

by Wendy Thomson

"If I'd known then what I know now..." Famous words but nothing of the kind crossed my mind, November 30, as they strapped me to the operating table. I looked up and said to the anaesthesist "Upside down, you look like our family vet" and he replied "I might work like him too, hmmm?"

If I'd had any sense, I'd've hopped off the table, and trotted down the hall, bonnet, i.v. tubes, and flapping hospital gown notwithstanding.

Oh,-the removal of two wisdom teeth was a breeze. Didn't feel a thing. For two hours anyway. And for the past week I've still been drugged and dopey. It's the incidental things that got to

·Like the loss of a perfectly good reputation. You see, to begin with I couldn't talk. My throat wouldn't manage more than one word at a time,-like "hurt", "pill", "sick", "help", and stuff like that. By the time I'd got the word out, I was usually asleep again. Over the weekend, things

Improved, and three-word sentences were the thing. (Of the words were of one syllable.) "I still hurt", "I feel sick" etc.

Then came Monday and everybody took off to school and work, leaving me in bed with three pillows, two sleeping bags, a can of apple julce, my antibiotics, 292's and the phone.

The phone was my undoing. could answer alright.-"Ye'?" (S's were still beyond me) and say u, no, mm, mhm, mnmn, and oh.

However, if the conversation progressed beyond that, even my one syllable words let me down, as I had to talk very slowly around the stitches. By enunciating very carefully to offset the slurring caused by the numbress in my lower lip, I managed to sound stewed to the gills.

After a couple of embarrassing calls, I gave up. A man phoned for Gord and when he hung up I could hear him shaking his head and sympathizing with Gord who had a wife who was already soused by noon.

Compulsive After that, I should have just let the phone ring, but I'm a compulsive phone answerer. The next call was somebody needing directions out here. I gave them, slowly, carefully, and not making too many mistakes, but I kept getting my rights and lefts mixed up.

Anyhow, they never did show up and maybe it's just as well as I wasn't really that keen on anyone seeing me. There had been swelling (to put it mildly). Whenever Gord looked at me he started laughing and muttering something about a chipmunk with its cheeks full of walnuts.

However, that was mostly gone, and there was just the discoloration-JUST! My nose looked all right, but felt like it had met with a baseball, and I had faintly black eyes.

Both cheeks were a violent purple alongside my adam's apple matched the one on my thumb (I tried to strangle myself?) And I musn't forget the raw spots around my mouth from clamps and such

Strange brulses But what puzzled me was the huge brulses on one knee and one ankle, that kept me limping awhlle. Maybe I did try to jump up and take off

Anyhow, I look almost back to normal today (December 7) although I still talk funny and I'm still fairly queasy. But do you know what really bothers me? That numb lower lip! It's a darned nuisance when it comes to eating soup. I can dribble all down it and not know. Or slip while putting on lipstick and get it halfway to my chin without feeling it.

But mostly, have you any idea what if feels like to kiss someone with just your upper lip? Very unsatisfying. I don't know whether to give it up or just work a bit harder at it. That's what's bothering

me. That and the fact that didn't even get the pleces of my tooths to put under my

Free Press Personals

Acton council meets one more time-next Tuesday. It's expected to be a short meeting with councillors gathering afterward at the Usher home.

Mrs. Marg Day was hostess for the Christmas meeting of Milton and District University Women's Club last Thursday. She was also the speaker, telling about her herb garden. The Days live on the side of the escarpment at R.R. 6. Milton.

Mrs. Ann Mowat went to Vineland last week for the funeral of her brother. Howard Rittenhouse. He was 90 years of age.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Lily Higgins, Arthur Street, is a patient at Guelph General Hospital, for a few days. Her family and friends

wish her a speedy recovery. Your contributions for this chatty column are always welcome-and even more at this holiday season. Please phone in and let us know

about parties and visitors.

Beardmore, Legion and firefighter Christmas parties for children are all scheduled for this weekend. It's the busiest time of the year.

