

Special events to make Christmas brighter

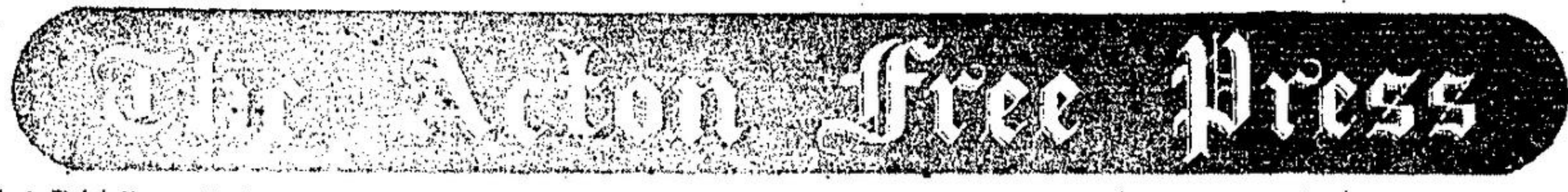
The Acton Centennial Commission is going ahead with several projects to brighten up the festive season in Acton beginning with the appearance of the Tree House TV show at the Robert Little school auditorium Saturday afternoon.

Next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings the Acton School of Dance will stage their annual carol festival in the streets of town assisted by the Firefighters and the Royal Canadian Legion Choralliers. The girls will be knocking on doors for centennial donations.

Band is presenting their annual Christmas treat at the high school auditorium. They will be assisted by the Royal Canadian Legion Choralliers in a program with a theme—Music for all Tastes. The band will also be presenting their annual street Christmas concert next week as well.

The appearance of the Tree House at the school Saturday will be the Centennial Commission's Christmas gift to Acton and area children. Prizes are being offered for the best decoration made by a boy and girl and Kim Campbell and the Kinettes, baton twirlers and marching group, will also be appearing on the program.

In the annual carol festival presented by Joyce Carpenter's Acton School of Dance, singers will cover the west side of town as far as the CN tracks, Tuesday evening and do the remainder Wednesday evening.



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Acton man found guilty of arson

Gordon Franklin Adamson of Acton was convicted in provincial court Monday of arson in connection with a September 22 fire at the home of Mrs. Ann Mowat, 8 Frederick St.

He was remanded in custody until December 18 for sentencing. At that time he will also face a charge of attempted arson at the home of Jack Pope, 179 Poplar Ave., as well as auto theft and dangerous driving charges laid following previous offences.

estimated \$737 fire damage to the front porch and pillars. There was no fire at the Pope residence, although police found a five gallon can three-quarters full of gas and noted a gasoline smell on parts of the exterior of the house.

Mr. and Mrs. Pope were both at home. Mrs. Mowat was in bed and her son John had arrived home only moments before the fire was started.

Recalling the events of the early hours of September 22, Con. Wood testified he first responded to a call to the Pope residence about 1.05 a.m. There, he said he found the gas can three-quarters full and noted gas all over the front door and screen door. He spoke to Mr. Pope for a few minutes then went outside to discover the can was missing.

No permit in township

At the December meeting, Erin Township Council was surprised to learn the town of Acton built a pumping station in Erin Township without first obtaining a building permit.

Most councillors were unaware the Fourth Line building existed until it was brought to their attention that week.

Acton clerk-administrator J. T. Hurst said a permit was probably overlooked because the town had received permission from the township to go ahead with the installation of the water line, but was checking with the engineer.

Kleenway awarded watermain contract

Acton Council awarded the tender for extension of the town's watermain system to houses along Highway 25 South to Kleenway Construction at a cost of \$31,015. The company made the low bid for the work.

The public works committee recommended the town accept the Kleenway bid because "from both the town's and our own experience we know the low bidder has done many jobs of a similar nature with excellent results and are of the opinion the company is capable of successfully completing the project as required."

A lengthy and brisk discussion was precipitated by Councillor Marks' suggestion that it would be good business practice to get the money from the company first before the town committed itself to the project financially.

At 1.45, Wood said he heard the fire alarm go and while on his way back to the police office, he observed the Mowat residence on fire. He said the balcony, pillars, door and a couple of chairs on the porch were burning.

