



CAUGHT IN THE WONDER of Santa Claus, Todd Andrews, 14 months, could only stand and stare. (Staff Photo)



"NOY TOO CLOSE WITH THAT HAIR". Roger Crooks wasn't one for snuggling up when it came his turn to whisper in Santa's ear at the Beardmore party. (Staff Photo)



HANK'S HANGOVER was a favorite spot at the Beardmore Christmas party for a giant ice cream sundae dished up by Hank himself, alias Hank Ruppert. (Staff Photo)



BUSTER THE CLOWN made a big impression fun-making tour around the Beardmore Christmas party. (Staff Photo)

Carnival Christmas party

Beardmore and Company re-created the carnival atmosphere for their annual Christmas party this year, complete with cotton candy, hydrogen balloons and a professional clown.

Pub boasted "You drink free if we fail to whistle." And to top it off there was real carnival style cotton candy.

Phony bank inspector second foiled attempt

Another older Acton woman has received a call from a phony bank inspector, according to police. A Jeffrey Ave. woman called the local detachment to report a call she'd had. It's believed her caller might have been the same man who also attempted to bilk another Acton woman the same day.

The caller told her she had issued a bad cheque to Rev. Gordon Turner, and offered to take her to the bank to get the money. She suggested if he came for her, to bring the police. After talking to him, she called the police herself. Her mysterious caller never did appear.

Citizens' Band, Choraliers, accordionist combine for merry Christmas concert

The largest crowd to date enjoyed the Citizens' Band's annual Christmas concert in the high school auditorium Sunday evening. There were about 160 seated around tables and in the bleachers for the concert which highlighted the Legion Choraliers and accordionist Joe Petric as well as the 30 or so players in the band.

Bandmaster George Elliott introduced the numbers on the program with interesting commentary. The band began and ended with stirring marches, while in between they reached almost an ultimate in variety all the way from Love is Blue to Aria Allegro by Domenico Scarlatti. The former's just about the very

latest; the Scarlatti is from the 17th Century. Actually, the bandmaster pointed out to the audience Love is Blue is quite Elizabethan in style! He had the listeners note the difference between the compositions of the Scarlatti father and son, called attention to the fact the Carol of the Drum was written as an army patrol; that Afford marches are more complex than Sousa's. And he recommended they close their eyes and forget the snow outside during Fantasia on Lady of Spain.

Dr. Elliott explained that training is limited by the number of instruments available. And then, it takes a year to a year and a half to determine if the students will make a bandsman. It's demanding, he admitted, and the dropout rate is high. He said he'd like to run a course for adult players with one night a week's practice like night school. The Legionnaires joining the band in the Christmas concert has also become a tradition lately. Commented Dr. Elliott as he introduced them, "It's not often a town this size has a chorus of this size and accomplishments." George Musselle explained the singers were going to have an unusual amount of help Sunday. Joe Petric accompanied some numbers on his accordion, along with regular pianist George Hall.

Mr. Hall, Joe and Victor Funk all accompanied Moonlight Bay. Joe made a return appearance as a carlineur with a string of bells to jingle in harmony to Jingle Bells. And with much evident affection, Mr. Musselle introduced his own pretty granddaughter, Janice Ellerby, who sang the chorus for the men's rendition of Santa Claus is Coming to Town. They concluded their popular part of the program with their heartfelt We Wish You a Merry Christmas. Joe Petric played several accordion solos, Strauss waltzes and Andalusian. Both the band and Choraliers sang music from the Music Man, as well as Christmas numbers. Band ladies auxiliary members served coffee and Christmas cake during the intermission.

Band heralds names

While the clown band played (and the town fire siren wailed for a while) the final Santa Rama draws were made Saturday afternoon on the town office steps. A fairly large crowd waited with jovial anticipation as the names were drawn and the tickets rushed back in the Y.M.C.A. to be announced over the loudspeaker.

30 winners with no duplicates one from Toronto and all the others from town and district.

A shopper who had just deposited the coupons in the carton at the last minute, Mrs. James McCulloch of 78 Nelson Court was the big winner of \$50. She was still right on hand to collect her vouchers, and she left right after presumably to do some more Christmas shopping, courtesy of the contributing Acton merchants!

She was the only winner present. And even Mrs. McCulloch might have been out of luck. The child who was asked to make that draw pulled the coupon and promptly walked off with it. She was caught in time.

Other winners: \$40 Mr. T. N. Le Blanc, R.R. 3, Acton; \$30 W. E. Dawkins, 104 Agnes St.; \$25 Mrs. Archie Kentner, 122 Mill E., Acton; \$20 Arthur Saunders, R.R. 2, Acton; \$15 Mrs. M. K. Jones, Crewson's Corners; \$10 Alec Krih, 101 Hillcrest, Acton; \$5 Wissenz, 337 Orville Rd., Acton; \$5 Gladys Vyse, R.R. 3, Milton.

To promote shopping in Acton, the local merchants' Santa Rama draw provided \$650 in merchandise vouchers for lucky winners. There were over

Pollution versus tradition

Is air pollution going to spoil a Christmas tradition? The fate of the town's annual Twelfth Night Christmas Tree burning is up in the air like smoke this week, since new legislation has been passed making burning illegal. Council will be considering the matter of one of the town's favorite traditions at their meeting tonight.

