

**PAY DAY** for the Beardmore and Co. fire department is always a highlight of the annual Christmas dinner and dance which took place in the legion hall Friday night. Beardmore fire chief Bern Van Fleet accepts his honorarium from company

official Ray Evelan, second from right, while from left Charlie (Sonny) Townsley, Charlie Shultis and deputy fire chief Bob Angell look on. (Staff Photo)

## Beardmore Co. Fire brigade honored at dinner, dance

Beardmore and Co.'s annual salute to the company's fire department, which doubles as "pay day" for the brigade, was enjoyed by an enthusiastic crowd at the legion hall Friday night.

Although the formalities were cut to a minimum by illness of company officials who were unable to attend, a delicious dinner was enjoyed followed by euclyre and dancing.

Beardmore fire chief Bern Van Fleet extended a warm welcome to all and gave his own personal thanks for the co-operation he received during the past year. Deputy chief Bob Angell introduced the guests who included the mayor, Mr. and Mrs. John Griefencko, Acton fire chief Mick Holmes and his wife as well as a representative of this newspaper.

Beardmore director Ray Evelan, representing the company, reviewed the year and expressed sincere appreciation for a job

well done. There were no serious fires in the plant this year and the brigade was able to handle minor blazes.

With such a record, asked Mr. Evelan, why the need of a company brigade? He enlarged on the work the brigade did in recognizing hazards but felt it was unnecessary to show how important their presence was to the company since it was well known.

Mr. Evelan passed along apologies from company president W.J. Beatty and vice-president Norm Braida for their inability to be present. Both were ill.

Final item on the program was a personal presentation to each member of the brigade of their honorarium by Mr. Evelan.

Lots Gordon of the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary was called up to receive the thanks of the diners for the dinner she prepared. She replied humorously to Bob Angell's thanks.

## Icy roads blamed for area accidents

During the week of Dec. 3-9 inclusive personnel of Milton Detachment, Ontario Provincial Police worked a total of 911-3/4 hours, and patrolled 6,613 miles on area highways. As a result of patrol 49 charges were preferred 51 traffic violation warnings were issued and 21 vehicles were safety checked. There were 24 convictions registered in Magistrate's Court.

There were 14 property damage accidents and eight personal injury accidents resulting in 18 persons being injured, and property damage totalling \$22,350. Most accidents resulted from drivers losing control of their vehicles on icy roads, or failing to adjust their speed according to road and weather conditions. There were two charges laid as a result of these accidents.

There were 34 general occurrences during this period, including one minor theft from residence and one minor theft from auto involved in an accident; one investigation of indecent exposure; two missing persons in area, both subsequently located; one stolen car recovered for Woodstock Police Dept., one auto fire on 25 Highway north of town limits; one liquor investigation resulting in one person being

charged under the Liquor Control Act; four premises found insecure at night. All other occurrences were of a minor nature, Cpl. J.L. Kneale reported.

### Let's blame it on the Christmas rush

Two omissions in the high school board meeting account last week left readers "up in the air."

Project Action supporters were particularly frustrated by the unfinished sentences which should have read:

"The loss (at their dance in the high school) severely hampers the group's charitable work, the letter said."

And the other: "The report from the security officer (at the dance), as requested, was sent to the board following the Project Action dance. He said there had been no reportable incidents."

The machine operator's practised eye skipped a line in the account of the Duke of Devonshire L.O.D.E. meeting, to mix up slides shown by Mrs. McLeod of Scotland, Mrs. Young of western Canada and Mrs. Force of Italy, Portugal and other European countries.

Apologies to our confused readers. Blame it on the Christmas rush.

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### O.P.P. report

## Bad weather can be crash preventative

When a person stops to think of motor vehicle accidents, the number that occur, the number of persons killed and injured, one too, invariably thinks of weather conditions adverse to the operation of a car, and attributes the majority of the accidents to it. And yet, if we stop to think deeply enough, we might find that these same adverse weather conditions often prevent accidents. Who among us drive as quickly or as casually on icy roads as we do on dry pavement?

Accident statistics compiled at the Acton O.P.P. office governing the week of December 3 to 9, 1967, tend to add weight to our projected theory. December 3 to 9, a week of snow, of rain, of sleet and of icy roads. December 3 to 9, a week in which only one accident occurred in Acton and that before winter truly arrived, when the pavement was bare and dry. Food for thought perhaps?

Other traffic activities encountered during the same week show the six man force to have worked 216 hours, driven 726 patrol miles, laid three traffic informations and issued 36 warnings to erring motorists.

Our general duties ledger indicates a total of 13 non-traffic complaints, the most serious be-

ing the theft of an auto. The car was recovered and charges are pending completion of the investigation. Other requests for police action included one minor theft, one disturbance and eight minor complaints.