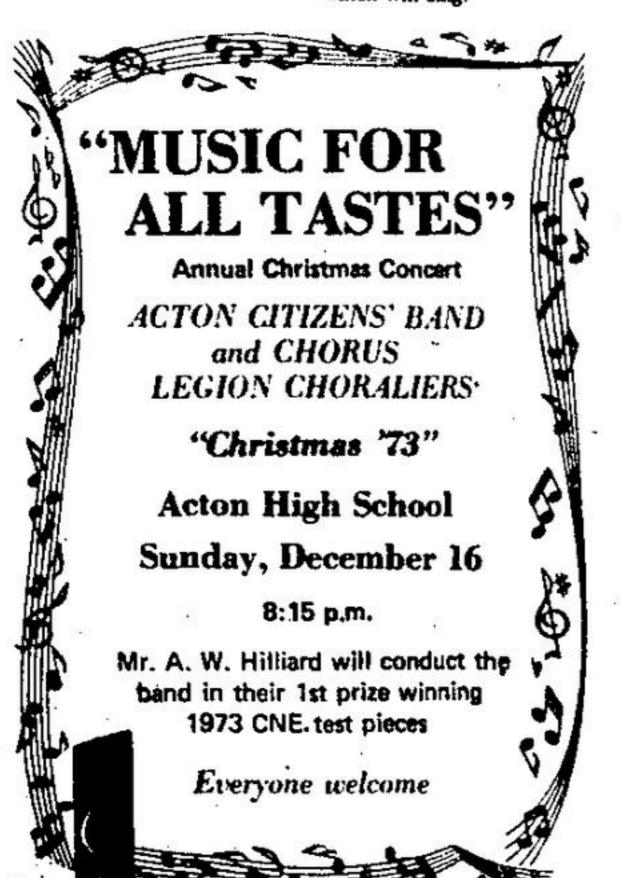
Acton Rotarians had as their dinner guests this week the members of the Legion committee who helped with the annual dinner for the Golden Age club members. It was the club's Christmas meeting and Agnes McIntyre and Isabel Moore entertained.

#### Popular

The annual concert by Acton Citizens' Band is this Sunday night in the high school. The Choraliers will be singing as well. It's a popular pre-Christmas event that always draws a crowd.

The band will play their award-winning test piece from the C.N.E. directed by Art Hilliard.

There'll be one innovation in the format. This year the band has formed a chorus which will sing.



## W.I. happy gathering held

role and presented gifts to

everyone. It was the

culmination of a year of

uncertainty as to who was

each one's pen pal for the

year. As this is a popular

Special lunch

1974 pen pals.

Mrs. Calvin McIntyre. Sixth Line, Nassagaweya, was hostess to the members of Dublin Women's Institute

on Thursday evening. The home was beautifully decorated for the annual Christmas party when 32 members enjoyed the happy gathering.

For the opening exercises and a short business period, Clark Armstrong presided.

Many humorous answers were given when Mrs. M. Hunter, secretary, called the roll. The subject was "A Childhood memory of

Christmas". From the correspondence, information was given about travel rates to Australia where the next A.C.W.W. convention will be held in

Senior Achievement Day is in St. Paul's United Church, Milton, on Saturday, December 8. In the copies of the fall issue of Home and Country

distributed to the members, it

for a 12 month period. Send hamper A hamper containing many gifts of books, games, contests, clothing, etc. will be sent to Indian and Eskimo

children in Moosonee and Blind River. Mrs. K. Smith is looking after the shipping arrangements.

was noted that the Dublin Branch along with many

more, had increased their

membership by 20 per cent

The program committee composed of Mrs. D. Hunter, Mrs. H. Dodds and Mrs. E. Norton, presided for the entertainment for the evening. Two songs were "Here comes Santa Claus", and "What Child is

A reading with a festive flavor was given by Mrs. Dodds on "Whatever has happened to Christmas?"

Santa comes Mrs. M. Nellis was the winner in identifying the most baby pictures of the members. Several other contests

## New officers beautiful apple green, and under my chin was mauve darkening to deep blue. The Golden Age

by Mrs. D. G. Robertson Garnet McKenzie was a guest at the afternoon meeting of Acton Golden Age Club, and presided for the election of officers.

