

Crafts at M.Z. Bennett



JUST ONE more letter and it's finished! Andrea Gudgeon takes it slow and easy as she writes her Christmas message. After all it's for someone very important... Mom.



GEE, I wonder if we'll get to eat them soon? Brydon Gilliss and Kristie Withers look anxious to taste the corn flake peanut butter cookies they made while taking part in the Christmas crafts at M.Z. Bennett.



FRAZER BOX, left, and Joanne Edmundson work on their Christmas gifts for Dad. The M.Z. Bennett school has been busy preparing for Christmas by running craft sessions for the students for the last two weeks.

McKenzie-Smith news

by Carole Lovell and Chris Baginski

This last week of school before Christmas is very busy for the students and teachers. We have been putting up decorations and getting ready for the assembly tomorrow. Most of the classes have agreed to put on some entertainment for the students so we are looking forward to having a great assembly. The grade 8's are planning to have pizzas for lunch Thursday. We will enjoy

having a break from sandwiches as well as spending some of the time in fellowship with the other rooms of our grade.

We were very disappointed that due to the weather conditions, our carolling was cancelled on Monday evening. We were looking forward to visiting different areas of Acton with our songs.

On behalf of McKenzie-Smith Middle school we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

High school news

by Janet Rowe

With Christmas creeping up this week, students are very busy trying to get assignments in as well as work on the preparations for the Christmas Assembly.

On December 20, there was a Christmas turkey dinner held in the cafeteria.

Tonight the Christmas dance will be held in the cafeteria. The group is Doc Savage.

Tomorrow is the last day of school before Christmas holidays. The annual grade 13 assembly will be held.

Students will be returning to school on January 2, 1978.

The Outers club are planning their glass drive on January 7. Be sure to put your glass bottles out!

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.



MICHAEL FRIZZELL works hard on his mother's Christmas present during craft days at M.Z. Bennett.

Holiday cheer

Schools in Acton are in the holiday mood with bright decorations and fun-filled activities going on.

Students from M.Z. Bennett school attended a Christmas concert along with those from McKenzie-Smith yesterday. The concert was held at the McKenzie-Smith middle school with the Acton high school band providing the entertainment.

Robert Little has also organized a Christmas concert for parents and other members of the community. Last night was the first night of the two-night show. Tonight (Wednesday) the concert will be presented again beginning at 7:30.



JENNIFER THUR, 3, enjoyed the magic show put on Friday at Acton Library. Mother Susan Thur holds her up for a better view.

Ontario grant for wet lands

The Hamilton Region Conservation Authority will receive a provincial grant of \$22,500 to acquire lands for the establishment of the Puslinch Wetlands Conservation Area, Natural Resources Minister Frank S. Miller said.

Wellington, comprising wetlands and forest areas in the headwaters of Spencer Creek. The property forms part of an overall land acquisition program involving 325 acres and an estimated \$245,000 shared over several years.

Based on the recommendations of several resource conservation reports, the Authority plans to acquire a 57-acre property in the Township of Puslinch, County of

The Hamilton Naturalist Club has recognized the biological importance of the area and has committed itself to payment of the Authority's share of the 57-acre land acquisition.

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BILL STUCKEY
Photography

ROM Christmas star shines

See the night sky as it would have been on the eve of Christ's birth!

The McLaughlin Planetarium of the Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, presents one of its most popular shows, The Christmas Star, this December through to Jan. 2, 1978. The Gospel according to St. Matthew records that a brilliant star appeared in the heavens to guide the Wise Men of the East to Bethlehem where Christ was born. Since Matthew's account was written, astronomers all over the world have struggled to explain that miraculous star.

"The Christmas Star" examines some of the theories that have been advanced.

Evidence indicates that Christ was born sometime between 6 and 4 B.C. Astronomical records show that during 7 B.C. a highly significant event, a great conjunction, occurred when the planets Jupiter and Saturn joined in the constellation of Pisces. Since the Wise Men were sophisticated astrologers-astronomers, one could ask, "Was it the sight of this conjunction that lured them to Bethlehem?"

Chinese records indicate that a "supernova", an exploding star, occurred in 1,054 A.D. Was a supernova the celestial phenomenon that

explains the Christmas Star? Halley's Comet stood high in the morning sky over Bethlehem in August of 11 B.C., an important omen. But it was too early to herald the birth of Christ.

The show, "The Christmas Star" at the McLaughlin Planetarium recreates all of

the astronomical effects associated with the brilliant and enigmatic star seen by the Wise Men. The Christmas Star allows us to share the night sky as it would have been on the eve of Christ's birth. Still, it leaves the Star of Bethlehem a mystery, if you prefer a miracle.

It's Christmas again and time to say how much it means to have the friendship and good will of folks like you. Accept our sincere thanks and warm wishes for a

Happy Holiday

Huisman

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Partition out soon

Work is proceeding well on the addition to the Baptist church. The heat is in. It is expected the partition between the old church and addition will be broken through this week.

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