



The IODE held its annual bazaar and tea at the Legion Saturday afternoon. Clothes, books, flowers and many other items were sold. Among the IODE promoters were Kit Dowling, left, Mrs. M. Spielvogel and Mrs. H. Helwig.

## This week thru the lens

Photos by Eric Elstone



Acton Cubs and Red Cross workers practised their skills during a simulated airplane crash at the Scout Hall Saturday. Cubs were decked out with "bloody injuries and burns" during the simulation while Red Cross workers gave them medicine and care.



Billy Middleton, long-time town resident, pulled the winning tickets during Saturday's Actario draw.



Lynne Robertson, representing the Santa Claus Parade Committee, accepts cheques from supporters of the parade. Larry Greaves, representing the BIA, Dave Hunter of the Y's Men and Legion Ladies Auxiliary rep Jean Earle were the donors. Other parade supporters, Scout and Guides Mothers and Bell Canada, were not able to attend.



The Acton Curling Club held its annual Businessmen's Bonspiel on the weekend. One of the traditional features of the bonspiel—the march round the ice—was helped by Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band member Diane Tellier.



Tuesday's sprinkling of the first winter snow drew appreciative hands into forming snowballs and more snowballs. One youngster on the hike hasn't made the transition from summer.

## Police seek brighter lights

By Linda Kirby

It was a light show of a different kind when Halton Regional Police commissioners were presented with four different cruiser light styles for their inspection Thursday afternoon.

According to police Inspector John Barrett, approximately one-third of a dozen cruiser roof

light systems must be replaced.

He said there is no danger of the present system falling, but general wear and tear necessitates new lights.

Police commissioners had a chance to view four different options, ranging in price from \$250 to \$800. The new expensive unit resembles the box light

style used by Ontario Provincial Police, and is described as being the most efficient "aerodynamic" system.

Commissioners are also considering the OPP tractor light style, which offers the advantage of being highly visible and less expensive.

Inspector Barrett said the force is looking at

alternate lights to the present system, "because I think we can do better than what we now have."

He said he expects all cruiser roof light systems to be replaced within the next three to four years. A decision on the particular style to be chosen is expected at the police commission meeting next week.

## Dominion site soon parking lot

Acton will have a new parking lot, likely this week just in time for the Christmas shopping rush.

Doug Fread, who bought the Dominion Hotel site along with a Toronto architect at a public auction last month, has rented the property to the Acton Business Improvement Area (BIA) for parking.

The BIA is now having the property levelled, graded and gravelled. Signs will be put up indicating two hour parking in the lot for downtown shoppers.

Fread and his associate are busy



Last week work began on the Dominion Hotel site which will be a temporary downtown parking lot.

framing plans for development of the property on Main Street so the permanent parking lot won't be commercial.

## Honor Sam Tennant retirement Nov. 28

Veteran town worksman Sam Tennant will be honored at a dinner at Acton Legion by his co-workers on November 28.

Mr. Tennant began working for Acton in 1954 and when he officially retires this Friday will have given 26 years of service to this municipality and community.

Mr. Tennant retired from the Acton Firefighters earlier this year after 35

years of service. While with the firefighters, Mr. Tennant served in many executive posts, including chief of the brigade.

He collapsed after marching in the Remembrance Day parade and was hospitalized last week. This week he is home recuperating, though he reports he's feeling "100 per cent". Tomorrow (Thursday), he plans to visit the town works yard and his many friends for the last time before his retirement Friday.

## Taps for holiday?

Royal Canadian Legions in Halton will be asked their views concerning Remembrance Day as a school holiday.

Halton Board of Education decided last week to determine the views of the Legion branches before the board decides to join Hamilton in asking the province to keep Remembrance Day as a regular school day rather than a holiday.

"I've had a fair amount of public support for the Hamilton resolution," Oakville trustee Ann Fairfield told board members.

Remembrance Day fell on a Tuesday this year, however, many of the Legion ceremonies honoring the nation's war dead took place on the previous Sunday.

"The Legion in Hamilton supported the attendance of students at school on November 11.

Many of the Hamilton board members "felt that the day would be more suitably recognized if students remained in school and attended commemorative ceremonies."

## Glenlea ditches being fixed

Town staff continue looking for solutions to complaints of Glenlea residents who aren't happy with their new ditches.

At Friday's council Bank closed just one day

Things have sort of gotten back to normal at the Bank of Montreal following a freak accident in which the front of the Mill Street business was smashed in by a driverless car early last Wednesday morning.

Manager Brian Hahn said the bank was closed last Wednesday and customers had to go to Bank of Montreal branches in Georgetown or Milton to conduct business that day.

With the premises secured the bank reopened Thursday and a contractor will be brought in soon to rebuild the vestibule and replace the large panes of glass shattered in the accident.

The car, owned by Norman Merrin, Knox Ave., was left running in neutral, slipped into reverse, took off, knocking down Merrin, and then smashed into the front of the bank. The owner had stepped out of the car to buy a newspaper. He was uninjured.

drop-in Councillor Terry Grubbe said staff has made some changes in ditches in front of a few homes in the subdivision and are examining ways of fixing some others.

ditches became overrun in the past years and they were dug as deep as they originally were. They had to be cut deeply to expose drains which had become covered with dirt and grass. The ditching

was done to solve drainage problems.

Some homeowners have complained to councillors that the private property side of the ditches are too steep for the grass to be properly cut. In some spots the sides are so steep the pegged sod is sliding away.

**Christmas lights lit soon**  
Christmas lights and decorations will soon be going up downtown. Monday Halton Hills council, at the urging of Councillor Ross Knechtel, directed Halton Hills Hydro Commission to put up the lights on December 1 and take them down January 2. Acton Business Improvement Area has purchased new lights and decorations this year.

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**Court of revision**  
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