



M. Z. BENNETT girls' volleyball team won the North Halton girls' volleyball championship in a competition with five other senior public schools at Milton High school last week. Front row, left to right, Marie Fisher, Janice Drinkwater, Carol Ann Marzo. Back, teacher coach Dave Boycott, Anne Luty, Susan Drysdale, Maureen Gerth, Darlene Beerman, Cindy Barr and P.E. instructor Ed Leatherland.—(Staff Photo)

M.Z. Bennett volleyballers win North Halton title

Benefits of a new auditorium-gymnasium were keenly appreciated at Acton's M. Z. Bennett school following the victory of the girls' volleyball team in the North Halton senior school volleyball championships at Milton high school.

The Acton girls won the championship handily while the boys' team came second, losing only one game.

Teams at the M. Z. Bennett were never in contention in the series in other years because they had no place to practice, principal Elmer Smith said, but the addition of an auditorium at the school has meant a great improvement in team skill.

"The enthusiasm of students for the new facilities is so great, I have trouble getting home at night," the M. Z. Bennett principal enthused. "They don't want to go home."

Coach of this year's champions was teacher Dave Boycott who works under Physical Education teacher Ed Leatherland. The Acton girls defeated their sister school Robert Little, Brookville, Martin St. School from Milton and Stewarttown for the title.

On the championship roster are Marie Fisher, Janice Drinkwater, Carol Ann Marzo, Anne Luty, Susan Drysdale, Maureen Gerth, Darlene Beerman and Cindy Barr.

It was the first volleyball title for the M. Z. Bennett school but students are predicting many more now they have an auditorium to practice in.



HAZARDOUS DRIVING conditions Thursday night were blamed when a stake truck driven by Steven Keane, 40, of Milton overturned on Highway 7, about two miles east of Acton. The accident occurred about 7:30 p.m., causing an estimated \$600 damage to the vehicles. The driver was not injured. Constable Collinson of the Milton O.P.P. investigated.—(Staff Photo)

Board rejects town's snow dumping request

Acton Board of Parks Management and Recreation Committee have rejected a request from the town work crew that they be allowed to dump snow, at the far end of Prospect Park. Arena manager Harold Townsley told the board about the request at their final meeting of the year, Thursday night.

Chairman Brendan Aheane was concerned about broken bottles and other debris that would be left in the park when snow melted in the spring.

"As far as I'm concerned it should be taken somewhere else," he contended. Mr. Aheane suggested the industrial park or town-owned land on the south side of Cobblehill Road as more appropriate sites for dumping.

Councillor Peter Marks pointed out, however, that it was imperative that the town's streets be cleared as quickly as possible after a large snowfall and that dumping snow in the park would cut down the amount of time required for the operation, probably saving the taxpayers money in the long run.

He did agree if there were other dumping sites available they should be looked into, but felt that if there weren't, the board should co-operate with the town.

Mr. Aheane was not moved by councillor Marks' plea. "We've got a park, we want it to look like a park," he argued.

Board member Bob Laughlin agreed snow should be dumped in the industrial park.

Another member, Herb Dodds, pointed out the Ontario Water Resources Commission had recently instructed the Ontario Department of Highways to discontinue dumping snow in Lake Ontario.

"They can't pollute water anymore, it's against the law," Mr. Dodds explained.

Christmas band concert delights many Sunday

The increasing popularity of the Acton Citizens' Band Christmas concert was evident as the largest crowd ever attended Sunday's concert at the high school auditorium.

Guest artists were the Royal Canadian Legion Choralists, assisted by six-year-old Chen Lindsay who sang Santa Claus. Coming to town, accompanied by the male chorus, soloist John McHugh's tenor solo in a dreamland melody, was another highlight of the program.

The band, under bandmaster Dr. George Elliott, performed a varied, well selected program of Christmas music, rousing marches and selections from popular music. Highlights were the Syncopated Clock, R.A.P. March Past and Christmas Around the World.

Commentary was supplied by bandmaster Elliott and president Bill Buchanan.

The Choralists sang five selections under director George Muselle with president Gil Malcolm introducing numbers. The event was a milestone for the Acton male chorus - their 70th performance at 35 different places. Dave Harris was at the piano.

The beginners class of the band also performed two numbers. Refreshments were served during intermission.

Fun, food, games and gifts as Santa visits Beardmore's

Beardmore and Co. played host to employees and children at their annual Christmas party, held in the plant Saturday. Over 400 adults and 270 children attended the affair.

Highlight of the party was the arrival of Santa Claus, who with the aid of helpers Cathy Smith and Rosemary Bird handed out gifts to each and every child.

Before and after Santa's visit youngsters marvelled at the sleight of hand of the "Great Hernandez", watched Donald Duck and Goofy cartoons in the Disneyland Theatre, "Freuler's Follies", played hoopla and tested their skill at "Rootin' and Whistlin' Boogie".

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Appointments

Halton County Council appointed three men to area hospital boards, during the December meeting. Frank N. Rogers is appointed to Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital in Burlington, J. M. Ledwith to Milton District Hospital Board and A. R. Speight to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital Board.

