

20 floats will surround Santa

Twenty floats, horses with riders, ponies with carts, firefighters, children, church groups, clubs, police and bands—all will circle the jolly old gent Santa when he arrives in Acton Saturday afternoon, Dec. 13. Plans for the parade are going exceptionally well, says float organizer Danna Coates.

Although she hasn't lived long in town she saw a plea for volunteers and attended a

planning meeting in the Y. She thought it was good way to start to become involved in the community. First she agreed to be a clown. Before long she was also in charge of the whole parade, too!

She has contacted many people, most of them strangers, to her, to ask about entries and says she received a wonderful response.

All helpful
Everybody went out of their

way to be helpful," she said. Any others wishing to take part in the parade may call her at 853-2952.

She is pleased that the parade doesn't seem to be particularly commercial. All kinds of groups are taking part—firefighters, scouts, snowmobile club, churches, Junior Farmers, Agricultural Society, curling club and the police, along with stores and businesses.

Students from Speyside school will be in costume on a float and a large group is expected from Ospringe, too.

Acton Citizens' Band will play but the only other outside band engaged is Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band. Some of the trucks will be wired for sound and perhaps some groups will sing.

Donations are being sought to finance the costs of the parade, but bands are

especially expensive.

The firefighters will be acting as parade marshals. Various groups or stores are donating candy. There will be judging of floats.

All the people in the parade will gather at the scout hall for hot chocolate and doughnuts.

Mrs. Coates promised more details for next week's Free Press.

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Christmas bus runs nine days

The Christmas bus will run for nine days this year, four days fewer than last year, according to Chamber of Commerce president Mike Worthington. Arrangements are being made for the bus service throughout town beginning Monday, December 15.

A Tyler Transport bus will be used. Chamber members are canvassing for donations to sponsor the service.

Although Acton council had sponsored the project in the past, Halton Hills councillors objected.

So Acton shoppers will know which merchants and business people have made donations to the Christmas bus service, decals are being printed. They will be placed prominently in store doors or windows.

Donate time

Bill Alton and Leroy McIsaac were busy at the Scout hall yesterday (Tuesday) installing the concrete floor. They donated their time to the cause.



ACTING AS "air traffic" controller, John Goy supervises a crane operator and a team of Legion volunteers during the placing of a former RCAF T-33 atop of a pedestal Saturday. The plane is on permanent display behind the Legion. The Legion's number 197 was painted on the trainer's side.



BIG HUG was in order for Jean Precious from Santa Claus at the sixth annual Golden Age Club Christmas banquet on November 25. Nellie Merkley (left) awaits her turn as the jolly old gent made his rounds. The banquet was a joint effort of the Acton Rotary Club and Branch 197 of the

Royal Canadian Legion. Over 100 Golden Age members feasted on turkey and received a gift from Santa. It was rumored that Santa bore a remarkable resemblance to Earl Waller. For more pictures and story, please turn to page 20.

17 people tops on GO bus

There was a small improvement in the use of the new Guelph to Georgetown GO bus last week.

GO spokesman Tom Henry said this week the bus hit a high of 17 passengers on Thursday. The new service taking Guelph, Rockwood and Acton commuters to the Georgetown GO trains has been operating for a little over two weeks. The high for the first week was 11 people.

Henry said Acton seems to be where most of the customers are coming from and GO Transit has discovered two people from Acton take the bus each day to work in Georgetown and one Guelph resident commutes via the bus to work in Acton each day.

Damage to car

Car hits guard rail

Estimated \$1,700 damage resulted when a '75 Chev went down a bank and rolled over Sunday morning. The accident happened on the town line west of the third line of Esquesing.

James Beaugard, Scarborough, was driving the car owned by Robert Perry, Barrie.

The railway bridge on Main St. N., Georgetown, was slippery Nov. 26 at 7 p.m. when the car driven by Bernice Kinal, Rosemary Rd., Acton, went out of control and crashed into a guard rail.

There was estimated \$500 damage to the front of her car and \$150 to the guardrail, according to police.

PAU strike over

Postal workers are back on the job in Acton today on their regular shifts.

Union steward Clive Lawrence, who lives in Brampton, received a call from union headquarters in Toronto about noon Tuesday instructing the striking workers to return to work today.

The union members who remained on strike voted Tuesday on the tentative settlement reached with the post office.

