

# I saw granny kissing Santa Claus



SANTA CLAUS arrived in town last night (Tuesday) to greet Golden Age Club members at their Christmas party at the Legion. The event was sponsored jointly by Acton Legion and Acton Rotary Club.—(Staff Photo)

## 11th candle lit Acton AA cake

There was standing room only at the scout house for the 11th anniversary of the Acton mobile group of Alcoholics Anonymous. Visitors and members came from all over the immediate district, Hamilton, Toronto as well as a carload from Huntsville.

Special speaker was Dr. George F., a veterinary surgeon employed by the provincial government in research at a major agricultural college near Ottawa, who is also on the Senate of the University of Guelph. The speaker, has been a member of AA since he attended his first meeting in Montreal in 1948.

**Bouts with booze**  
He told a rapt audience of work he did with the United Nations, transporting cattle and horses from the United States to various points in Europe and the effect this type of employment and the type of people associated with it had on him. It led into hilarious bouts with booze.

His assignments completed, he returned to Canada to set up practice in a small town in Quebec, where his drinking nearly shut down the practice. He lost the respect of his family, friends and more important, his self respect, until a friend introduced him to AA in Montreal.

**Deep impression**  
AA made a deep impression and Dr. George F. has maintained continuous sobriety since 1948. As a note of interest the man who introduced him to AA later moved to this area and set up a business in Guelph, where he continued AA work until his death a few years ago.

The meeting was also the celebration of eight years of sobriety for Warren T. of Mississauga, a member of the Acton group. After the meeting a buffet lunch was enjoyed.

### Obituary

## Popular barber Sam Holmes dies

A retired barber who had made many friends over the years, Samuel James Holmes of 82 Bower Ave. died suddenly Nov. 24. He had been shovelling snow and was still outside. He was 73 years of age.

Mr. Holmes' wit, good humor, and helpful advice had made him a favorite. His barber shop on Main St. N. was a place where many found their spirits got a lift. St. Patrick's Day was a highlight of the year in his shop. One year he even dyed his hair green.

**Family remains**  
Mr. Holmes leaves his wife Agnes at home; daughters and sons Mrs. Mary Anne Elliott, Milton; Mrs. H. (Frances) McAuley, Halifax; Mrs. C. (Christina) Griese, Acton; Robert, Niagara Falls; Mrs. C. (June) Davidson, Aylmer, Que., and Clarke, Georgetown; 18 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; sisters Mrs. W. (Annie Mary) Mitchell and Mrs. J. (Margaret) Summerville in Northern Ireland and Mrs. D. (Rachel) Derbyshire, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia; and a brother Robert, Southampton, Long Island, New York.

**Funeral services**  
Funeral services were held at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home on Nov. 28 conducted by the Rev. A. H. McKenzie and interment was in Fairview cemetery.

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Pallbearers were Donald Griese, Oakville; Clarke Stirling, Toronto; Lorne Youngblut, Jack Pink, John Palmer and Bill Spielvogel, Acton.  
Mr. Holmes was born in Northern Ireland in 1897, son of William and Frances Holmes.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes were married in county Antrim in 1921, and came to Canada March 17 — St. Patrick's Day — in 1929. They moved to Acton from Beachburg 17 years ago.

**Active in lodge, church**  
He was a past master of Enterprise Masonic Lodge, Beachburg, and a member of Walker Lodge, Acton. A masonic service was held at the funeral home.

He sang in the church choir in Beachburg, and was a past elder of the United church here. He was a former curler here.  
Mr. and Mrs. Holmes had a happy trip back to Ireland eight years ago and have enjoyed travelling since. After he retired two years ago, they travelled to the Maritimes where they stayed two months. Mr. Holmes had begun to grow roses as a hobby since retirement. He was an avid fisherman.

### Minor mishap

Slippery road conditions resulted in a minor mishap near Silvercreek Friday night about 8 p.m. A car driven by Herbert Alfred Phillips of Huttonville slid off the road and received \$200 damage to the front bumper and grill.

Constable Connors, Milton detachment OPP investigated. Mr. Phillips was not injured.

### COINCIDENCE

Said the golfer: "You must be the worst caddy in the world." Caddy: "Hardly, sir. That would be too much of a coincidence."

# 1971 Nassagaweya road budget \$75,100

The 1971 construction budget for the Nassagaweya Road Committee has been set at \$75,100 an increase of 18 per cent or \$11,000 over the 1970 expenditure. The Road Committee of Council reported the following work was completed to county roads during 1970.

1. Major re-construction of 10 Sideroad in Conc. 2 from the First Line to the Second Line, this road has now been prepared for surface treatment in 1971.

2. Re-Construction of 10 Sideroad in Conc. 3 from the Second Line to the Third Line, this section is also ready for surface treatment in the coming year.

Traffic count over the road surfaces mentioned in Item 1 and 2 was 740 cars in a three day period.

