



**ACTON'S JUNIOR BAND** made its debut for a Sunday night. Conductor George Elliott briefs crowded high school auditorium at the Christmas concert presented by Acton Citizens' Band (Staff Photo)

## Tympani, junior band introduced 300 hear bands, choirs Sunday

A junior band, a new set of tympani and a second girl in Acton Citizens' Band all made their debuts at the Christmas concert Sunday night. A crowd of over 300 jammed the high school auditorium for the best Christmas concert yet.

Sharing the program with the band were the high school Glee Club and the Acton Legion Chorallers. The audience sat at tables in informal cabaret style but many had to sit in the upstairs bleachers after the auditorium was filled. Band ladies served coffee, cookies and cake during intermission.

The band, led by George Elliott, had a lively repertoire that perfectly fit the mood of the evening.

The interesting program notes were read by Ted Tyler Jr.

The high school Glee Club, conducted by principal Ted Hansen, sweetly sang Czack Dance Song and The Voice in the Old Village Choir.

In turn, the Centennial favor-

ite Chorallers sang God Rest you Merry Gentlemen and Jingle Bells. With their leader George Musselle in hospital, Mr. Hansen sprinted into a white jacket to act as their leader, too.

Later the two groups combined for the first time to please the audience with two more carols, Deck the Halls and Silent Night.

The junior band took over the platform for their first performance and were enthusiastically applauded. Some could barely be seen for their music stands. They played Silent Night and then the more spirited Pine Tree Patrol. Mr. Elliott mentioned there are now six young girls in this group, and he hopes before too long their numbers will reach 30 or 40. Three older regular band members and a couple of newly-graduated senior band members, boosted the notices.

Introduced to the audience were the band's newest instruments - a large pair of tympani or tom-toms. Mr. Elliott explained

something of their history, and drummer Neil Anderson showed how they can be tuned. The drums have a long tradition, and their powerful contribution was demonstrated in a Renaissance number, Song and Air by Marcellino.

Lynn Frolich, the first girl member of the town band for years, was joined for the first time by a junior band grad, Valerie Coles. Mr. Elliott introduced Valerie and her younger brother Leslie. Brother Steven played, too.

Another lad playing his first concert, John Kingsmill, was introduced. His father was wrapped up in the sousaphone.

The band's versatility and talent was apparent in their program: El Capitain March, April Holiday, Salute to Duke Ellington, Ca-Na-Da, White Christmas, a Bach minuet, Drummer Boy, Italian festival (themes from Italian movies), Marche Lorraine, Angels we have heard on High, Born Free and Pass Me By.

The Christmas Concert has become an annual affair the last couple of years with more attending each time.

## Santa and 200 kids

# Estimate record attendance at Legion party on Saturday

Number of children at the Legion party was estimated to be the highest ever by those in charge of the bustling affair Saturday afternoon in the Legion Hall. About 200 children were entertained, fed chocolate milk and cookies, and given balloons.

And of course the climax was Santa's appearance and the awarding of the lengthy list of gifts to about 200 eager children. The ladies always order extra, and despite the surprisingly large crowd every child had a gift.

Frank Holmes was the guest in the Santa suit. Legion pres-

ident Gord James called out the names of boys and girls, and Lois Gordon, Janet Rogers and Theresa Matheson helped hand out the presents.

Dressed as clowns, Phyllis Angell and Fern Shultis helped entertain the crowd. Records were played and Bob Angell acted

as m.c. Children were delighted with their dolls and jewellery, trucks and toys.

No full program was undertaken by the Legion since the Beardmore party, attended by many of the same children, was the same afternoon.

## Twiggy Santa at Tyler party

The original Twiggy Santa Claus handed out gifts at Tyler Transport annual Christmas party in the band hall on Saturday evening. It was Frank Crump who wrapped the Santa suit around his lanky frame to play the role.

Supper was enjoyed and a Guelph orchestra (with resounding console organ) played for dancing.

Two night club acts entertained, comedian Joe Murphy and a couple with a fascinating way of making doves disappear in thin air.

## Presentations at h.s. party

High School staff, board members, wives, husbands and guests spent a pleasant pre-Christmas evening together on Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Coats.

A buffet supper was served and cards were played. Two talented pianists, principal Hansch and board secretary Fred Salt, played the piano for singing.

Wedding gifts were presented for Mr. and Mrs. Ted Curtis who were married last summer; to Ian McGillivray and Miss Kathy Campbell who are being married Dec. 26 and to Bruce Andrews and Rene Varey who are being married Dec. 23. Mrs. Reed presented a gift to Mrs. Karla Walker, who's leaving the staff at Christmas.

## Christmas dance held by Y's Men

About 50 couples enjoyed the Y's Men's Christmas dance in the music centre Friday evening. Many guests spent the pleasant evening with club members.

A buffet supper was served and dancing was to the Flower Town Five of Brampton.

Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Pipher of St. Catharines; he's a Y's Men's regional director.

## Provincial grant for Limehouse land

The Department of Energy and Resources Management for the Province of Ontario has given approval for a Provincial grant in the amount of \$5,255 to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority towards the additional cost of land acquisition in the Limehouse Conservation Area, in the northern section of Halton County.

The announcement of the grant was made this week by James W. Snow, M.P.P. for Halton East.

## Corporal receives centennial medal

Cpl. Charles Watson, a 16 year veteran in the R.C.A.F., was one of 100 to receive centennial medals in a ceremony at the Air Force base in Trenton.

Cpl. Watson is the son of Mrs. Charles Watson, Agnes St.

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## Library dinner ends centennial

On Tuesday evening the library board and staff enjoyed a year-end dinner together in Guelph at the Cutten Fields golf club. In the spirit of the season, library board chairman George Lee thanked everyone; board member mayor Dube especially thanked the staff as well as the board; and member Fred New gave special credit to Mayor Dube, as all relaxed after the busy year that saw the library move from its old, cramped quarters into the town's centennial building.

Present at the dinner were Mayor and Mrs. Dube, Mr. and Mrs. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. New, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pratt, Rev.

and Mrs. Ritchie McMurray, chief librarian Mrs. Isabel Watson, Miss Esther Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Copeland, Mr. and Mrs. J. van der Kooy.

Before the dinner, Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Williams called on former librarian Miss Madge Chapman, now in St. Joseph's Chronic hospital in Guelph.

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The gloom of the world is but a shadow Behind it, yet within our reach is joy. Take joy! There is radiance and glory in the darkness could we but see, and to see, we have only to look. I beseech you to look.

Life is so full of meaning and purpose, so full of beauty—beneath its covering—that you will find earth but cloaks your heaven.

Courage then to claim it; that is all! But courage you have; and the knowledge that we are pilgrims together, wending through unknown country, home.

And so, at this Christmas time, I greet you. Not quite as the world sends greetings, but with profound esteem and with the prayer that for you, now and forever, the day breaks and the shadows flee away.

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