Magistrate's Court at Milton was in session on both December 4 and December 6 this week and dealt with 22 Acton charges. Of these, 10 charges were remanded until a later date, two were dismissed and convictions were registered on the remaining 10. Fines and costs meted out by Magistrate Langdon to the guilty parties totalled \$946.

With Christmas holiday season quickly approaching we wish to issue a word of warning to the merchants and other citizens of the town. Christmas is readily acknowledged as a time of giving but, unfortunately, some people consider it as a time for taking too. With large crowds filling the shops and pressing for service, the quick change artist, the fraudulent cheque passer and the shoplifter are all afforded an excellent opportunity to practise their illegal art.

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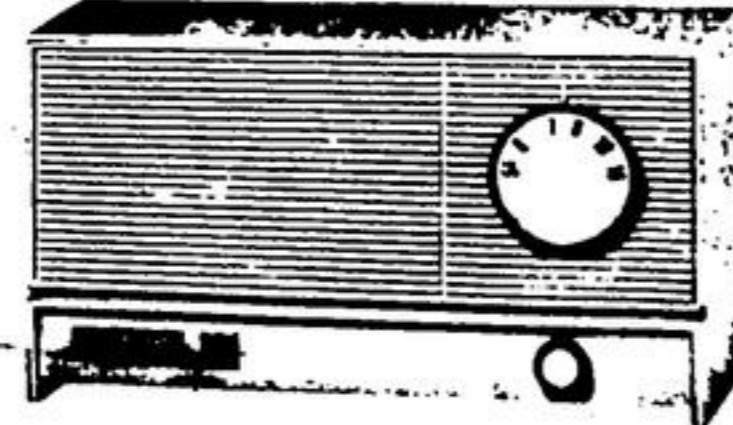
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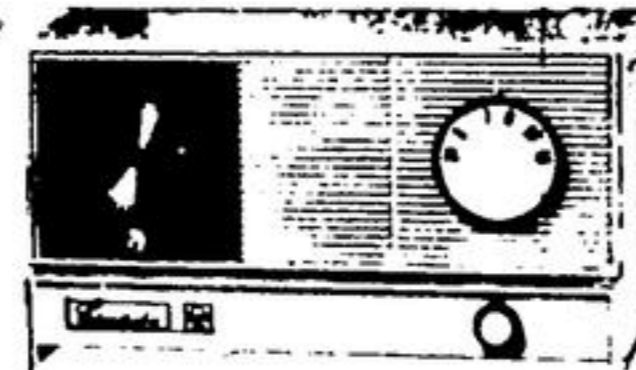


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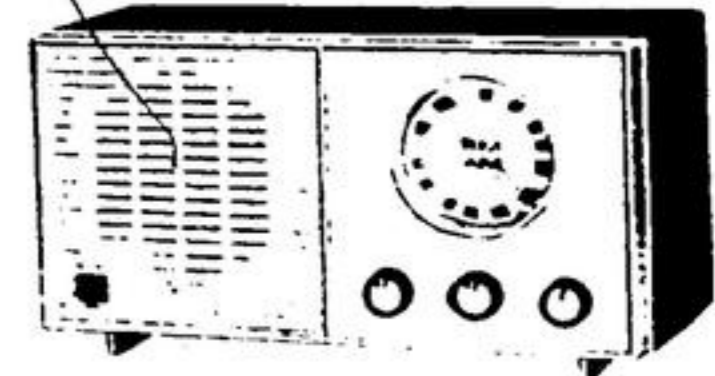
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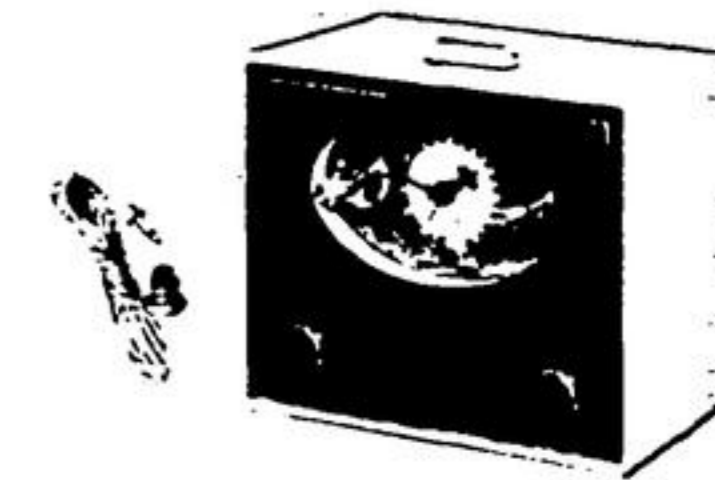
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