School floats, gifts illegal hunters news

by Pam Sheldon Christmas in Fantasyland was definitely not an apt description of the weather conditions that prevalled on Saturday throughout the Acton Santa Claus Parade, but nevertheless, the spirit of Christmas shone through the drizzle and the Speyside

school children rode alop their Fantasyland float gleefully. Their efforts did not go unrecognized as their "Speyside School Christmas in Fantasyland" float won first prize in the Santa Claus parade, which certainly added a ray of sunshine to an otherwise gloomy weekend.

For those who were unable to attend, the float was a 45foot long flat-bed truck which was decorated on each end with an imitation snow hill. Atop each hill rose a large, shimmering, tinsel-covered branch from which hung silver bells, moons and stars. In mas tree and under and vities of the season. around each tree sat numerous brightly costumed chil-

culously on their float for the 10 days prior to the parade, with a minimum of help from the community, and I am

the results of their efforts.

The Christmas spirit was displayed in a far more important and menningful way by the Speyside students this past week. A brightly trimmed Christmas tree went up in the school fover last week and all week long the children were invited to bring gifts of food, clothes and toys for under the tree. These are delivered to the LO.D.E. in Acton to be sent on to needy families at Christmas.

There were a great many food and clothes items, for which the parents of the community must be thanked, but what impressed me most was the quality and number of toys and books that the students were willing to part with so another less fortunate child could have a happy Christmas. This is obviously the true meaning of Christmas, "the gift of love", and the hollow created by the two must not be passed by in favhills was a gift-laden Christ- our of the more plastic festi-

Hunters An item of great concern has come to light in the vici-The children worked meli- nity-that being the probelm of illegal hunters on private property. Where these 'Unthinking clods' get the idea they can slaughter at random sure are all very excited with our defenseless bush crea-

tures is beyond me. As soon as the snow files each year the residents in the area begin to hear gunshots quite regularly and uncomfortably close by. Already this year, one family the 15th sideroud has had, in two separate incidents, illegal hunters shoot deer and then slaughter them right on the premises. All this on their own private property, not more than 4 mile from their house, and in the same area their three children and pet

dog usually play.

these wild animals is barbarle), is there is no deer season in Halton, they were on private property, and they close proximity of the numerous homes in the area. Other area residents have complained of hunters ripping down their "no hunting" signs, so although posting your property is wise, it certainly isn't the answer. This is a dangerous situation, one Eden Mills which should be looked into closely by both the Halton Regional Police and the local Game Wardens, because a way to end this senseless slaughter and law-breaking must be found.

The incredible thing (be-

sides the fact that killing



STANDING IN ACTON LIONS' POOL building. must have been aware of the where they just completed their synchronized swimming tests Wed., Dec. 10, are several winners. From left to right are Sharon Vos, who got a second in Star 1 in the Canadian Amateur Synchronized Swimming Association's rating; Elisabeth Moore, of Rockwood Centennial

Presbyterian Women of Eden

Mills Presbyterian Church.

ter Wonderland on Skyway

Drive to see the beautiful

The Christmas Meeting of

the Eden Mills U.C.W. was

charge of the worship ser-

vice, Mrs. H. James and Mrs.

E. Parker rend the Christmas

scripture lessons and Mrs. B.

Saulnier led in prayer, Mrs.

Thompson read an interest-

ing story "Sharing Trea-

sures", which included a des-

cription of an old-fashioned

Christmas concert. A carol

sing-song closed the worship.

business meeting.

The president, Mrs. E.

Millson was in charge of the

held in the Sunday School.

Eden Mills U.C.W.

has Christmas meeting

Mrs. R. Thompson was in which had been held in the

It was like driving into Win-

School, who also got a second in Star 1; Renata Brillinger, who got a Star 1 first; Cathy Evans, who attends Ospringe public school and got a third in Star I, and Catriona Lancaster, of Georgetown's Centennial, who got a first in Star

Scripture and devotions by Wilda Gilbertson followed by

prayer. A few carols were

sung by all and collection for

the Fellowship of the Least

Coin. Minutes and Treasurers

reports were read. The meet-

ing was turned over to the

Program Committee Beryl

a few of her comic selections.

