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Lynda Hill and Gord Murray



Jean Beaton leads the chorus at the Boar's Head dinner.



John Watson played the bongos at the dinner.



Nancy Patterson played the flute.



Jesters Gretchen Sankey and Cathy Brewes.



Town crier Helen Robertson.



The youngest monk, Melissa Toth.



The jesters dance up a storm.

500 enjoy 4th Boar's Head

Over 500 people jammed the Acton Legion banquet hall Sunday night for the fourth annual Boar's Head dinner, a highlight of Acton's festive season.

The dinner is a tradition brought to town by Rev. Chuck Beaton of Trinity United Church. Wherever Rev. Beaton has preached he has started this Christmas event and leaves it behind as he moved to a new church. However, he says Acton seems to have been the most enthusiastic community in terms of preparation and participation.

From the meal to the entertainment everything was medieval, including the monks' brown robes and the jesters' dazzling costumes. A cast of about 100 put on the show and prepared the dinner.

Following are the people who helped produce this year's Boar's Head dinner: Crawford Caswell, Jean Beaton, Pauline Leslie, Bill Leslie, Valerie Johnston, Kim Toth, Gord Toth, Melissa Toth, Gary Steele, Jim Knapton, John Watson, Steve Saunders, Bill McKenzie, Paul Smith, Laura Leslie, David Leslie, Patty Gordon, Linda Sawden, Lesley Kenny,

Heather Knapton, Miriam Beaton, Belinda Hall, Ian Sawden, Mark Beaton, Nancy Shoemaker, Joanne Miller, Cathy Brewes, Laura Moore, Gretchen Sankey, Linda Zions, Helen Kockx, Nancy Allan, Roy Knapton, Ian McGillivray, Helen Robertson, Paul Moore, Ian Findley, Sharon Bendicks, Sandra Bendicks, Hugh Patterson, Nancy Patterson, Dave Sale, George Elliott, Valerie Johnston, Ed Atherton, Bryan Eaton, Peter Vidler, Ken Steele, Wendy Dedman, Kim Heaps, Peter McKeown, Laura Brillinger, Renatta Brillinger, Barb Hogenbirk, and Jim Allan.



Rev. Chuck Beaton with the boar's head. He brought the Christmas event to Acton.

Water-sewer rate fight predicted

The first task of the new Halton Regional Council will come tomorrow and it promises to be a return of the battle royal of Nov. 17 when the outgoing council approved a 25 per cent hike in the water-sewer rates.

The outgoing council had been warned by Regional Solicitor Acting Chief Administrative Officer Dennis Perlin that it had to rectify a deficit in the water-sewer rates which would have amounted to \$500,000 by the end of this year.

The "equalized" water and sewer rates were put into effect on Jan. 1 of this year.

It was done under the "user pay" system whereby consumers of water were only charged for the amount used and the sewer charge was a percentage of that use.

In addition it took the cost of water-sewer charges off the regional levy and made it part of the utility bill.

But problems developed almost immediately.

Several times during the year regional and municipal councillors

complained of major increases to consumers. Some like former Regional Councillor Ron Planche criticized the system as being too lenient to industrial-commercial users and forcing homeowners to pick up the shortfall.

The crisis came this fall when Mr. Perlin told councillors the water-sewer system would result in a \$500,000 deficit by the end of the year and upwards of \$3 million by 1983 if the system was not changed in some form.

That came down to the meeting Nov. 17 when the outgoing council was told that if nothing was done to correct the deficit, they might be held legally responsible.

The councillors opted for the "Fix It" approach which called for a 25 per cent increase in water and sewer costs effective Jan. 1, 1981.

Tomorrow, the new council must adopt or reject this answer and it is felt Burlington and Milton (which lose money in the present system) will oppose it.

Halton Hills is the big loser if the council re-

jects the "Fix It" approach and goes back to assessing costs on the levy.

Mayor Peter Pomeroy was prepared Nov. 17 to launch a legal action against the rest of Regional Council had it ruled in favor of the chargeback system.

In a lengthy report written for the new council by Mr. Perlin, he again stresses the need to increase the water-sewer costs to all of Halton by 25 per cent. While the hike is large in terms of percentage, it means \$4 to \$6 to the average homeowner on the bimonthly bill.

But it is known Burlington will again press for termination of the user pay concept and push for the chargeback system.

Human rights lecture

"Human Rights are God given rights" will be the subject of a free public lecture this Friday night in the Watson Room at Acton Library. The speakers will be Carol and David Bowie with the presentation beginning at 8 p.m.

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Obituary

Evelyn Pierce

Former Acton resident Evelyn Pierce died November 19 at the Spencer Memorial Home, Moncton, New Brunswick at the age of 74.

Born at Palana, South Africa, she was the daughter of the late George and Sarah (Fishwick) Edwards.

She is survived by her husband William H.V. Pierce, two daughters, Mrs. C.B. Carr (Ann) of Acton and Mrs. G. Dorion (Sally) of Fredericton New Brunswick; one son

Fred A. Pierce of Truro, Nova Scotia; one sister and eight grandchildren.

Mrs. Pierce and her husband resided in Acton with her daughter Ann for two-and-a-half years from 1973 to 1975.

Funeral service was held November 21 at St. Georges Anglican Church after resting at Tuttle Brothers Funeral Home, Moncton. Interment followed in Fairhaven Memorial Gardens.



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Jean Beaton plays at the Boar's Head dinner and received a standing ovation from the crowd of 500.