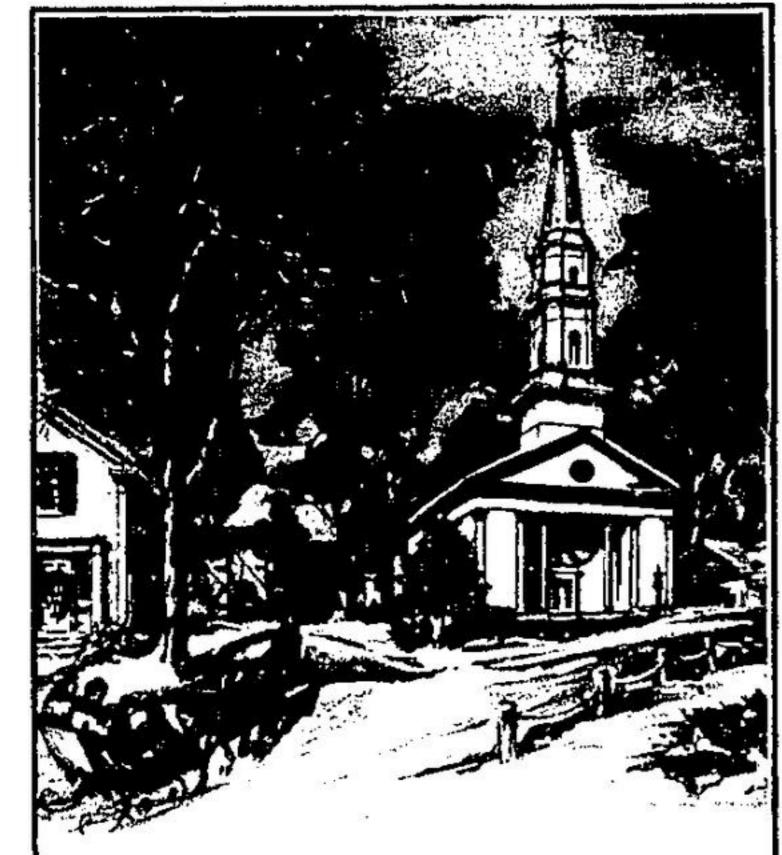


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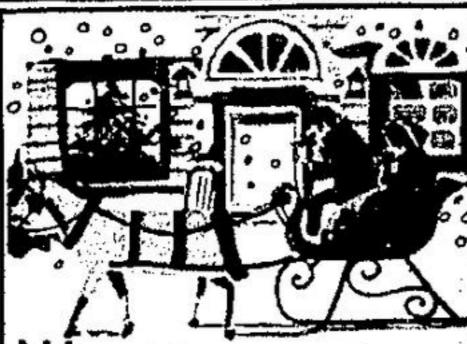
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Three kings at Knox Presbyterian Church Christmas Play Sunday evening Lesley McCrystall, Andrew McVeigh and Alan Brown.

Students volunteer time to help many in town

There's a program at Acton High program to see if they would like to School which receives little attention enter that particular field after yet involves almost 60 students and is graduation. In at least one case, Jones instrumental in bridging the much states, a student found out he or she publicized communication gap betwould not like to spend his or her life working in that area, thus saving him ween 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, McKenzle-Smith Middle School and M. Z. Bennett (working in the libraries and with the Burns and Marg Tamblyn in the various grades), Village Manor Rest Home, Mapleview Lodge and Honeypot 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

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

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 With a place like Honeypot 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 show. The teenagers have a choice of

where they can go with the program, with Honeypot 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

the time and expense of going to post secondary school before discovering it

The program was started by Keith Black over eight years ago, and is now

run by Jones for one semester and Sue

Times spent at the places vary

is not what he wanted.

second semester.



Rev. John Robertson

Knox minister resigns—again

Acton is losing its second minister in as many

Rev. John Robertson, of Knex 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 parishloners 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

"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.

Kae Hart read the appropriate Christmas

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by Elsie Reed December 8. Mrs. Ethel meeting was opened. The regular meeting Denny's Group was in with the Purpose and the of Trinity UCW was held charge and gave the Lord's Prayer repeated in the Church Parlor on Devotions." and the in unison.

day, according to St. Christmas tree were Luke-Chapter 2. On an arranged "Gifts of

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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 Duby 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 representing God's love which encircles and joins us all in friendship and goodwill.

Christmas Many Hymns, including Come all ye Faithful and Away in a Manger helped pro-vide a worshipful atmosphere before the Closing

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 the received. Dorothy Simmons turned in funds from The Quilters and \$15.50 had been received

from aprons sold at the

previous meeting. An invitation received from T.A.G. to attend their pot luck supper and each person is to bring an example of their favorite food. Business continued with plans for the Choer Baskets with Kae Hart. Sally Smith and Doris Duby 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.

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.





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