

Free Press Personals

The Merri-Elites square dance club had a Christmas party in Guelph and Acton dancers were among those there.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Roggvoldson visited in Elliott Lake with their daughter Janet—Mr. and Mrs. Rob Taylor and daughter Michelle.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Clark, Hamilton visited with Mr. and Mrs. G. Johnston during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sayers and daughters spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bruce, R.R. 1, Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hawes, R.R. 1, Limehouse, Mr. and Mrs. James Gardner and family, Wardsville visited with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lemon and family on Christmas Day.

Miss Jackie Lemon spent Christmas week at Elliott Lake.

Cons. Robert Bittorf, who is with the O.P.P. in Thunder Bay, was home for a week at Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fletcher and family of Calgary, Alta., are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Fletcher, R.R. 2 Acton and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Scott of Georgetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Johnston spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bruce, R.R. 1, Guelph, and Boxing Day at Dixie for the Johnston side of the house.

Mr. and Mrs. George Collins of Collingwood spent New Year's weekend with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stuckless.

Mrs. E. Phillips, Church Street, visited in Hamilton over Christmas weekend with her daughter Mrs. Arnold Weaver and family.

Queens University student Pat Braids of Kingston spent the past week with relatives at Acton and Cliford. She's a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Armand Braids.

Holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Force were Miss Kathleen Lewis of Toronto, the Pfalts from Oakville and the Rod Force family from Callander.

Mrs. Anna Smith and daughter Wanetta spent Christmas Day with son and brother Harold and Carol and grand-daughter Leslie in Willowdale.

Mrs. Anna Smith visited last weekend with her sister Mrs. Gordon Mackay in Toronto who has been on the sick list but is recovering nicely now.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Oakes were happy to have their entire family home with them for Christmas—George and Eleanor Oakes and three children of Etobicoke; Frances and Russell Gaulton and three children from Grimsby; Carolyn and Ernie Gregory of Hamilton, Peggy and Paul Lawson and Ted of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Hot weather and swimming were holiday pleasures for Mr. and Mrs. Gary Lewis and daughter Kerry, who arrived home Sunday. They enjoyed for the first time the sun and tourist attractions in Los Angeles, Pasadena and Las Vegas. Bad weather didn't change their flight plans but relatives who also flew down to travel with them had a wearying seven hour delay at Malton.

Mr. and Mrs. William Leithead, Scott, Timothy and Julie of Pierrefonds, Quebec; Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Huff, Christopher and Eric of Ottawa, were all home for the holiday week with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Aitken and Keith at Maplewood Farm. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Aitken, Mississauga; Miss Margaret Sinclair and Mr. Wayne Aitken of Acton and Miss Elva Pearen joined with the family group several times during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry McKeon (Joan Coles) and family of Mount Clemons, Michigan, were back with relatives during the week.

Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Landsborough were Miss Joanne Landsborough of Gravenhurst; Maj. and Mrs. Mac Sinclair, Gina and Ian of Ottawa; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Landsborough, Christopher, Paul and Scott of Newmarket; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Park, Cathy, Steven, Kenneth and Patti-Jo of Petrolia; Mr. and Mrs. Dave Syer, Angela and Stephanie of Sarnia.

Ring in New Year at dances, parties

Parties and dances abounded on New Year's Eve in town, although, in police parlance, the evening was "quiet". There were no problems as far as they were concerned with just one complaint of a gun firing. Police investigated but the shooting celebrant was not located.

Hundreds had tickets to the dances, which were almost all "sold right out". Admission included meals, hats and noisemakers with decorated halls and full course meals. Many were at house parties as well.

The music centre was filled for the dance there with a buffet late in the evening's fun. The dance here is always well organized by the band and their assistants. As usual, it was sold out.

The Legion hall was also sold out, with tickets limited to prevent too much crush. A late buffet was served to the merrymakers, who were given hats and noisemakers. A crowd also spent the evening downstairs at the Legion.

Groups arrived at staggered times at the Acton Meadows golf club, for the hot buffet which began the evening there. Here the band was the Shaynes, which has its own following among Actonians. Sandwiches were served later in the evening. This dance was also sold out.

C. of C. dance
The Chamber of Commerce organized a dance at Halton Heights golf and country club for the second time and termed it

"marvellous". Last year the C. of C. had taken a block of tickets at Acton Meadows; the year before they were at Halton Heights.

About 70 enjoyed a roast beef dinner and about 20 more people joined them later for dancing to the ? Mark. C. of C. president Roy Goodwin welcomed the Chamber members and their guests.

Organizers were "very happy" with the success of their dance.

