

## No charge for advice - Currie

"If you ever think you might need old George's advice, it'll be free—there'll be no bill," retiring Esqueing reeve George Currie told his colleagues at Monday's closing meeting of Esqueing Council.

The 80-year-old reeve is stepping down after a career on council that dates back to 1927.

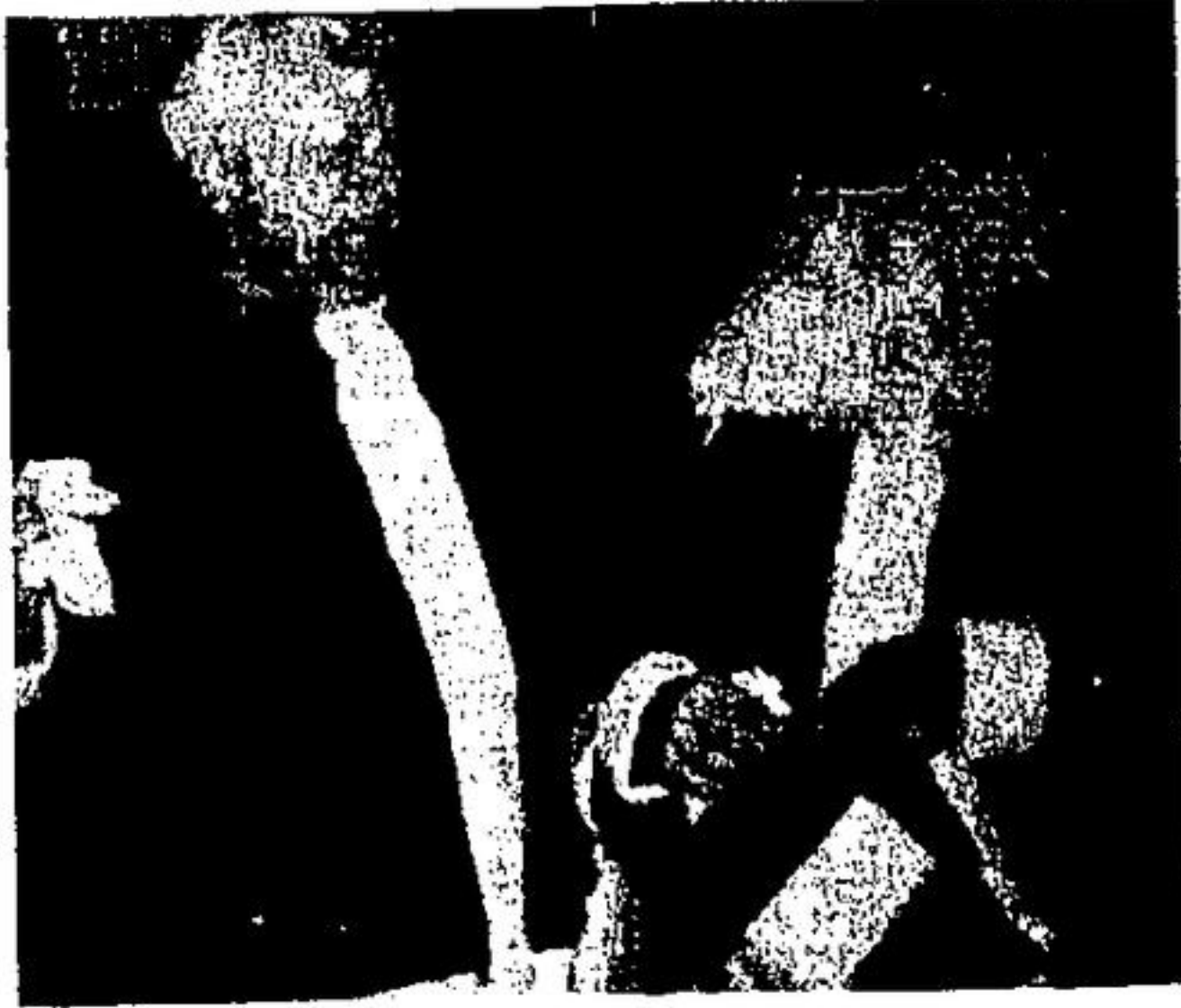
"Everything must come to end," the reeve told council. "It's been a pleasure to work with this council and staff and I wish the new council and reeve success."

