

Acton high school notes

by Marg Jongama
On Monday, December 16, Shirley Menfee and Carl Cayer went to Hamilton to check out the Passeport French Program. The two French teachers spoke to other teachers who are using a different text book than used at Acton high school. This book is said to be very excellent.

Today Johan Wilkinson's Theatre Arts Class put on plays at M. Z. Bennett Public School from ten o'clock to 11 o'clock and at Robert Little Public School from two o'clock to three o'clock. The students have created and planned these plays with aid from Johan. They were based on such fairy tales as Hansel and Gretel. There were also some Christmas plays.

Christmas activities
Yesterday the Choirs were judged to see which would be presented in the assembly on Friday. The choirs fall under two categories, serious and humorous. Many excellent choirs were submitted making it very difficult for those judging.
All home forms have been

busy decorating their rooms for Christmas. The judging of the rooms took place this morning at nine o'clock. Students' themes differed greatly.
Tomorrow, rehearsals for the plays will be going on all day long in the auditorium. Preparation for the assembly on Friday has created much

activity at Acton high school. Each class is to participate. Also on Thursday student council's Christmas dance will be held, from eight thirty to eleven thirty. Dress will be semi-formal, and all guests must be signed in. Playing will be the band Steel River. Come out and enjoy the Christmas spirit.

On Friday, December 20, the Christmas Assembly will be held from nine-thirty to one-o'clock. Staff and students of the high school will be entering skits and

choirs into the assembly. We hope to have a visit from Santa Claus for everyone too. Streets are slippery, drive carefully.

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THE MUSIC CENTRE jumped last Wednesday afternoon when 45 members of the Huron Heights secondary school of Toronto combined forces with 20 senior music students of Acton high in a performance where 200 public school students were the audience. Director of music for the visiting band, Dennis Karis is seen putting the combined group through its paces. Youngsters kept time as the band played popular familiar numbers, listened intently to more serious music and hummed quietly through Christmas carols. Some of the pupils were given a chance to play conductor using the baton.

Free Press Youth page



THREE GIRLS FROM the second Acton Guide Pack received their all-round cords on Monday night. This cord is very hard to achieve and requires a lot of hard work. Left to right, Capt. Marg Wilson, Judy Pink, Division Commissioner Joy Cox, Karen Vander Eyken, Audrey De Vries, Deputy District Commissioner Bea Ginger, District Commissioner, Dianne Ewart.

Scout and Guide news

by Mark Rowe
This weekend is your last chance to visit dear old Santa Claus in the former Dill's Stationery store. Some pictures are now ready so make a point to come down and pick them up.
Last Tuesday's group committee meeting was

poorly attended but a lot was still done. Preparations are underway for Scout and Guide week so please try to attend the next one. It is on Tuesday, January 14, 1975 at eight p.m.

Presentation
Twenty-one girls of the second Acton Guide company were on their best behaviour Monday, as parents and important guests attended their meeting.

The event was the presentation of the All Around Cord to Guides Judy Pink, Karen Vander Eyken and Audrey DeVries. The All Around Cord is the second highest award a Guide can earn.

The cords were presented by Capt. Marg Wilson and Lieutenant Jean Vaughan. Distinguished guests were division commissioner Joy

Coxe, district commissioner Dianne Ewart and deputy district commissioner Bea Ginger. The presentation was followed by a few brief words by Mrs. Coxe and Mrs. Ewart. Also in attendance was district Guider Pat Vander Eyken.

The Guides then put on a play on the birth of Jesus, under the direction of Mrs. Carl Jordan.

Scouts held a short hike Sunday afternoon. Materials were gathered for Thursday's Christmas project. The boys are reminded to bring two candles each to the meeting.

This will be the last meeting for many groups. Meetings will resume next year. Watch next week's paper for the dates. Have an extremely merry Christmas and a happy new year.

TV host is native

An article on TV host Rob Parker in the Toronto Star Dec. 14 was of particular interest to friends here. The long account of his life and career mentioned the important fact he was born in Acton in 1943.

When he began his present job on Up Canada, the Star introduced him as a "droll Newfoundland." Acton neighbors new better and chuckled.

Sure enough he had come from Newfoundland. He had been working there in public relations and the media.

But he came from Ontario before that!

He is married to a Newfoundland girl and they have a two-and-a-half year old son.

He is now both host of Up Canada and ringmaster of CBLT's nightly 6.30 news hour.

Friends here get a special delight seeing the boy they knew doing so well.

