



Gord Murray

## New editor for Free Press

Don McDonald, publisher of the Acton Free Press, is pleased to announce the appointment of Gord Murray as editor of this newspaper, effective immediately.

Mr. Murray replaces Hartley Coles, who will now devote full-time to his post as editor of the Georgetown Independent, one of the Free Press' sister papers in the Inland Publishing Co. Limited group of suburban weeklies. Mr. Coles has been editor of the Independent since its inception in 1973.

Mr. Murray, age 28, comes to the Free Press from the Independent where he has been employed, latterly as sports editor, since 1974.

A graduate in journalism of Sheridan College, he also received newspaper training at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto.

While at the Independent he handled the myriad news, sports, feature and photographic assignments a community journalist encounters. Prior to joining the Independent he worked part-time as a reporter with the Collingwood Times.

His wife, Helen (nee Leavell), is a former community journalist who was employed with the Free Press for over five years, the past year as news editor.

Mr. Murray was born and raised in Port Hope, Ontario, and is a former member of the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment, as well as the 50th Field Artillery.

## "Bud" Snow retires after 17 years on road

Clarence (Bud) Snow received the surprise of his life Friday night when his eldest daughter Louise, of Vancouver showed up at his retirement party, another surprise.

Clarence Edward Snow retired Monday after 17 years clearing the roads with first Esquesing township, and later Halton Hills. Almost 300 friends, relatives, and fellow roads department staff gathered Friday evening in the Acton Legion to wish him well in his new career, that of helping son Clare and George McArthur operate Acton Automotive and Snow-McArthur Enterprises Ltd.

Several presentations were made, including ones by Mayor Pete Pomeroy, Cathy Bouskill, Alf Duby, Frank Morette, and Bob Austin. Mr. Snow got his early roads experience working for Erin township. It was while clearing Erin roads that he experienced one of his worst winters, in 1947. Later on, while an operator for Nellis Construction, the area was hit with another bad season, in either 1956, or '57.

Mr. Snow says, the winter of 1967 was the hardest. Everything else has been

"average." It was January 1, 1963, when Mr. Snow was hired by Esquesing township as roads superintendent, a position he still holds into retirement. In his time, he has seen the township disappear and be renamed as part of Halton Hills, he saw a reasonably large bridge being built, and saw the construction of a new work shed for Esquesing in 1971.

The innovation of two way radios was the brunt of many jokes at Friday's party. Georgetown trucks had radios, but Acton and Esquesing did not, Mr. Snow recalls. With the arrival of regional government radios were installed in the Acton and township trucks, and there was now no excuse for no contact, the speechmaker quipped. However, as their stories go, he was still difficult to find whenever it snowed.

In spite of all the jokes about Mr. Snow's disappearing acts, it was pointed out he was always there in the worst of snow storms, working around the clock more than once. Christmas Day in the Snow home was interrupted several times when duty called, speakers noted, in their tribute to the veteran road superintendent.



Clarence Edward (Bud) Snow, left, accepts a retirement gift from town engineer Bob Austin Friday night at a special evening in his honor. Wife Evaline Snow is in the middle.

### CAS waits

As 1979 came to a close, the Halton Children's Aid Society was still waiting to hear if it would receive enough money to cover this past year's budget.

### Fire calls

Acton Firefighters had to chip away some gypsum wallboard to get at an electrical fire behind the chimney at the Henry Byres home at 131 Church Hill Rd. S., Sunday afternoon.

Firefighters also cleared a chimney after a fire call to the Pitt residence off 25 Sideroad Saturday.

A Georgetown man suffered a hiatus hernia



Thelma Moyses, Mill St. E., receives her certificate from Lala Sinclair as winner of the Acton Merchants' weekly Christmas draw. Mrs. Moyses picked up her winnings from Acton Pharmacy.

## Winners named

The Acton Lions club held a draw recently.

Winners were: first prize five tails, Nora Papillon; second, five tails, Harold Ford; third, four tails, Jim Parker,

fourth, four tails, J. Melsaac; fifth, three, Paul Grazer; sixth, three tails, R. Cook; seventh, two tails, Tom Parchem; eighth, two tails, R. Agnew; ninth, one tail, Rory McFadden; and tenth, one tail, Maurice Joly.