**Pay tribute**  
Councilors paid tribute to the amazing Mr. Currie for splendid leadership he has given council and to former clerk K. C. Lind-

say, who is also retiring. Retiring councillor Ken Marshall, who was defeated by colleague Russell Miller in the race for deputy-reeve in this year's election, said one consolation for him was the fact he'd always be able to say he retired from council in the same year as George Currie.

**Motion thanks reeve**  
Council passed a motion thanking the reeve for the impartial manner in which he has presided over meetings during the past year.

Reeve Currie and Mrs. Currie were hosts for a noon hour turkey dinner at North Halton Golf and Country Club.



**SANTA CLAUS** at Saturday night's Tyler Transport Christmas party turned out to be none other than Acton chief of police Corporal Ray Mason. The chief filled the role of old St. Nick right to the tee, much to the delight of guests. —(Staff Photos.)

### Full house

## St. Alban's church school presents concert, pageant

St. Alban's Church School took to the stage once more on Sunday, December 13, to present their annual Christmas show and pageant.

Ed Phillips was mainly responsible for preparation and production with an able assistant in Dave Hunter. Thanks was due to Valerie Mitchell for her patient work with the dancers and to Barbara Pratt for her piano accompaniment.

**Dances, cards, riddles**  
Away in a Manger was the

opening carol followed by Kathy Turkosz' dance entitled Hand Me Down World. Next on the program Kim Wood, Lisa Maddeaux and Carol Staley danced Standing Over There. A few from the audience were called onto the stage and were baffled and perplexed by the art of magic through Susan Shaff's deck of cards. A solo Climb Every Mountain was sung by Alex Pitt, stolen from the choir.

What do you know — another carol by the whole gang and called O Little Town of

Bethlehem. Diane Buckman and stogie recalled Minstrel Show riddles and then a solo Little Shepherd was sung by Karen Pitt, also presaged from the choir.

**Modern tale**  
A short pantomime was presented by Diane Buckman, A turkey Egg, and paved the way for the pageant which was written and presented by Ed Phillips' class. Their story, written in the modern vein, told of the plight of a destitute family on the Eve of Christmas. Members of Ed Phillips' class are Mike Mitchell, Lea

Murchison, Diane Buckman, Susan Shaff, Karen Tremills, Kathy Turkosz, Sharon Phillips, Heather Wilkinson, Kevin Broostad, Jim Hurley, Cliff Creasey and Diana Booth.

**Santa's goodies**  
With the closing of the curtains Santa Claus paid the entire assembly a surprise visit, and after the singing of Silent Night by the group, he proceeded to distribute goodies to all the children and those who tried to pass as children. It was gratifying to the church school to be able to perform to a packed hall!

## C. of C. dues up 50 per cent

Dues for Chamber of Commerce membership will increase 50 per cent across the board. The decision to raise the fees was made at a general meeting of the members in the Dominion Hotel, December 2. About 24 members attended the meeting and the vote was close to unanimous.

Individual membership will increase from \$5 to \$7.50. A small business with two or less employees will go up from \$10 to \$15; three to eight employees from \$15 to \$22.50; nine to 14 employees \$25 to \$37.50; 15 to 24 employees \$35 to \$52.50 and 25 employees and up from \$50 to \$75.

Chamber of Commerce dues have not been increased since 1964. There are presently 86 members.

**Christmas lighting**  
Members discussed the problem of expenses for Christmas lighting always coming at the end of the year. For the last two years money had to be borrowed to pay for the lighting. This year necessary repairs to wiring and sockets as well as replacing of bulbs added to the cost. Expansion of Christmas lighting, if council would assume some of the cost, was discussed.

A committee was set up to contact non-member merchants for support. Allan Eastwood reported on the dance New Year's Eve; a few more tickets are available.

### Peewee practice

Fred Buchanan's 4-town Legion pee wees will hold a practice at the community centre, today (Wednesday) at 6. Players interested in trying out should bring 25 cents.

