



## M.Z. Bennett has Christmas concert

by Jennifer Rowe  
Excitement mounted before the curtain rose. Children scurried up and down the halls, teachers conducted one last rehearsal and nervous mothers of the young stars adjusted costumes, combed hair and took one last glance to make sure everything was in place.

M. Z. Bennett's first Christmas concert in many years, December 13 and 14, was underway.

Nearly all of the school's 400 pupils took part in the two-night show.

The hour-long show featuring students from kindergarten to grade five, involved approximately half of the students on Wednesday evening and the remainder on Thursday.

The three themes were presented through skits, dancing and song. Christmas in other lands, commercial Christmas and the religious side of Christmas were the three themes for the evenings.

Doug Magwood, principal at M. Z. Bennett, commended the students, teachers and parents for the time and effort they put into preparing for the concert.

The junior choir added sweet sounds to the evening when they accompanied the senior class in their presentation of the birth of Jesus. The choir was assembled and conducted by part-time kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Weidmark.

Members of the audience enjoyed the M.Z. Bennett Christmas concert last week just as much as the performers themselves.

Paper hats and feathers went together to provide the costumes for Mrs. Marlene Titon's kindergarten class's dancing skit at the M.Z. Bennett Christmas concert last week.



## Acton High notes

by Janet Rowe

With Christmas less than one week away, students and teachers are all in the Christmas mood. Acton High is brightly decorated with a large lighted Christmas tree in the bear pit.

Each class room was decorated for the room decorating contest that took place yesterday (Tuesday). The annual Christmas dinner was also put on yesterday by the cafeteria staff.

Last week the Athletic Society asked students to bring in canned foods which were to be distributed to

families in Acton.

Last Monday Acton defeated Shelburne 62-26. Also in Wednesday's game of last week Acton defeated Perdue 62-33. Acton teams have played outstandingly throughout the exhibition season and I'm sure they will do just as well on January 5 in their first league game.

The Christmas dance this year will be on Thursday Dec. 21. The group this year will be the Stampedeers. This semi-formal dance will run from 8.30 to 11.30, the cost is \$4 each or \$6 a couple.

On Friday, the last day of school before Christmas holidays the Christmas assembly will be going on. This assembly is usually one of the highlights of the year so don't miss it.

I hope everyone has a safe and Merry Christmas

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Robert Little grade five classes staged a Christmas skit on Sharing at the school's annual Christmas concert Thursday evening. The concert was also held Wednesday evening.

## Coloring contest winners chosen

Julie Wallace, St. Joseph's school and David DeForest, Speyside school are the winners of this year's Christmas Coloring Contest.

Santa himself judged the contest.

Julie won in the junior category. She is in kindergarten and is four years old. She lives at R.R. 2, Acton. David, of R.R. 4, Acton, is nine years

## St. Joseph's

are also preparing for our Christmas mass on Friday, Dec. 22, at 9.30 in St. Joseph's Church.

Kids are all excited with anticipation of Santa's Christmas journey.

Students and staff of St. Joseph's school wish all citizens of the Acton community a safe and happy holiday season. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**FOOD - NOT BOOZE:**  
At this year's holiday party, prove your lavishness as a host by centering the attention on lots of good food and fun, not the bar. Rich food helps moderate the affect of alcohol

## Speyside

students would like to wish you a Merry Christmas with this little verse.

For in a manger bed,  
Cradled we know,  
Christ came to Bethlehem,  
Long, long ago.

## Christmas meeting held by Knox W.M.S.

The Afternoon Auxiliary of Knox Women's Missionary Society held their Christmas meeting at the Manse Dec. 14.

President, Miss Isabel Anderson, began the program with a Christmas poem and prayer. She then led the group in the recitation of the story of Christ's birth as recorded in Luke's gospel with the members joining in. Miss Anderson was assisted in planning this month's meeting by Miss Ruby Clark. Miss Clark's contribution was an interesting and inspiring paper which she had written. She spoke of the meaning of Christmas and the meaning of hope. The love of God in Christ brings hope to the human race.

Miss Anderson read a story: Let us go to Bethlehem, and also the poem by Helen Steiner Rice, Unto us a Child is born. Miss Bella May Roszell was present to sing two lovely solos: Dear Little Stranger, and Shine, oh Wonderful Star.

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