## Contest winners chosen by Santa

Denise Authier, Carolyn Vander Akker and Nancy Mandarino each walked off with first prize in their category in the Free Press Christmas Coloring Contest.

Each will receive five dollars as their reward-Denise for the four to six years age group, Carolyn for the seven to ten year olds and Nancy for the 11 to 13 category.

Second place winners are Tracey Lanthier, four to six; Tina Bodfield, seven to ten, and Helen Lampkin. They will each receive three dollars. Third place winners are Eric Huff, of Ottawa, four to six, Betty Hanson, seven to ten and Rhonda Barrett 11 to 13. They will all receive cheques worth \$1.50.

Santa Claus was the judge and was very pleased with the entries. There was a total of 103 colorings for him to peruse, up more than 20 from last year. Santa says the seven to ten age group was the most popular with 50 entries followed closely by the youngest group with 47 entries. There were only six entries in the 11 to 13

group. Unfortunately, five children's entries did not get judged as they got into the Free Press office too late. The deadline was last Friday, and colorings were coming in as late as yesterday (Tuesday), long after Santa had judged them. Santa feels bad about the late arrivals, but pointed out children had one week longer to do the work than last year.

The jolly old man said he hopes this newspaper will run the same contest next year, as he enjoys being the judge.

Right now he is busy answering last minute letters from children, and resting up for Saturday night's world-wide trip.

Cheques have been mailed out to all second and third place winners. First place winners will be notified sometime today (Wednesday).

## St. Joseph's

by Latjanz Jansen Last week were the boys' and girls' volleyball finals. They were held at the E. C. Drury School for the Deaf in Milton. The girls' team of Holy Cross in Georgetown won the girls' finals. The boys' team of St. Patrick's in Burlington won the boys'

finals. Even though our teams weren't in the finals, Mr. McGeragle's good coaching brought us a long way. Good work, team!

Basketball practices are already under way. The finals will probably be in late February.

The grade seven and eight class have done a good job in organizing our hotdog days (which are held every Thursday). The money which we are making will go towards school uniforms.

This coming Thursday, report cards will be given out. School finishes at two o'clock on the same day.

For Christmas, we have a school mass planned. The mass starts at 9.30. Students take part in the masses with the readings, petitions etc. . Parents are of course welcome to come.

Wednesday, the children are already looking forward to a school concert. It will take place in the Acton Scout Hall.

Last Friday, the grades seven and eight class went to Guelph on a tour of Bishop MacDonell High School. The people who were guides to our students will be coming with option sheets in January.

The bus route has been changed this week. The purpose of this is to have all the students not riding on the bus too long.

Second term will be starting on January third. We will be looking forward to seeing our teachers and students back in the new year.

We hope that everyone will have a Merry Christmas!



DOVE DELIGHTS: Magician Capt. Bill James produced this dove from a cake pan, delighting Michelle Perry who helped in the trick. Chris Wilmott, holding the wand, was responsible for the dove's appearance.

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CHRISTIAN BOOK, right, was supposed to be keeping an eye on what magician Capt. Bill James was doing Friday at the library, but Mr. James seemed to have other ideas as he constantly got in Christian's way.

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all parents to recognize the

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not to leave small children

alone in the home even for a

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can be ignited by a single

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# snacks

when there are so many tempting things to nibble. Instead of trying to avoid eating snacks altogether, food specialists at the Ontario you consider the many types of low calorie, nutritious or chocolate.

During the hollday season you will be sampling all sorts of high calorie festive foods both inside and outside the family and friends. In beteating rich foods.

## Low calorie

'Tis the season to be jolly, to eat and be merry. 'Tis also the season when many of us are susceptible to putting on extra pounds.

It's hard to resist eating Food Council, Ministry of Agriculture and Food suggest snacks which can be eaten and enjoyed instead of candy

home at get-togethers with: ween, do your best to avoid

#### M.Z. Bennett news

by Diana Dunn Last Friday, the Grade 4 and 5 Girls Volleyball championship was held. The teams playing were the Expos vs the Canadiens. The Expos won the game by a score of 15-13.

The past week saw a great deal of Christmas activity throughout our school. These were held in both the primary and junior divisions. As usual, the parent volunteers have been a big help with these activities.

Yesterday at 2:45 the entire school went over to the McKenzie-Smith

School to hear a band concert The Acton District High School Band performed.

Last Friday, all of the gifts and canned goods donated by our students were delivered to the I.O.D.E. These gifts will be delivered in hampers to needy families in the Acton

Tomorrow (Thursday) is the last school day before the Christmas holidays. There will be a Christmas assembly in the morning. School will dismiss at 2 p.m.

The staff and students wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## NYO whistles for musicians

Young, aspiring musicians get a crack at the National Youth Orchestra during auditions this week at Tor-

Auditions are being held until Thursday at the Edward Johnson Building, Queen's Park Crescent, University of Toronto.

