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### GEORGETOWN FIRMS BUILD "MODERN" ACTON CHURCH

STEEL STRUCTURE for the Christian Reformed Church, Acton, sprang up suddenly last week as contractors for the modern building moved in heavy equipment to raise the well-dad A-frame structure. Contractor for the work is Vandenberg Construction Company of Georgetown, and the unique steel work is being done by Ferro Structural Steel, Ltd., Georgetown.

### STEWARTTOWN

### Honour W.I. Lady For Service as Secretary

The Esqueping Women's Institute held their Annual Christmas Party at the home of Mrs. Robert Lawson. Eleven members answered the roll call with their jars of pennies for the Retarded Children's School and four visitors were made welcome. Members were thanked for the excellent cooperation in catering to the Annual Yellow Jackets Banquet and were assigned duties for another banquet on Dec. 15. The business part of the meeting concluded with their annual donation to the Hospital for Sick Children.

The president, Mrs. C. A. Grant then had the very pleasant task of thanking a member for her many years of faithful service and the secretary, Mrs. Fred Armstrong presented the past treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Humphreys with an Institute cup and saucer. Mrs. Humphreys was very surprised and thanked the members for the gift. The evening was then turned over to the program led by Mrs. Robert McDo. A busy with a nice schedule of games and contests. Mrs. L. de Vries sang O Holy Night and the members held a sing song of carols.

Prize winners in the contest were Mrs. L. de Vries and Linda Lawson. Mrs. S. Hall, Mrs. C. A. Grant and Mrs. Don Lawson.

A tasty lunch of fruit salad and Christmas cake was served by the lunch conveners, Mrs. de Vries and Mrs. Fred Armstrong. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. H. P. Lawson moved a hearty vote of thanks to the hostess and to all who had helped make the Christmas meeting such a pleasant one.

Prize winners at the Euchre Saturday evening, sponsored by members of the St. John's Church Choir were: Ladies, Mrs. Harding Price, Mrs. R. W. Williams; gentlemen, Mr. R. Williams, Mr. Harvey Clare. Harvey Clare also won the lucky number prize. Members served a delicious lunch of homemade bread and pie.



Today in Williamsburg, restored capital of Colonial Virginia, the visitor can turn back the calendar two centuries and celebrate Christmas much as the colonists did according to the customs which they had brought from England.

Christmas in Colonial Williamsburg was primarily a holy day and churches and homes were decorated with greens. Candles, burned in the windows to welcome carolers and the Yule log burned brightly upon the hearth.

There were public celebrations. Musicians played special concerts, and fireworks and cannon were exploded. Feasting, of the groaning board variety, was in order with dishes of roasted fowl and here, marrow pudding, ham, oysters, sausage, shellfish, often capped by whole roast beef on a platter. A few gifts were exchanged as part of the celebration but not nearly on the present-day scale.



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## Chinguacousy Police Force Numbers Five

Maintaining law and order in Chinguacousy one mile east of Georgetown is the job of five experienced police officers who patrol an area of more than 140 square miles. This includes almost 200 miles of roadway.

The force was formed in July of last year and by August two more officers had to be added. Before the formation of a township force, Chinguacousy was patrolled by the Ontario Provincial Police.

The increase of police personnel in the past and the probable additions in the future are due partially to the increase in population and partly to the rapid expansion of Bramalea.

Two cruisers, fully equipped with two-way radios, rear view mirrors, and first aid equipment patrol the township night and day, seven days a week. Highly trained.

The five man force is led by ex-RCMP policeman Ken Sid. A highly trained police officer. Chief Sider spent ten years with the RCMP, in Mar. de Sauter and Stan Martin, who are both former members of the Metro Toronto force. DeSauter is traffic safety officer for all Chinguacousy and Martin is traffic safety officer for all Chinguacousy.

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conducts the Elmer safety programs in township schools. Chinguacousy police handle calls ranging from lost children to family disputes and breaking and entering. One of the more spectacular cases the department handled was the vicious assault on a 16-year-old Caledon youth in June.

Chief Sider's men arrested seven youths hours after the boy was beaten and left dying in a ditch on 17 Sideroad.

Chinguacousy police station is on the west side of Hwy 10 in the township offices at Snelgrove.

### BETHLEHEM CELEBRATES THREE CHRISTMASSES

Bethlehem celebrates three Christmases each year. The western church observes Dec. 25th. The Greek Orthodox Church celebrates Christmas according to the Gregorian calendar Jan. 7 and the Armenians on Jan. 19.

Annually pilgrims worship in the grotto where Christ was born and laid in the manger. Towering over the grotto is the Basilica of the Nativity built in its present form by the Emperor Justinian in the sixth century.

After centuries of religious controversies, the Greek Orthodox Church and the Armenians share the Basilica. Roman Catholics celebrate Mass in their own church adjoining. But all three share the grotto, the holiest spot in Christendom.

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