



ROOMS 104 AND 109 entertained the standing room only audience at the Speyside school Christmas concert with three songs, One Tin Soldier, Candy Man and I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing.

Speyside Christmas concert packs auditorium

In spite of slippery roads and large quantities of snow, Speyside School auditorium was packed by parents and families and friends of the 223 students presenting the annual Christmas concert. First on the program were two songs "Rudolph" and "The Sorry Elf", sung by Kindergarten and Room 103, with Mrs. Mulder and Mrs. Paquette. Mrs. Thyret's Room 107 presented a play, "Santa's New Look." Santa Claus found that being thin caused more problems than his being fat did! The play was followed by a Christmas Wreath Drill. Eight small girls dressed in white marched through a second Wreath Drill, then joined the rest of Room 101 with Mrs. Lawson for a Christmas Acrostic. The second play "The Runaway Presents" by the Drama Elective Class, was directed by Mrs. Van der Kraan, a parent volunteer. A pile of Christmas gifts left home and spent some time on the run before learning the true value of Christmas giving.

A choral reading of "The Day After Christmas" which obviously hit home with the parents and brought forth much laughter. Mrs. Radford and Mr. McGregor are the teachers for Room 105. Miss Hopkin's Room 104 and Mrs. March's Room 109 filled the stage for the finale, renditions of "Candy Man", "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing" and "One Tin Soldier", a song a little on the difficult side, but managed with ease. Principal Howell's announcement that in view of the weather, he would forgo the usual speeches and let everybody head for home, was much appreciated.

Hat's off

Mrs. Clarke can act as liaison. He foresees arrangements still being made here for burials; licenses issued here for lotteries and marriages; and payment of such simple matters as parking fines. "Acton is an existing urban community and we don't have to lose all the conveniences we've had," he declares.

He foresees meetings of all three ward one representatives in Grant Usher's former office, himself, regional councillor G. W. McKenzie and area councillor Joe Hurst.

Former boards of the town are being replaced by new regional systems.

Applications have been received for Halton Hills library board and committee of adjustment.

Advisory boards will be named to recommend to committees of council on planning, and parks and recreation.

As for development commission, it's hoped it will be replaced by an Acton citizens' group which will recommend to council. (Hydro is the only town elected or appointed body which will remain the same, by provincial decision.)

Representatives will again be named to the Credit and Halton Region conservation authorities.

Our address, come next week? "Let's not be too concerned about that," says Mr. Doby. Rumor has had it that old familiar street names will have to be changed. Mr. Doby disagrees. Just add Halton Hills to our addresses, he says.

Police? The O.P.P. remains till the transition can be made without disservice to Acton.

Increased costs, yes, but increased services, says the optimistic Mr. Doby.

He's had many questions, and to Actonians he suggests "If in doubt call the town office." And, on second thought he added, "Or any of us three." (Mr. Doby, Mr. McKenzie or Mr. Hurst.)

He expects to attend about three meetings a week once things even out. Regular council meeting in Esquesing township hall will be every other Monday, with committee meetings between times. The hall's basement is being completely renovated for the new council.

First meeting next Thursday afternoon will be followed by a dinner in St. Alban's hall, Glen Williams.

Sitting with Acton's representatives McKenzie, Doby and Hurst on Halton Hills council are the new mayor Tom Hill, Len Cox, Dick Howitt, Russ Miller from Esquesing, Rick Morrow, Ernie Sykes, Ern Hyde, Roy Booth, Harry Levy and Mike Armstrong of Georgetown. That's thirteen.

GUELPH KINSMEN Present Another . . . **SUPER BONUS BINGO** WED. JAN. 2, 1974 - 8 P.M. PARADISE GARDENS - GUELPH Regular Game Prizes \$50 and \$25 each 3 Specials \$500 - \$300 Snowballs - \$225 Plus \$\$ "INCREASING SNOWBALL" Worth \$1000 in 60 No's or More Free Bus : ACTON TO GUELPH RESIDENTS Call: Tyler Coach Lines 853 - 1550

Last-minute brief "disastrous" line

A north-south hydro corridor would have a "disastrous effect" on Esquesing township, Reformed Gardhouse, R.R. 5, Milton, wrote to Esquesing council. And at their last meeting Dec. 18, councillors agreed to hastily call another meeting to another presentation to the Solandt commission may be submitted by the end of the year.

Councillor George Malby agreed to meet with Mr. Gardhouse, and Gordon Kidd, Federation of Agriculture representative who is involved with the hydro presentations, and the township's two representatives Dolly Moulden and Sandra Symmes.

Mr. Gardhouse informed council he has a great concern over the real possibility of having a three, if not five, lower corridor coming north and south through the entire township.

Chinguacousy township, Burlington, Oakville, Milton and Nassagaweya have presented strong briefs and representations at the Solandt commission hearings, he said. Indications are that they had a marked degree of success "and perhaps at Esquesing township's expense."

Not critical "We have just as much at stake as any of them. I am not critical of the stand that (Esquesing) council took in recommending the 401 routing, for I am in full accordance with it. What I am going to suggest is that council propose a strong, straightforward submission to the effect that a north-south corridor would have a disastrous effect to the township and that you go on record as being adamantly opposed to it. Also that you again support your original recommendation of the 401 route, paralleling the highway to the Halton Station. If you wish to do so, you might build up the reasons why it would be disastrous."

