coats and Bill Coats; second, Mrs. Hyde and Cam Sinclair; third, Tom Barber and Duke Wilson.

Day in Guelph for 4-H girls

The 4-H girls and their leaders, Mrs. Leo Jamieson and Mrs. Ray Swindlehurst, enjoyed a day in Guelph and went to see the show "The Sound of Music".

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Willard Sanderson and family in the passing of the former's mother at the nursing home at Brampton.

Rev. Mr. Johnson gave a lovely Christmas sermon in Ballinalfad United Church on Sunday morning. The choir sang "Silent Night, Holy Night" in anthem form and it was very nice. Kathryn Sinclair was at the organ.

Mr. Dave Burton has sold his farm, also Mr. James Longstreet has sold his.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin entertained their friends and neighbors on Christmas Eve.

Variety show for centennial in Rockwood

Rockwood — The big year is here, and the community of Rockwood is celebrating their first Centennial Project with a variety concert in the Rockwood High School on Friday and Saturday evenings, February 3 and 4. There will be prizes given to the entertainers wearing the most original dress of the 1800's, and for the most original number.

If any with talent in the community wish to take part, please call 856-9948.

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RECALL FRIENDS

Dear Sir:
 On this date last year, my husband and myself were so happy staying with my son Ron (Lewis) and June, having returned after a stay in Berkeley, California, to have our first Canadian Christmas with them and friends at Acton.

It is difficult to express in written words the great joy we experienced whilst in Acton meeting folk who were so friendly that not once did we ever feel we were among strangers 3,000 miles from home.

We attended services at the United, Presbyterian and Baptist Churches, more so at Mr. Gammon's church, being members of the Baptist Church here, and in each was that friendly atmosphere which is not even felt in some of the churches here.

During the past year we have heard from Mrs. Landsborough, Mr. and Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Newton Sr., also news from Mr. and Mrs. Tatton and Mr. and Mrs. A. Long — and though Mr. and Mrs. Franklin have moved from Acton, they continue to tell us the news from their new home near Toronto.

During Mike Bevan's stay in our town we were so happy to have him and his wife and family with us on several occasions, and his children at the school, were sorry when the time came for him to return to Canada. It was grand

to have the opportunity of having Mr. Bevan with us, and he too has sent us letters since his return home.

When shopping at Hinton's we were made to feel very much at home by the assistants, especially Mrs. Nelles, and in all the shops we were greeted with the same friendliness. I particularly remember Gordon's store and the helpful assistants at the grocery stores.

Here, we have to scramble our goods as quickly as we can in our own bags — no help from the assistants as in Acton, where, in big bags, goods are actually taken to the cars of the customers. Acton shops could certainly teach ours a lesson in courtesy.

During the past year Ron and June have — through their yearly subscription to your paper — enabled us to keep in touch with the activities of Acton. Now I know your little town and its friendly folk, we keep near you by reading your news.

I do hope it does not grow into a large town, for it is so nice, just as it is. When towns grow big some of the friendliness gets pushed into the background, and competition in the shops sometimes robs them of personal services.

Now, during this Christmas we are again in our own home, Walthamstair — 3,000 miles from Acton, but our hearts are in Acton and I just want to say "Thank you" to all those folk whom we met who helped to make our stay a happier one — if it was possible to be happier — because of giving us memories of their kindness and friendly manner. I am glad Ron and June are so happy and trust they will stay many more years and that we too may have the opportunity of re-visiting Acton and its happy families.

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