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Three kings at Knox Presbyterian Church Christmas Play Sunday evening Lesley McCrystal, Andrew McVeigh and Alan Brown.



Rev. John Robertson

**Knox minister resigns — again**

Acton is losing its second minister in as many months. Rev. John Robertson, of Knox Presbyterian Church will be leaving his post in Acton next week after a two year stay to take up a position with the Presbytery in Toronto.

He leaves Acton just a few weeks after Father Leo Speagle of St. Joseph's Catholic Church left for a promotion in Kitchener.

Rev. Robertson explains he made his decision to leave last spring, but pressure from many of his parishioners resulted in his staying on. However, he said, he has a lot of interests and he is "stretched" a great deal in a small local church.

After 28 years in the ministry, Rev. Robertson says he finds himself wanting a new vehicle for the ministry. He is very interested in motivational seminars, and reaching out to people in different ways.

"At my stage, I look forward to a different form of ministry," he said.

The Presbytery, he says, will provide him with a church to preach in on Sundays, and he is hoping for a chaplaincy at a hospital or other institution.

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**Students volunteer time to help many in town**

There's a program at Acton High School which receives little attention yet involves almost 60 students and is instrumental in bridging the much publicized communication gap between school and community.

A volunteer program with 58 students, mostly grade 9 pupils taking part, sees teens making regular visits to the Halton Developmental Centre, Tinkerbell Nursery, McKenzie-Smith Middle School and M. Z. Bennett (working in the libraries and with the various grades), Village Manor Rest Home, Mapleview Lodge and Honeycot Nursery.

The students are required to sign a contract and have their parents and teachers countersign. Sometimes it is necessary for the students to miss classes in the one-semester program and teacher permission is needed. Volunteering does not count as a credit.

Organizer Dave Jones points out that most of the volunteers are girls, although this year there have been more boys involved than ever before. Grade nine and ten students are predominantly in the program. He feels this may be due to greater school and social pressures on the senior students.

While most students stick it through, some drop out before the end of their prescribed time, due to faltering marks, social pressures, or just not liking their assignment. Some of the students have used the program to see if they would like to enter that particular field after graduation. In at least one case, Jones states, a student found out he or she would not like to spend his or her life working in that area, thus saving him the time and expense of going to post secondary school before discovering it is not what he wanted.

The program was started by Keith Black over eight years ago, and is now run by Jones for one semester and Sue Burns and Marg Tamblin in the second semester.

Times spent at the places vary according to what needs to be done. At the Halton Developmental Centre for profoundly mentally retarded children, students spend an entire day every two weeks. Senior students are more willing to volunteer for this program.

With a place like Honeycot Nursery, almost three hours a week could be spent helping out in any way needed. At the rest homes, students do everything from read or play games with the seniors to raking leaves or shovelling snow.

The teenagers have a choice of where they can go with the program, with Honeycot being the most favored with 17 going there. Mapleview Lodge has 13 students heading out there and 10 to M. Z. Bennett. Village Manor has seven volunteers, McKenzie-Smith five, and Tinkerbell and Halton Developmental Centre each have three.

Trinity U.C.W.

**Learn meaning of "Gifts of Christmas"**

by Eisle Reed  
The regular meeting of Trinity U.C.W. was held in the Church Parlor on December 8. Mrs. Ethel Denny's Group was in charge and gave the Lord's Prayer repeated Devotions, and the in unison.

Kae Hart read the story of the Lord's birthday, according to St. Luke—Chapter 2. On an

appropriate Christmas table around a symbolic Christmas tree were arranged "Gifts of Christmas. Sally Smith was presented with the first gift which held a white dove, "the wonderful Gift of Peace" and the meaning it held for the world. Doris Dudy opened up the white candle, the "light of the world." Jessie Ramsdon opened the Holy Bible; to give us knowledge and understanding as we study its messages. Kae Hart had the Ring; representing God's love which encircles and joins us all in friendship and goodwill.

Many Christmas Hymns, including Come all ye Faithful and Away in a Manger helped provide a worshipful atmosphere before the Closing prayer.

In the unavoidable absence of the faithful secretary Helen Little, a volunteer, Kae Hart took over the secretary's task for the meeting. A special collection for Presbytery was taken and the collections received. Dorothy Simmons turned in funds from The Quilters and \$15.50 had been received from aprons sold at the previous meeting.

An invitation was received from the T.A.G. to attend their potluck supper and each person is to bring an example of their favorite food. Business continued with plans for the Choir Baskets with Kae Hart. Sally Smith and Doris Dudy appointed as committee in charge. Roll call was answered with several house and hospital calls which have been made, showing sick and ailing still need to be remembered.

A lovely Christmas lunch and a pleasant social time concluded a wonderful meeting. Mrs. Jo Force thanked all who had helped. A good attendance is hoped for at the next regular meeting January 12.



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**Chimney fire**

Acton volunteer firefighters were called to a chimney fire on the Fifth Line south of Highway 7 Sunday afternoon.

The fire was almost out before firefighters arrived.