Mr. Gardhouse recommended Gordon Kidd said he has a wealth of material to support a submission as he has already been involved in preparing the Federation of Agriculture brief.

Try anything Councillors were concerned about the late date but Mr. Malby declared "I'm willing to try anything."

Councillor Howitt was concerned how the brief could be prepared so quickly. He reviewed the fact Esquesing's brief recommending the 401 corridor route had been presented a year and a half ago.

Deputy-reeve Cox felt the Solandt commission was aware of Esquesing's concern "even though we didn't weep and wail". The concern has arisen lately with more recent information, Mr. Howitt continued. All of a sudden the route ends up at Limehouse.

However all members indicated willingness to have another presentation go in on behalf of the township and the hasty meeting will be arranged as soon as possible. The brief will be circulated to councillors as soon as possible.

LOOSEN CLOTHING If a person has fainted and is unconscious, place him in a semi-prone position. St. John Ambulance suggests. Loosen his clothing at the neck, chest and waist and see that there is plenty of fresh air. If the casualty doesn't recover quickly, medical aid should be summoned.

Just around the corner: January sales.

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Batteries, film, candy for Dec. 25 shoppers

Christmas afternoon found Acton's streets deserted, while homes and dinner tables were filled. Traffic was almost non-existent at dinner hour.

The town's three bachelor policemen, Cons. Nick Farion, Murray McCrae and Dave Boyes were on duty and had only a few minor matters to deal with.

Rain fell during the day, turning the countryside into a skating rink later in the evening. While highways in general were in good condition, bad roads caused some Christmas visitors to stay overnight in rural homes.

At one time during Christmas evening highway 401 was in poor condition. One store was open for business Christmas Day. Jim Elliott, with the assistance of Tim McIntyre, opened up Jim's In-N-Out for three and a half hours from noon to 3:30 p.m. and had 346 customers in that short time.

But it wasn't bread and milk that the shoppers wanted — that's the rush on Boxing Day. The Christmas shoppers were mainly after batteries and films, candy and last-minute gifts like boxes of chocolates. Mr. Elliott says he learned from the last two years and made sure he had in enough Instamatic camera batteries, because the numbers sold are far higher than all the rest of the year put together.

Four benches placed for sitting in the sun

Four benches were placed strategically last Friday in areas of Acton specially chosen to accommodate the greatest numbers of senior citizens wishing to relax while shopping. "We placed the benches where we think there will be the most sunshine even in the winter," said the chairman of the Development Commission, Ted Tyler Jr. The benches were located with one at the Acton town office, one at the north side of Mill St. at the four corners, another at the Main Street plaza in front of the Rendezvous beauty salon, and one other at the post office on Bower Avenue.

From business to arts Sheridan adult courses

The Community Services Division of Sheridan College begins its winter season Jan. 28 with a number of courses, workshops and seminars for adults in the Halton-Peel community. Programs will cover all areas of interest from business and management, women studies, English and media, secretarial, applied arts, visual arts, technology, arts and crafts to special interest courses and upgrading.

In the Business Division, a 10-week course in Understanding the Metric System will acquaint students with the history, advantages and arithmetic of the metric system and its impact in daily living and the business community.

Some of the other courses include a 10-week session in Personal Income Tax and Capital Gains, Small Business Management (Part II) at the Oakville campus, Salesmanship, Computer Applications and How to Invest in Stocks and Bonds. A new course in the Applied Arts Division entitled Exploring Humanity—From Tribes to City Dwellers will concentrate on various cultural systems throughout the world. Topics will include the evolution of man, kinship systems, marriage and residence rules of different societies and a history of the development of man's technology. The course will be supplemented with films and field trips. It runs 20 weeks at the Burlington campus.

Please indicate by letter, if you are interested and state your preference. All submissions will be considered by the Council of the Town of Milton.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF ACTON Happy New Year TO OUR FINE GOOD OLD TOWN Happy Birthday



Mayor Les Doby

I would like to take this opportunity to express my personal gratitude to all who have supported me as mayor in the closing decade of Local Council in Acton. A very privileged experience - Thank you.

I would ask for your much needed support and understanding, for those of us who will represent you for the first difficult three years on the new Halton Hills Council; and in the best interests of (Ward 1) Acton. Mayor Les Doby

Chain letter

The old chain letter game has been revived with a new twist, according to Georgetown Police Chief Floyd Schwartz.

Letters are being sent to all mail order businesses asking them to send a dollar to the name on the top and they will get \$8.00 in return.

The senders are asked to provide names from the classified ads in magazines, and end up with the usual warning, "Don't break the Chain".

The anti-racket squad of the O.P.P. is investigating. The letter received in Georgetown was postmarked Quebec.

Hydro meets record demand

Ontario Hydro met an all-time record demand for electricity without difficulty or power cuts.

There was an unprecedented rise of more than two million kilowatts in less than 24 hours from Sunday to Monday when winter's first severe near-zero temperatures hit the province.

"Sunday's peak of 11,424,000 kilowatts jumped dramatically in less than 24 hours to an all-time high of 13,717,000 kilowatts on Monday."

THE PALACE FOR PIZZA - HOLIDAY HOURS - New Year's Eve - 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. New Year's Day - 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. WE ARE NOW TAKING ORDERS FOR PARTIES! Phone 853-2450 OR DROP IN AT 29 MILL ST. E. ACTON

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