Town hall party off

By MAGGIE HANNAH

Herald Special While restoration work on Acton's town hall is proceeding well, it will not be completed for the planned New Year's Eve party, organizer Ted Tyler says.

When Mr. Tyler received council support in grant applications last year to restore the hall he invited council to a party in the restored bullding.

He said 75 per cent of the restoration work has been completed but the hall just won't be ready in time for the proposed

party.
"We're putting things back now rather than taking them away," he explained, referring to the stripping down of the building which was done to check for unknown structural de-

fects. He expects rewiring to be completed by today. Insulation is in place. Almost all the reinforcing steel is ins-talled. The drywall is being put up and he expects the bell to be returned to the belfry this week.

He is considering holding a dance of some sort Dec. 31 even though the work is not completed, he said, but it will not be the official opening he originally envis-

aged. "But no new date has been considered for the grand opening."

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He suggested late February or early March might be a suitable time to hold such an event since it would be a way of fighting the 'blahs' that strike at that time.

Mr. Tyler also said he will ask council's support next week for a provincial building rehabilitation and improvement campaign (BRIC) grant. The funds are from the province but the administration of such a grant is done by

the local municipality. He has applied for the maximum allowable 1983 figure of \$2,000. The province matches the money put up by the project organizers and the \$2,000 will actually work like a rebate on \$4,000 worth of work

already done on the hall. Tyler said while the budget is barely sufficient to cover labor costs they "will get by" on it. It is in the materials costs where extra funds

must be found. The fundraising Actario draw was apparently in trouble last week but it has suddenly found some new supporters and is over the profit side of the ledger now,

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he said. -Courtesy of the Guelph Mercury.

Spirit of sharing

Continued from page A1 Capt, Perrin, "It's a fair amount of work." The hampers are

worth about \$30.00 each. "The items are from donations that are sent in from schools, church groups, and individu-

als," said Capt. Perrin. The Christmas donations that come in the mail and those collected from the Christmas Cheer.Kettles set up in stores help with the purchase of food for the

hampers, he said. However, the funds sent to the Army not only help at Christmas time, they also help with the Army's welfare work throughout the

new year. "We help people every week of the year when people don't real-ize we're doing it," Capt. Perrin said. "But it (helping people) peaks at this time of the

year. "It's the spirit of Christmas, of sharing and making a family

happy." Capt. Perrin expressed his gratitude and thanks to the Acton Rotary Club and the Independent Order of the Daughters of the Empire (IODE) for their belp with the

Christmas hampers. The Rotary Club is helping to deliver some of the hampers to needy families starting today.



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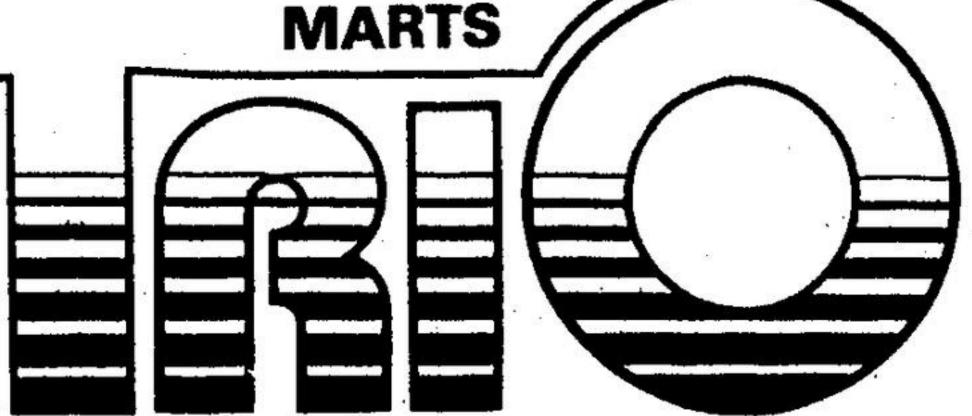
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