3. Re-construction of 20 Sideroad in Conc. 4 between the Third and Fourth Line, this section has now been prepared for surface treatment in the coming year.

4. Re-contruction of Sixth Line between Lots 27 and 28.

5. Lot and Concession Identification signs were placed at each intersection in the west half of the township.

6. The balance of the finance contract for the new dump truck in the amount of \$8,500 was paid off. The Road Department now has no equipment on finance.

7. Approximately 500 linear feet of culvert was installed.

8. Approximately \$4,000 was spent for sand and salt to facilitate winter road maintenance.

9. Approximately 14,000 cubic yards of gravel and 160 tons of calcium were placed on township roads this summer.

10. Continual maintenance and minor construction to 65 miles of township roads.

Nassagaweya-Flamboro Town Line and the chip and tar surface treatment on 10 Sideroad in Concession 3 could not be completed.

This project could not be completed due to delay in the supply of gravel to prepare the surface. It was not ready for surface treatment when other roads in the vicinity were being done and it becomes economically unfeasible to bring equipment into the township to surface treat this small a mileage.

The following projects received priority for the 1971 calendar year.

1. Second Line, Lots 1 to 3 inclusive grading, widening, cutting hills and filling. A professional blasting firm will be hired for the dynamiting of rock on this project.

2. Intersection Improvements, grading, widening, cutting hills and filling at the Nassagaweya-Burlington Town Line and Nassagaweya Second Line. This construction project would have to be in conjunction with the Town of Burlington.

3. Erection of road identification signs at intersections in the east half of the township. Erection of stop signs of boundary line intersections and dead end intersections within the municipality.

4. 20 Sideroad in Concession 7 - filling and widening.

5. First Line in Lot 23 - grading and ditching.

6. 25 Sideroad in Concession 2 and 3 straightening, widening and cutting grade.

7. New culvert at Fourth Line in Lot 13.

8. 20 Sideroad in the west half of Concession 6 - grading and ditching.

9. Surface treatment: (a) Fourth Line from Railway Crossing to 3 Sideroad, (b) 20

Sideroad in Concession 4 between the Third and Fourth Line, (c) 10 Sideroad in Concession 2 and Concession 3 between the First Line and the Third Line.

10. Purchase one new dump truck which should be financed over a two year period. The consequent estimated cost would then be 50 per cent of the total value.

11. Widening of the Nassagaweya - Flamboro Town Line, (held over)

12. 17 Sideroad in Concession 1 - ditching, widening and filling.



JOE PETRIC entertained Golden Agers at their annual Christmas party in the Legion, last night (Tuesday). The party was co-



hosted by Acton Legion and Acton Rotary Club.—(Staff Photo)

## Nassagaweya W.M.S. discusses Christmas true meaning

The Christmas meeting of the Nassagaweya W.M.S. and Ladies' Aid took the form of a pot luck lunch at the home of Mrs. D. Henderson on Thurs. Dec. 3. The house was tastefully decorated for the occasion and a sumptuous meal was enjoyed by eight members and five guests.

Following the luncheon, the president of the W.M.S., Mrs. Norris, opened the meeting with a poem and a Christmas hymn. Rev. and Mrs. Nicholson and son were present and Mr. Nicholson installed all the officers. There is no change in the present slate of officers. Several matters of business were dealt with and Mrs. Fred Edwards offered her home for the January meeting. The roll call was answered by a Christmas thought.

**Christmas Story**  
Mrs. McLaren as convener opened her program with a hymn and the reading of the Christmas story as given in the gospel of St. Luke. Mr. Nicholson, the guest speaker, spoke about the true meaning of Christmas. He said it is often lost in the mad rush of preparations and extra activities

but another aspect was shown in a poem "Don't Knock Christmas" which had been published in a church magazine. This poem tells what is right about it. There has been wonderful music such as the Messiah composed on the subject, also beautiful paintings done on the birth of Jesus, not to mention the happy reunion of friends and families. Even the cease fire on the battle field shows the significance of the time of year. At the conclusion of his address Mr. Nicholson read the verses of the carol "I heard the bells of Christmas" which expresses true Christian sentiment.

**Meeting followed.**  
The Ladies' Aid meeting which followed was conducted by the president, Mr. D. Henderson, and some business matters were dealt with. Plans were made to do some more quilting early in the New Year and arrangements were finalized regarding supplying candy and gifts for the Sunday School concert on Dec. 17.

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The meeting was closed with the hymn, hark the herald angels sing, followed by the benediction.

### Investigate hotel incident

On Saturday police were called when a firearm was produced at the Dominion Hotel. Two Ferguson men are still under investigation.

## Georgetown gets another industry

Georgetown has acquired a new industry which will produce stationery and school products such as exercise books, scribbles, foolscap and writing pads.

Gage Stationery Lt. began operations in the former Dennison Manufacturing plant at Todd Road. The firm is a branch of W. J. Gage Ltd. which has been in production for over a century. It has plants in Montreal, Toronto

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