A duet by Susan and Steven

skit by Anna Wilson and

Georgina Wright - Two

Home again

from hospital & progressing

Mr. Bill Ritchie is home

evening.

favorably.

Concert, candles focus on church

by Mrs. Ron McLean Ebenezer choir's annual o'clock.

Ebenezer

Jimmy and Jennifer McLean, Lewis and Dianna Daigle, Sue-lin Clegg's song, "Too sures."
Fat for the Chimney, Laurie Rev. Russell Finley told the Early, Sheena Clegg, Jay story of the origin of that son sang, "Have a Holly, Jolly Christmas." Janet Diamond and Michael Woloshyn joined the others for a rhythm skit, "Hoboes." Mike also played a piano solo. Paula Kitching and Sandra Ashton brought down the house with their original duet, "The

Twelve Years at Ebenezer." Sandra Early was the evening's accomplanist and Horace Blyth was chairman, with Rev. R. Finley contributing a story. "We Wish you a Merry Christmas" and a visit from Santa Claus concluded a jolly evening.

On Sunday, Ebenezer obcandle-light service is to be served White Gift Sunday. held next Sun., Dec. 21, at 8 Mr. Blyth presided, the junior cholr sang, Sandra Ashton The Sunday school concert rend the scripture, Debbie was enjoyed by all, after a Daigle read Geo. Connolly's pot-luck supper. It featured Christmas Question." "Will recitations by Scott Johnson, we be content to rejoice for a Connie and Julie Taylor, day, Then slip back into normal routine, And go on living in the same old way, As Cindy Anderson and Greg though Christmas never had Kitching. The Junior class been?" Mrs. Earl Ward read gave a skit, concluding with the story, "Sharing Trea-

Kitching and Richard Ander- most beloved of Carols. "Silent Night." In Austria, there was the custom that the pastor of the church go to visit all the new-born babes. After such a visit in a very humble home, the day before Christmas Eve, 1818, Rev. Joseph Mohr was on his way home, when a hush came over him. The immortal words came to him like a flash. When he got home, he wrote them down, and gave them to his organist, Franz Gruber. He adapted a tune of Haydn's to fit the words, and it was first sung that year at midnight mass.

Ballinafad

Family service

by Mrs. R. Shortill Sr., Christmas meeting in the ning commentary. church on Tuesday evening The president was in the chair and the secretary read the minutes with all the commitments relevant. The treasurer gave her report with the balance on hand. The officers for the coming year

are as follows. Enery, president Doreen La-Rose, vice-president Willa Shortill, Treasurer Ruby Pinkerton, Secretary Eileen McEnery, Stewardship Grace McEnery, Citizenship Helga Schwarz, Literature Gloria Johnson, Friendship Ruth Shortill, Visiting Joyce Clarke, Christian Education Jill Jessup.

Social Alma Sinclair, Evaline Snow, Viola Shortill: Programs Joyce Clarke, Mary Black, Gloria Johnston; Supply Helga Schwarz, Mary Lawr, Edna Shortill; Flowers Margaret Jamieson, Nominating Edna Shortill, Evaline Snow; auditors Marlene Burnett, Mary Black: Representative to official

board Heiga Schwarz. Mary Lawr and Margaret visit from Santa. Jamieson gave the devotion.

showed slides of their sum-The U.C.W. held their mer trip to Britain with a run-

> Family service Sunday was White Gift

Family Service. The sermon was entitled "Three Kinds of Candles." The men's choir sang. The two Schwartz children had a

Lunch was served down-Past President Eileen Mc- stairs, after which a variety concert was held upstairs which was very entertaining. Many children took part and much credit goes to Joyce Clarke, Jill Jessop, Nancy Shortill and Marion Jamieson. David LaRose was

> There was a short skit. Wee ones sang. Mrs. Kerr played the piano. Anne McIntyre and Bob Kerr sang a duet with Lloyd McIntyre on the guitar. Some of the pupils taking part were Gall Jessop, Geor-

Master of Ceremonies.

gina Norman, Paul LaRose, Susanne Lewis, Lori Quackenbush, Christine Quackenbush and others. Choruses and talks on legends of Christmas made

the service a pleasant oneending with the traditional

I hope I have left no names Afterwards Willa Shortill out in my report. It is very fine to see so many taking huge success. Then there was

In hospital We are sorry wee Tammie Science, University of Guelph Andrews has been poorly and and one for the registrar's had a session at Sick Chil- office, University of Guelph. dren's hospital to diagnose

Christmas lights are twink- Christmas party this Wednesling here and there so it's that day. And several others are booked before Christmas.

