

**Beardmore party**

**Santa hands out gifts to 260**

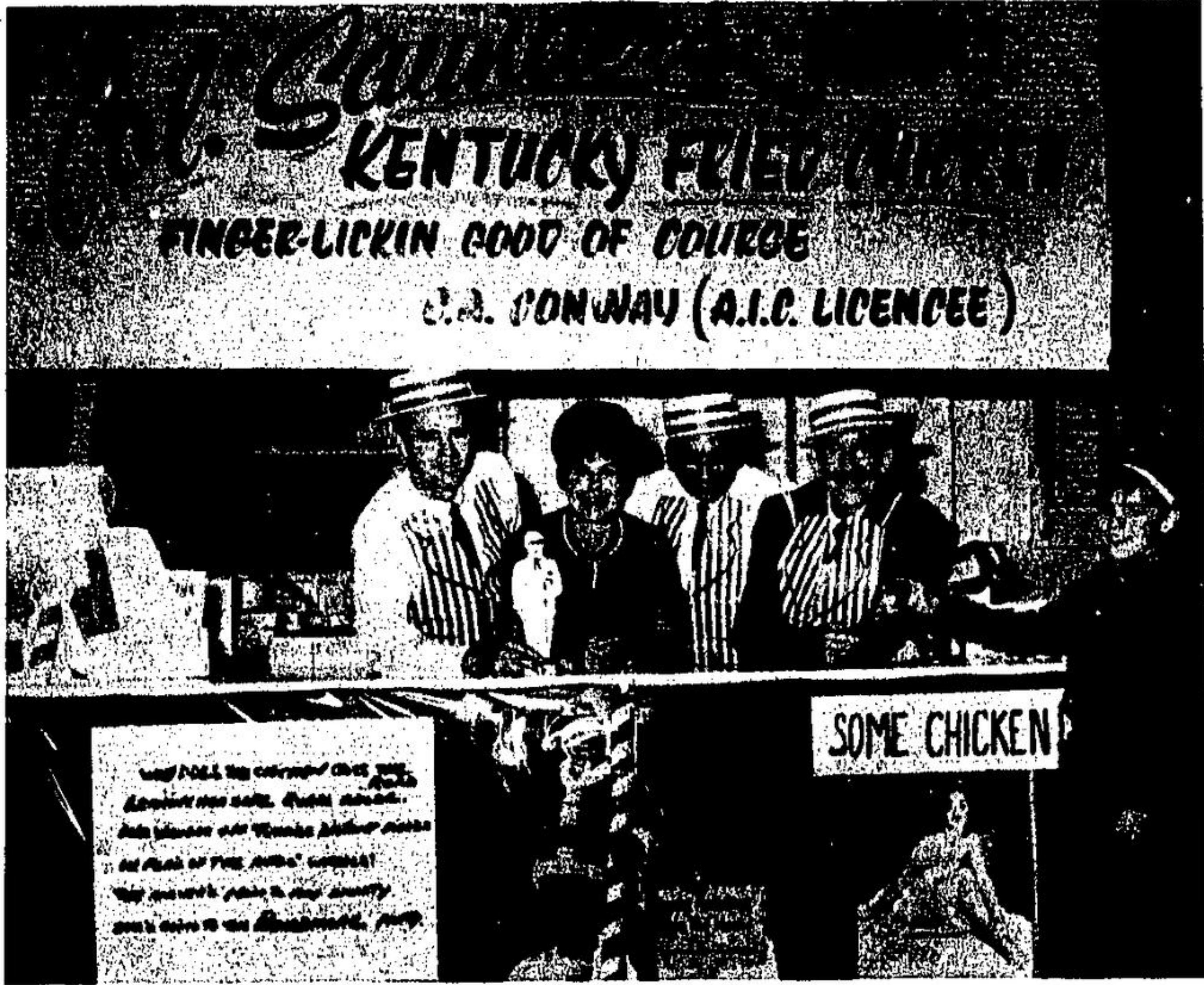
Santa Claus arrived by snowmobile with charming helpers Rosemary Bird and Anita Thibodeau and a big bag full of gifts for about 260 children at the annual Beardmore and Company children's Christmas party, held in the Acton Industrial Centre Saturday afternoon.

Before and after Santa's arrival children and employees were served generous portions of fried chicken with all the trimmings, ice cream sundaes and cones and coffee and soft drinks. An unfortunate break in a heavy duty power line foiled plans to serve hamburgers, spaghetti, pizza, french fries and candy floss.

**Clown clowns**

Banjo the clown roamed throughout the crowd entertaining youngsters. Cartoons and a film on leather processing, made at the local plant were also available for viewing. Children also played hoopla and enjoyed rides on automatic horses.

Company president Norm Braida and his wife Rita welcomed guests. Staff members helped Santa distribute gifts and manned the food booths.



"COLONEL SAUNDERS" KENTUCKY FRIED Chicken palace had finger-lickin good chicken for children and employees, at the Beardmore Christmas party Saturday.

Serving up the goodies were l. to r. Al Lillie, Barb Weldon, Abbott Conway and Fred Salt. Glen Roadknight helped himself to some chicken. —(Staff Photo).

