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Residential burden drops for water-sewer customers

Halton homeowners won't carry as much of the burden of paying for the region's water and sewer system next year.

Acton regional councillor says part of the package of measures which will raise water-sewer rates 10.7 per cent next year includes a small shift of the burden from residential customers to industrial-commercial users.

He explained this year residential users paid 71 per cent of the water-sewer system costs but will foot only 65 per cent of the bill next year.

If the outgoing council hadn't boosted water-sewer rates by 25 per cent a year ago to cover a deficit residential customers would have carried even more than 71 per cent of the cost of the system.

Whiting says with equalized water-sewer rates about as firmly entrenched at region north Halton will benefit greatly in the years ahead, rate increases won't be as hefty as they would be if rates weren't equalized. In addition in the future developers will have to front-end the cost of servicing new developments.

Dublin W.I. Hear about Australia from Jenny Nunan

by Laura Dennis

Festive holiday decorations enhanced the home of Mrs. David Hunter, Churchill Rd. North, and welcomed the 40 ladies, including four guests, to the Christmas meeting of the Dublin Women's Institute.

Turkey with all the trimmings together with many other dishes and desserts was the dinner. Mrs. B. Alder, Mrs. W. Britton and Mrs. A. Diamond, as social committee, looked after the arrangements.

A short business period followed with Mrs. H. Bealey, president, reading a poem "Christmas is more than a day in the year"; and "Why I still believe in Santa Claus" was the theme for the Roll Call. In the correspondence read by Mrs. J. Kranendonk, it was noted that January 25 is the date set for a Workshop at Arkell United Church which will be helpful to Resolution Conventers; and several classes of instruction in January will be given to 4-H leaders at Ligney's. The project is "Breadwinners".

Two quilts will be started in January according to a report by Mrs. C. Armstrong, Conventer; and Mrs. A. Diamond reported as Card Conventer.

Favorable financial reports of three banquets served during the past weeks were given by Mrs. E. Wilson. As a thank you to the committee and helpers who have worked so hard over the years, the Branch will entertain them at dinner at a place of their own choice.

An "In Memoriam" was observed for the passing of Mrs. D. Macpherson who had passed away in Milton recently. Mrs. Macpherson had been a valued member of Dublin Women's Institute a few years back when living in the District. A hamper will be given to the Salvation Army in Acton for distribution to the less fortunate.

District and former members will be remembered with Christmas greetings.

A charming guest was present from Australia, Jenny Nunan, and was introduced by Mrs. M. Nellis. Jenny is a Rotary exchange student and has been a guest for the past year in several Rotarian homes in Acton. It has been a very enjoyable experience for her, but she is returning to her beloved homeland at the end of the year.

Beautiful slides were shown of Australia of city and country scenes. Particularly interesting were the wild animals native to this country. Many thanks were extended by Mrs. M. Hunter to Miss Nunan for her talk and interesting pictures.

Readings were given by Mrs. David Hunter, "There isn't a Santa Claus." The history and origin of the best-loved Carol in the world, "Silent Night", was given by Mrs. M. Hunter.

Christmas Bingo was played with Mrs. Nellis conducting it, and there were many winners. In the Scrambled Word Contest Mrs. D. Hunter and Mrs. B. Alder were declared winners. Mrs. M. Hunter, Mrs. A. Diamond, Mrs. E. Wilson and Mrs. M. Nellis were the committee responsible for the entertainment.

No Christmas Party is complete without a Santa, and sure enough, Santa in the person of the host, was there to present gifts from each member to their pen-pal of the year. Additional gifts were given to each lady present.



Santa drew the Actario tickets downtown Saturday morning.

Actario winners

Helen Jocque, Rtt 4 Acton, was the winner of the weekly Actario draw for \$350. Because she was at the draw Mrs. Jocque also picked up a turkey bonus prize.

Mrs. B. Anderson, 19 Cameron St., went home with merchant bonus vouchers from Nielsens, Acton Photo and Camera and Family Cleaners while Doug and Janis Fread, 29 Bower Ave., won vouchers from IGA, Home Hardware and Acton Family Restaurant.

Winner of the super shopper with vouchers from Acton Pharmacy, Acton Bowling Lanes, Family Cleaners, Stedman's, Ed's In 'N Out, Jolliffe Shoes, AB Foodland and Jug City was Wilo Near, 89 Mill St. East.

Name speaker Chamber annual

Reg Clarke, director of operations for the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, will be the guest speaker at the Acton Chamber of Commerce annual general meeting.

Clarke will present the Canadian Chamber's position on the federal government's policy on competition, which the Chamber deems anti-competition.

The annual Chamber meeting will be held January 23 at the Acton Curling Club.

Trailers damaged

Several trailers at Breezes Trailer Park, R.R. 1, Acton, sustained damage as a result of break-ins early last week, according to Halton Police.

Doors were forced open and several trailers were entered. It is not known how much was stolen.

Merry Christmas

Glad holiday wishes by the stockingful are coming your way. May the season bring you love and joy in full measure.

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