David Robertson, Mrs. L. Dennis and Mrs. E. Near, members of the nominating committee, presented the sinte for 1974, president Ivan Harris; 1st vice R.L. Davidson; 2nd vice Robert Warne; secretary Mrs. D. G. Robertson, assistant Mrs. D. Reed, treasurer Mrs. A. Mann, assistant Mrs. J. Post. These were accepted and duly installed by Mr. McKenzie.

Express thanks The secretary was instructed to write letters of thanks to the Legion and

Rotary clubs, Beardmores and Legion Ladies' Auxiliary for making the annual turkey dinner such a pleasant event. Letters of thanks were read from Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith for their going away gift and from the Agnew family. Mrs. F. Cutts presented a

cribbage board to the club. Crokinole and euchre were played with prizes for crokinole going to Mrs. M. Spear, Miss Annie Atkin, A. Mann and E. Healey; for euchre Mrs. E. McIntyre, Mrs. E. Lambert, Mrs. J. Steele and Miss Laura Wilds.

Birthday greetings were for Mr. and Mrs. A. Mann, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cossar and wedding anniversary greetings were for Mr. and

### Gifts, carols for Acton W.I.

The Christmas meeting of the Acton Branch of the W.I. was held on Wed. afternoon, Dec. 8 in the board room of the library.

President, Miss Dorothy Simmons opened the meeting with a poem Old Home followed by the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect.

This Christmas meeting had a wonderful pot luck dinner before the business meeting and all sat around the table for a short business

The roll call was answered by 16 members and one visitor by Sing, Say, or Pay. Reports were given by the following standing conveners, Agriculture & Canadian Industries Mrs. N. Lindsay: Citizenship and World Affairs Mrs. D. Cook; Family and Consumer Affairs Mrs. M. Lambert.

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**Boneless Prime** 

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**Ground Chuck** 

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Choice

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Choice

Lean

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Fresh

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Blade &

The Christmas party was under the convenership of Miss Jean McLean.

Mrs. Algie kindly played on her mandolin for the leading of the carol sing song and Mrs. M. Lambert played Santa Claus for the exchange

The meeting closed with a wish for a very merry Christmas to all from the president.

#### Plan hampers

Members of the Salvation Army were selling copies of their magazine in town this past week, and collecting donations. They are expecting to prepare about 80 hampers for needy families in

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Christmas of the past Warden invites all were enjoyed by the ladies. Santa arrived in his usual

thanks to the hostess, Mrs. McIntyre, the program and lunch committees for the Christmas party.

feature with the members, again slips were given for the The social committee, composed of Mrs. J. Ismond, Mrs. D. Appleyard and Mrs. E. Norton supervised the delicious pot-luck lunch which included all kinds of 5:30 p.m. Cards will follow later in the evening.

delicacies that were enjoyed by everyone.

Mrs. Horace Blyth, as courtesy convener, expressed very happy and enjoyable

Members were reminded of the family party by Mrs. Armstrong to be held in Brookville Hall on Saturday evening, December 15. Al familles are invited to attend, and supper will be served at

this week.

pioneer Halton make the "Before we go forward into museum very special at this regional government it is

to teas at museum

timely to look back at our time of year," the warden past," Halton Warden Anne MacArthur suggested as she All the museum buildings noted Halton Museum was will be open between Dec. 12 holding its open house and tea and 16 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

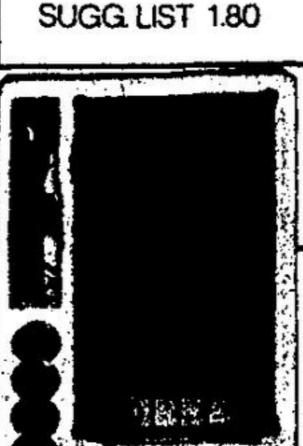
and old time Christmas

"The crackling fire in the decorations will be featured. fireplace and the excellent The museum is located at displays representative of

Kelso Conservation Area near Milton.

The warden commended Curator Erla Britton and the Friends of the Museum for their work in preparation. Mrs. MacArthur suggested the museum open house and tea had become a "must" on many lists of pre-Christmas





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