Santa



WAITING FOR SANTA at the Micro Plastics Christmas party was a real ordeal for some children Saturday. Two of them occupied his

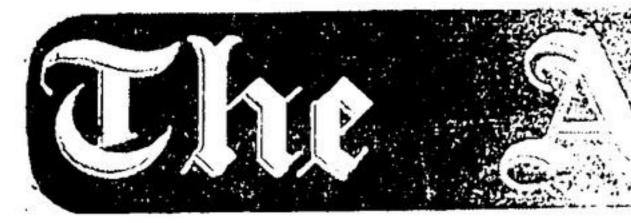
window of the music centre. (Staff Photo)



chair until the jolly old elf appeared in the SANTA CLAUS appeared at the Micro Plastics Christmas party Salurday with gifts for over 175 children. The program in-

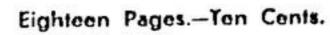


cluded movies, a trick rope and whip exhibition and lunch. (Staff Photo)



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Council grants ALL employees \$10 Christmas bonus

Sewage overflow, tiling Tyler, advises on contract

Hard bargaining for a union contract between town employees and council was apparent in a discussion over a Christmas bonus at Tuesday night's meeting of Acton council.

A recommendation from No. committee of council that a Christmas card and \$10 voucher be sent to all salaried employees of the town was turned down in favor of a resolution that the bonus be extended to all employees of the municipality. Only Reeve-elect Dr. Frank Oakes voted against the motion. Councillor Bob Drinkwalter questioned the original

Reeve asks questions

Reeve Hinton was assured at

Tuesday's council meeting the

discharge of effluent into a ditch

by an Acton company was

unintentional and would be

Mr. Hinton was questioning a

report in the minutes of No. 2

Committee which revealed the

Ontario Water Rescources

Commission had investigated the

complaint. The committee

decided the matter be left for

the O.W.R.C. to settle with the

Told the industry was the H.

K. Porter Co., the reeve asked

why it happened. Mayor Duby

replied that something had gone

wrong with the discharge unit.

had been criticized for this and

that council has the

responsibility to direct that no

one should discharge effluent

into a ditch where the water

the O.W.R.C. to handle,"

explained clerk-administrator

"The committee left it with

goes on into Fairy Lake.

Mr. Hinton said other industries

corrected.

company.

recommendation asking why it just included salaried employees. Reeve Hinton, chairman of No. 1 committee, said it included

everyone not under union contract. He maintained it was better to abide by the contract and not upset anyone. Mr. Drinkwalter agreed but

argued it was the practice in the past to treat all employees equal. "It's the wrong time of year to level. set a precedent," he maintained.

"Maybe Mr. Drinkwalter can get the rest of the town under union . contract," the reeve suggested. He maintained the town was treating all employees

changes be made so it won't

attempt," the mayor insisted.

"They were having a problem

with grindings." It was pointed

out that the sewage plant had

difficulty handling any surplus

involved?" asked Councillor

the time," replied the clerk.

available until 1969.

"They're taking samples all

Mr. Hinton also questioned if

work was going to proceed on

tiling of Tyler Avenue despite

information from the

Department of Highways that

"You voted for it," replied

Councillor Ted Tyler, lone

objector to the resolution passed

at council's last meeting. Mr.

Tyler felt the matter of a grant

Department to proceed and

grants would be available." said

We were assured by the

McKenzie.

"It was not a deliberate

"It's a poor gesture in this day and age," charged Councillor T. Tyler. "There's too many Scrooges around. I'm for giving it to all employees." He suggested salaried employees should be given extra if the town wanted to show appreciation.

Councillor Perry, a member of No. 1, said he had never agreed with the resolution at committee

Councillor E. Masales said everyone was aware of No. 2 committee's feelings. "This is a goodwill gesture, not a bonus for better jobs. Mr. Hinton suggests union people get something salaried personnel don't."

Councillor Drinkwalter.

accept it in 1969."

to be done."

"How is the O.W.R.C. Chairman Chas. Perry said there

grants probably wouldn't be Bill Coats, Jack Greer and Orv

was too unsettled to vote for the for renewal. He said the town

"If there's no payment this

year we'll have to re-apply in

1969," the clerk stated. "The

work has been accepted by the

Department as a subsidized

project. I'm wuite sure they'll

was no sense in further

discussion "Regardless of, the

mayor concluded. "There's no

point in deferring work that has

"There's no recourse," the

Mr. Hinton, speaking to

councillors-elect Peter Marks,

Chapman who attended the

they should make themselves

informed on the south spring

and Co. which soon comes up

sold water at lower than cost

under the present contract. He

advocated the contract should

be renegotiated at a new rate:

meeting as observers, said that

outcome, work has started."