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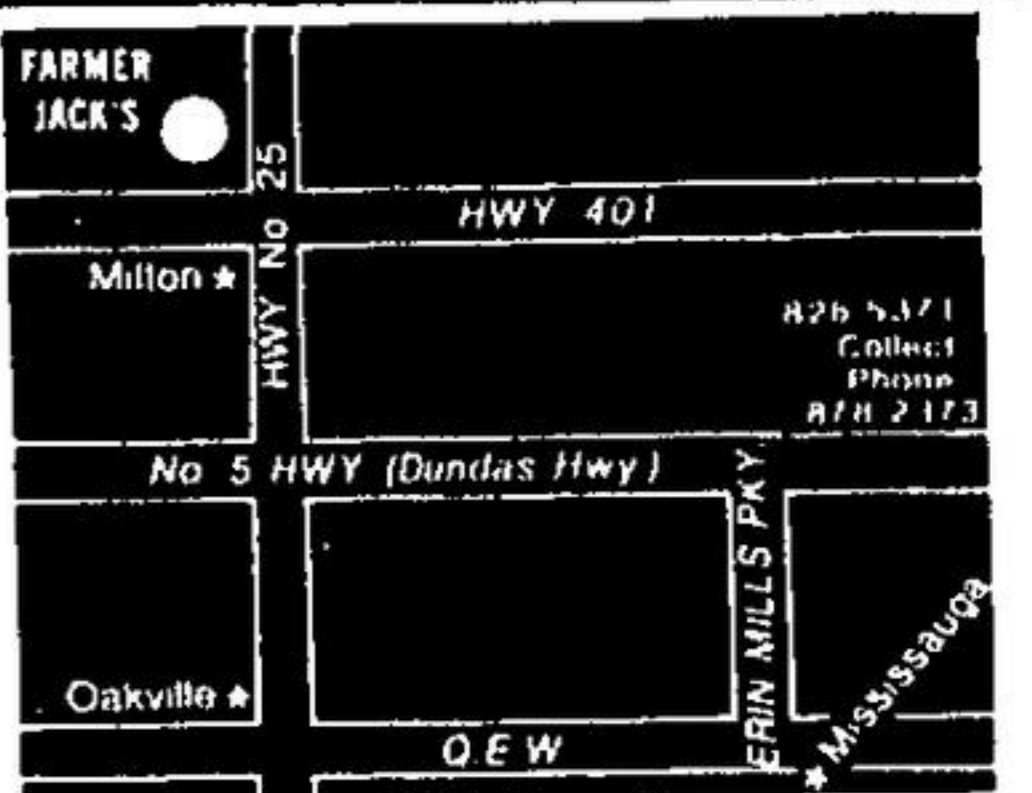
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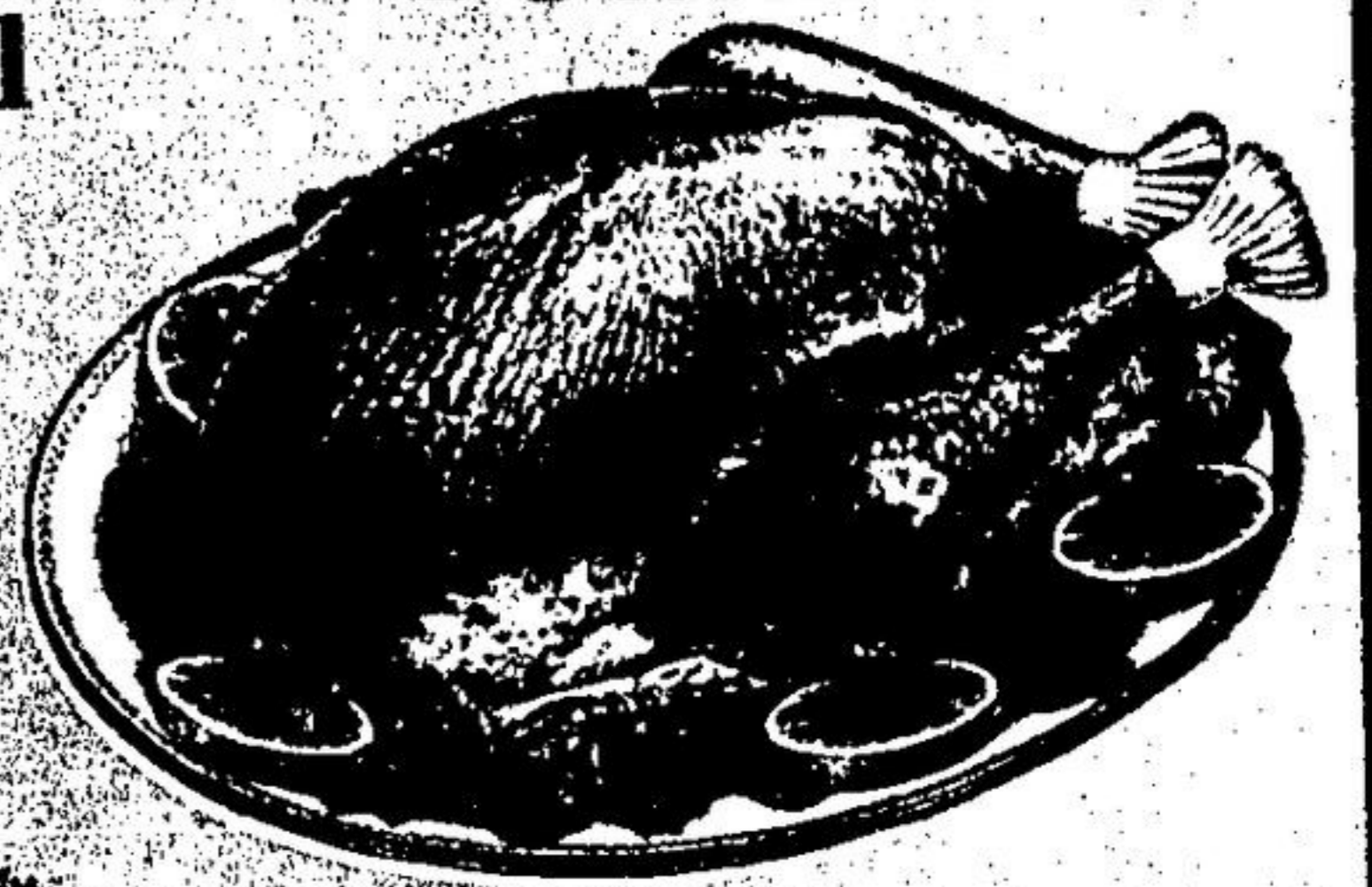
