

Scarlet Fever scare unfounded — official

Two confirmed cases of scarlet fever at M.Z. Bennett School have not caused regional health officials concern about an epidemic.

In fact, says Dr. Peter Cole, regional medical officer of health, scarlet fever today is not as dangerous as the measles if treated properly.

M.Z. Bennett principal Howard Allen told the

Free Press there were two cases in the Kindergarten class of his school, and parents had been warned about the illness. Other absenteeism at the same time was attributed to other sicknesses. Parents were not overly concerned over the disease, which Dr. Cole says has an unjustified "stigma" attached to it.

Dr. Cole explained that scarlet fever is usually treated when it is at the strep throat stage and does not very often get a chance to develop. However, penicillin combats the disease almost immediately and within 24 to 48 hours the patient is able to return to a normal routine.

If the disease does go unchecked though, he warned, it can result in heart or kidney disease, which eventually can be fatal. This is very rare in North America in today's society, he said and the disease has been under control, and understood for about 20 years.

Scarlet fever is still a problem in some third world countries where cases are not treated and therefore passed on.

In Canada, he said, quarantine is rare, and only immediate family are given extra medication to prevent contamination.

There is no danger of an epidemic in Acton, he said.



Thanks good friends for your loyalty and good will. Hope your holidays will be filled to the brim with old fashioned Christmas cheer!

Bill Toth
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Every day's a holiday being with our many friends. Thanks and best wishes for a Merry Christmas!

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Light parking lots

The Acton BIA is looking at having parking lots lighted.

Last month board of management member Dave Manes was directed to contact Halton Hills Hydro about parking lot lighting feasibility and costs.



Sculptures by Acton High School students Alana Bowen, Heather Knapton, Gord Springle and Cathi Beechan were on display in the schools bear pit area last week. Artist Ted Turvey, second from the right, has been teaching the grade 10 students in the program sponsored by the Arts Council to bring professional artists in the school to expose students to professional artists and their ideas. Work by Gord Springle has been chosen for the "Juried Show" to travel around Halton in the next six months. Students created their sculptures out of wood.

A Christmas Wish

We join those who sing out the many praises of this special season, and wish you and yours have a most memorable Christmas holiday!

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CHEER TO ALL

LIVE... LOVE... LAUGH... because it's CHRISTMAS! Thanks to our friends.

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Christmas music with some twists highlights combined bands concert

Christmas took on a new sound Sunday night at the Acton Citizens' Band and Acton High School Band concert.

The two bands entertained about 200 people with a number of rarely heard variations of some traditional and not so traditional Christmas music.

As they always do, the Citizens' Band started off with a march, the Royal Air Force March Past, which is the official march of both the RAF and RCAF. It was written in 1917 and is familiar tune to those who enjoy military music.

Getting into the Christmas music the band offered Canticque de Noel for its second selection. With a solemn flavor and clarinets beautifully highlighted, the name wasn't familiar to the audience, but the tune certainly was. Canticque de Noel is better known, and better loved, as O' Holy Night.

Late in the last century and early in the 1900s when townspeople would flock to the park to hear a concert they'd be treated to a band overture. This number would be full of different music, a solemn beginning; a waltz; marches; solos; a little bit of everything, and so was the Citizens' Bands third piece, Sun Prairie Overture. It fit in well with the early concert theme of old time music.

The Citizens' Band is a mixture of young people and adults in their 30s, 40s and 50s so it was appropriate that when it came to pops the band played some oldies but goodies like Heartaches,

Piano Roll Blues and Sugar Blues, as well as Barry Manilow's New York City Rhythm. Chuck Wright and Brent Hynman starred in solos.

Carol of the Drum is a fairly recent piece of Christmas music, from the late 50s or early 60s, but it has become immensely popular. This too was a familiar tune, but better known by the name Little Drummer Boy.

Nun Dankel, another band selection, wasn't recognizable to the audience by its German name, but is a loved Christian hymn suitable for any season on the calendar. The Now Thank We God arrangement featured trumpets and the snare drum.

