



TOWN BUS IS NOW running free of charge for residents. The bus circles through town, courtesy of merchants.

## Bell all ready for Yule calls

Additional long distance operators will be on duty through the Christmas holiday period in Guelph to handle increased calling loads across North America and overseas. W. C. Salmon, Bell Canada manager in this area says.

With holiday calling going up by 10 percent a year, Mr. Salmon says dialing your own calls to points in Canada and the United States is still the fastest and cheapest way.

However, 13 operators will be on duty in Guelph over the busiest 24-hour period during the year's heaviest calling time, Dec. 24 to Jan. 2. They will handle an estimated 2900 calls per day originating in this area, with self-dialers adding some 52,000 to the network load.

Sunday discounts (Christmas and New Years) will also apply Boxing Day and Jan. 2. Mr. Salmon said, adding that charges and discounts are determined by the time zone in which the call originates.

Long distance peak-period times are early afternoon and early evening for holidays and Sundays, while business day peak times are mid-morning and mid-afternoon. Mr. Salmon warned that delays are possible even with increased operator staffs and suggested holiday calls made the week before Christmas would be the best way to avoid problems.

While overseas calls are no longer booked in advance, it saves time on the actual call to get the number ahead of time. Customers can now dial

## Board delays mileage hike

Halton Board of Education employees will have to wait until the 1978 budget is struck to see if they are going to get mileage rates increased.

Thursday, trustees delayed making a decision on a recommendation that the mileage rate be upped.

At the present rate, employees driving their cars get 21 cents a mile for the first 5,000 miles each year, and 15 cents a mile for each mile after. Itinerant teachers who teach in two or more schools daily receive \$28.50 a month.

The proposed new rate would pay 22 cents a mile for the first 5,000 miles a year, and 16 cents a mile thereafter. Itinerant teachers would receive \$28.00 a month.

Trustee Bert Hinton noted the current mileage rate for the board is the second highest in this area and suggested employees make due with the current rate.

The proposed rate hike would cost the board \$149,000 more in travel allowance next year.

A report from Superintendent of Business and Finance Bruce Lindley stated gas costs have gone up 7 1/2 percent this year, while insurance has jumped 10 percent. The cost of buying a new car has risen between three and six per cent.

their own overseas calls to Bahamas, Bermuda, Jamaica and the Cayman Islands.

## \$33,700 increase

### More costs for region building

The decision to relocate the health unit in the new regional headquarters has resulted in an additional cost of \$33,700 for open concept panels. The Regional Board of Health last week approved the addition of the item to next year's budget, subject to the province subsidizing 75 per cent of the expenditure.

When council approved the open concept design for the

## Do more in '78

In his final message to council for this year, Mayor Tom Hill said he hoped they could accomplish more in '78 than they had in '77.

"I know we can do more," commented the mayor as he wished all members the compliments of the season.

new headquarters, the decision to locate the health unit in the building had not been made. The panels are needed to divide the open area into separate work spaces for health unit staff. If the provincial subsidy is not forthcoming, money from the sale of the present health unit would have to be used to pay for the panels, Ernie Reid, Chief Administrative Officer, said.

## MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS

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## Council says

# Big world issues not for Christmas

World disarmament, capital punishment, control of firearms, passes for convicted criminals, transporting of hazardous materials, and reduced insurance rates for homes with fire or smoke detectors, all issues far removed from normal council business, were tossed into council's lap Monday night.

Resolutions on all these subjects came to Halton Hills council—from other towns for endorsement. None of them were endorsed, or their merits discussed. A lengthy argument resulted in them being sent to committees for debate.

Councillor Roy Booth, after a shouting match with Mayor Tom Hill on being interrupted said there would be a great long discussion, since members were probably sharply divided, and felt a council meeting was not the place.

The mayor said council had endorsed many resolutions without sending them to committee. "All we do is

refer back, we get nothing done." Booth protested correspondence is frequently sent to committee.

