



ACTON FIREFIGHTERS came through with flying colors again this year in their annual door to door campaign in aid of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada. National Field Director David L. Taylor accepted a cheque for \$1,500 at the fire hall Thursday. On hand to make the presentation were

l. to r., Firefighters Bert Fowler, Howard Roszell and Herb Dodds. Commented Mr. Taylor "Per capita, Acton is one of the best campaigning brigades in the country. They're a sincere and dedicated group of people." (D. Gibbons photo)

## Esquising council bails out Committee of Adjustment

Esquising Council bailed out the township's Committee of Adjustment to the tune of \$496.80 at its final regular meeting of the year Friday afternoon.

Appearing on behalf of the committee of adjustment, Denny Charles and Tom Van Sicker asked council to waive the \$496.80 fees charged to them for secretarial services. They explained the committee had finished the year with a deficit of \$563.

Because of increased workload, the committee accepted during the year, Councillor Dick Howitt made the suggestion that council be prepared to write off the secretarial fees.

**Extra work**

Besides normal hearings on severances and requests for minor variances, the committee

of adjustment was also involved in five OMB hearings at which ratepayers appealed committee decisions.

Councillor Len Cox pointed out that the OMB had rejected the appeals in every instance, an indication in his view that the original committee decisions had been just.

Reeve Tom Hill wondered if there is any way the township can recover some of the expenses they are required to meet in connection with the OMB hearings.

**Charles speaks**

Mr. Charles thought perhaps having the clerk represent the township at the hearings might do as well as hiring a lawyer.

Mr. Van Sicker said the township could recover some expense, only if the OMB saw fit to charge persons making the appeals. He suggested the board may pursue a new policy under its new chairman.

## Dairy farmers to receive increase

Ontario dairy farmers of Ontario who produce milk for the table use are to receive an additional 35 cents per hundred-weight for milk effective January 1, 1973. It was announced by George McLaughlin, chairman of the Ontario Milk Marketing

Board.

The increase follows a ruling of The Milk Commission of Ontario after hearing an appeal made by the dairies against a larger increase proposed by the Board.

The figure amounts to less than a cent a quart to the dairy

farmer. It is not known what the effect on the consumer price will be. Wholesale and retail prices are established by individual dairies and stores in response to competitive forces.

Mr. McLaughlin stated the 35 cent per hundredweight figure represented less than a five per cent increase in the price for fluid milk and did not in fact reflect the increases in costs which the dairy farmer has had to face over the last 16 months.

As an example, he cited Canadian Livestock Feed Board figures showing that the cost of feed grains for cattle had risen alarmingly in the last year. Oats have risen 34 per cent, while corn and soy meal have risen 23 per cent and 41 per cent respectively. In addition, daily farm wages rose 9.5 per cent between August 1971 and August 1972. Many of these costs are continuing to

climb.

Dairy farmers have also had to cope with some of the worst weather conditions in years. The poor quality of the winter feed reduces the milk yield, and to keep the public supplied farmers are forced to buy more of the expensive grain supplements and so are caught in a vicious circle that drives their costs still higher.

Because of these circumstances, Mr. McLaughlin explained, dairy farmers had hoped for something better than the 35 cents decided upon by the Commission.

The 35 cent per hundredweight increase raises the farm price in Southern Ontario from \$7.05 to \$7.40 per hundredweight and in Northern Ontario from \$7.62 to \$7.97 per hundredweight.

**CAROLING**

Carol sings are traditional in many great American cities. The custom is so popular in St. Louis that there is a Christmas Carols Association which has thousands of members. Residents welcome the carolers with lighted candles in their windows and offer voluntary contributions which are turned over to 70 institutions for the handicapped and underprivileged. In New Orleans, carol sings are traditionally held across the street from historic St. Louis Cathedral, in the French Quarter. Youthful carolers sing songs in both English and French.

**CENTREPIECE**

For a dramatic and timely holiday centerpiece arrange several cut poinsettia blooms with greens in a shallow bowl. Another decorative touch may be applied by ringing the bases of Christmas candles with holly and greens. If you are having a special holiday meal, place a wreath on the back of each chair with place cards attached to the top of the wreaths.

As a result of all the Christmas shopping underway now, stockings will be filled on Dec. 25, and bankbooks will be empty on Jan. 5.

**CAROLLING, MASS**

**AHE TRADITIONAL.**

In the mountain regions of Western Australia, entire villages join in carol singing on Christmas Eve. Beginning with the family living farthest from the village church, torch-bearing carolers form a procession. At each house along the way greetings of "Froehliche Weihnachten" are exchanged, and the inhabitants fall in line. Eventually, the whole population is part of the parade as it arrives at the church steps in time for Midnight Mass.

Christmas Eve carol-singing and Midnight Mass are also a part of the British holiday tradition. The custom of hanging up mistletoe dates back to the Druids, who used the plant in their religious rites. Burning the Yule log is another custom borrowed by the British from the Vikings, who first burned it in honor of their god Thor.

**NEW YEARS EVE IN SPAIN**

A gay New Years Eve celebration takes place in Puerta del Sol, Madrid's Times Square.

Twelve grapes are a part of the celebration. As the clock strikes midnight the grapes are held high overhead and eaten for luck—one for each month of the year.

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