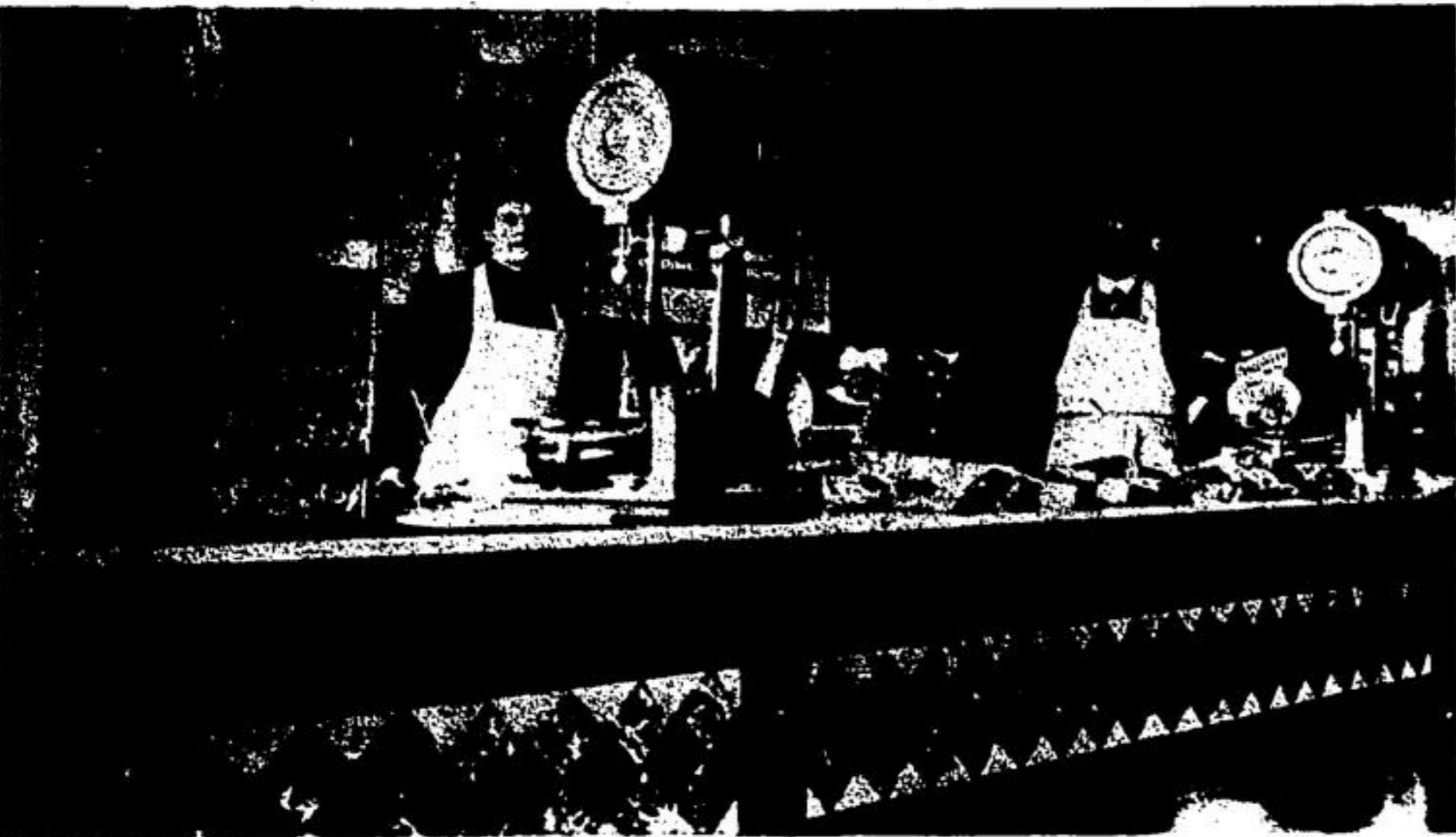




RETIRING OFFICIALLY after 57 years in the butcher business, John Smith takes it easy on the comfortable upholstered chair presented by I.G.A. store owner Dave Manes on behalf of the company, at the store Christmas party. Employees from Erin and Woodbridge stores

also attended. Mrs. Smith received a bouquet and employees presented a pole lamp and combination magazine rack and ash tray. In back, Mrs. Dave Manes, Dave Manes, Harold Manes, and Tom Manes.

(Staff Photo)



JOHN SMITH started in the butcher business in this store of Neil Patterson's where Simpsons-Sears is located. He's in the middle here.

Wm. Landsborough on his left and Mr. Patterson on the right.

