

Question answered

# Swine flu clinic closed

Although Acton's swine flu clinic was planned for Friday afternoon and evening, no shots were given.

Public health nurses were half-way through their evening clinic in Georgetown the night before when a phone call instructed them to stop the inoculation program at once.

The two nurses who were to run the Acton clinic, Shirley McKay and Marilyn Silk, had also made other Acton appointments for the parish hall that afternoon, so had to sit and wait. After their appointments they posted a sign on the door "Swine flu vaccine clinic closed until further notice."

Response good  
The nurses said the response in Georgetown and Milton had been quite good, with about 1,000 vaccinated in each town.

Acton didn't get a chance to show what kind of turnout it would have had. Although some people came to the clinic, most had already heard via radio, TV or daily papers that the Provincial government had closed down the program, pending further investigation of possible side effects.

For many Actonians, the unexpected cancellation of the clinic quickly answered the question they'd been asking themselves all week—"Shall I get the flu shot or not?"

### On tour

The high school band was on tour yesterday (Tuesday). They played in the morning at the Robert Little school, next at Brookville, and in the afternoon at the high school for the M. Z. Bennett school Christmas concert.



BEAUTIFUL COLORED portrait of retiring librarian Mrs. Isabel Watson was unveiled Monday afternoon at a tea in the library by board member Norm Elliott. The picture will hang in the board room, named—as of Monday—the Isabel Watson room. A crowd of well-wishers attended the special event arranged by the board and staff.

# Picture, plaque honor librarian

The board room of the library was renamed the Isabel Watson room, and a portrait to hang there was unveiled, at a tea honoring Mrs. Isabel Watson Monday afternoon. The library's downstairs board room was filled with relatives, friends and library customers for the occasion, honoring Mrs. Watson's over-50 years of service to Acton library.

Mrs. Watson is retiring the end of the year. Norm Elliott of the library board unveiled the beautiful color photograph in a carved wooden frame, and informed the group the bronze plaque designating the new name of the room was placed on the door that very morning.

"With a great deal of appreciation, respect and gratitude I unveil this portrait, he said. "It will remind us of your contribution to the library."

More presentations  
Mayor Tom Hill presented her with a certificate in recognition of her service and an envelope "as a token of our appreciation."

Librarian Esther Taylor on behalf of the Acton and Georgetown staffs presented to "Chiefie" a lettered document which she read aloud. This certificate praised Mrs. Watson's contribution, and was signed by all the members of the staff.

Mrs. Madge Allwood, co-ordinator of the South Central Regional Library System, repeated from previous speakers the words "service," "loyalty" and "endeavor." But to these she added "heart" and "love". Mrs. Watson's work in the library was a labor of love, she said. "What you have given will live on."

Councillor G. W. McKenzie spoke specifically on the school's connections with the library. He recalled when the school children walked over to the library two days a week to exchange books. "There were very many happy times," he recalled.

For readers  
Speaking for the many readers who have been associated with Mrs. Watson over the years, Jean McPhail spoke of her "very special quality." Over the years she has been a marvellous inspiration to people who wanted to read, Jean said. Mrs. Watson got to know everyone's taste in books.

"We had this friendly touch

and co-operation when the town was small," she added.

Mrs. Watson produced many fond smiles and a hefty round of applause when she replied to all the afternoon's accolades. "I've done the job I was supposed to do," she said modestly as she thanked everyone. She recalled the conditions in the old town hall, and said what a pleasure it had been to work in the new library for the past 10 years. It's been a great joy working with the children of this area, Mrs. Watson stated. "I hate to leave it... but time marches on."

A tea table with silver tea services, flowers and plates of good things to eat was set at one end of the board room. Mrs. Bessie Musselle and Mrs. Ab Robinson poured tea. Georgetown library staff assisted, Betsy Cornwell, Lynn Purdy, Carol Lamb, Leila Anderson, Jeannette Thompson, Esme Ball and Wendy Egerton.

As well as Mr. Elliott, Mrs. Cathy Perigo of Georgetown was present from the library board. Former members of the board there were Les Duby and Fred New. Long-time library board member George Lee was away in Chicago.