## Change benefits younger pensioner

Amendments to the Old Age Security (OAS) Act, introduced by Health and Welfare Minister David Crombie, received Royal Assent.

The amendment to the Spouse's Allowance program removes a provision which terminated the Allowance six months after the death of the older spouse. Now, spouse's allow-

ance recipients whose spouses have died will continue to be eligible for the Allowance until they turn 65 and qualify for OAS in their own right, or until they remarry or die, as long as they meet the necessary income requirements.

The amendment also reinstates Allowance recipients who are still eligible.

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## Services are held Christmas Eve

It was standing room only in most Acton churches Christmas Eve as all had special services.

There were two Monday evening services at Trinity United Church. A candlelight carol service was held at 7:30 with the junior and senior choirs. At 11, a special communion service was held with Nancy Shoemaker and Susan Bruce helping Rev. Chuck Beaton. The senior choir sang.

St. Alban's Anglican Church had a family eucharist at 7 p.m. and a candlelight eucharist at 11 p.m. They also had a special Christmas morning eucharist. Rev. Arthur Tribe said.

Knox Presbyterian Church held a candlelight carol service at 11 p.m., the first in the history of the church according to Rev. John Robinson.

Rev. Das Syndey reports a packed house at the Acton Baptist Church for a candlelight communion service. A candlelight service at Christian Reformed Church had John Duenk

accompanying the choir on a trumpet. Additional chairs had to be set up. Pastor John Cooper was in charge of the evening.

Father Leo Spengle officiated at three masses Christmas Eve and one Christmas morning at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. The mid-

night mass featured a trumpet duet and special music by the choir. All masses were crowded especially the children's mass early on the eve of Christmas. The crib, erected under the direction of Arlie White, was again a centre of attraction.

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## Syncrude sold at Acton station

An Acton service station is one of two Ontario centres selling Syncrude a gas additive which manufacturers claim can improve fuel economy by up to 30 per cent.

Chalet, at the corner of Highway 7 and Church Hill Rd., has been testing the product for two months says owner Bruce Cargill. One ounce of the black substance is added to ten gallons of gas, fuel stove or furnace oil.

Right now, in the experimental stage, Syncrude is being directly applied in the gas tanks. Once the product is ready for all customers, it will be applied to the station's tanks. To put it in the tanks now would add two cents a litre to the price.

By adding to the gas tanks directly, Mr. Cargill says it costs 50 cents per ten gallons. It can be purchased in smaller quantities,

depending on the size of the gas tank.

The larger cars are finding the product more efficient, Mr. Cargill says. In well tuned sub-compact cars, drivers are noticing a 15 per cent increase in fuel economy. In the larger vehicles, he said, test drivers say they are averaging 25 to 30 per cent better mileage.

Mr. Cargill feels Syncrude could soon be sold at many centres, as the price of gas escalates. Chalet cleaned out their tanks recently to add a new supply of gas and Syncrude in anticipation of an 18 cent a gallon tax increase. He felt now was the time to introduce the product to his customers. However, with the defeat of the federal government over the budget, which called for the price hike, he is able to wait a while longer. Anyone requesting the product can purchase it, he said.

## Limehouse

### Raffle winners

by Barb Haddon  
The Christmas raffle, in support of the Group Committee and Local Association of Limehouse, turned out to be a great success.

The winning tickets were drawn at the Limehouse School Christmas Concert, and the lucky winners were: first prize (food hamper), Roy Wieland of Georgetown; second prize (needlework cushion), Debbie Brown of Ballinacree; third prize (butterball turkey), Jack Pool of Georgetown; and fourth prize (cheese gift tray), Mrs. D. Dennison of Bramalea.

The money raised will

be used for future activities of the Brownies, Guides, Path Finders, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts in the Limehouse area.

Many thanks to all those who contributed to this event, and especially to Mr. T. Gibson and Mr. A. Zanatta for allowing us to use the school.

The monthly meeting of the LA was held on Dec. 10 at the home of Rhona Scholz. A few former members were present for this Christmas get-together, along with the regular group and a pleasant evening was spent. The next meeting will be held at Barb Haddon's on Feb. 11.

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