The eighth offering was Spiritual Rhapsody featuring Andreas Thiel on the piano. It was a type of music not often heard since there are few numbers which combine bands and a piano.

The band completed their solo portion of the program by performing a well known Christmas song, We Wish You a Merry Christmas, but with a twist. The tune was set to a fugue as a classical composer would have written it.

The high school band continued the evening's format of Christmas music with a different flavor in this solo performance.

First they offered the Devonshire Overture, featuring fast and slow sections, solos; marches and more. It was a typical old English overture.

Deck the Halls and All That Jazz was another, id Yule favorite with an interesting arrangement

which made it less than familiar. For one thing half the band played at two beats a bar and the rest of the band at three beats a bar, no easy task for the conductor, Dave Sale.

The final AHS band offering was Christmas Pops Medley, comprising four familiar tunes which were arranged by John Tatgenhorst while he soaked up the sun one holiday season in the Bahamas. Rocking Around the Christmas Tree, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, Winter Wonderland and Jingle Bells was certainly different with a calypso flavor.

With both the Citizens' and AHS bands combined after intermission they played the only true Canadian Christmas Carol, 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime. Written in the 1600s by a Jesuit Missionary, it was his way of explaining the Christmas story to the Indians and is a truly beautiful carol.

While parts of the tune were familiar, the 14th piece of the evening, Elizabethan Carol, isn't a holiday season hymn which is performed all that often and the bands played it expertly.

The evening concluded with the bands playing seven old standards in the way everyone has heard them. The audience joined in to sing Hark The Herald Angels Sing; O Come, All Ye Faithful; Deck the Halls; Silent Night; The First Noel; Joy to the World; and We Wish You a Merry Christmas.

Red Cross appeals for funds to aid needy in Poland

Henry Kroes, president of the Acton Red Cross, announced yesterday (Monday) that the local organization has joined the International Red Cross appeal for aid for Poland.

Donations may be made to the Acton Red Cross at the Bank of Montreal, Bank of Nova Scotia and Toronto-Dominion Bank and will be passed on to the Acton Red Cross for forwarding to the International Red

Cross office in Toronto.

International Red Cross is aiming to raise \$7.5 million to help needy Poles this winter. Already the Canadian Red Cross has donated \$25,000 to the emergency operation.

The appeal calls for the purchase of blankets, winter clothing, soap, detergents, butter, tinned meats and cheese for the neediest senior citizens.



Part of the Junior choir of Knox Church went over the songs before performing at the Christmas Concert Sunday evening. Left to right, Lisa Lanthier, Trevlynn Mason and Lesley Mathieson.

Merry Christmas to Everyone

Thank you Acton, for your support and a Merry Christmas

Eva & Kenneth Jorgensen
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Dec. 26th - 1 Show Only - 7:30 p.m. Theatre

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Wed. 23 "Sharky's Machine" 7:10 & 9:10 p.m.

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Show Times: 7:55 and 9:05

Wed. 23 "The Warriors" PLUS
"Cheech & Chong's Up In Smoke" 7:15 & 9

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BURT REYNOLDS SHARKY'S MACHINE
Show Times 7 p.m. & 9:15

Wed. 23 "Raiders of the Lost Ark" 7:10 & 9:10

Management and Staff wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Right in step with that festive holiday spirit, we take this opportunity to offer our best wishes, and say 'thanks' All the Staff at

Acton Family Shoes

Yuletide Wishes

Extending special thanks and hoping that the treasured moments you share with those you love will bring you much happiness and joy.

Management and Staff

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SNOW CLEANING
Placing of snow or ice on streets in any manner as to obstruct or encumber is prohibited by by-law. As improper snow and ice cleaning can be a serious hazard, please comply with the requirements of the by-law so as not to create a hazard.

YOUR CO-OPERATION IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE WINTER CONTROL MEASURES AND SAFE CONDITIONS.

Be of Good Cheer...

Christmas is here! We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patronage and wish you a Happy Holiday.

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