



WORK CREWS WORKED all weekend plowing and sanding and then removing snow from town streets. Some of the men were getting "pretty

weary" as they continued to load snow onto trucks Tuesday.



BAND MEMBERS FORMED a choir Sunday evening to add variety to their annual concert. A couple of parents of young bandmen slipped into the players' ranks for the choral selections. George Elliott conducts. A large crowd attended the program, estimated to be about the 20th Christmas concert given by the Citizens' Band.

### 30 motorists hurt in storm

More than 30 persons were injured on area highways Saturday—including two officers from Milton OPP—as a seven-inch snowfall and howling winds created treacherous driving conditions.

Corporal Murray Graham, who directed the efforts of a beefed up OPP squad, said Monday that some of the injuries were minor but many of the victims suffered broken limbs.

He said Constable Eric MacFadden was treated in Milton District Hospital for a leg injury while Constable Terry Brant injured one leg and his back. Both are recovering well.

The OPP cruisers were damaged as officers tried to aid motorists involved in 22 separate accidents.

Cpl. Graham said Highway 40, was awash with blowing snow, creating near-zero visibility and causing the road surface to become very slippery.

He said Highway 401 was finally closed mid-way through Saturday afternoon

at Highway 6 for the east-bound lanes and at Highway 10 for the westbound lanes.

Cpl. Graham said the road was opened an hour and a half later.

Extra OPP officers were called to duty to strengthen the day shift.

There were a dozen injured in one 401 accident and ambulance drivers had to appeal for help. Milton Fire Chief A. E. Clement was nearby, helping his department extinguish two car fires and took several injured to hospital in his car.

#### IN WATER

Buy the freshest, greenest Christmas tree you can obtain, and store it outdoors or in an unheated garage until you are ready to decorate it. Trees cut one or two inches diagonally from the butt before setting it up indoors in water. Replenish water regularly. Remember that if a tree has dried out beyond its moisture recovery limit, it will continue to dry out, even when standing in water.

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The true meaning of Christmas stems from the message, that heralded His birth. . . "Peace on Earth, Good Will to All Men". We wish a generous share of spiritual happiness for you. And we take this opportunity to thank you for your friendly good will.

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**CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS**

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## Early GO train Christmas eve

GO train commuters who quit work early Christmas Eve, won't have to wait around for their regular train.

A special early train will leave Union Station for Georgetown at 2:30 p.m., and the bus to Acton, Rockwood and Guelph will meet it.

The 5:35 p.m. GO train will also run, but the regular 6:10 train will be cancelled.

GO is more popular all the time. The November figures show an 18 percent jump over last February, the month when traffic is usually heaviest. A 25 percent jump is expected this February over last.

To meet the rush, 30 new cars are expected to be in service in spring.

The 10 double-decker trains won't put in an appearance

until 1977, when the first ones roll off the assembly lines at Hawkes or Middleley of Canada.

The double-deckers will seat 162 passengers, while the old level cars seat only 94.

GO transit is asking all patrons who have to park their car at stations overnight, to park in a corner of the lot so snowploughs can get around the cars and have the

lot clear for the morning rush hour.

**TOP GIFT**  
Remember, safety should be at the top of everyone's list. Christmas is the season to be careful, says the Ontario Safety League.

### Delay merit increase

A motion that would have provided Halton Region employees below the \$13,000 a year bracket with a merit increase was tabled Wednesday, pending further clarification on the federal anti-inflation board guideline.

Several regional councillors felt the merit increase should be granted because council had granted increases to a long list of employees in November.

Personnel manager Dennis Cam had recommended the merit increases be paid.

### Omitted

The name of Bob Bonnette, Acton, was mistakenly omitted from last week's account of delegates who will attend the Liberal party leadership convention in Toronto.

Burlington Liberals selected eight delegates, and eight alternate delegates to help choose a leader for the Ontario Liberals.

May each of us follow his own star to peace and joy! Thank you all.

**Joy**

**Swetman's Shoes**

**Merry Christmas**

Sending hearty wishes for all delectable things to fill your stockings to overflowing.

**Merry Christmas and thanks.**

• HOLIDAY HOURS •

Christmas Eve	10 a.m. to 1 a.m.
Christmas Day	CLOSED
Boxing Day	12 Noon to 9 p.m.
New Year's Eve	10 a.m. to 1 a.m.
New Year's Day	12 Noon to 9 p.m.

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