

NOTES FROM ACTON HIGH

By Mary Ann Freuler
"In the air there's a feeling of Christmas".

This phrase is certainly true of Acton District High School. The first thing the students have heard in the morning for the past week is the joyful music of Christmas songs and carols. This is courtesy of the Staff Students Relations Committee.

Many of the rooms have been decorated for competition and the room-decorating contest. Desks have been rearranged from the usual five-row formations to form different designs and patterns. The main hall of the school lets one know immediately of the festive season, by means of two huge posters saying "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year".

Toys for others
As in years before, the students have been invited to bring new and used toys and other articles for those less fortunate than ourselves. The box in the Guidance Office is quickly filling with wrapped gifts and stuffed animals. Remember, trading gifts with one another is exchanging, it's giving a little something to someone with no exchange but gratitude that can really warm your heart.

Great success
The choir contest last Friday was a great success. The preliminaries were held Thursday and the best of those chosen for the finals on Friday. The winners were the Junior Cheerleaders and in the senior division "The Christmas Angels" placed first.

The latter deserve special mention. The choir consisted of grade 12 boys dressed as angels (?). Their composition was their own version of "Good King Wenceslas." These boys should be commended on their ease and

the spirit they helped bring to the school.

Assembly
On Tuesday, there will be a Christmas assembly. The "Anti-Grinch Society" put out a plea for student talent and were overwhelmed by the response. Classes and students from all grades volunteered their services which will make our last school day in 1970, a good one.

Sheridan visit
Grade 12 students visited Sheridan College in Oakville last Tuesday and Wednesday. The tour was generally conducted in the arts section, where they saw different photographic techniques, dress designing and art work to name but a few.

On display were several photographs produced by George Beshiri, a former student at A.D.H.S. Mrs. Fleisher and Mr. Ellis served as chaperones for the trips.

As the students there were celebrating Christmas, the halls were decorated accordingly and evergreens were present. As an added attraction "Treasure Van" was there. A large collection of unusual knickknacks were displayed for sale.

Tree sale
The grade 12 Geography class Christmas tree sales went fairly well. If anyone is still without a tree there are still a few left, but don't delay.

In closing, I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year.

R. L. students heard on radio

Robert Little school children were heard twice singing over Hamilton radio. Notification was received at the school in time for announcements to be made about last Thursday's program.

Grade 13 bake sale

By Linda Perry

On Tuesday, Dec. 19, the grade 13's had an opportunity to display their baking skills in an effort to raise money for their trip to Quebec in the spring. As a special treat there was a cake made by Mrs. Swallow for a draw which was won by Mr. Eastwood.

All the food was sold and the proceeds tucked away in the bank.

Thanks go to all the students who supported the bake sale and of course to those girls who worked so hard on the project.

Singers and slaves

By Steve Van Fleet

On December 18, A.D.H.S. held their annual choir contest and slave auction. To open the choir contest Mrs. Martindale welcomed the assembly and said she was thrilled with the enthusiasm and noted it was a sign of better things to come. The M.C. was Janice Hillman and thanks belong to the judges Mrs. Sale, Mr. Raylor and Mr. Duby.

Junior finalists
In the junior division the finalists were: "The Sequela Song", a group of grade 10 students singing Canada's first Christmas carol. Next came the winners, The Icicles, a group of junior cheerleaders singing Joy to the World and White Shepherds watched their Flocks. Finally came the Guana, a group of grade 9 students singing a medley of four songs.

Senior singers
Next came the senior division which mustered four groups. First came the Candellers, grade 11 girls singing a Candlelite medley, followed by the Snowflakes and Grade 13 girls. Last, but not least, came the Christmas Angels, the only all boy choir from grade 12, who incidentally won the division.

The last event was the slave auction which turned out to be a great success due to Mr. Max Storey with his "Going once, Going twice - Sold!"

Among the many slaves auctioned off, the most outstanding "figure" was Mrs. Ott who was sold for \$2.75 to Fred Regent.

Rituals

Perhaps the most common use of holiday greens is seen in the lively, decorated Christmas tree found in many homes at this time of year.

There are many legends concerning the origin of Christmas trees. One belief is that the first Christmas tree was a palm tree brought from Egypt. The 12 parts of the palm were supposed to represent the 12 apostles, according to the editors of the Encyclopedia Americana.

The use of pine and cedar Yule trees is generally thought to be of German derivation. The introduction of the evergreen Christmas tree came to English-speaking peoples after the marriage of Victoria of England, to the German prince, Albert.



YOUTH BOWLERS show off the turkeys they won at Acton Lanes for bowling the best over their average Saturday morning. Winners were Bill and Jody Sheppard, Clayton Pierce, Elvin McDowell, George Warner and Michael Lamont. —(Staff Photo)

Let's Play Bridge

by Bill Coats

Minor suit hands are very difficult to bid. The whole emphasis of North American bidding is towards no trump and major suit contracts. About the only time you end up in a minor suit game is when the opponents have bid a suit and you know that you cannot play a no trump. Here is one hand that came up at the Acton Bridge Club. East-West are vulnerable and East deals.

NORTH
S-7
H-K Q 5 3
D-A Q 7
C-A J 7 4 3

EAST
S-K J 9 4
H-J 6 2
D-4 2
C-Q 10 8 5

SOUTH
S-10 6 2
H-A 4
D-K J 8 6 3
C-K 6 2

The bidding
EAST SOUTH WEST North
Pass Pass Pass 1C
Pass 1D 1S 2H
2S 3D Pass 4D
Pass 3D All Pass

Opening lead - 8 of clubs.

One pair played this hand at five clubs by North. This contract was set one trick on the terrible split in the trump suit. Another North bought the hand for three hearts doubled. This too was defeated one trick. He should have made the contract by refusing to ruff a spade. This way he would lose three spades and a trump.

The best contract is five diamonds and if declarer will just count his tricks he can make five easily. He has five trump tricks, three heart tricks and two for sure in clubs. That's ten tricks out of the eleven required. The eleventh can come from a spade ruff or a club trick.

Declarer should ask himself - "Why did West lead a suit that had been bid and supported by the opponents rather

Sheridan tour

Latest fashions intrigue

By Bob Krul

On Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon of last week, the grade 12's of Acton District High School toured Sheridan College in Oakville.

Accompanying the group on Tuesday were Mrs. Fleischer, Home Economics teacher, and Mr. L. Doberthein. With Wednesday's group were Mr. Ellis, English teacher, and Mrs. Price.

Latest fashions
Tours began in the Faculty Lounge and from there we were escorted to the Fashion Department, where the latest fashions were being designed and made by students. After that we were guided to the painting room, where we observed paintings from abstract to contemporary. The Photography Department was well supplied with equipment; the most modern photography rooms in North America are at Sheridan.

One minute
The Animation Department was also very interesting. A guide told us that it takes twenty-

TRADITION
In Switzerland, bell ringing is a Christmas tradition

four pages of different drawings to make up one minute of film. Graphic design and production was the last part of our tour. We then entered the cafeteria and after a few minutes, returned to the bus. Thanks go to the people at Sheridan college for their hospitality.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
We hope Santa leaves some room in your stocking for our wish of happy times for you and yours. Merry Christmas!
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To all may I say

MERRY CHRISTMAS

May your Christmas be a time of great joy and contentment and your new year one of challenges and accomplishment.

Anne MacArthur

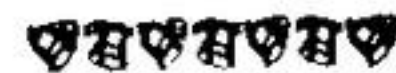
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