Schools closed roads too icy

All North Halton schools north of No. 5 highway were closed today (Wednesday) due to road conditions. Tuesday's freezing rain and snow had left the country roads covered with ice and water and considered hazardous for school buses.

and sanded starting Tuesday night at midnight. Acton OPP report no accidents despite the weather.

Local children who attend General Brock school and the Christian school in Esquesing also stayed home due to driving conditions for the buses.

Could be last one

Warden's race underway

In early January the new warden for county council will be chosen to lead Halton in 1973. Some observers feel the warden could be the last or the second to the last before regional government is invoked here.

Nassagaweya Reeve Mrs. A. MacArthur have said they would seek the \$10,000 a year post.

position of Warden. She represented Nelson Township at that time and later sat on Milton Council.

Work all night Town workmen cleared roads

At least five members of the 1973 county council have expressed interest in the seat in one way or another. Georgetown Reeve Ric Morrow and

Other names reportedly interested in the seat this year are Esquesing's Reeve Tom Hill, Oakville's Reeve Allan Masson and Burlington's Deputy Reeve Dave Coons said he'd take the position if it was offered to him.

Directs police Adamson later directed police to a location about 200 yards east of Hillcrest Ave. where they found the gas can, Wood said.



WITH ACTON'S NEW CHRISTMAS LIGHTS as a backdrop, members of the Acton School of Dance practice for their 12th annual carol festival to be held in the streets of Acton next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Left to right are Susan McPhail, Barbara Reed and Carol Pickles harmonizing with

some of the familiar carols. The girls will be assisted by Acton firefighters and the Royal Canadian Legion Choralliers in this year's festival. Proceeds from donations will go to the Acton Centennial fund.

—J. Carpenter Photo



AKELA FORBES COLE, left, and "Tiger" the scout hall. Sixteen new Cubs were Don Franklin present neckerchiefs and welcomed into the pack by leaders while badges to Cubs invested into the 1st Acton parents witnessed the ceremonies. Pack in special ceremonies Monday night at

—H. Coles Photo

Invest 16 Cubs Monday

Akela Forbes Cole officially invested 16 new Cubs into the 1st Acton Pack at special ceremonies Monday night at the scout house.

Karen Cole and King Louis, Jim Parker, assisted in the ceremonies. New Sixers and Seconds were also inducted.

The boys were presented with neckerchiefs, badges and Acton flashes to sew on uniforms by Akela and Tiger, Don Franklin, while approximately 20 parents and brothers and sisters of the new cubs watched. Baloo, Wilson, Rod Witherley, Brian Witherley and Stephen Cameron, Robert Johnson was unable to attend.



(Photo by D. Gibbons)

ACTON HIGH teachers Sandra Fleming, Brian Skerrett and Sue Burns joke with each other before making their stage debuts Friday night in "Bernard and Other Losers", a play in which students and teachers combined

their talents. Mrs. Fleming played the part of a lady of the evening, while Mr. Skerrett and Mrs. Burns played the parts of husband and wife. Theatre arts teacher Jeff Sansom directed the performance.

Councillor Greer contends Acton has ample parking

Councillor Jack Greer has little patience with those who complain about lack of parking spaces in Acton's business section.

I pointed this out to the Development Commission, he told council when the subject of parking came up last week.

People nowadays look on shopping as an outing, he told the Free Press, and there was little municipal bodies could do to change the attitude unless there were attractive features to draw shoppers.

Mr. Greer's measurements indicate there is parking for five cars for every store in town which does not provide parking space now.

Councillor Greer said he did a survey at the request of the merchants and he had no axes to grind either for or against increased parking spaces. He felt many people refused to walk any distances to shop in Acton but would travel to other cities and towns where the walk and parking fees were accepted.

The discussion started when members of council observed that the Knox Church lot, a recent addition to the town's parking space, was not being used and some motorists were parking on the street.



SNOW CAME FIRST, followed by sleet and rain and then high winds which blew clouds over and the sun shone Wednesday morning.

Cars, such as this one greeted drivers. The weatherman predicts better weather for the weekend.

—J. Jennings Photo

Deadlines for Dec. 27 issue Acton Free Press

Deadlines for news and advertising for the Wednesday, December 27 issue of the Acton Free Press will be noon on Saturday, Dec. 23.

The office will not be open on Boxing Day. An attempt by advertisers and news correspondents to meet these deadlines will be appreciated.