

NOTES FROM ACTON HIGH

By Mary Ann Freuler
The Christmas spirit sounds loudly in the halls of Acton District High School this year. The grade 13's should be commended on their fine job. Either Santa or Mrs. Claus pays a visit to the school each morning and reads their letters over the P.A. after the morning announcements. So far he's received letters from both students and staff. It's surprising some of the requests he gets: Santan lotion for Russ Coultrup and a lie detector for the secretaries so they can tell which students have written the notes which are supposedly from the parents!

Assembly
The "Anti-Grinch" society has a fantastic assembly planned for next Tuesday. This will be the first assembly this year in which our own students will be allowed to participate. Different home forms have planned skits as well as musical numbers by individuals and other school talents.
The choir contest will be held this Friday. Several of the language classes are participating, singing Christmas songs in the studied languages. Individual groups of six or more have joined in. Even a number of boys have formed their own choir and will be entering the contests.
Decorate rooms
Several classes have already decorated their class room or have plans for its decoration. Once again, a prize will be awarded to the best decorated room.

Once again, my congratulations to the leaders of the Anti Grinch Society:

Tree hours
The grade twelve geography class wishes to apologize to all of the people who were unable to buy their Christmas trees from them, last Saturday. To avoid confusion and to assure service, the trees will be sold at definite hours. Monday to Friday from 3:30 to 6:00 Saturday 9-5. We hope our lack of organization won't discourage you from coming to us at these hours. The trees start at \$2. If you wish to have it delivered, there is an extra charge of 50 cents.

Ready to work
The Calgary Work Company is also into operation. If you have any odd job you'd like done, please don't hesitate to call Nancy Frost at 853-2375. She will promptly assign someone to complete your task.
The Grade 13 students were guests at the University of Guelph last Friday. They were divided into groups and taken on tours to the buildings to the best of their interest. Grade 12 classes will be visiting Sheridan College in Oakville Tuesday and Wednesday.

Coke singers
The Christmas dance will be held Monday, Dec. 21. Unlike the other dances, this is a dress-up dance — no jeans allowed. The music will be supplied by "The Cycle". This is the group which sings the Coke commercials on television. Yes, it's the real thing! The dance runs from 9-12. Plan to attend.



TWO FORMER Acton District High snow queens, Marg Slaven, 1970 (left), and Anita Thibodeau 1969 (right), help brighten up this Christmas tree, one of the many Grade 12 Geography students have on sale. —(Staff Photo).

Publicize Acton in Caribbean

Copies of photographs and clippings from the Free Press have been circulated to all Commonwealth Caribbean schools twinned with counterparts in Ontario, the result of a visit from two teachers to Acton schools in June of this year.

Students at the Robert Little school presented Albert Nathaniel and Lionel Joseph with a scrap book which included pictures and clippings from this newspaper on their visit here. Mr. Nathaniel is principal of a school in St. Lucia and Mr. Joseph vice-principal of a school in Trinidad.

The two teachers returned home to the Caribbean after their tour of the province which culminated in a principal's course at Kingston. During their one day visit in Acton the Free Press took photographs and published a story in the June 17 edition.

Impressed
This week, Robert Little principal G. W. McKenzie received word from the Caribbean that the scrap book, photographs and clippings had been brought to the attention of the Minister of Education for the Islands and the chief education officer. They were impressed and ordered photo copies made for distribution to all schools "twinning" with those in Ontario.

Students in the Caribbean eagerly devoured all the information about Acton presented to their teachers, the letter to Mr. McKenzie revealed.



