



MR. AND MRS. Santa Claus - Lena Larsen and Andy Thompson - chat with high school program master of ceremonies Steve Buchanan between numbers. The high school gym was filled with a delighted audience for the final day performances.

It was
Ho! Ho!
Ho!
season
at the
high
school



SHAKESPEARE ROLLED in his grave when high school students presented Romeo and Juliet at the Christmas assembly. Above, the cast bows while the bard rolls.



PETER ZIONS trio entertained at the Christmas high school assembly. They received thunderous applause!



ROMEO (Fred Allen) wins this round but he is soon lying dead on the floor beside the beautiful Juliet (Jennifer Rowe). Brian Larsen's the actor on the left.

Scout and Guide news

By Mark Rowe

After visiting numerous parties and giving out all that good cheer, Santa had a well deserved rest this week. Leaders and members had all this past week to rest as well as this one to enjoy the festive season at home with the family.

Scouts and Guides closed off activities with a party at the Scout Hall. There was a good turnout of girls from both companies and boys from the troop for the event. The lads and lassies played games in between dancing. They were shown an excellent dance step by Elizabeth Lambden, a Cub leader and Scout mother. The gathering did not want for sandwiches and biscuits. Everyone contributed something resulting in a table laden with goodies.

Everyone certainly enjoyed the party and dancing.

Winner
Christmas eve was not only the night for Santa Claus. The draw for the colour television was held.

Many thanks to everyone who purchased tickets, thus supporting the new Scout Hall. Lynda Henderson of Elmora Drive held the winning ticket. Lynda is a Girl Guide in the first Acton company. Congratulations, Lynda, and don't be surprised if the company drops in to watch some T.V.

The new Scouting year will start on January 1. The regular Scout meeting will take place that night. Scouts



WELCOME SERVICE

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Make time for teens

CAS offers helping hand

"During the recent Children's Aid Week," Halton's Children's Aid Society Director Dr. Askwith said, "we tried to tell the public about the pressing needs of many of our teenagers. The goal of the CAS is to help these teens to become completely independent and able to carry out the life tasks of an adult. What are these tasks? For most it is parenthood and job responsibility."

The teenage boy or girl—or parents of a teenager—can expect from the CAS, a variety of strategies to help the young person toward this goal: family counselling to improve communication; a cooling-off period when parent-child relationships become too strained; a voluntary placement for the teenager who wants to complete school.

"These services are useful when the client—that is the teenager and his family, or just the teenager alone—want to co-operate," the Society spokesman added.

But what about the teenager who is so mixed up that he or she needs literally to be taken in hand?

Drinking, drugs

Here is a typical case:

Debbie is the anonymous name of a 13-year-old who has, a number of times, attempted to commit suicide. She shares two big problems with her 14- and 17-year-old sisters—drinking and drugs. The younger sisters were picked up after midnight by the police on Christmas Eve but both refused to return home. Home, for the pair, consisted of constant family fights ending with one parent using a broom to administer punishment.

Because the community could not contain Debbie, she was sent to Training School for what is basically a family problem. Since the repeal of Section 8 of The Training Schools Act, children can no longer be sent to Training School when they are unmanageable. Children's Aid Societies are trying to create alternatives.

At times such children need limits that only a controlled setting can provide, and this is of serious concern. "We cannot help them if we are unable to hold them," Askwith explained.

900 In group homes
Many Societies in Ontario have formed their own group homes for children too difficult for foster parents to cope with. At last count, over 900 children in care of the Societies were in a group home placement. This falls short of the actual need. More children are in treatment institutions—well over 1,000. In the past five years the number of children in CAS group homes increased by 35 percent while those placed by the CAS in treatment centres increased only 15 percent. It is expected that this trend will continue.

Societies require group homes staff to have Child Care Certificates from Community Colleges in most cases, or an equivalent competency gained from experience. The Society supervises the situation closely.

The Ontario psychologist, Dr. John Orlando, described a group home as "a place where a kid can get himself together. It should be a controlled situation where a person can isolate his problems, tackle them one at a time and learn how to deal with himself and his relations with other people. It's like retreating to regroup."

Here, or pay more?
There are obstacles. Many home owners do not want a group home in their midst. "To these people I would ask," said Dr. Askwith, Director of the Children's Aid Society of Halton, "would you rather our troubled teenagers were removed to an institution at much higher expense to the taxpayer and with less chance of rehabilitation just to get them out of sight?"

