



Beardmore held its annual children's Christmas party Sunday afternoon at the Acton Legion. Youngsters like Jeff Hubbert played mini-golf while others tried their luck at ball and ring toss, the fish pond and shooting gallery. Santa was also on hand to distribute gifts.



Honor volunteers

The volunteers who keep the Acton Social Services and Information Centre's meals on wheels and Block Parents programs going were treated to a Christmas party Friday afternoon. Pictured here are just some of the volunteers. Following is a list of the volunteers: Katherine Lynch, Jen Lesley, Margaret Massales, Ross Knechtel, Iole Laisetto, Chris Clark, Cathy Rickerble, Debbie Pereira, Betty Green, Sandra Punn, Margaret Waterfield, Jim Gordon, Suzanne Brown, Dot Redekop, Carol Clark, Wilmer Fryer, Rena Arbic, John Kamminga, Sally Smith, Jesse McEnery, Peggy Woods, Eleanor Hurley, Lynn Kryzik, Orwell Johnston, Bob McArthur, May Hoare, Lorna Clark, Helen Dubeau, Peter Dubeau, Laura Dittich, Alice Pilkington, Wilma Barrens, Bea Anderson, Joan Barr, Fred New, Shirley McKeown, Sandra Balnes, Ed Morrison, Norma Zeigler, Ted Cheskey, Lorraine Cheskey, Dorothy Allan, Mary Papillon, Isabelle Gallant, Gloria Baker, Laurie Cook, Eldon Comfort, Etta Hamilton, Sandra DeForest, Francis Vermeer and Rosemary Pratt.



Through youthful eyes

Acton Baptist Church hosted "Through Youthful Eyes", a community Christmas Musicals featuring Acton children's and youth choirs at Trinity United Church Sunday night. The Trinity Cherub and Junior Choirs, St. Joseph's Children's Choir, Salvation Army Singing Company and McKenzie-Smith School Choir performed.



Most Halton students pass to next grade

Almost 98 per cent of all Halton elementary students received promotions to their next grade last June, according to a report to the Halton Board of Education by George Heaver, superintendent of curriculum services.

Heaver's report revealed failures (retentions) and/or accelerations occurred most frequently in the primary grades as compared to the other two divisions.

"It is apparent, therefore, that primary grade teachers provide a significant diagnostic role in identifying and providing unique needs," the report said.

A table drawn up by Heaver showed the most accelerations were in grade 3 at 16, out 2608 students. Grade one had the most failures with 114 out of 2225 pupils.

Ladies' Fair Board

by L. Johnston

The December meeting of the Ladies' Fair Board had a definite festive air. The business meeting was preceded by a lovely dinner at Jack Tanner's followed by an excursion to the country home of Mrs. Eleanor Thompson.

The gift theme this year was

"something home-made". A teasing game of gift exchange was enjoyed by all and a twist at the end by Mrs. Ruth Linham surprised everyone. A wonderful variety of Christmas cookies was served at the end of the meeting.

The next monthly meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Marilyn Murray on January 5.

Knox Ladies' Aid

Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Murray, Highway 25 North were hosts for the Christmas party of Knox Ladies' Aid. Even Frosty the Snowman was at the door as well to welcome the ladies.

Murray and Mrs. K. Petty. The monthly Lamp Committee meeting was reported by Mrs. J. C. Dennis and \$2,500 was approved to be forwarded to the Finance Committee of the Church. A beautiful "Prayer for Peace" was read by the president in closing the business part of the meeting.

Games and contests were played and everyone appeared to be a winner. Then Santa arrived and there was an exchange of gifts, distributed by the hostess, and her daughter, Mrs. B. Macpherson. Thanks were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Murray for hosting this happy occasion again, by Mrs. W. J. McLeod.

The home was beautifully decorated with Christmas tree and festive decorations, and all sat down to a fine pot-luck dinner in front of a blazing fire in the fireplace. A short business period followed with Mrs. Murray, the president, reading the timely verse "The Christmas Tree." Bill Cull was answered by a "Christmas Custom in your Home". Christmas Readings were given by Mrs.



Continue to oppose the deer hunt

Dear Sir:

The excellent response to our ad (November 9, 1983) as indicated by the many coupons sent in, has encouraged us to continue our activities to oppose the hunt in Halton Region.

Our committee will be contacting the respondents regarding a meeting in the New Year. As well, we plan to contact the Ministry of Natural Resources to

confirm statistics of the 1983 hunt. Thank you to the many sponsors who made the ad possible and to those who offered moral support. We would welcome further support. Please contact us by writing: H-H-HOC (Halton Region Hunting Opposition Committee), P.O. Box 92, Acton, Ontario, L7J 2M2

Eden Mills

Seniors travel to Caledonia

by Mrs. G. MacDougall

The Friendly Seniors started off December in fine fashion. A busload travelled to Big Creek Farm in Caledonia where they were thrilled with a beautiful old-fashioned Christmas concert and then enjoyed a delicious meal. From there, they went on to Simcoe to view the lovely spectacle of Christmas lights.

Carrie Doehring. Relatives and friends were present to witness the baptisms. Assisting the minister with readings and lighting of the second Advent Candle were Tim, Steven and Jon Neeb.

Blind funds cut in half

It was a really nice winter day for the Eden House Nursing home craft sale and tea and there was a large turnout. Lucky draw winners were: Mrs. Agnes Davidson, Ceramic Christmas Tree; Mrs. Thompson, a rug; Mrs. Deb Marshall, an afghan; Mrs. Doris Cameron, candy house.

The Acton drive of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) was "very disappointing" falling short of \$4,000 goal by \$2,000.

Activities Director Mrs. Betty Marshall extends a sincere thank you to all who supported with bazaar with items and to all who came to buy and enjoy the afternoon.

Campaign chairman Vic Bristow said only \$2,070 was raised, with the biggest drop in residential contributions. A shortage of canvassers this year forced Bristow to opt for mail-in donations. Only \$1,147 came in through the mail.

Eden Mills Presbyterian Church was all aglow for the Christmas season on December 4. It was a special occasion for Alison and Jacqueline, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bradshaw, and Abbey and Alexander, children of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Robertson who were baptised by Rev.

Commercial, industrial and organizations remained about the same as always, Bristow said. However, he pointed out these are areas which he personally canvasses. Commercial brought in \$328, industrial \$286 and organizations \$100.



Trinity United Church held its annual White Gift Christmas service Sunday morning and it was filled with the sounds of children singing. The youngsters delighted the congregation with their enactment of the Christmas story.