

# Equipment wrong committee insists

Adamant, members of the Acton recreation advisory board Thursday repeated their opinion that playground equipment at the far end of Prospect park should be moved. They had also stated their objections at their last meeting, but council subsequently stuck to its guns.

The recreation director Doug Collison, superintendent Frank Morette and parks superintendent Alf Doby had originally agreed to placing the new equipment in the park. The committee members hadn't been informed.

Not changed Chairman Diane Spielvogel polled members Thursday and all agreed their opinions had not changed.

Mr. Collison, who attended the meeting from the recreation department, said if they felt strongly about it the matter would be reviewed.

Committee members felt the playground equipment at the far end of the park enticed children to an area with inherent dangers, surrounded as it is by water on three sides.

Mrs. Spielvogel said her particular concern was not for the children who come from out-of-town on the weekends with their families, but the Acton children who come over by themselves during the week.

In Glenlea Gil Malcolm repeated he felt more equipment should be located in Sir Donald Mann park in Glenlea.

Other parks and their future use were reviewed, for possible future use.

The Leishman park could be levelled and have trees, The Bovis parkland is of irregular shape along the creek, with neighboring gardens unfenced.

Mr. Collison repeated his department's feeling that the far end of the park was close to swimming and picnicking and was well utilized. There is a hazard to children anywhere, he said. They shouldn't be there alone.

Attending the meeting in the library were chairman Diane Spielvogel, Ed Wood, Brendan Ahearne, Gil Malcolm, Peter Papillon, Mr.

Collison and Harold Townsley. Absent were Lou Bonnette and Barry Inscoc.

Although Mrs. Spielvogel is to receive council minutes and agenda before the administration meeting which deals with recreation, she pointed out they have always arrived after the meeting.

Mr. Collison said arrangements have been made for a courier to bring them to her house on the Friday before the Monday meeting; rather than have them mailed. This had been done the last time.

Ed Wood will return with a request from the baseball association for an umpire's clinic. Mr. Collison felt it would be no problem to arrange if they will outline the program required.

Need for a second ball screen at \$1,300 was recorded.

Dryers needed All agreed on the need for hair dryers at the new pool. Mr. Collison said the school staff also wanted them. Each unit costs from \$180 to \$173, depending on the total number purchased. These units are said to dry hair in three minutes.

Mr. Collison also reported lockers are installed, 60 for men and 40 for women. This is the ratio of use of the pool.

Responsibility for lights was ironed out. Ball diamond lights are the recreation department's responsibility.

Harold Townsley, arena manager, reported one was stolen last year by an unknown person who must have climbed up the pole to get it. It was the first loss in 10 years.

New fence A cedar post and chain link fence was erected at the entrance to Sir Donald Mann park to prevent trucks entering to reach the back gardens of neighboring residents.

Mr. Ahearne had explained previously how trucks chewed up the earth; he felt they should be kept out of the park.

This kind of fence is the cheapest to repair or replace. Mr. Collison predicted vandalism.

No code Committee members had

asked Mr. Collison to explain a way-out figure for grass cutting at Leishman park on Mill E. in the budget report.

He brought back an explanation: the amount for constructing the parkette at the historic plaque (which he mistakenly called the cenotaph) had been included with the work on the Leishman park since there was "no code for it".

Mrs. Spielvogel and Mr. Ahearne will sit on the pool advisory committee from this committee.

Solicitor Agricultural Society's rights to the meeting room in the arena were debated again and the town solicitor will be asked for an interpretation of the original agreement.

The Legion will be contacted about the awarding of the Charlie Thompson Memorial trophy for this year. The plaque was donated by the Legion.

Agrees Mr. Ahearne will present a brief at public hearings on the new official plan. He wishes to approve the designation of parkland shown.