The vast majority of children who have passed through group homes after a period averaging two years have made a successful transition to adult responsibility. The cost in Ontario ranges from \$15 to \$35 per day—small compared with per diem rates at psychiatric or correctional institutions which can go up to \$100 per day. Frequently these institutions are the end of the road. For the teenager, a well operated group home can be the beginning of a new life.

The CAS asks their community to "Make Time for the Teens."



C.G.I.T. girls hold their birthday cake that was a highlight of their vesper service this year, front row left to right leader Gail Lidkea, Juanita Andrews, Judy Pink, Susie Bennett, leader Roberta Nessett; second row Debbie Murchison, Nancy Frank, Susan Dedman; back row Heather Reed, Rhona Silcock, Gwynneth Gibb, Nancy Patterson, Eunice Gibb.

Withdrawal clinic is offered smokers

Now is the time for you to make your most healthful New Year's resolution: resolve to STOP SMOKING!

To help you succeed in your endeavors, the Halton TB and ID Association is conducting a Smoking Withdrawal Clinic at the YMCA Auditorium, 500 Drury Lane, Burlington, from Monday, Jan. 5 to Friday, Jan. 9 each evening at 7:30.

You can register early by calling 845-0858 in Oakville or look for registration forms in your local newspaper. This is another service provided free of charge, through your contributions to the Christmas Seal campaign.

FIRST CABLE
January 1, 1962 was an historic first day of a New Year. On that date the cable ship "Silverton" arrived in Honolulu after laying 2,000 miles of cable from San Francisco. The first message was promptly cabled across the Pacific Ocean.

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Seven injured

A two car accident Dec. 14 on Guelph Twp. Rd. 7 one mile north of City Rd. 39 injured four occupants of the vehicles. A car driven by Robert Mairs, of R.R.1 Acton was travelling south on Guelph Rd. 7 turning left into a driveway when it came into collision with another south-bound vehicle driven by Richard Olson, of Salem. Damage to both vehicles was estimated at \$3,400.

The injured Robert Mairs, Daniel Mairs, and Linda Mairs, of R.R.1 Acton, and Priscilla Grobe, age 31, of Salem were treated for their injuries at St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph.

A car and truck accident, December 20 at Hwy. 24 south of the Everton Road resulted in injury to three people. A van driven by Michael Fendley, of Shelburne was travelling north on Hwy. 24 following a snow plow when it came into collision with a car driven by Lynne Jenkinson, of Erin. Damage to both vehicles was estimated at \$9,000.

Both drivers were injured as well as Terry Jenkinson, age 2 of Erin. The injured were treated at Guelph General Hospital.

New Year Greetings

A New Year is about to chime in! Let's live it up and celebrate! Make it a year worth remembering!



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Registration will be at the Ernest C. Drury School from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis. Classes are small; deaf students given priority. Fees are indicated below. Fee for deaf students and senior citizens \$5.00.

These courses are eight sessions in length, two hours per night. Fee \$15.00.

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These courses are ten sessions in length, 2½ hours per night. Fee \$20.00

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These courses are ten sessions in length, 2 hours per night. Fee \$15.00.

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This course is 10 sessions in length, 3 hours per night. Fee \$50.00
Human Relations for Management

For further information and course details, see your Sheridan College Winter 76 Brochure. If you have not received your copy, your local library has one for you.

Self-examination

Few women check selves

According to a recent poll conducted for the Canadian Cancer Society, two out of three Canadian women are either not performing BSE or are performing it only occasionally.

The study, carried out by Canadian Facts Co. Ltd., of Toronto, found that 36 per cent of the women questioned never practised Breast Self-Examination and 27 per cent practised it occasionally (every two to three months).

Many Canadian women are unaware that BSE is a simple procedure and the best screening test available for detecting changes in the breast.

The Canadian Cancer Society recommends BSE as the best method for detecting problems at an early stage so that proper diagnosis and treatment can quickly follow.

Expert advice
The Cancer Society's medical experts advise:
—that BSE is a necessary

supplement to the physician's examination; that BSE should be performed regularly to enable women to learn what is normal for them;

—that BSE should be practised monthly, following the menstrual period and continued after menopause.

BSE should be performed by women of all ages according to the Society's medical advisors. For those under 21, learning the technique at this early age is an advantage; the habit can be reinforced, while fear and anxiety are avoided when the practitioner establishes what is her normal breast structure.

The Canadian Facts study points out that older women practise BSE with less frequency than those 44 years and under. Ironically, it is the older age group which may prove to have more problems.

Few correct
The BSE study also indicated that although 36 per cent of

the women included in the poll said they performed BSE monthly, very few of them were practising the technique recommended by the Canadian Cancer Society.

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We're on our way to say Happy New Year!



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