Councillors who attended were Pat McKenzie, Joe Hurst, Les Duby, Russell Miller and Roy Booth.

The tea was arranged by the Halton Hills library staff and the board. Mrs. Watson was named Acton's Citizen of the Year in October.

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## GO changes schedules

GO Transit bus service has been slightly altered due to the Christmas season, according to GO spokesman Tom Henry.

Service will be as usual on Christmas Eve, but the next day will see a holiday schedule in effect. A regular Sunday schedule is planned for Boxing Day, with a holiday schedule again on Monday.

Business will resume as normal until January 1, when a holiday schedule will, once again, be used. January 2 sees a Sunday schedule. Mr. Henry explained that GO had first planned to have an ordinary schedule on Monday the third, but found out many plants will be open that day. As a result, a holiday schedule will be in effect, but with an extra run at 6.57 a.m. heading eastbound from Acton and 6.33 p.m. westbound from Toronto.

## Jingles

Jingle bells, jingle bells... And jingle trombones, jingle clarinets, jingle drums.

Acton Citizens' Band will be out carolling throughout the town Wednesday (tonight).

They will tour by bus as they pick on the best street corners and homes for a tune.



"FOR WE HAVE seen his star in the East and have come to worship Him." It's that age-old story of search... and faith. May everyone grow in wisdom and understanding, as the Wise Men did, at Christmas.

# Embargo on Halton Board

Members of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) have been instructed not to apply for or accept any chairmanship positions with the Halton Board of Education. Federation members face penalties if they break the embargo. On December 10 the provincial executive, at the re-

quest of District 9 OSSTF Halton, "assumed responsibility for attempting to resolve difficulties arising from the proposed implementation of the Halton Board of Education of a policy regarding reorganization of positions of responsibility in its secondary schools."

For several years now the board has been encouraging its high schools to reorganize under the new system of chairmanships which replaces the old organization of department heads. Seven schools, including Georgetown and Milton high schools, have continued operating under the old system.

Last spring the board decided hiring of chairmen at the schools which haven't reorganized would begin next month and that all high schools in Halton must be organized by next September. At a press conference in Burlington Thursday OSSTF provincial officials Peter Norman and Ray Primeau along with Halton OSSTF official David Judd explained the teachers' position.

In announcing the embargo against the board the spokesmen noted local representatives have attempted, without success, to have the board review the mandatory implementation of reorganization

and review the entire concept of reorganization.

The OSSTF, in a prepared statement, noted relations between local federation officials and the board "on this issue are unsatisfactory."

"Until further notice, all members of OSSTF are advised not to apply for, or accept, positions of responsibility arising from the attempted reorganization of

## Sanders out early

Sanders were out on the streets as early as five a.m. Monday morning in Acton and Georgetown attempting to cover some of the ice with dirt. Sidewalks were done by hand.

In the process of their work, crews came upon numerous cars which had slid into ditches. Only once, said works superintendent Frank Morette, did stopped vehicles hamper work operations and that was when a tractor-trailer went into the ditch, and had its trailer sticking out on the road.

Rural school bus trips were cancelled because of the icy road conditions Monday.

There were many minor accidents on country roads, almost all of them involving only the one vehicle which slid out of control into ditch.

## Rear-end collision

Two Acton residents were involved in a rear end collision when one of the drivers was forced to slow down for heavy traffic on Highway 7 Friday afternoon, according to Milton OPP.

Margaret Glenn was westbound on the highway about two miles east of Churchill Road at 3:45 p.m. when she was forced to slow down.

Mat Spehar was following behind Mrs. Glenn in a 1976 Dodge but was unable to stop in time and collided with the rear of Mrs. Glenn's car.

Police estimated about \$300 damage was done to both cars.

# Gary Dawkins changes school

Gary Dawkins has been appointed the principal of the new Acton Middle School, and Douglas Magwood the principal of the M. Z. Bennett public school.

The appointments were approved without comment by the board of education at their meeting last Thursday. Gary Dawkins, who has been principal of the M. Z. Bennett school, is pleased to be moving next door to the new school for Acton. He will begin his new post in February, preparing for the influx of grades 6, 7 and 8 students in September of 1977.