The national vote was 47 per cent against accepting the settlement and 52 per cent in favor.

Refused vote
Postal workers who

returned to work earlier were refused the opportunity to vote. The three people at work in Acton post office were simply not informed that the four workers who remained on strike were voting.

The national executive of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers had instructed all union locals on Sunday to bar from voting all those who had returned to work or had refused picket duty.

For the last two weeks, Mr.

Lawrence said, Acton employees remaining on strike had been coming to the post office for two hours or less each weekday morning at about 5 a.m., to be there when the early shift arrived.

Baby bonus
Postmaster Gord McKeown had been expecting a truck, apparently especially arranged to bring the baby bonus cheques. They were to have been delivered Thursday.

Three union members were back at work here by November 17 and as a result the postmaster was able to call back the mail carriers and rural mailmen. Other district post offices had also had limited local service.

The post office staff here includes postmaster Gord McKeown and his assistant Chris McMillan who do not belong to the union, and seven inside workers. Of the seven, three had returned to work.

Bring back wolf bounty

Councillor Ern Hyde wants the wolf bounty in Halton brought back.

Monday, at Halton Hills council, Hyde asked the town's regional representatives to try and get legislation passed to bring the wolf bounty back because of the cost of compensation to farmers whose livestock is killed.

Russell Perry, R. R. 4 Acton, will receive \$350 for two sheep killed by wolves on November 18 council decided.

In addition Mr. Perry will also receive \$70 for one sheep which was killed by dogs on November 15.

Go ahead

Howitt, Hyde fail to scrap transit study

Esquesing residents won't benefit from a Halton Hills transit system so why should they contribute to the cost of a transit study, Councillor Dick Howitt asked Halton Hills council Monday.

In a resolution Howitt asked the urban areas to assume the burden of cost for the study since it would be of no benefit to the rural areas. He predicted the only area which would benefit from the study would be Georgetown and doubted it would be much use for Acton.

Councillor Levy said there was no way Howitt could be sure the study wouldn't benefit Esquesing residents since a hook-up with hamlets like Limehouse, Glen Williams and Stewarttown might be suggested. He admitted transit systems always cost money and must be subsidized but a study was needed for Halton Hills.

"A transit system would be cohesive for the town. The kind of attitude that one ward shouldn't contribute would generate feelings of divisiveness in council. We could

later say most of the weed inspectors' work is in the rural areas and they should pay the bulk. This kind of thinking wouldn't be sound for the future of the town. Think of the future implications," Councillor Ric Morrow stated.

He said a transit study is necessary for the town and many people can't get around for shopping or get to the doctor because they don't have their own transportation.

When Howitt's suggestion that no part of the study costs be charged to Esquesing residents was rejected he commented "another case of the rural area subsidizing the urban areas."

Next Howitt and Councillor Ern Hyde suggested the entire study idea be scrapped.

Hyde noted there has been no pressure on council from the public to set up a transit study. Regardless, if the province does pay 75 per cent of the cost of the study, it still means the money comes from

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First directors named for services centre in Y

A board of directors for the new Acton Community Services Centre was speedily elected at the conclusion of a public meeting, set for the high school cafeteria, to explain their purposes to everyone interested. About 40 attended the meeting, breaking up into groups to discuss the needs of the town.

Named to the board are Peter Marks, Len Ewing, Dave Mitchell, John Cooper, Bill Coon, Pat McKenzie, Craig Hutchison, Gail Maltby, Kay Dills, Bill Coates,

Brendan Aherne, Dorothy Craig, Lloyd Broostad and Pat Garton.

No limit was set on the number of directors. They will meet again this month and elect their executive officers.

Other names are being compiled for advisory boards.

Lack known
Peter Marks, who has been chairman of the temporary committee, pointed out to the group of people present that organizers were convinced of

the lack of services in Acton and area and lack of co-ordination between service groups. He said a group of between 60 and 70 people met to discuss the situation and from this the steering committee was formed.

He asked the Actonians there if they considered such a centre meaningful and worthwhile. Reports given from discussion groups later showed unanimous approval and produced many sug-

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MOMENTARILY DEFYING gravity, swimmers at the AHS pool spring into their races during a meet last Thursday. The meet is one of a series leading to the Ontario championships next year. More pictures and story, see page 10.