Committee of the Whole

Councillor G. McKenzie said, however, he had supported the resolution because when the bonus system was started town employees were poorly paid. The new contract gained them many more benefits.

"They are still on par with other industries in town, countered Mr. Masales.

"That's got nothing to do with it," Mr. Tyler maintained. "This is a Christmas gesture. Most of us receive something from our employer at Christmas.'

"Why did they join the" union?" asked Dr. Oakes.

"No consideration was given

to the capital costs involved,"

Mr. Hinton claimed about the

charge of .9 cents per thousand

gallons. He said other firms felt

Beardmore's. He suggested,

however, that Beardmore and

Co. would not be difficult to

Among other things council:

Passed a resolution

Reviewed possible openings

Heard the reeve express his

appreciation to the press for

their reporting of the election

whom he said deserved a

tremendous amount of credit for

her coverage. Mr. Hinton said

her reports were fair and

accurate. He also commended

on committees appointed by

proclaiming Thursday, Dec. 26

as Boxing Day.

water contract with Beardmore especially to Esther Taylor

town was subsidizing

blamed on overload

An overload on land fuses is blamed for Monday night's power failure that left nearly a dozen Acton streets in the dark during supper hours.

the union task force to bargain Acton Hydro superintendent Doug Mason explained that his men had to replace a land disconnection on the corner of River and Main streets. In addition, a 200 amp fuse opened Parking "You wouldn't have the present employees on the up on the Queen and Young

> corner. The power break occurred at 5:10 p.m. cutting off homes along Main Street north, Churchill Road north, Mill Street east, Arthur and several streets in Lakeview subdivision. It took two hours to replace the

"Well I certainly don't support unions," retorted Mr. Tyler. Mr. Mason denied that the "Anyone who knows anything sudden cold spall had anything about the Teamsters will know to do with it. He said he felt it was simply a case of overload Mayor Duby reminded council with the addition of Christmas it was too late to go back to the decorations to regular prime original idea of giving fresh time consumption. Similar

not for some time.

breaks have occurred before but

Committee: A group of men

supported the bonus as a good will gesture, but that his idea of the gift was to benefit salaried people and offset gains made by who, individually, can nothing, but collectively can meet and decide that nothing

Councillor McKenzie said he

"To better themselves."

"At the expense of the

taxpayer," retorted the

deputy-reeve. "Let's show our

joyfulness by giving a bonus.

Other years we negotiated

successfully but they called in

"You're just putting another

rail in the barrier," Councillor

contract and wages paid before,"

"I support unions 100 p

cent." Mr. Hinton maintained,

saying he had taken the

management side at the

bargaining table but had always

supported negotiations.

turkeys to everyone.

this time. They started it."

Mr. Masales stated.

answered Mr. Tyler.

The amendment authorizing the \$10 bonus passed with Dr. Oakes still opposed.



MAKING A BIG DEPOSIT, Y's Man President Gary Bateman handed over Robert Little School's U.N.I.C.E.F. Barrel worth \$766.88, to teller Sherry Morris at the Bank of Montreal Friday.

By-law receives two readings

An amendment to a by-law to regulate parking at streets resolution leading to the by-law leading to the Beardmore and Co. plant entrance on Elgin St. received two readings at the by-law can not proceed beyond regular meeting of council Tuesday night: it was opposed is in power.

by Reeve Hinton. Mr. Hinton objected to the by-law on the grounds parking streets on at least one side for the convenience of people who live on the streets. The by-law would prohibit parking in some

rules for the weekends. said there was no room for parking on either side. The the best of the situation.'

mayor reminded council the had been discussed at "great length" before it passed. The two readings until a new council

The reeve said he felt the main requirement was to get the snow plow and garbage truck up and should be allowed through the down the street. "One side week on Elgin and intersecting. should be left for parking," he insisted and recommended the south side as suitable.