Our greetings go out to the Credit goes to Judy Campstaff of the Acton Free Press bell, Michelle Bould & Cathy and the Independent. They do Thomlinson for the beautiful a marvellous job of giving us Christmas decorations in the good local papers with unbi- hall this year. ased opinions and healthy

We sincerely congratulate Wilk Wilson. They are from choice of Rev. Charles and Jean Beaton. We knew the Beatons well both as minister, neighbours and good people all around. Talented, musical and dedicated. They went from here to Uranium

Greetings for Christmas all the readers of my column.

"May the Good Lord bless and keep you all."

Mr. & Mrs. James Hamer left this morning after a few Good people days' visit with Mr. & Mrs.

John Krug, Kitchener.

(hurch party

Eden Mills Presbyterian

Church held their Christmas

party after the service on

pot-luck lunch in the Sunday

School Room the children

were anxious to meet Santa

by Mrs. Georgina Wright The Eden Mills Community

Club members have been

kept busy this past few weeks

as the ladies do a fine

A combined Christmas

party for the Rinehart-

McKinnell Ltd. also Ray

Truck Sales and Mr. O. R.

Rammage Trucking was a

a Christmas party for

Department of Computer

The Friendly Seniors Club,

Eden Mills, will enjoy their

catering job.

Acton Trinity Church in their Blind River Mrs. Kay Stevenson had some of her family home for Mississauga; Mr. & Mrs. Jim Stevenson, Stoney Creek; Dr. City and served there and Mrs. Jim Henry, Guelph;

and the New Year. I extend to If only you would phone me your news items I could do better "news wise."

Churchill the weekend, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Law, Regina, Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Douglas,

Float wins prize in Santa parade

by Mrs. Fred MacArthur Santa Claus parade and win-Sunday. After partaking of a Service at Churchill Com- ning second prize. munity Church last Sunday Claus. So after carols singing and Jingle Bells the hefty sermon subject was "The son's home, after the candle-Mission of Christ". The choir light service last Sunday Jolly Fellow appeared to de-light everyone with his remarks about "no snow". sang One Fair Morning and Heralds of the Three Kings. It

The little ones were made happy with their gifts, candy and fruit. Santa Claus Rev. A. W. Fosbury was at received many kisses from Fergus attending the United teachers, organist, etc. when they received their gifts! The Churchill Sunday

Meeting Mrs. Dorothy Blacklock school children designed and Christmas meeting of the scene, entering it in the Acton Hillsburgh Nursing Home.

arrangements of the Black-

Masie Lasby, the president

opened with a poem with

Alma MacDonald reading the

She thanked all for their

assistance at the first Eden

Mills Community Bazaar.

Community Hall on Novem-

ber 29. It proved to be a huge

success, not only financially,

but in getting all churches

and clubs in Eden Mills in-

tions to the Victor Mission

and Bezek Centre and to send

plants to the shut-ins for

prayer and a social hour was

The meeting closed with

It was moved to send dona-

volved in the endeavor.

Christmas.

lock home inside and out.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Kerr morning December 14 was and Mr. and Mrs. Don Andervery well attended. Our son entertained the members Pastor, Rev. A. W. Fosbury's of the orchestra at the Ander-

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon was also White Gift Sunday McDonald and Craig spent and in the evening a candle- the weekend with his mother Mrs. W. J. McDonald of

Churchill friends extend Church Presbytery on their sympathy to Mr. and Wednesday, December 17. Mrs. Wm. Thompson on the death of a dear aunt Mrs. Lydia McArthur, late of Erin, opened her home for the built a float, the Nativity who had made her home at