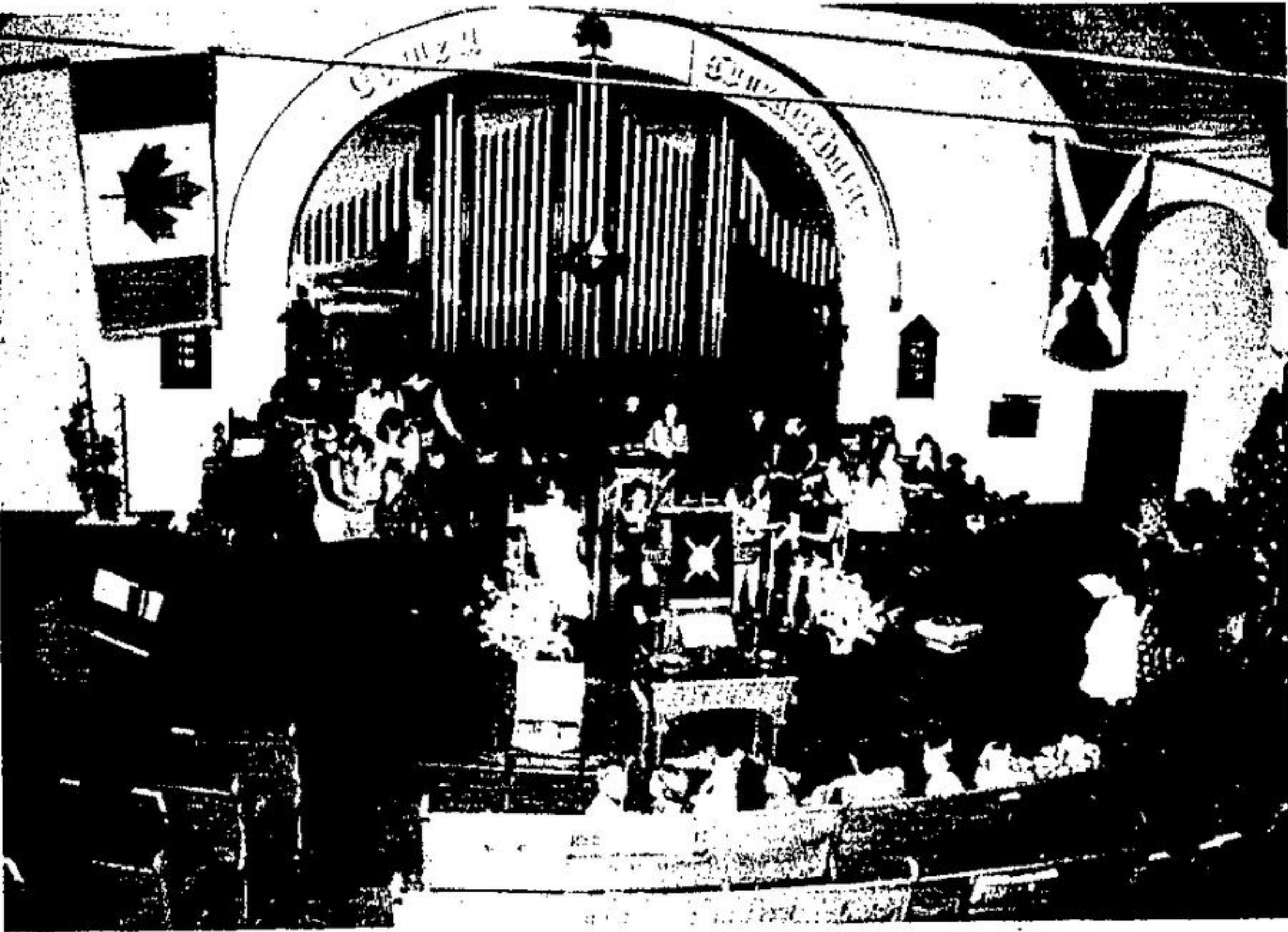
He wondered when the committee would see a copy of the plans for the new subdivision east of Acton which would double the size of the town. Mr. Collison suggested the planner attend the next meeting.

The budget will also be discussed at the next meeting.

The new arena roof will be tendered as soon as possible with the work due this summer.

No dough Halton's Finance and Administration Committee won't offer any assistance to Milton Chamber of Commerce in the Chamber's efforts to convert the abandoned CNR Station into a Chamber headquarters building and information office.

The committee received and filed a letter from Chamber Manager Ron Harris. Harris was asking for promotional material for the region that could be handed out, as well as financial assistance in the project.



KNOX SUNDAY School Christmas White Gift service was held Sunday evening, Dec. 15. Free Press photographer Peter McCusker

photographed all the participants from the gallery before the fire siren sounded and he had to run.

# Angry farmers oppose freeze

Halton Federation of Agriculture members have voted 41-36 against the proposed land use policies that were approved by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture and promoted by Halton Land Use Committee.

The policies would have meant freezing good farmland in an agricultural zoning.