### 400 Club winners

Lucky winners in last week's 400 Club draw were: Jim Gibson, Bill Fisher, Earl Jollymore, Paul Nielsen and Bill Knight.

## Put These Under Santa's Tree from NIELSEN'S

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<b>PARTY PANT SUIT FROM \$29<sup>95</sup></b>	<b>HIGHLAND QUEEN SLACKS \$15<sup>98</sup></b>
<b>QUILTED FROM \$6<sup>98</sup></b>	<b>ARNEL-JERSEY PANT TOPS \$10<sup>00</sup></b>

## NIELSEN'S CLOTHING

## Suggest Hydro donate prize

Acton Hydro Commission may donate a prize for the best decorated house in town, next Christmas.

Commissioner Ted Tyler Sr. made the suggestion at Thursday night's final commission meeting of the year.

The commissioner was in favor of putting up a "worthwhile prize,

not some two bit outfit". A prize for the best decorated house would encourage more and more residents to light up their homes at Christmas, in Mr. Tyler's opinion.

**Praise Alice St. homes**  
Earlier, commissioners voiced their agreement to commissioner Tyler's comments on the attractive Christmas lighting on Alice St. homes.

"I don't know where you would get a street that looks as nice as this one," he commented. "If you make the prize worthwhile, you'll see a lot more of this," he added. Reminded by commissioner Orville Brown, the Chamber of Commerce used to donate a prize for the most attractively decorated home, commissioner Tyler replied, "There are a number of things they used to do they don't do any more!"

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### Legion Notes

By Charlie Thomson

Present standings in the Legion dart league are as follows: Soccer 47, Beardmore 41, Superior Glove 30, Lakeview 29, Dodge Darts 26, Plastics 24, Goy Cartage 24.

High scorers - Barney Ernst 140, Dave Dawson 140, Gil Malcolm 140, Cyril Bishop 140. High finish - Kevin Lumbers 115, Gil Malcolm 99.

230 Club lead the Legion cribbage league with 72 points, followed by Firemen with 71, Reliable Taxi 64, Legion "C" 60, Legion "A" 57 and Reliable Snack Bar 54.

**SICK BAY**  
Len Cripps and Norm Morton are both patients in Guelph General Hospital.

## Fire

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the second time he had been burnt out, both very unpleasant experiences. The first fire levelled a house he lived in with his family at Englehart in Northern Ontario. The Fosters have lived at R. R. 2, Rockwood for two years.

Mr. Leroy who owns and operates the farm also used it during the winter months for a snowmobile park. There were horses and a cow in the barn as well as goats.

The Fosters believe a caged bird was the only casualty of the fire although they were unable to locate a family cat.

Firefighters used up all the water in the rural truck in a losing effort to combat the flames which had gained control. They initiated a shuttle service with the other truck which was called to assist and pumped water from nearby Blue Springs Creek.