Teachers who are already assigned to the upper public school grades will be moving with him to the new accommodation.

Douglas Magwood is presently principal of Woodside public school. He lives in Georgetown.



GARY DAWKINS

Mrs. Irma Coulson moves from Central Office to become the new principal at Woodside.

# Christmas bus service welcome

The Christmas bus is being quite well patronized again this year. Its designated routes take it all over town within an hour. Students find it useful as well as shoppers.

Not too many were riding the bus Tuesday due to the bitter cold. Many just stayed home if they could.

The bus is paid for by participating merchants, to benefit Acton people and encourage them to stay and shop in town.

# Roger Ivany, 16 funeral Mon.

A former Acton resident, Roger William Ivany of Guelph was killed in a single car crash there Friday night at the intersection of Wyndham St. and York Rd.

The 16-year-old youth was a passenger in the car driven by Katherine Dolmer, 18, of R. R. 2, Guelph. She and two other passengers were injured but are recovering. The others are Bruce Edward Herron, 16, and Gordon Broughton, 19, of Guelph.

Roger lived here with his parents until a couple of years ago, when they moved to Guelph. He attended Robert Little School.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ivany of Guelph, sisters Darlene and Laura both at home, grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ivany of Windsor, Newfoundland, and Mrs. Ann Peterson of Acton. He also leaves uncles, aunts and cousins in Acton.

Funeral service was Monday afternoon at the McIntyre and Wilkie funeral home in Guelph, followed by interment in Woodlawn cemetery.

Pallbearers were Bert Post, Nico VanderKoeij, Dolphine Roach, Henry Roach, Tim Spurrell, and Dale McCarthy.

## Pool closes

The swimming pool is closed this week for yearly maintenance and because the men's change room needs repairs, the pool supervisor says.

The pool will re-open, if repairs are completed on time, on the 27th with regular evening hours plus swimming between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., Liz Binsteld said.

New Years Eve; the pool will be open only in the afternoon for the two hours.

The pool will be closed New Year's Day and January 2.

## Theft

Theft of gas and gas products at Tyler Transport is being investigated by the police. Estimated loss is about \$615.

## Glad tidings

Glad tidings... the good news of Christmas. This special Good News edition of the Free Press is filled with the merry exchange of good wishes that characterizes the season. Advertisers, business people and family extend greetings to you all in today's paper. There are special Christmas stories and pictures. We hope you enjoy it.

# Open letter to Acton

To The Citizens of Acton  
A group of interested and concerned citizens of the Town of Acton have been meeting to review the progress which has been made by our community since the formation of Regional Government and to try to determine its future in Halton Hills and the Region.

The aim of this group is to promote and foster efficiency in all levels of government but more particularly at the municipal level. This is to be accomplished through a program of surveillance and by the weight of informed public opinion. We also wish to strive for increased influence in determining the future course of government in Acton.

It is the belief of this committee that, if we are to maintain our position in Halton, a strong united voice will be re-

quired at both levels of Regional Government.

A detailed study of the future of Acton and Regional Government is being prepared to determine what would be most beneficial to all citizens living here.

Other alternatives are also being considered and, as they develop through study, this information will be made known to you.

By our united efforts we hope to make Acton a community in which Actonians can live with pride and at a tax level within the means of all.

If you can contribute useful information, would you kindly forward it by letter to Box No.—, The Acton Free Press.

Actonians for Acton  
Peter J. Papillon  
Chairman  
Norman R. Elliott,  
Vice-Chairman.



GATHERING ROUND SANTA are several members of Thelma Cooper's pre-gym class at the Y Thursday. Jennifer Foster, Stacy Hunter, Scott Rowsell, Kristi Smith, Amanda Kovacs,

Mark Smith and Andrea Barnstaple and others received gifts from Father Christmas. Mrs. Cooper, teacher, will begin more classes next year. Several mothers attended the party.

# Paving done — at long last

Mill St. paving was finished for the winter last Thursday, ending over a month and a half of disruption right through the centre of town. King Paving contractors patched up the sidewalks as their final job before taking all their heavy equipment away.

In the spring, the final coat of paving will be laid, and new sidewalks will be constructed. Detour signs and temporary No Parking signs have all been removed.