The vote came Tuesday after a presentation by OFA vice-president Frank Wall and an angry exchange that saw Halton Federation vice-president Harold Middlebrook come to confrontation with several members.

While several farmers readily agreed to the need for preservation of agricultural land, they expressed concern about what form of compensation would be made available when their land is devalued.

Near free-for-all The meeting appeared as if it might turn into a free-for-all when Middlebrook tried to limit dialogue with written questions and verbal answers.

Peter Branch stood at the rear of the auditorium at Ernest Drury School for the Deaf and insisted on speaking and presenting a brief.

Middlebrook stood with hands on hips at the front of the room and said the Federation had called the meeting and Branch wasn't going to run it.

"I want to speak," said Branch. Middlebrook's refusal to allow Branch to speak brought angry shouts from all sections of the room.

"Farmers are being black-mailed," one farmer shouted as others about the room yelled at Middlebrook and accused him of trying to force farmers into endorsing the brief before they had been given an opportunity to become completely familiar with it.

Don't tell me... "I'm a farmer and no-one is telling me what I can do with my land," another farmer shouted.

Eventually Branch was allowed to speak and was given permission to present his brief. He told the gathering he felt insufficient practical research had been carried out to ensure that farmers would receive a fair return for management, capital and labor.

He said the province had said no to compensation, Ottawa had said no to a negative capital gains tax and the region could not afford to compensate farmers.

Tom Blackett, a farmer in the Esquimaux area said his land wasn't for sale and he had no plans to sell it. He suggested that any idea of farmers receiving \$3,000 an acre for agricultural land was an Alice in Wonderland story.

Reasonable He said he would like to think that his wife, if she was to become a widow, could sell the land and provide a reasonable living for herself.

Booted down A number of questions were fielded by members of the land use committee and Mr. Wall. At one point Wall was booted away from the microphone for taking what one man felt was too long to make his point.

Before the voting took place Agricultural Representative for Halton Henry Stanley said farmers should only be concerned with broad guidelines as set out in the proposed policy.

He said he encouraged briefs and further input regardless of which way the brief went. He stressed that the vote was for approval of the principles only.

President disappointed Following the vote Federation president Bruce McClure said he would continue to try to represent the farmers who want to make a living out of farming, not speculation. Farmers who want \$5,000 per acre for their land aren't serious farmers, he said.

He said he was disappointed in the outcome. "When you go to a lot of work and don't receive full credit for it you have to be a little disappointed, but that is the democratic way."

The policy has already received approval from the provincial Federation and now it will be voted on by individual county and regional Federations.

Only 77 of the 259 Halton Federation members voted.

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Wish all our friends and Relatives A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

In lieu of cards a donation has been sent to C.A.R.S.

GLEN, JEAN, MARK, DAVID, KAREN & JEFF JACKSON

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In lieu of cards a donation has been sent to the Christian Childrens Fund.

ANN STALKER wisher her many relatives and friends a most blessed and meaningful CHRISTMAS SEASON and a HAPPY and HEALTHFUL NEW YEAR



NOEL JENEAU takes a load of parcels from the post office to put on his truck. He delivers the parcels door-to-door and is particularly busy this time of year.

# Extra help for rush

The Christmas rush has begun at the Acton Post Office!

More than 300 parcels went through the office doors on Monday, with the average for the Christmas season being 70 to 80. Also on Monday, there were 25,000 letters, both incoming and outgoing, before 11 o'clock in the morning. Last week averaged 10-12,000 per day.

Postmaster Gord McKeown said the rush would likely taper off today and tomorrow.

Three ladies have been hired for Christmas help to aid in the present rush. There are also three part-time help called in over the holiday season to work full time for a few busy days.

The mail carriers will receive no extra help on the carrying end, but their mail

has been separated into streets to make their job easier. They will also work a lot of overtime. There are 2,000 points of call that have

daily delivery. There will be door-to-door mail delivery this Saturday, and the post office will be open.

# Friday the 13th and two accidents

Superstitious? Friday the 13th provided the only vehicle accidents of the last week.

Two people were injured when two cars were in collision Friday at the corner of Mill and John Sts. Drivers were Jerry Thompson, 65 Main N., who was travelling south on John, and Ronald Laurence, 216 Elmore Dr., who was travelling east on Mill.