Across the nation other auditions are being held to select the 100 successful applicants to the orchestra. Auditions will be held until January 5.

This year, more than 600 instrumentalists, between the ages fo 14 and 24, are expected to try out for the or-

The audition requires musiclans to play technical exercises and excerpts from the solo and orchestral reper-

Auditions are being held in

#### Cancel carols

The carol singing planned by McKenzie-Smlth school students was cancelled Monday because of the weather.

20 cities across Canada.

Further information about the National Youth Orchestra auditions may be obtained from Rex Trotter at (416) 922-

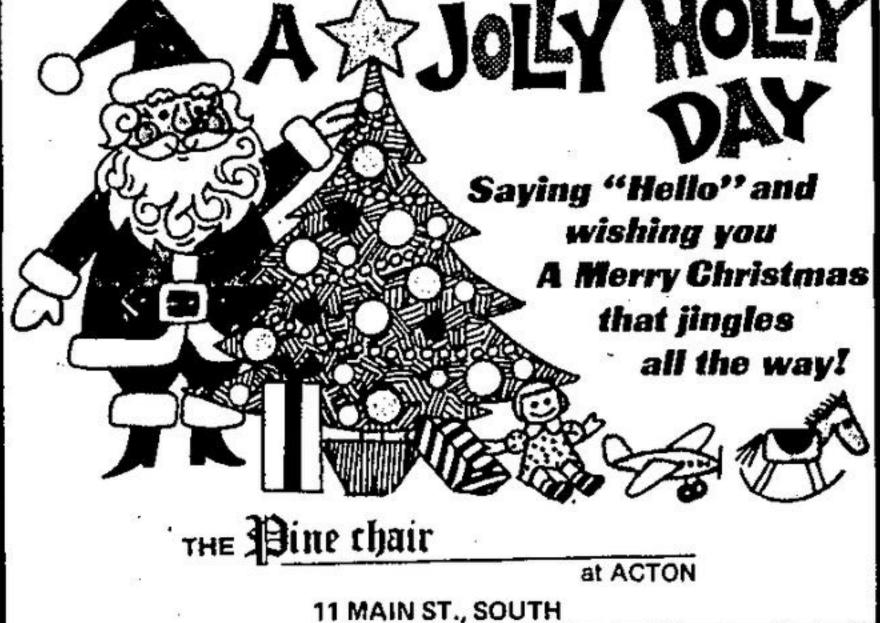


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## Guide and Brownie

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On Dec. 12 the tenderfoot girls were enrolled. Some of the girls' mothers were there. After enrolment we played a game with the parents and guide leaders, then started our Christmas party. All girls received a present.

Brown Owl VanderEyken handed out the presents. The enrolment committee had refreshments and cookies. All the girls enjoyed the Christ-On December 19 Guldes

was cancelled and our swimming party was cancelled too. Captain Vaughan was very sick. by Melanie Bray Tuesday's meeting was a scene of a delightful party. Each person brought a

present and Tawney Owl put

a name tag on each one. We

sang carols, Away in a

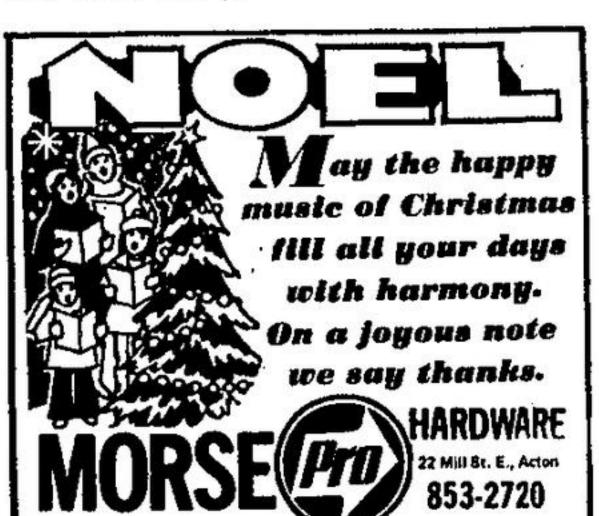
Manger, We Three Kings, Jingle Bells, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, and Joy to the World.

Then we made a useful craft to put your Christmas cards on. It has a Santa Claus head on it, and a roll of cloth attached to it and it hangs down and you fasten your card on the cloth.

Then the most exciting of all, Brown Owl handed out the presents, which everybody enjoyed. Then Santa Claus came and said hello, and Merry

Christmas and then said he better hurry up to catch his Reindeer team. After he left we said goodnight and Brown Owl handed out Candy Canes,

which everybody enjoyed. There will be no Brownies on Dec. 20th, 27th and Jan. 3. Have a great holiday and happy New Year.





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