

## Over 200 celebrate start of Acton A.A.s

Recently the Acton Mobile Group of Alcoholics Anonymous celebrated the 17th anniversary of the group. A crowd of over 200 visitors and friends from the surrounding district jammed the Scout House to capacity.

Keath A. of Oshawa was the guest speaker and brought a message of strength and hope to an appreciative audience.

A former O.P.P. officer and later a car salesman and service station owner he told of an unmanageable life and the loss of various businesses through the use and abuse of alcohol.

Finally bankrupt, mentally,

spiritually, financially and friendless, he turned to A.A. for help. He found what he wanted and has since enjoyed several years of sobriety and contented living.

Gibb J. chaired the meeting and Roy G., Pat W., Jack W. and Wallie S. assisted.

Over the years since the founding of the Acton Group the members have very quietly been doing a terrific job helping others, when called upon.

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve

their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is the desire to stop drinking. "Step one of the program—we admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable. "Step twelve—Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics and to practice these principles in all our affairs."

At the close all enjoyed a bounteous buffet supper provided and presided over by the members of Alanon.



STEVE WOLOSHTYN, Rockwood, had a good time at the Friends-In-Deed Christmas Party Thursday evening. Santa was on hand and gave everyone gifts gaily wrapped.

## Friends In-Deed

### Fun time for all Santa visits party

by Mrs. Emily Price

Our Christmas party on Thursday was a great success with 34 people sitting down to a wonderful dinner of turkey and all the trimmings.

Dr. Frank Oakes said grace, and Mrs. Pat Woloshyn, our social convener, proposed the toast to the Queen. After dinner, jolly old Santa arrived to distribute the exchange of gifts.

Sincere thanks go to Pat and her group of helpers for the good job they did to make the evening so enjoyable. They deserve a great deal of credit for all their work and effort.

Our thanks also go to the firefighters for the use of their hall, and their help in cooking the turkey and serving for us.

It was so good to see Anne Dadds out to enjoy the even-

ing with us. Keep up the good work, Anne, you look great. We were also very pleased to see Betty Robson out, and that she was able to take time out from her busy schedule to be with us. Betty has been a member since our organization started.

The door prize was won by Mrs. Charlotte Holmes. Congratulations.

Musical time

The rest of the evening was spent enjoying the music of the Country Dees and the singing of Christmas carols. It was a great evening for all of us, and all the comments were very favorable.

We were sorry that two of our members, Fyfe Somerville and Isabel Overland, were unable to attend, as they are both hospitalized. The last report is that they are do-

ing well and we hope they will soon be out and able to enjoy the festivities with their families.

We would like to thank Caroline Nurseries for their donation of our door prize and to Acton Pharmacy and Pro Hardware for their donations for our contests and spot prizes.

Both meetings will be at 7:30 p.m. at the firehall.

In closing, we wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthful 1977.

See you all in the New Year!

## Meetings

Our next executive meeting will be Tuesday, January 11, and our regular meeting will be on Tuesday, January 25.

## Lost seat

J. Bert Wood, a former Acton resident, lost his seat as mayor of Georgian Bay in the election.

## Village of Rockwood Garbage Collection

HOLIDAYS 1976

- ★ Monday, December 27
- ★ Friday, December 31



CHOOSING HER favorite goodies at the Trinity Activity Group sale Saturday is Nancy Patterson. Clerks are Betty Bowman and Jean McLean. The sale was in Trinity church basement and drew a good crowd.

## Elect officers at L'Arche meeting

The November meeting of the L'Arche Auxiliary was held at the home of Gayle Ferguson.

The annual election of officers was held with the results as follows: president, Gayle Ferguson; vice president, Julie Conroy; treasurer, Ruby Lausten; recording secretary, Christine Steen; correspondence secretary, Pat Jackson; Historian, Gail Beorman.

Plans were discussed for the various Christmas parties to be held later in December at the different schools, work-

shops and residences supported by NHAMR. Cheques were made out to these to help them with their parties.

Gifts were also sent to two area children attending the Huronia Regional Centre in Orillia and to two at the new Oaklands complex in Oakville.

The Auxiliary expressed their thanks to many Acton residents for their help and support "as it is only with your help we are able to make this Christmas season even more joyous for the mentally retarded of North Halton."

## Ted Sheehan is guest at Lions club meeting

The regular dinner meeting of the Acton Lions club held at the Station Hotel on Monday evening was attended by Ted Sheehan, governor of Lions District A-11.

Ted is a member of the Dundas Lions club and was accompanied by three of his fellow club members. At the District meeting following the dinner meeting, Lion Haigaz Assadourian was appointed second vice-president and Lion Michael Murdy ap-

pointed a director of the Lions club of Acton.

The committee of the club will present a gift to each of the 34 guests of the Acton Rest Home and 12 at the Maple Inn Lodge on Wednesday evening (tonight).

The Lions Tail draw will be held during intermission at the Royal Canadian Legion Dance on Saturday evening, December 18, at which time 36 tails will be won by 16 lucky ticket holders.

## Free Press Personals

Fourteen members of the Duke of Devonshire chapter of the I.O.D.E. enjoyed their special Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. W. J. Beatty. Members brought their specialties for the pot luck luncheon. After the meeting, there was a happy exchange of gifts, and the members enjoyed a social time together. Mrs. Val Newton was back

from Bronte for the occasion and the other members were pleased to see her again.

Friends are sorry to learn Mr. Jack Scriven, Poplar Ave., is a patient in Guelph General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Elliott visited last week in Comber with relatives and friends.

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