CARIBBEAN VISITORS Lionel Joseph and Albert Nathaniel were presented with a scrap book by students at the Robert Little school in June. Suzanne Kamel, left, and Donna Gorjup made the presentation assisted by teacher June Doberthien, right.—(Staff Photo)

I wish to Thank
The Electors of
Eramosa Township
for Their Support
"Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year to All"
Ken Fair

Tea, bazaar held by home ec club

By Carol Patterson
The home economics room at A.D.H.S. changed appearance for Christmas this year. It boasted a gaily decorated Christmas tree and streams of holly and poinsettia.
Monday evening, many busy people took this opportunity to escape from the Christmas rush, and enjoyed the leisure of the tea and bazaar held at the high school.
Make more
For weeks before, the girls of the home economics club were as busy as beavers planning and sewing doll clothes and stuffed toys for this special event.
As the day approached, during class and after school the girls made lovely sandwiches, cookies, and squares to serve at the tea, and to sell on the bake table. They found that the cuddly animals they had made sold very quickly, and they took orders and will make some more for the customers.

Draw made
Mrs. Flescher, Home Economics teacher, worked very hard helping the club, and they planned an enjoyable evening for all who attended. As visitors entered the room, handkerchiefs for sale were displayed. Girls took turns pouring tea at the head table, which displayed a lovely Christmas centre piece.
There was a draw on the centre piece, which was made by Mrs. Beattie Musselle, and won by Mrs. Bowan. Another table was laden with sandwiches and sweets for the tea. Visitors sat around the room, and were served by the many hostesses of the evening.

Confusion? it's valuable

By J. Cristello
The Christmas Season is here and with it the confusion of people going in many directions at once—getting nowhere. However, this does not apply to the students at Acton High School who are involved in the Christmas program. There is confusion among them, but they are far from getting nowhere.
Activities varying from room decorating contests to the Christmas assembly have been carefully planned and carried out with the spirit of Christmas running high in all those involved.
It seems to me that many students are enjoying themselves this year preparing for different parts of the Christmas activities and that many have what is termed "Christmas Spirit."
As a teacher I feel that putting together a program such as this, is just as valuable to a student as the strictly academic aspects of school.

Order installation automatic protection

Installation of automatic protection, consisting of two short arm gates with flashing lights, signal and bell has been ordered by the Canadian Transport Commission for railway crossings in Esquesing on the Fourth Line, just south of Lot 13 and on the Fifth Line, just south of Lot 14.
Canadian National Railways must install the protection within 16 months a letter from the Commission informed Esquesing Council, Monday.

Esquesing Council ahead on dragway - reeve

Esquesing Council came out ahead of the game financially in 1970, as far as the Golden Horseshoe Dragway is concerned, in the opinion of retiring reeve George Currie.
Clerk-treasurer Delmar French told council Monday, taxes on the dragway would be about \$3,000. Council spent a good portion of the \$1,585 they were billed by their solicitors Helson, Baines and Langdon, asking for advice about construction and operation of the strip.
Council's decision to allow construction of the dragway was hotly disputed by residents in the northern end of the township, last January. Nevertheless, construction was completed in mid-July and racing continued until October.

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Grade 13s tour U. of G.

By Debbie Bould
Friday, Dec. 11, we, the grade thirteen class, went on a tour of the University of Guelph. We met our guide, Jim Ward, in the McLaughlin Library, where our tour began. The library's 400,000 books suggested to us that more than one day would be needed to make use of the facilities.
Completing the tour of the library, we made our way through the snow to the Arts Building. The most interesting part of the tour of the department proved to be the Language Laboratory—where studying is done by means of head phones—an aid to both the student and the professor. By listening in to students individually from the master control, the professor can spot-check difficulties and work with those students requiring help, while the others progress at their own speed.

of a tour on Complex "B" which is a co-ed dorm, and either a tour of the physical sciences department, or a discussion in the arts building with Mr. Cook, depending upon individual interests.
The friendly atmosphere of the university made us feel that any among us who might attend the University of Guelph would find it a most rewarding experience.

MOST STORES were open Monday for Christmas shopping and are open evenings now.
"AN OLD fashioned winter" — that's what the Free Press reported — 75 years ago!

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To the Voters of Esquesing who elected me to council and to my workers for their support and enthusiasm.

Season's Greetings to all.

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