

## Band concert presents "Music for all tastes"

Acton Citizens' Band has been presenting its annual Christmas concert for about 25 years now. This year's concert will be this Sunday evening in the high school auditorium, and will feature a Christmas singalong with the band and audience joining together for some old-fashioned Christmas carols.

Also on the program will be Victor Herbert's Toyland and a selection of some of George Gershwin's best known music. For those who like marches there will be two,

Liberty Bell by Sousa in honour of the Bicentennial year of our neighbours to the south, and On the Quarter Deck by the great composer of British marches, Kenneth Alford.

One featured number has an interesting story. A year ago the band purchased the musical library of a retired bandmaster. This library has been commonly played by many bands in the 20's and 30's. The band was happy to secure this library because

many of the selections in it are now out of print. From this collection the band will play Light Cavalry, an overture by Franz Von Suppe. Originally it was an orchestral number but it was transcribed for band and became very popular on band concert programs.

The Christmas Concert has always been titled "Music for All Tastes" and the band hopes to play a little something for everyone in attendance.



MRS. EMILY PRICE opens a Christmas gift Santa gave her at the Friends-In-Deed Christmas Party last Thursday evening at the fire hall.

## Region headquarters stay in Burlington

Halton Region's Administration Committee has approved an agreement to continue to rent space for its headquarters in Burlington from P. G. Lush and Associates for another year. The agreement recognizes the possibility of further extensions.

The region will pay \$11,255.25 per month with an additional payment of \$31,602 to be made April 1, 1977.

The region moved headquarters to the Lush building in Burlington in April of 1974 after selling the County

Building on Steeles Ave. in Milton.

The original lease became the subject of controversy, with the landlord and the region disagreeing on the terms of the contract. A sum of \$100,000 was involved in the disagreement.

When committee members reviewed the agreement for the extension of the lease, they were adamant that no misunderstanding exists.

A report prepared by regional solicitor Michael Martin indicates the region may move into the new head-

quarters in Oakville by April of 1978.

A building committee is currently working on design plans with the architect. The budget allows \$2,000,000 for construction, landscaping, architectural fees and contingencies.

The region purchased land adjacent to Bronte Provincial Park for the headquarters. Rent at Burlington has been paid from interest on the proceeds from the sale of the old county building in Milton, according to Chief Administrative Officer Ernie Reid.

## Halton has been developing core

Contrary to statements made recently by Education Minister Tom Wells, not all boards of education have been failing to develop core-curriculum.

During a discussion Thursday of implementation of the results of the Primary Task Force's work on core curriculum, Director of Education Em Lavender said "The Halton board hasn't been fumbling the ball."

He noted Wells has been quoted as saying since regional boards were formed in 1969 they have failed to properly develop core-curriculum of study.

Lavender noted the Halton board has been and believes it

is important that the public be made aware of this fact. "The Halton board hasn't been sitting around."

A report submitted to the board, Thursday, observed that during the last four years all primary teachers and elementary principals have received training in child development and core-curricula has been designed with child development in mind.

The success of implementation and the degree of core-curriculum development is being monitored, the report stated, and inservice training for teachers and principals is continuing at the region, school and classroom levels.

## Y starts boxing course

A former Canadian Army corporal will teach boxing in a new YMCA program starting in January.

Brian Hardman, of Guelph, will start instruction at the Y on January 4. Classes will go for eight weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays and perhaps Saturday mornings.

Fifteen people had signed up before last Saturday's registration, and Mr. Hardman says there may be openings. Interested boys should come to the first meet-

ing and talk to Mr. Hardman even if they have not signed up.

Boxers will be doing lots of exercises and running, Mr. Hardman said. They should bring their own shorts and shoes. All boxers will be classed according to their weights with a minimum age of eight years.

Mr. Hardman, 22, left the army in April after five years' service. He was in the military police and was a platoon boxing champ.

## Union concerned over agreement

There probably will not be a post office strike before Christmas, says Clive Lawrence, head of the Acton local of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers.

Mr. Lawrence told the Free Press that the union is concerned about a particular agreement in their last contract which is apparently not being honored.

He explained that the contract states employees must be given 120 days notice before being transferred to a

mechanized plant. Mr. Lawrence said he had heard this agreement is not being honored in some post offices.

If an agreement can be made between the federal government and the Postal Workers union, there will be no strike, Mr. Lawrence said.

He also said the union is not concerned over mechanized plants, (with postal code machines and other advanced technology), they just want the 120 days notice honored.

## Receives eight years for husband's slaying

Ryha Regina (Reggie) Wertman has received an eight year jail sentence for her part in the death of her husband Isaac in May, 1974.

A former Acton area man Manfred Baron was sentenced last month to 11 years in jail for his part in the same crime.

Mr. Wertman was murdered, and his body was burned in a barrel on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Horst Baron, just outside of Acton. However, both of the accused offered a different story as to who did the actual killing.

Mr. Baron had first admitted to clubbing the deceased to death and then burning him. He later changed his story to say that Mrs. Wertman shot the man in Toronto, and he later burned the body.

Mrs. Wertman claimed that Baron "acted on his own" in the case.

## Repair

The ceiling in the men's changeroom at Acton swimming pool will be repaired. Halton Hills council gave the go-ahead. The cost to the town is not to exceed \$1500.


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BOUNTIFUL BUFFET attracted the 150 people who attended the family party arranged by Acton firefighters Sunday.

## Employees get turkeys

Acton Hydro employees will receive a Christmas turkey again this year, but, once again, with reluctance on commissioner Ted Tyler Sr.'s part.

Mr. Tyler stormed that he has been against the giving of turkeys ever since the employees joined the union. "Now they (the union) try to get every cent out of us they can." He explained that he was 100 per cent in favor of the Christmas fowl bonuses before the union stepped into the picture.

Commissioner Bob McArthur suggest giving vouchers instead, and letting staff pick out their own birds.

In spite of the objections, a motion was passed for superintendent Doug Mason to purchase the turkeys for the staff, with each bird not exceeding 12 to 15 pounds.

## Accident

A rented car driven by Robert Mickleborough, Eston, Saskatchewan, skidded on ice and ended up in the ditch on the ninth line last Wednesday. Damage to the car was estimated at \$300 and to a stop sign at \$30, according to police.

## Restaurant will apply

The Chalet Restaurant on Highway 25 will apply for a liquor licence from the Ontario Liquor Control Board now that voters in the formerly "dry" area of Esquesing have given their approval.

A small number of Milton voters who live in the area that was Esquesing Township before regional government added it to Milton, voted on the liquor questions at the Dec. 6 election. They approved, turning the area

"wet" by allowing establishments to apply for liquor licences.

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