I.G.A. Christmas party

Honor John Smith on retirement

John Smith still keeps his hand in at butchering on a part time basis although he officially retired from his duties at I.G.A. Foods. Monday night the management and staff of the store honored Mr. Smith on his retirement at their Christmas party by presenting him with several gifts including an upholstered easy chair where he's supposed to sit back and take it easy. John Smith took up the butchering trade first in 1910 at the Neil Patterson butcher shop, situated where the Simpsons Sears order office is located now. He began by calling at houses for orders and bringing them back for delivery. Jack Smith had a remarkable memory. Calling at over 75

houses he kept all the orders in his head without aid of the customary pencil and order book. He very seldom made a mistake. Born in Ennotville, near Forcus, John came to Acton in 1908. He's lived most of his life here except for 15 years he spent in Orillia. Most of his working years have been spent in the butcher trade but John also worked a seven year span on the railroad and 12 years in the now defunct Wool Combing Corporation here. "I never had much time for hobbies," explained the amiable Knox Ave. resident, "but I'm still working part time at the store and I've got plenty to do around the house." Dave Manes made the presentation of the chair and hassock to

Jack and spoke on his reliability. "You could always depend on Jack," he told approximately 80 guests at the party. Former I.G.A. store owner Jim Ledger also spoke recalling the year Jack started in the store, in 1954, and how he depended on him. Woodbridge store manager Harold Manes presented a pole lamp and combination ash tray and magazine rack on behalf of the store employees by the Legion Ladies Auxiliary was the first item on the evening's program which had store employees from Woodbridge and Erin in attendance as well as those from the Acton store. The evening concluded with dancing to MacDougall's orchestra.

Recreation program in school

by Mrs. F. Taylor

Eramosa Recreation committee has sponsored a Thursday night recreation time when basketball, volleyball, badminton and other sports are enjoyed. Those who did not want the strenuous exercise enjoyed a social game of euchre. Many have taken part in these facilities at Rockwood centennial school auditorium but over the holiday season there will be a brief recess. Activities will resume Thursday, January 11.

Ordination for Rev. Duby

About 30 from Acton attended the ordination of Laurence Duby in the Church of St. Columba, St. Catharines, on Sunday afternoon, December 3. The two ordinands were the Rev. Duby and the Rev. Alan Milne Drummond. After ordination, communion was administered to the newly-ordained priests and their families. Among those attending were two former Acton rectors, the Rev. Price of Fonthill and the Rev. Don West of Hamilton. The church is a very colorful one with an unusually large altar, backed by a 15-foot high wood carving of oak.

Appointed Blame draft four deaths

At a meeting last night Council approved the appointment of Ray Arbie to Acton district high school board for another year; appointed Brendan Aherne to Board of Parks Management for a three year term and Mob Blow and Sid Saltz to the Planning Board for three years. Library board members appointed were George Lee, Ted Pratt, Rev. R. McMurray and Fred New.

An investigation of rest homes for Halton's senior citizens is being launched by the Halton Centennial Manor Board of Management, as an alternative to a completely new manor that is being sought in the south of the county.

BALLINAFAD

Three hockey teams organized

By Mrs. R. McEnery

A euchre wash held in Ballinafad Community Centre on Tuesday night. High scores were lady, Mrs. Storey; gent, Mr. Slater, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Spear playing a gent's card.

Ballinafad boys have organized three hockey teams and are playing each Sunday night in Hillsburg - and how smart they look in their blue and gold sweaters. A baptismal service was held in Ballinafad United Church on

Sunday morning Dec. 3 when Stephanie, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith, and Barbara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Meillon, were baptized by Rev. Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Sam Snow is in Guelph Hospital undergoing treatment on his back, also a young son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Snow got his arm in the wringer and is being treated in Guelph Hospital.

Mr. Charlie Pluff Sr. is a patient in Georgetown Hospital. A speedy recovery is hoped for all.

Mr. Robt. McEnery who had been a patient in Georgetown Hospital was able to return home on Sunday.

The children are busy practicing for their Christmas Concert next Thursday night when they are looking forward to Santa Claus.

Mrs. Norman Sinclair is a patient in Georgetown. A quick recovery is hoped for.

Anthony Seynuck dies at 75 headed Explorations company

The president of Anthony Gas and Oil Explorations Ltd., Anthony Seynuck passed away in Georgetown District Hospital on Sunday, November 26. He was well-known figure who nurtured persistent hopes of abundant natural gas and oil deposits in this district. He had drilled at various neighborhood locations and had been planning a new project near Hillsburg.

Pictures and news stories of Mr. Seynuck's strikes have appeared at various times in the Free Press.

The board of directors will carry on the company, which was formed under his leadership in 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Seynuck operated an ice cream and candy store at one time, and farmed. Mrs. Seynuck survives him at their home, 191 Mill St., East.

