

## C.G.I.T. service

The girls of the C.G.I.T. presented their annual National Christmas Vesper service in the United Church on Sunday evening, December 13.

Uniform service and music are used by groups across the country.

### Lit candles

The candle lighters were Susan Shoemaker, Beverly Saunders, Vicky Hill, Heather Reed and Susan Scott.

A brief nativity pageant was included in the program. Other girls taking part were Carol Buchanan, Gay Nessett, Heather Buchanan, Rose Sojka and Pat Sampson.

Dr. George Elliott played the organ and the church choir sang.

Each year unusual selections with special appeal to the young are included in this vesper service. In one, the congregation joined in the catchy chorus.

### Good crowd

The collection goes to the National C.G.I.T. committee.

A good crowd attended and the church was lit with candles for the special service. Rev. Gordon Turner pronounced the benediction.

### IN RUSSIA

Russian children hang up their stockings on New Year's Eve, in anticipation of Grandfather Frost's visit.



## Equal pay for equal work

The Editor  
Acton Free Press

Sir:

I would like to express my opinion on "Women's Rights". We have a society for the emancipation of women, and it is just about time it spoke out persuasively.

I believe in equal pay with men, for women who are doing the same job. Why not? They do the same work, why not the same pay? Don't tell me they are not as capable. Their head-power is equally

strong.

But I believe more than that. Experience in a business, a bank or what not should count. The woman who works her way up, and who knows that business thoroughly, should be the one who fills the position of the man a step higher, when he is removed.

Why bring in a stranger when you have the goods right there?

What do you readers think?

Yours truly,  
Millicent Milroy  
Rockwood, Ont.

## Defend Chamber on lights

R. R. 2  
Guelph,  
18-12-70

Sir:

Reading the rather scathing remarks by Commissioner Tyler re the Chamber of Commerce and expenditures on Christmas lights and decorations for Acton, I feel that the question of whose responsibility it is to supply and maintain Christmas decorations is a subject which can become a very tender one.

Let's face it, we are all faced with rising expenditure each and every day of the year and the Chamber, small as it is, can only claim so much tax relief on respect of business expenses, and unlike the

transport industry who just pass it on to the users, there is a limit to which the members of the Chamber of Commerce can go with retail prices, for if they get too high you lose your business.

It would appear to me, that instead of blowing his top, regarding Christmas decorations, Mr. Tyler Sr. should have looked at both sides of the fence, instead of one. The whole matter I feel sure could have been amicably settled if all concerned had met and been frank with each other, instead of blasting merchants who obviously are wary of expenditures.

If I were a merchant I would tell Mr. Tyler Sr. where to go.

Yours truly  
A. C. Welch

## Hospital lodge appreciates gifts

Members of the activity group of the Acton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society were delighted to receive the following letter.

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December 15th, 1970.

Miss Mary Papillon,  
256 Queen Street,  
Acton, Ontario,

Dear Miss Papillon:

The Activity Group of the Acton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society is to be congratulated for the wonderful parcels that arrived here at the Lodge yesterday. What a marvellous effort this group has made to making our Christmas for the patients a happy one and each and every one of you must be congratulated. It is difficult to express my thanks for I am overwhelmed, I don't know where to start. Certainly, your

gifts, puddings, bed socks, sweaters, jams and jellies, books, bed jacket, squares and clothing will bring so much pleasure to our patients. It is so kind of all of you to, assist us with our Christmas and we are most grateful.

The blue duster has been given to one of our patients who was admitted to hospital and she was thrilled to receive it. I know she would like me to extend her thanks to you.

The cookies, squares and puddings are a marvellous thought and what a treat. Our tea hour and evening programmes will be most Christmassy.

Will you please extend our appreciation and gratitude to your group for me and may each of you have a happy holiday season and every good wish for 1971.