Larry Stuckless, 69 Bower Ave., and Mr Laurence received cuts and bruises. The Thompson car had esti-

mated \$1000 damage and the Laurence car estimated \$300. The accident happened about 9 p.m.

Same day Another Friday the 13th accident took place on McDonald Blvd. about the same time.

A parked car owned by Hoy Boughner, Guelph, received \$250 damage when struck by a car driven by John Lightle, R. H. 2, Acton. The Lightle car skidded on slushy streets, according to police. It has \$150 damage.



LOOK GRANDMA, ALL gone, and little Julie Taylor, 5 of R.R. 1 Campbellville consumes every morsel of food at the Ebenezer United Church Christmas pot-luck supper. Dad, Wayne Taylor looks on and Mrs. I. Taylor, Guelph, is pleased at the progress her granddaughter is making. After dinner Julie performed in the Sunday School concert.

# Church Services

## CHURCHILL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Churchill Road North Minister: The Rev. A. Walter Fosbury, B.A., B.D. 124 Tidey Avenue Phone 853-2386

Sunday, Dec. 22, 1974 Fourth Sunday in Advent

11.00 a.m.—Worship and Church School. Sermon Subject: "The Wisemen's Gifts". Special offering for Bangladesh.

Fri., Dec. 20 7.30 p.m.—Christmas Entertainment. Happy Christmas to all.

The Church on the Hill is an interdenominational congregation, ministering to the needs of the community.

All Welcome

## BAHA'I FAITH

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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH, ACTON

Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D.—Minister Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A. Organist and Choir Master

Christmas Sunday, Dec. 22, 1974

9.45 a.m.—Confirmation Class for teen-agers with drawn.

11.00 a.m.—Church School meets with Adult Congregation.

11.00 a.m.—Christmas Worship service. Sermon Theme: "Emmanuel—God is with us and for us!" Special Christmas music by the choir. Everyone Most Welcome.

## EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE

P.A.O.C. 33 Churchill R.E.D. Rev. S.M. Thoman, Pastor 853-2715

Thursday, Dec. 19th 6.00 p.m.—Crusaders 8.00 p.m.—Christ's Ambassadors

Sunday, Dec. 22, 1974 10.00 a.m.—Sunday School 11.00 a.m.—Special Christmas Service

7.00 p.m.—Presentation by the Youth "Christmas Under the Stars" given in pantomime music and song.

Tuesday, Dec. 24 8.00 p.m.—Prayer Service & Bible Study

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Matthew 1. vs. 21 "And she (Mary) shall bring forth a son and thou shall call his name JESUS for he shall save his people from their sins.

## ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH

80 Mill Street East. Founded 1842 Pastor: Mr. Das Sydney B.Sc. Church Phone—853-0860 Pastor's Phone—853-183

THURSDAY 7.00 p.m.—Choir practice Sunday, Dec. 22, 1974

11.00 a.m.—Christmas family service Sunday School and Church combined.

Sat., Dec. 21 6.00 p.m.—Congregational Christmas supper and program. Everyone Welcome

## BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

(Churchill Rd. and Hwy. 7) Minister: Rev. J. Corvers Sunday, Dec. 22, 1974

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Director of Music Mrs. Frank Oakes Thurs., Dec. 19, 1974

7.30 p.m.—Holy Eucharist Sunday, Dec. 22, 1974

9.00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist 10.30 a.m.—Matins.

10.30 a.m.—Church School and Nursery. 7.30 p.m.—Candlelight Carol Service.

"Come let us give thanks unto the Lord."

## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA TRINITY CHURCH, ACTON

Rev. W. Eric Nelson, M.A., B.D.—Minister Dr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D. Director of Music

Sunday, Dec. 22, 1974 Fourth in Advent

10.00 a.m.—Public Worship. Sermon: "A New-Old Story for a Humbled World". Sunday Church School.

Christmas Eve 8.00 p.m.—The Choir's annual Carol Service. 11.30 p.m.—Holy Communion.

Everyone Welcome

## MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

177 Maple Ave., Georgetown (A Fellowship Baptist Church) Pastor: Rev. Robt. C. Lohnes Associate Pastor: Rev. Don Gorrie

Sunday, Dec. 22, 1974 9.45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages 11.00 a.m.—Evening Worship 6.30 p.m.—Morning Fellowship

Wed. 7.30 p.m.—Midweek Services Thought—Peace rules the day when Christ rules the mind. A Friendly Welcome Awaits You.