Mr. Seynuck was born in the Ukraine January 22, 1892, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dimitro Seynuck. He came to Canada in 1913 and has lived in

Acton since 1919. He married in 1922.

Surviving as well as his wife, the former Mary Wozlak, are a niece Mrs. Zeravlev, Georgetown, grandnephew John Zeravlev, Georgetown and cousin William Seynuck, Acton.

The funeral service was held at the Rumley Shoemaker funeral home on Wednesday, November 29, conducted by the Rev. Gordon Turner. Interment was in Fairview cemetery.

Palbearers were Walter Popa, Bill Dumarsh, Julian Zajac, Mike Nakoneczny, Fred Kril, and W. Nykfortyn.

Some show

Fog-borne ice coats roads

A double bill appearance which had a four-day stand in the district this week drew no applause.

Fog alone is bad enough, but coupled with treacherous glare ice, the terrible twosome brought car accidents, school bus cancellations, falls and cuts, and even some unChristmassy language.

Thursday was opening day for the winter-time show, and it made an uninvited repeat performance beginning Sunday, tapering off Tuesday.

On Monday school buses in Eramosa and Nassagaweya were all cancelled, although the schools remained open for those who could get there. Rural students didn't come into town for high school; spares replaced lessons and classes got out early.

By Tuesday, the buses were working the safe roads and students on the more dangerous ones came out further than usual to meet the bus.

Highways were sanded from Sunday on, but the freezing rain made a comedy of their efforts - and a tragedy for many drivers. Cars in district ditches were plentiful.

On Monday morning, Ken Hulford took an hour and a half to drive two miles from his country home to his bowling alley - and then he inched his way along the highway to a meeting in Toronto. He passed ditched cars and a jack-knifed tractor-trailer. Some who started out to work out-of-town simply returned.

Branches caked with ice cracked off trees and fell to the ground all day Monday, making walking hazardous from below and above, too. Some cars were cracked on their skulls.

Several falls left pools of blood gleaming in the rain. Some philosophizing walkers figured they'd rather smash their knees than their tenders - it was a lot cheaper.

Buses ran a little late, the depot reported. Driving conditions were at their worst possible level Sunday and Monday - as safe driving week neared its close. Many minor accidents were reported by police.

Mrs. Ritchie McMurray and children escaped injury when their van skidded into a deep Nassagaweya ditch, landing just

10 feet from an icy river. An official accounting says all the difficulties were caused on Monday by as little as a fifth of an inch of rain and seven-tenths of an inch of ice pellets.



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Arm injured on machine

Zvonko Severinski sustained a severe injury to his right arm last week while operating a buffing machine at Beardmore and Co.

Mr. Severinski was putting a piece of leather through the machine when a finger caught in a hole, wrapped the leather around the arm and started to pull it into the machine. The leather protected his arm from more serious injury but Mr. Severinski suffered deep abrasions and laceration.

He was treated on the spot by Theo Papillon, a trained company first aid man, and Dr. D.A. Garrett arrived promptly to render further aid.

Mr. Severinski was taken to Guelph General Hospital.

Two down, one still going

Two down, one still going. That's the tally on the past week's car-deer collisions on North Halton roads.

Monday evening of last week a deer died after colliding with a Cooksville man's car on Highway 7 near Georgetown. On the same highway Thursday evening, a car driven by Grant W. Puncheon of 252 Queen St., Acton, hit a deer but the deer was only wounded, and quickly left the scene. Damage to Mr. Puncheon's car was estimated by Milton O.P.P. at \$65.

It will cost the Cooksville man \$200 to repair his car, and he didn't even get any free venison. Deputy Game Warden Stan Price was called to remove the carcass.

Christmas Bargains AT RED & WHITE

20 lb. AND OVER
TURKEYS 39^c lb
 UP TO 20 lb.
TURKEYS 43^c lb
 SCHNEIDER'S - 1-lb. PKG.
Sausage Meat 49^c
 COORSH - (4 Pkg. DEAL)
Corned BEEF 89^c

P.E.I. - 10-lb. BAG
Potatoes 39^c
 HOSTESS OR SHIRRIFF'S - TWIN PACK
Potato Chips 59^c
 ALCAN - 25-ft. ROLL
FOIL WRAP 35^c
 GREEN GIANT - 12-oz. TINS - NIBLETS
CORN (SAVE 15c) 4 FOR 89^c

LIBBY'S - FANCY QUALITY - 48-oz. TINS
Tomato Juice 3 for \$1
 YORK - CHOICE QUALITY - 14-oz. TINS
Peas & Carrots 2 for 35^c

CLUB HOUSE - 12-oz. JAR
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