Council turned his suggestion down. "It means widening the areas through the week but relax street," the mayor claimed, "a matter taxpayers will appreciate. Councillor Bob Drinkwalter It's not a matter of denying the ratepayers. We're just making

Joe Hurst. "They have asked Two newcomers county council defended their positions against challengers

Two new members, one of them a woman, will join Halton County Council when the group's inaugural meeting is held

in early January. Mrs. Anna MacArthur, Nassagaweya's new deputy-reeve, won't be the only female on Halton's senior municipal body. Burlington's Deputy-Reeve Mrs. Evelyn Burke joined council a year ago to start her two-year term. The other newcomer is Acton's new Deputy-Reeve Ted Tyler Jr.

The Halton council is comprised of the reeve and deputy-reeve of each of Halton's seven municipal councils. In the five towns the reeve and deputy are ranked second and third to the municipality's mayor in the two rural townships Esquesing and Nassagaweya there is no mayor and the reeve and deputy head up five-man councils.

With no elections scheduled in Milton, Oakville and Burlington in 1968, it left just four municipalities and eight county representatives open to challenge for their jobs. Reeves Allan Day of Oakville, Austan Ledwith of Milton, and Gordon Gallagher of Burlington, and their deputies William Gillies, Ron Harris and Mrs. Burke all automatically return to round out the second year of their two-year terms.

Reeve George Currie and Deputy-Reeve Tom Hill of Esquesing successfully

in last week's township elections. In Nassagaweya, when the sitting reeve William Coulter decided to retire Deputy-Reeve William Hoey stepped up to contest the reeveship and won it in a two-man race. Mrs. MacArthur, a councillor in the township for several years, was acclaimed to the post of

Deputy-Reeve. Acton's sitting reeve H. H. Hinton decided to contest the may oralty seat-and lost in the battle of the ballots. This left his seat open for an acclamation for former Deputy-Reeve Dr. F. G. Oakes. Councillor Tyler stepped up and won an acclamation as deputy-reeve. Georgetown Reeve William Hunter was also acclaimed to the same post- he is just completing a year as Warden of the county council. His Deputy-Reeve Arthur Speight trounced one challenger in last Monday's election to return to the county chambers as

Georgetown's second representative. Now the membership of the council for 1969 has been decided, the campaigning should start soon for the Warden's seat. Although no public announcements have yet been made, probable challengers are Reeves Allan Day of Oakville and Austan Ledwith of Milton. While councillors unofficially use the "turn" system, no-one

has ever sat down to define any regular

The Acton Free Press.

order for "turns" The unwritten ground rules say a municipality cannot have a warden two years in a row...he must be a reeve . . . and the same man should not hold the office twice even at intervals. Vote-gathering often starts in early December, as soon as the municipal elections are over, and the candidate often has a pretty good assurance of the seat before the early January maugural session convenes.

Of the seven reeves, pundits predict a Day-Ledwith fight.

Reeves Gallinger, Hunter and Currie are being ruled out because they have already held the post. Reeves Oakes and Hoey, while experienced on county council, are new at being reeves and not likely candidates for a race.

Milton's last warden was Dr. C. A. Martin who took over late in 1962 when Warden Wilfrid Bird died in office, and held the post for the remainder of that year and all the following year. Oakville's last man in the top seat was Herb Merry in

Reeve Ledwith was nominated for the post one year ago but declined, to make the election of Warden Hunter unanimous.



Phoney bank inspector fails in attempt here

Last Thursday afternoon a phoney bank inspector phoned one of Acton's older women residents, who lives alone. After

WORK ON THE LONG discussed tiling of the water course on Tyler Avenue started this week. The huge cement tiles will be laid along the street from one end to the other, emptying into Fairy Lake. The job will cost approximately \$50,000, about \$20,000 o which council anticipates will be supplied by grants. (Staff Photos) watch for him. The caller had told the woman

she had talked to him, she called

police who watched in vain for

the crook to show up at her

Both banks were advised to

he wanted her help in catching a

A stranger also obtained a copy of the voters' list this week. However, police wonder if this man might have another racket on the go - as a phoney insurance salesman. No incidents have been reported yet but they are urging residents to be wary.

The phoney bank inspectors have had luck with victims in Milton and Georgetown recently.

Two cars collide during snowstorm

During last Thursday's snowstorm, two cars were in collision on Queen St.

Raymond Patenaude, R.R. 1, Acton, was driving east on Queen, and William George MacDonald, 49 Roseford, was attempting to come onto Queen from the Acton Plaza when the accident occurred. The Patenaude car had about \$75 damage and the MacDonald car

\$5 damage. No charges were laid.