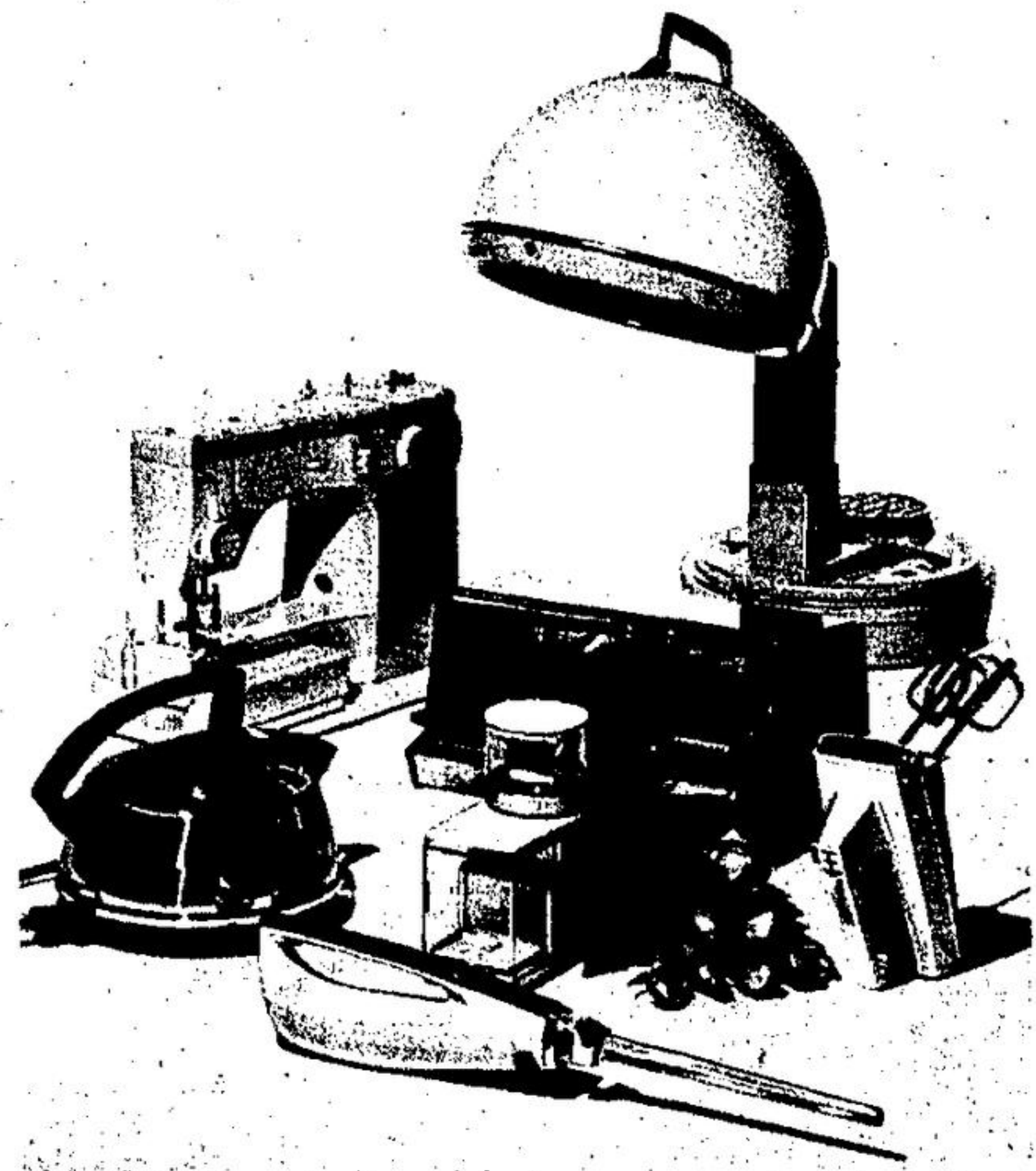
**Bleak Christmas**  
The three burned out families face a bleak Christmas as the result of the fire but already neighbors and friends are rallying around with aid.

"Think what might have happened if it had happened at night," Mrs. Foster said, thankful they were all safe.

Cause of the fire has not been determined. Fire Chief Mick Holmes is investigating.

Firefighters were on the scene until mid-afternoon making sure embers did not flare up and spread. The alarm sounded about 10.45 a.m. and the house was almost consumed by noon hour.

Mother's work is never done. So this Christmas give her a present that will work for her. An electrical gift. The choice is terrific!



**Acton Hydro Electric Commission**  
43 Alice Street - Acton



**The Government of Ontario's Tax Assistance Plan is helping the elderly. Cheques have already been sent to more than 230,000 people: and many will soon receive additional assistance.**

Payng taxes is tough for everyone. But some people have a particularly difficult time. Like the elderly. They are hard-pressed by rising property taxes. To help lighten their load, the Government has introduced a new plan. It is called 1970 Tax Assistance for the Elderly. The plan will pay out up to \$100 to help elderly people — those who receive the Federal Guaranteed Income Supplement — to help pay their property taxes, or rent. In all, more than 230,000 persons across Ontario will receive \$17 million in benefits. 1970 Tax Assistance for the elderly is an immediate step to relieve the pressure of property taxes. And an important one.

**GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO**  
Department of Municipal Affairs  
W. Darcy McKeough, Minister.