Councillor Mike Armstrong termed them "motherhood issues", and said it was an awkward time to get involved. He said council is damned if they do and damned if they don't. He said he didn't want to see every member speak for 20 minutes on the subject.

Councillor Walter Blehn contended the committees will talk about them, and then rehash all over again at council anyway. "These are big issues, why shove them off to committees?"

"Are we referring them because it's Christmas," asked Councillor Pat McKenzie, who indicated he was prepared to vote on the resolutions right then.

The resolution on world disarmament came from the town of Paris, the one on transporting hazardous material from Strathroy, the one on smoke and fire detection alarms from Welland and the

capital punishment and firearm control from Collingwood.

The Collingwood resolution was sparked by the death of a policeman who was shot while attempting to catch suspects armed with a shotgun. The resolution from Collingwood council said both men were convicted criminals with records of armed robbery.

## Plows tear into grass

Bovis residents have watched with concern the past week as snow plows went beyond the road limits and plowed up grass on the boulevard.

## Snow

Snowplows and sanders have been busy again the past week. December's snowfalls already bank all the roads, and another blizzard swirled around the district Tuesday afternoon.

## Lions club spread cheer

Acton Lions Club sprinkled some Christmas cheer and carols on town senior citizens last week.

Club members and wives sang seasonal favorites and gave presents to residents of the home on Mill Street West, Mapleview, Cher's home on Highway 25 and Jeannette's Home for Senior Citizens, Pete Papillon said Monday.

Sixty-five people were entertained in three days.

The carolers were Ray and Lottie Evelan, John Dennis, Pete and Louise Papillon and Vic Bristow.

## Pair injured in car crash

The driver and passenger in a car that struck a tree on the First Line suffered injuries Saturday afternoon.

Nancy Scott of RR 2 Rockwood was at the wheel and Raymond Scott of the same address suffered slight and minor injuries respectively, according to police.

They were taken to Milton Hospital. The Scott vehicle was south bound on the road, and according to police the vehicle

crossed the road and struck a tree. About 40 yards of skid marks were left in the pack snow, police say.

The police report contained no estimate of damage to the vehicle.

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## A Christmas Wish

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# Speyside, C'ville in danger of closing?

Under the Halton Board of Education's new policy for closing small schools both Speyside and Campbellville schools will have to be examined with the possible end result being closure.

A report dealing with enrolment and school accommodations in North Halton was received Thursday by trustees.

The report revealed both

Speyside and Campbellville enrolments for next fall are expected to be low enough that they will be studied, public input sought and ways of bolstering enrolment investigated. If no solutions were found and there were no prospects of improved enrolment the administration could ask trustees to close the school.

Enrolment in seven grades at Speyside is expected to be 154 pupils while the board is anticipating 54 students in three grades at Campbellville.

The school closing procedures were adopted by the board last month.

## Rear end hit crushes skis

A rear end collision in a driveway caused \$500 to two vehicles and some skis on Wynford Place Friday evening.

According to police the car owned by Joyce Kowall of 124 Wynford Pl. was parked and unattended in the driveway.

A second vehicle, driven by Robert Hatcher of 18 Rosetta St. Georgetown, stopped behind the Kowall vehicle. A collision crushed some skis against a wall and also

