## Exclusive interview granted by Santa

The various time zones save him every year Santa Claus told The Acton Free Press during an exclusive interview following the parade in his honor Saturday.

Santa explained many boys and girls ask him how he can possibly make it to every child's home in just a few short hours Christmas Eve. Santa revealed he actually has more than 24 hours to make his around the world trip, and although he has to hurry from home to home, each stop is just as important as the

Just in Canada, for instance, there are four time zones, he said. So when it is midnight in Acton, it is still early in Vancouver, and he has already made his stops in Halifax.

And when he visits countries they are an entire day ahead, so all the youngsters there have already awakened, opened their gifts and enjoyed Christmas while Santa is visiting North America.

Santa says he is very thankful for the nice modern houses. Most of them, he says have fireplaces, just like the older homes. For many years, Santa told the Free Press, homes were being built without fireplaces, forcing him to crawl down very little furnace chimneys.

His bright red suit never gets dirty, though. It is treated with a very special solution which resists black soot. Sometimes he does get stuck in a chimney, but help is never far away.

If a house has no chimney at all, Santa says, he has to go through a window, unless Mommy or Daddy are still awake. He enjoys the milk and cookies set out for him, and usually ends up dieting the rest

**School News** 

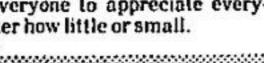
of the year to make up for one night a year. "But it's certainly worth it," he chuckles.

Mrs. Claus is very patient with her husband's gallevanting around the world. One year, after listening to her complain about never getting out of the igloo, he took her with him. However, she wanted to go home after the one millionth home and the reindeer were forced to make a detour back to the North Pole. "She hasn't complained since," Santa says.

Once his annual rounds are made for the night, Santa takes a hot bath and goes to bed—for about a week. When he wakes up though, it's back to work as usual, making dolls that walk and talk and wet. This year, his cives have even come up with babies that get diaper rashes and one that grows up from a baby to a toddler. There is always a new line of racing cars, or trucks and cars for the little boy of the family, and this year, electronic toys for the bigger

Right now his elves are working round the clock to get all their orders filled. They too will soon be able to have a holiday, but for now, its "go, go, go," Santa says.

Santa says he is having problems with disappointed children telling him he broke his promise on a particular toy or gift they wanted. Old St. Nick stresses he never promises anyone anything as complications arise sometimes making it impossible for all children to get what they want. He tries to make youngsters happy Christmas morning though, and wants everyone to appreciate everything they get no matter how little or small.



Hills libraries may soon be able to telephone any area in the 416 area code free of charge.

Betsy Cornwell, head libbrien told library board members Wednesday evening her staff had been calling the

municipal office whenever they wanted to call Toronto, who in turn patch them would through to the town's Toronto line.

However, she continued they can no longer use this method due to Bell Canada changes in the system.

has open house Last Thursday, Acton December 13 and 14, were held in the Department held their cafetorium and the evening concluded with a short concert in the bearpit by Free Spirit, Displays of art lined and Acton High Stage the arts wing while students in theatre arts, Band.

Many students and staff spent weeks in preparation

respective areas. NON-SMOKERS Demonstrations inc-CAN BREATHE luded clay techniques, projects, silkscreen **EASY ON** metric cooking, pattern makeup INSURANCE and techniques promptu concerts by

students.

Acton Firefighters were called to Holly Industries

on Eastern Avenue last Thursday afternoon. There

was plenty of smoke and the firefighters needed the

use of the Scott Air Packs to clear the air.

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family studies, visual

arts and music held

demonstrations and set

up displays in their

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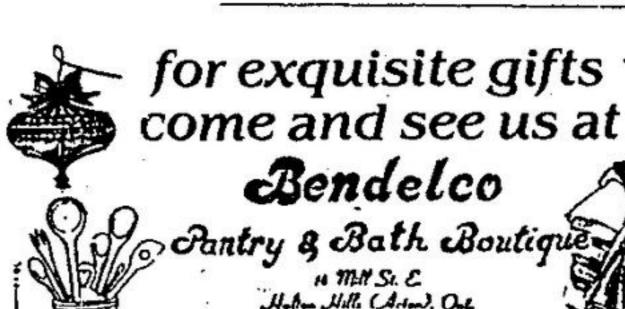
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High school

by Janet Rowe The Acton High film club has saved us all the trouble of having to go out of town to see a movie.

This Friday the film club will be showing one of the many movies they have booked for this The musical "Tommy" has returned to the school by popular demand and will be shown at the high school at 8 p.m. November 30. Advance tickets are \$1.50 and \$2 at the door. Come on out and watch a good movie this Friday.

Upcoming movies are Ice Castles, China Syndrome, Rabbit Test, If Ever I See You Again, Hot Stuff, Monty Python,-And Now for Something Completely Different.

Last night the Athletic Society held their third annual Sports Night. For \$2. students could participate in obstacle, sack and relay races. Also ping pong, tennis dribble and balloon shuttle relays were open to all students. These events began at 2:30 and ran until 8 p.m. A dance followed for all those who

Virtuoso

Jim Ford, principal

Orchestra spent last Thursday November 22 with the students of

For two hours in the

morning he held a clinic

on the art of brass

playing for the music

students. During the course of the clinic he

various trumpets from

the large B flat down to

the tiny piccole B flat

used for playing ex-

tremely high parts. He

also played a replica of

In the afternoon he

gave an informal concert

with the Acton High

band. He presented three

solo works that not only

showed his total mastery

of the instrument but also

demonstrated his ability

to interpret music in a

very lyrical and ex-

It was a rare treat for

the students to hear a

musician of his calibre

and the sounds will be

remembered for many

months by those for-

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took part. The money raised by the Athletic Society will go to pay for

Last week representatives from a number of universities Ontario made a visit to Acton High to talk to students planning to attend University next year. Yesterday a simprogram operated representatives colleges came to inform students and answer any questions. All studentsplanning to go on to

issues existing in our society. One group recently completed a three day presentation on law enforcement. The fourth day of their presentation will be spent in the Milton court house. on December 3. Mr. Shean, the law teacher, and 32 students will spend the day observing

crests and trophies.

University or College next year must pick up applications at student services sometime this "The grade 12 law class is discussing major

the daily procedures in a courtroom.



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drawn, you're a winner. For example, if your ticket number is 123456, you would win if 123, 234, 345 or 456 were drawn. That's 4 separate chances at 12,000-\$10 prizes in the 1st draw every Thursday.\*\*

SECOND DRAW- 3 WAYS TO WIN \$ 100. The second

draw is a 4-digit number. And if any 4 consecutive digits in your ticket number match the number drawn, you're a winner. For example, if you hold ticket number 123456, you would win if 1234. 2345 or 3456 were drawn

900-\$100 petzes in the 2nd draw every Thursday.\*\* THIRD DRAW-2 WAYS TO WIN \$1,000.

5-digit number And if 5 consecutive digits in your ticket number match the number drawn, you're a winner. For example, if your ticket number is 123456, you would win if either 12345 or 23456 were drawn 60-\$1,000 prizes every Thursday.\*\*



Still 100

The next four draws are 6-digit numbers, each of them worth \$25,000 if your ticket

FOURTH, FIFTH, SIXTH & SEVENTH

DRAWS-FOR \$25,000 GRAND PRIZES

number matches the number drawn. No subsidiary prizes in these draws 12-\$25,000 prizes every Thursday.\*\*

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