Yours very truly,  
Miss Helen E. Howes  
Director of Volunteers

**FROSTED, FRINGED**  
Christmas cards of 1870 were frosted and fringed with heavy silk. The folder-type card, so much in evidence today, was not popular during the 19th century, when single cards were more frequently seen.

### HOLLY IN LEGEND

In the legend and lore of Christmas, holly has both a merry and melancholy significance.

Fairies, so it is said, loved the holly. They found its leaves such a comforting shelter that even after holly was cut from the trees, they lingered about, allowing themselves to be carried indoors, where they protected the home from evil spirits.

Later, Christian believers saw the thorny leaves and bright red berries of the holly as symbols of the Crown of Thorns and the sacrifice which the Christ Child, grown to manhood made on Calvary.



**GREETINGS**  
at Christmas

We're wishing you all the pleasures of an old-fashioned Yule, complete with long-lasting peace and joy.

Arthur A. Johnson  
O.D.  
OPTOMETRIST  
54 Mill St. Acton

## Unique balloon used at Scotch Block dam

"An overgrown sausage, is the way Larry Moore describes Fabri-Dam, an innovation in dam-building implemented at the Scotch Block Dam on Highway 25 near Speyside. Moore is an engineer with C. C. Parker, Parsons and Brinkerhoff of Hamilton.

Fabri-Dam in other terms would resemble a large elongated balloon of rubber and nylon stretched across the width of the dam spillway.

The balloon-like object can be inflated or deflated and is capable of increasing the amount of water held back by seven feet across the spillway.

A specialist from California installed it and it is the first of its kind in Canada. The installation took two weeks.

The dam is being constructed at cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000 and its chief purpose is to prevent water shortages for individuals and companies downstream within the reaches of the 16-Mile Creek.

Plans for the dam originated in

1964 when there was a special order from the Department of Energy and Resources Management to build more dams. The job is nearing completion now.



**A Prayer for Peace and Hope**

With you, we pray for hope and peace, everywhere. To you, our heartfelt greetings.

Management and Staff  
**Custom Cleaners**



What we want from Santa is more great people like you! Many, many thanks!


**JON HURST ELECTRIC**  
YOUNG ST. - ACTON



Steering into a great Christmas season we extend best wishes to all our friends and neighbors with a sincere thank you for your confidence and loyalty.

MANAGEMENT & STAFF  
**THOMPSON MOTORS LTD.**  
Main St. N. - Acton

## PROCLAMATION



### BOXING DAY

In compliance with the custom which has prevailed, for many years, **Monday, Dec. 28th, 1970** will be observed as a Civic Holiday for 1970 and I hereby proclaim that day as a Civic Holiday for Acton and respectfully request that all citizens observe it as such.

LESLIE A. DUBY,  
Mayor.

## Greetings

Here's to a very Merry Christmas full of peace and happiness.

from everyone at  
**ADAMS BUS DEPOT**

## CHRISTMAS CHEER

May your holiday be as cheerful and happy as a child's Christmas Eve dreams.

Open 'til 10 P.M. Christmas Eve  
**Eramosa Flower Mart**  
No. 7 Hwy. West of Acton - North Side

## Christmas Wishes

At this wonderful time of the year we wish you and your families the merriest and happiest Christmas ever

Management & Staff  
**Bank of Nova Scotia**

## CHRISTMAS CHEER

may we join with Santa in wishing you good cheer! It's been a joy to serve you and we sincerely thank you for the opportunity.

— OPEN —  
CHRISTMAS DAY 9 A.M. to 11 P.M.  
NEW YEAR'S DAY 9 A.M. to 2 A.M.

**RELIABLE TAXI AND SNACK BAR**

## HOLIDAY CLOSING

### Acton Hydro Electric Commission

from THURS. DEC. 24th - 12 NOON  
until TUES. DEC. 29th - 9 A.M.

ALSO  
from THURS. DEC. 31st - 12 NOON  
until MON. JAN. 4th - 9 A.M.

**OFFICE CLOSED**

For Emergencies Phone 853-0813