The county delegated the county engineer and clerk to attend a road safety workshop in January.

Annual supper, concert held at Baptist church

By Mary Ann Freuler
The annual Christmas concert of Acton Baptist church was held Saturday, Dec. 13.

A lovely meal of turkey with all of the trimmings was prepared by the church women. They should be complimented on the wonderful job they did.

Mrs. Harriet Helwig received a token of appreciation for her many years of service of helping at the church, after the meal.

The Baptist High Fellowship Group entertained the children with songs until the program was ready to begin. Art Cooper acted as master of ceremonies for the concert.

The younger children performed as preciously innocent as they always do. Their little verses and songs added a lot of life to the evening.

Jackie Lemon's class, consisting of Cindy Lott, Valerie McGuinn, and Donna Darby performed a play on the meaning of Christmas. Donna acted as the Spirit of Christmas.

Mike Cooper's class of a few older boys did their interpretation of the Night Before Christmas. Jeff Cooper brought the roof down when his Santa Claus stomach fell out.

The B.H.F. group was the last of the classes to perform. Their skit represented a regular church meeting in which they discussed what they would do for the Christmas concert. It ended with the spelling of "Merry Christmas".

Board of Education expects good surplus

Halton County Board of Education will end its first year

of operations with a surplus of \$250,000 to \$300,000, members learned at the final meeting of the year last Thursday.

Superintendent of Finance Bruce Lindley predicted there would be between \$50,000 and \$100,000 surplus in the elementary school account and \$200,000 in the secondary school account.

Describing the surplus he pointed to interest on short term investment as being one of the contributing factors in the surplus. He noted grants from the province arrived on the third or fourth of the month and were not expended until the 25th. The short term investment of the funds, even for as little as two or three days, had produced \$50,000 surplus rather than an anticipated \$50,000 charge for financing and interest.

Director J. Singleton observed the surplus, while it was a lot in terms of dollars, was a very small percentage when it was related to the Board's \$32,000,000 budget.

Throughout the concert different individuals other than Sunday School classes took part in the ceremony. Bill Landsborough and Paul Cooper did a skit that left the audience in awe. Doug Cooper recited a poem concerning the festive season; Mrs. Feltham sang a very pretty solo. Art Cooper accompanied by his son Mike on the guitar sang a duet.

For the children, the most exciting part of the program the passing out of gifts - finally came right at the end of the evening. Their happy faces and surprised looks are all anyone needs to show some Christmas spirit.

Two accidents during week

Two two-car accidents were investigated by Acton O.P.P. during the past week. Despite icy and snowy roads, accidents were few.

On Dec. 17 at 4:50 p.m. a pick-up truck backing out of a Church St. drive, driven by Frank Holmes, MacDonald Blvd., was in collision with a parked car owned by Joseph Fitzgerald, Arthur St. The car fender received an estimated \$75 damage. No charge was laid.

On Dec. 18 at 5:15 p.m. two cars were in collision at Main St. N. and Elizabeth Dr.

Erik Poulstrup, Georgetown, was stopped to make a left turn into Elizabeth Dr. and Russell Murray, Guelph, was proceeding north behind him. Damage to the rear of the Poulstrup car was estimated at \$150 and to the Murray car's front bumper at \$25.

Four youths in court

All four youths charged with a long series of break-ins have now appeared in juvenile court. One has not yet been sentenced, one has a suspended sentence, and two are on probation, one for 18 months and one for two years.

They were ordered by the court to make restitution.



KAREN AND DEBBIE HUMPHREY could hardly wait their turn to visit with Santa Claus, at the Beardmore Christmas party, Saturday.—(Staff Photo)

L.O.L. penny sale winners

Winners of L.O.L. 467 euchre held Saturday, Dec. 20 were: Ladies' high, Mae Swackhamer; ladies' low, Marion Farnell; men's high, Dan Porty; men's low, Jim Porty, Lone hands, Murray Stamp, Door Prize, Florence Teneycke.

Winners of J.O.L. 457 penny sale: Dollies, Lenore Vickery; glass fruit bowl, May Swackhamer; toy truck, Sandy Hargrave; refrigerator dishes, E. Heatherington; stuffed doll,

Mary Osborne; towel set, Hazel Cripps; stuffed penguin Mrs. C. Spies; plastic bowls, Mrs. M. Gordon.

Christmas candle, D. Dewye; tray, W. D. C. Smith; knife, Floyd Brightman; stuffed beaver, Fred McDonald; ring toss game Bill Shaw; Catch-all, L.O.B.A. 555; cookie sheet, Mrs. A. Massey; stuffed animal, Jim Wheeler.

Wallet & keycase, L.O.B.A. 555; ladies' purse, Grace Marsden; pillow cases, Marnie Kula; pickle dish, Marjorie Rawn; teddy bear, Isobel Overland; ashtray, Mrs. J. Higgins; devilled egg dish, Lois Gordon; candy dish, Pearl Holmes; toy poodle, Alpha Laroque.

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