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**Recreation committee to pay 66% employees' benefits**

Acton Parks and Recreation Committee's three full time employees will have 66 per cent of fringe benefits paid by the committee, instead of the previous 50 per cent, it was decided at Friday night's meeting.

Increase in payment of premiums for benefits is the same as that received by town employees under the latest C.U.P.E. agreement. Paying the additional 16 per cent in fringe benefits will cost the committee an estimated \$500 additional each year.

The committee also voted to give each of the full time employees a Christmas turkey and each of eight part time employees a \$5 Christmas bonus.

**Place ad**

Also authorized at the final meeting of the year were:

- Purchase of a \$30 half page ad in the 1971 Acton District High School yearbook. Vice-chairman Bob Laughlin suggested the ad be worded to encourage students to become interested in the town's recreation program.
- Accounts totalling \$2,367.44 for the month of December. Major items were supplies for the arena booth and \$309 for deodorant for the arena washrooms.
- Property committee chairman Orval Chapman reported new mesh for the goal nets has been purchased and installed.

—The committee decided to allow town works department to dump snow in the park in a location to be specified by arena manager Harold Townsley.

—Chairman Marks suggested asking Dalton Engineering for a bid on the balance of renovations to the arena, so next year's committee may work on it at budget time.

—Chairman Marks suggested next year's committee begin planning for the summer playground program at the first meeting of the new year. He expressed concern about possible slighting of the teenage group in planning a summer program. Don Price who has supervised the summer playground in the past has expressed a desire to have someone new take over playground responsibilities.

—Vice-chairman Bob Laughlin said he would like to see someone pursue the possibility of Acton adults becoming involved in a recreational education program through Sheridan College.

—Committee member Hugh

Patterson said he would like to see ice on Fairy Lake cleaned off to provide skating for organized groups. Mr. Patterson suggested 1.30 to 4 Sunday afternoons as an ideal time for skating on the lake. The committee referred it to the 1971 members.

Chairman Marks presided for the brief meeting which was followed by the traditional year ending party for committee members, staff employees,

reporters and their wives and girl friends. Mr. Marks and his wife Jo-Ann were hosts for the event.

Vice-chairman Laughlin who has accepted a position on the board of directors of Georgian Community College, Owen Sound, remarked it has been a joy for him to serve on the committee for the past two years. Mr. Laughlin said he thinks it's worthwhile for any citizen to serve on the committee.

**Annual concert**

**Bandsmen nearly fill high school platform**

A crowd of about 200 enjoyed what must be the tenth annual Christmas concert of Acton Citizens' Band in the high school auditorium Sunday evening. Tables were set cabaret style at the front of the auditorium, with rows of listeners toward the back. Guests of the band for the evening were the gold-jacketed Legion Chorallers.

Coffee and Christmas cake were served during intermission.

**Introductions**

Bill Buchanan welcomed the crowd and introduced bandmaster Dr. George Elliott, the band and the Chorallers.

Dr. Elliott gave a few words of explanation before each band number.

**Fill stage**

He pointed out the high school stage won't be able to accommodate the band much longer, if it keeps growing. There were 46 players on the stage, including many junior bandsmen and bandswomen (bandsboys and bandsgirls).

When Dr. Elliott introduced the test piece the band played at the C.N.E., he pointed out his many junior members lack a full instrumental high school program that many towns have.

Playing at the C.N.E. measures their abilities, makes them study one piece more intensively—and gives them a fun day at the Ex., he explained.

They placed fourth out of six bands this year.

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**Merry Christmas**

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**25% tax rebate is not so rosy**

Tax rebates of 25 per cent to farmers are not as rosy as they might appear to be, according to George Pelletier, a north Burlington farmer and a trustee on the Halton County Board of Education.

Speaking on a motion from the Lambton Board of Education which objected to the concession, Pelletier said it didn't really amount to 25 per cent.

**Lose shelter tax**

"If they give farmers the 25 per cent tax rebate we'll lose the 12 per cent shelter rebate, so we only have a 13 per cent rebate. Then if we sell the land in 10 years we have to pay back the amount of the rebate with eight per cent interest. So it isn't as rosy as it might seem," Pelletier said.

**Free Press briefs**

WE WISH you a Merry Christmas.

LET THE Free Press know about your holiday visits or visitors.

STARTING TO see the January magazines coming in the mail with the Christmas cards.



The week of Dec. 13 to Dec. 20 was a busy week for officers of the Acton detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police. They investigated 14 General Occurrences, including two break and enters in which thieves stole money and cigarettes. A case of fraud was reported and this is under investigation.

A reported assault rounded off the crime sheet.

Three cases of liquor offences were investigated and the charges laid were for impaired driving, drunk in a public place, and minor consuming.

Two business premises were found to be insecure by an officer on night patrol. The remaining occurrences were of a minor nature and required little time to clear.

One motor vehicle accident was investigated during the seven day period. Total damage in this accident was estimated at \$250.

A total of nine charges were laid against motorists for infractions of the Highway Traffic Act and another 10 received warnings.

Provincial Judges' Court proceedings resulted in nine convictions being registered. Four convictions were recorded against local youths for the possession of a narcotic. A local man received a two year jail term for his part in a robbery. Total fines and costs were \$453.

At this time, I would like to wish the people of Acton a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year on behalf of Corporal R. Mason and the five officers of the detachment.

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