Sandy Claws

Delicious fresh Maritime lobsters were the delicacy on many tables this pre-holiday week. Cyril Swim took orders for a shipment of live and cooked lobsters from the east. He delivered about 200 on Thursday and Friday.

Free Press

Church Notices

CHURCHILL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Churchill Road North
Minister:
Mr. Robert G. W. Hyde, B.A.
Phone: 853-2299

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th, 1968
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and Sunday School.
All are Welcome at the Church on the Hill

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
81 Maple Ave., Georgetown
Pastor: Rev. Robert C. Lohnes
Offers You Holiday Spiritual Opportunities
DEC. 25—Christmas Morning Service—10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th, 1968
Here is our sincere invitation to the whole family to attend church.
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School. All ages.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Evangel.
December 31—Watchnight Service.
8:30 p.m. Fellowship—Singing—Refreshments. Film, "Riding the Pulpit."
Georgetown 877-6665

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D. Minister
Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A. Organist and Choir Master

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th, 1968
9:45 a.m.—Church School for ages 3 to 15 years.
9:45 a.m.—Minister's Church Membership Class for Teen-Agers (with drawn).
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship
Old Year sermon theme, "Our Times are in God's Hands."
Everyone Most Welcome

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Founded 1842
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon
Res., 144 Tidey Ave., Phone 853-1615.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th, 1968
9:45 a.m.—Church School and Adult Bible Class.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
"Life at the Crossroads."
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.
Guest speaker: Rev. Arman Wright, Reformatory Chaplain.
Thursday — 8 p.m., Choir Practice.
Friday, 7:00 p.m. — B.H.F.
"Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given."
Isaiah 9: 6.
All Welcome

BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Minister — Rev. P. Brouwer, B.A., B.D.
Acton, Ontario

Monday, December 23 — 8 p.m., Sunday School Christmas program.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th, 1968
10:00 a.m.—English Service.
11:10 a.m.—Sunday School.
2:30 p.m.—Alternating Dutch and English Service.
Saturday — Bible Classes 10 - 12 a.m. Everyone Welcome

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN
Corner Willow St. and St. Alban's Drive
Rev. H. J. Dawson, B.A., B.Th.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES
December 24, 11 p.m. — Holy Eucharist.
December 25 — 9 a.m., Holy Eucharist; 10:30 a.m., Family Eucharist.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th, 1968
Christmas I
9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10:30 a.m.—Church School and Nursery.
10:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
Minister:
The Rev. Gordon B. Turner, B.A., B.D.
Director of Music:
Dr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.

DECEMBER 24th, CHRISTMAS EVE
8:00 p.m.—Service of Lessons & Carols
11:00 p.m.—Watchnight Service of Holy Communion.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th, 1968
10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
11:00 a.m.—"Talk Back" (adults in dialogue on the sermon and related subjects).
SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 a.m.—Nursery to Grade 4.
11:00 a.m.—Grades 5 to 8.
We Welcome You and Your Family to Take Part in the Life and Worship of Trinity!

EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
P.A.O.C. 33 Churchill Road
Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor, 853-2715.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th, 1968
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Thursday, 8:00 p.m. — Christ's Ambassadors.
Friday, 6:45 p.m. — Crusaders.
Psalm 107: 8 — "Oh that men would praise the Lord for His Goodness for His wonderful works to the children of men."

A-B SUPERMARKET

9 MILL ST. — ACTON — 853-0075

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GRADE "A" FRESH KILLED— "NOT FROZEN" —WHILE THEY LAST

TURKEYS 5 - 9 lb. - - 43^c/_{lb}
10 - 16 lb. - - 49^c/_{lb}

PRESSWOOD COMPASS — SKINLESS, SHANKLESS — WHILE THEY LAST

READY TO SERVE **HAMS** Whole or Half 75^c/_{lb} Centre Cuts 89^c/_{lb}

McQuade's — Heat 'N Eat — 2-pie Pkg.
BEEF STEAK PIES 4[¢] 1

Cherry Hill — 12-oz. Wedge — (Save 14c)
Medium CHEESE 55^c

Ardmona — 28-oz. Tin — (Save 35c)
AUSTRALIAN Peaches 3[¢] 1

Ocean King — 7½-oz. Tin — (Save 20c)
Fancy Red Sockeye **SALMON** 49^c

Del Monte — 10-oz. Tins — (Save 16c)
Peas & Carrots 7[¢] 1

Bright's — 48-oz. Tin — (Save 22c)
APPLE JUICE 3[¢] 89^c

Henley — 32-oz. Jars — (Save 47c)
DILL PICKLES 3[¢] 1

- FRESH PRODUCE DAILY -

Ont. No. 1 — 3-lb. Bag
CARROTS 15^c

Produce of California — No. 1 Stalks
CELERY Size 24 25^c

Florida — Seedless — Size 48
Pink or White
Grapefruit 10:69^c

Salada — Pkg. of 60 — (Save 12c) — O.P.
TEA BAGS 75^c

Tulip — 12-oz. Tin — (Save 65c)
LUNCHEON MEAT 3[¢] 1

Carr's — Imported English — (Save 45c)
6 Varieties
BISCUITS 5[¢] 1