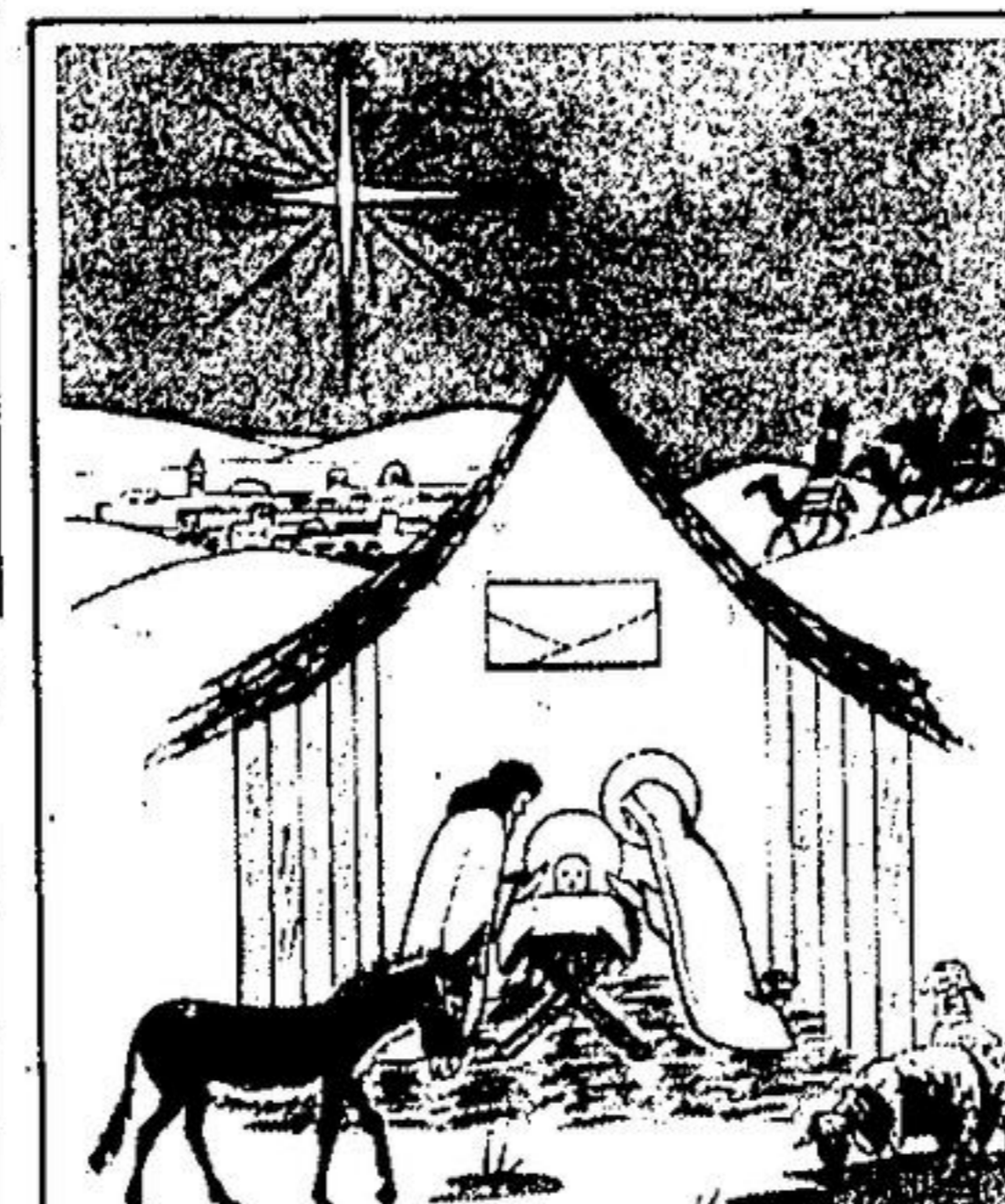
damaged the wall. Damage to the Hatcher vehicle came to \$20, according to police. The same source placed the damage to the Kowall vehicle at \$200. The skis damage was about \$280, police say.

Added to the bad driving conditions have been water breaks and power failures.

## NOTICE

### Acton Free Press

Office will be closed  
Monday, December 26  
and  
Monday, January 2  
Season's Greetings



## Peace on Earth

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.

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Kinal and Staff

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		21	22	23	24
		9-9	9-9	9-9	9-5
26	27	28	29	30	31
CLOSED	9-6	9-6	9-9	9-9	9-5

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