Curriers celebrate
A full house of 132 enjoyed the New Year's Eve dance at the curling club, considered one of the best dances there yet. A meal was served to merrymakers about 1 a.m.

Dancing was to Kent Tocher and his organ. Everyone enjoyed it so much Mr. Tocher is already booked for next year and 40 tickets spoken for!

The draw was made for a color television with the name of Harry Johnston of Weston announced as winner. Mel Jordan, who works with him, had sold him the ticket. Mr. Johnston was phoned but was out; they phoned again from the club about 2 a.m. and got him home. Mr. Johnston discovered his celebrating hadn't ended after all. "I can't believe it," he told Mel Jordan, so curling club president Ted Tyler Jr. got on the line to assure him it was true. The TV set will be delivered later this week.

In Guelph
Several members of Acton A.A. joined close to 300 at the annual New Year's Eve party of the group. It was again held in St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Guelph. It's an area affair with some coming from as far as Kitchener, Hamilton and Stratford. It was foggy but "Remember, we're driving sober".

Usual Sunday restrictions were lifted to permit celebration of New Year's Eve. However, the two hotels in town did not open their beverage rooms Sunday night.

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By Wendy Thomson
It's December 29 and this house is in utter chaos! Gord is putting up walls, I'm fastening up cupboards, Beth is scrubbing floors, — and then it hit me! Today is also a Friday, and this column is due in on Thursday!

My present state of mind is not really in the right gear for light and breezy stories, and I wasn't quite sure what to write about, then eight-year-old David came to the rescue with one of his own efforts.
It isn't what you could call "light and breezy" either, — it's more like a story written the morning after, but WE like it.

THE TALKING EYE
By David Thomson
Once upon a time there was a man with four secret eye's. One pair was from a cat and the other pair were from a dog. One night a huge very huge bat. And the bat dropped a big secret eye.
And the eye was alive and when it landed it hid. It was very hungry and it said in a very low voice if any thing passes I will eat it.

And so it happened a police was going to arrest the man with four eye's because he was a murderer. And when the police past, without a silticed sowned (slightest sound) not even a screen the eye sprang and ate the police.
And the man with the four secret eye's say it, he talk (took) the eye and taught it how to talk. And the eye and the man with the four secret eye's became good friends.
And the eye always to get food he would hide behind the bush. And if somebody went by he would yell out Run Or I'll eat you and if they didn't run he would eat them.

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Mother's note: And that tale is without the benefit (?) of television. I'm curious to see what effect a month's watching will have on this imagination!

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Free Press Family Page

Novel decorating, gifts at postponed W.I. meeting

Greenock Women's Institute held their Christmas meeting one day later due to stormy weather, at the home of Mrs. Gordon Johnston on Dec. 13. Mrs. J. McCulloch called the meeting to order and opened with the ode to Mary Stewart Collect.

The roll call was cards made by members, which later were judged, with Mrs. Gordon Leslie's chosen as the best one. Mrs. C. Aitken, for the meditation, had Christmas carols sung by the members. Mrs. A. Gates read a Christmas story from Ideals magazine.

Novel decorations
Mrs. G. Wallace displayed crocheted decorations to be used on Christmas trees and wreaths made from plastic. Mrs. E.

Preston conducted a Christmas contest.
Mrs. J. McCulloch showed slides of a trip she and her husband took to London England

Notes from Acton High
By Janice Gibson
Holidays are over, and everyone is back at school. It was hard getting up this morning after eleven days of sleeping in. Everyone is busy showing off their Christmas gifts.

In just three weeks, the first semester will be over. Students will have new teachers, see new faces, and have new subjects. Three days between semesters gives us a holiday and allows the teachers to get reorganized.
For some of us the next semester is going to be a hard one, for others, easier than the present one.

Reception
On New Year's Day a reception was held at the curling club and about 60 came to chat, relax and sip egg nog. It was an innovation, perhaps inspired by the Lieutenant-Governor's levee.

400 club
Lucky winners in last week's 400 club draw were H. Barends, J. McDonald, P. Jordan, R. Papillon and T. Manes.

and the Mediterranean last winter. There was an exchange of Christmas gifts, and lunch was served by the conveners Mrs. A. Gates and Mrs. R. McKeown.

Cookie exchange
The evening group of Trinity United Church enjoyed a Christmas pot luck dinner Dec. 11 at the home of Mrs. G. W. McKenzie. After a short business meeting Mrs. Ian McGillivray conducted two contests which proved interesting.
Everyone joined in with singing of Christmas carols.
An exchange of Christmas cookies took place. Everyone reported that it was an enjoyable evening.

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and I hope this new year will be an eventful and happy one for you all.

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