Ospringe Santa gets big kisses at church

Young swimmer won her Star I

by Doris Flues swimming", and it shows. She began instruction in syn-Lockett and Mrs. Janet chronized swimming in Friday night. McGomeray was called on for September, and already she has won her Star I, which is the first badge. She was third Blacklock followed. Then a highest in her group Wed-

petitions in Acton. Prisoners marking time Eleven-year-old Cathy is brought rounds of applause. the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A contest of jumbled works Peter Evans of the Third line, pertaining to Christmas was Erin Township, and is in won by Alma MacDonald and grade six at Ospringe Public Janet McGomeray when

nesday night at the com-

Santa Claus and his helper arrived at the door to give out Her coach, Mrs. Robert the exchange gifts. The lunch Patterson, teaches a group of committee Beryl Lockett and enthusiastic swimmers in the Dorothy Blacklock served a pool at Acton high school, and delicious lunch and Mrs. Sinthey have competitions clair thanked all taking part against Centennial school in

in making a memorable Guelph, and Georgetown. Synchronized swimming is ballet in the water, and they are taught gymnastics, such as precision swimming.

somersaults, the waterwheel, Cathy Evans "just loves and other aquatic skills. Cathy was performing in a routine at the watershow on

In hospitai

Mike Ferguson is progressing favourably in Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton. He suffered a broken leg and collur bone, in a car accident two weeks ago, and we are glad to say he is now

steadily improving. The painters were busy at Ospringe school last week, and now the gym has taken on a new look. If you are interested in seeing the results, come to the Christmas concert Thursday night, Dec. 18, and have a look, then enjoy the concert that the students have been so busy preparing.

Communion was observed at Knox Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning. Brenda Bruce was soloist, singing, l Wonder as I Wander.

Limehouse

By Mrs. A. Benton The W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. Booth on Wed. evening, president Mrs.

The treasurer reported that the society had met the an-

Stop and yield signs

Earlier this year, the township of Erin had a survey done by the Ministry of Transportation and Communication, in regard to stop and yield signs at inter-

The signs have now been placed in their proper places and a necessary bylaw passed approving the signs. "Motorists will have to be careful and observe them because they are now law," township clerk. Elmer McKinnon told this paper.

Holidays

School's out the end of this week for Christmas and New Year vacation.

CHRISTMAS BOXED CHOCOLATES

SMILES 'N CHUCKLES

Assorted chocolates, cherries in liquid, miniatures, Turtles, etc., etc.

ROWNTREES - Black Magic, Dairy Box, After Eight, Quality Street and Rendez-Vous

MOIRS - Pot of Gold, Gingers, etc. NIELSONS - E.P.D.

BLUE BIRD IMPORTED TOFFEE in attractive metal containers

HINTON'S

ACTON CITIZENS' BAND and CHORUS Annual

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

"Music for All Tastes"

A concert of old and new Christmas music, marches and popular music from the "big band" era.

ACTON HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 at 8:00 P.M.

* ADMISSION FREE *

Christmas Carolors will be about the town Monday evening.



59 Willow St. Acton

W.M.S. meeting carol service news

Roughley in the chair and being lead reader for the Gladother passages. Roll call and text word vows were answer- meeting. ed in verses of scripture. Each read a current event nicely decorate the church for and an article pertaining to the Christmas season.

nual allocation. The ladies were pleased to hear that Mrs. R. C. Moffitt of Tidings Christmas program. Guelph would be with us on Mrs. Booth read scripture Christmas Eve to play her and Mesdames Kirkpatrick, hand bells at the annual carol Benton and Patterson read service. The hostess served sweets and tea after the

Someone had taken time to

in a normal production year.

Ministry of Treasury.

Economics, and Inter-governmental Affairs, 56

Wellesley Street West.

Toronto will be sent out to all

few months. The owner must

Application forms from the

Apply soon for farm tax rebate

By Henry J. Stanley The Farm Tax Reduction Program of 50 percent rebate of taxes on farm property has been announced for the 1975 tax year. This is available to owners of property that is assessed for farming and owners of land assessed for where the property is used as agriculture within the next part of a farming operation that produces farm products return this form by Dec. 31, valued at not less than \$2,000

Diploma for Patterson

Hugh Patterson, Purchasing Agent for the town, was presented with a diploma marking his successful completion of the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers' Course, Monday

Mayor Tom Hill presented the certificate at Halton Hills council meeting.

RIDE THE FREE BUS