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ABOUT THE HILLS

Speyside wins 'best float'

It was an old fashioned Christmas in Acton Saturday, and lots of community members came out to witness it.

The Acton Santa Claus parade was a booming success from the standpoint of spectators and float participation, says parade chairman Phil McCristal.

Not only that, but sunny skies warmed the crowds who viewed 24 floats built around the 1984 parade theme of "an old fashioned Christmas".

Speyside Public School won the best overall prize for their float while St. Joseph's Separate School won the best school float.

Induamin won the commercial prize for their float called "a Wizard of Oz Christmas". In the "Other" category, the Golden Age Club were first with their portrayal of a Charles Dickens Christmas.

The Acton firefighters who organized the event for the first time were pleased at the community support and gave their thanks to the Halton Regional Police and the Y Men's Club for their help.

Christmas with 'Sol'

Gallery House Sol on Charles Street in Georgetown is holding their annual Christmas exhibition and sale for gift giving from Dec. 1 to Dec. 18.

The gallery is open from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. You'll see artist made Christmas decorations, small presents, miniature artworks, jewellery, quilted works, items made of wood, clay or glass and much more. For more information call 877-6460.

Holly Days

The Lung Association's Happy Holly Days, when fresh sprigs of Holly will be offered in malls and hospitals, will be held Dec. 7 and 8.

"This is the fourth year for Holly Days, and each year it is getting bigger, as people look forward to seeing our volunteers with their trays of Holly," says Cheryl Munser, fund raising chairperson.

One in five Canadians has a chronic respiratory problem. Emphysema and chronic bronchitis are increasing at an alarming rate, and this fact alone places an increasing burden on the Lung Association.

For more information about Holly Days, and the Lung Association contact Halton at 632-8489.

Radial festival

The Halton County Radial Railway will be holding their Ladies' Annual Christmas Fiesta Dec. 9, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be free rides on historic street cars for children as well as a visit by Santa Claus.

On display will be handicrafts, gifts, books, and a bake table. Homemade chili and baked beans as well as hot dogs will be available beside the stove in the old Rockwood Station.

To get there, from Highway 401, exit at No. 312 and take the Guelph Line - Burlington Road for about nine miles. From Highway 7 turn south on Wellington Road No. 44 and travel for about three miles.

Auxiliary ball

Georgetown Hospital Auxiliary is holding a Christmas Ball Friday Dec. 7, starting at 7 p.m. The location is Holy Cross Auditorium, and entertainment will be provided by Dave Smallwood.

Included in the \$25 ticket price (per couple) is a hot buffet.

All proceeds will go towards the purchase of hospital equipment. For tickets call 877-4993 or pick them up at the Hospital Gift Shop.

Bright children

The Association for Bright Children will host a meeting to examine the development of gifted potential in children Dec. 3, at Nelson High School, 4181 New Street, Burlington, at 8 p.m.

Holly Ward Sutton, M.A., B.Ed., will talk about the needs of exceptionally bright children and how schools, parents and other adults could benefit them and support them in their growth.

Parents, educators and the interested public are invited to attend.

Relief aid needed

"The crucial need right now is money," says Sybil Geller, president of the Ontario Red Cross. Close to \$750,000 is needed to maintain Red Cross operations in Ethiopia until the end of 1984. Relief operations in 1983 will cost at least \$18 million.

"Ethiopia is not the only country affected," she adds. "The Sahel drought has wide reaching effects in Chad, Mali, Sudan and most of all in Mozambique where 4.7 million people are affected."

All Red Cross offices will accept donations marked "For Ethiopia Relief" or "For Africa Relief". Cheques or money orders may be mailed to Red Cross, 460 Jarvis Street, Toronto M4Y 2H5 or your local branch. Donations are tax-deductible and receipts will be issued.

Stewarttown news

By J. ROSS
Herald Correspondent

STEWARTTOWN - We are sorry to see the former Lunan House destroyed by fire, which occurred last Wednesday evening.

The ladies of St. John's will be enjoying an evening out on Dec. 4. Don't forget your gift.

Free skating

Over 250 children and adults enjoyed free public skating Nov. 18 in Acton and Georgetown. This opportunity has been made available through the Acton Rotary Club and the Optimist Club of Georgetown.

These service clubs will be providing free skating on all P.A. Days for both public and separate schools in addition to the Christmas and March Break holidays. Separate schools will enjoy a free skate Nov. 30 at the Acton Arena from 2:30 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. and at the Memorial Arena from 1 to 2:20 p.m.

Public schools will have a free skate Dec. 3, at the Acton Arena from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. and at the Gordon Alcott Arena from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Santa Claus parade Acton's old fashioned Christmas