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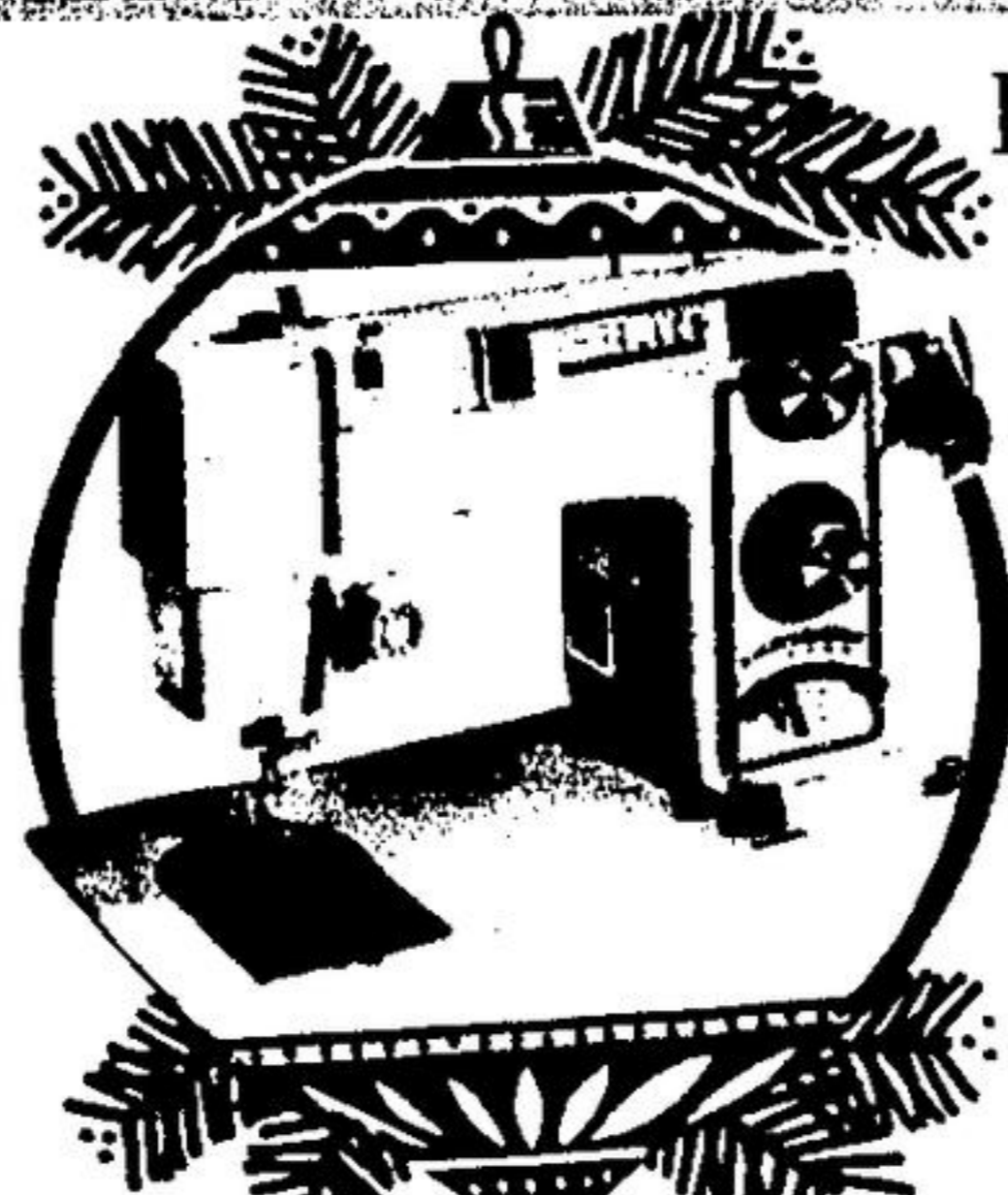


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