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Entertainment

**Hello Dad song
on record album
with Stompin' Tom**

Lying on his hospital bed, 74-year-old Bill Hawes had never heard his son play guitar and sing. But then, something magical happened.

Recovering from a lung ailment, Mr. Hawes listened to a recording of a song written by his son called Hello Dad.

Now that's enough to make any father proud, but Bill Hawes continues to be amazed at his son's musical talents.

Art Hawes has written two songs and recorded them himself on a recently released LP produced by none other than Stompin' Tom Connors, who now lives in Ballinafad.

The younger Hawes, 42, is a Limehouse resident, who co-wrote one of his songs with the former Maritime country legend Stompin' Tom.

Recorded at Orchard Studios just south of Norval, and manufactured by Boots Records in Mississauga,



Bill Hawes, 74, got one of the first record album copies off the presses where his son is featured singing Hello Dad. (Herald photo)

the LP is entitled Stompin' Tom is back to Assist Canadian Talent. Six local musicians have recorded two songs each with an intro and epilogue by the great one himself. Many of the songs were co-written with Stompin' Tom and he sings a few numbers himself on the album.

Also featured on the record is owner of Scissors Hairstyling, Donna Lambert. She sings My Whole World Revolves and August Moon Waltz.

The remaining artists recording with Stompin' Tom are Bruce Caves, Cliff Evans of Norval, Kent Brockwell of Peterborough and Wayne Chapman of Streetsville.

The record was just released this week, said Bill Hawes, a resident of Kin Court in Georgetown.

This summer Stompin' Tom turned 50 years old and he was given a surprise birthday party at the Ballinafad Community Hall.

As explained on the inside cover of the LP, Stompin' Tom is trying to do his part to encourage budding Canadian talent.

He is disappointed with record companies, radio stations and the media who he feels focus too much attention on musicians south of the border.

Why did the country and western star quit the music business? Here is an explanation from the LP:

"When John Lennon of the Beatles held a 'sleep-in' to draw attention to world peace, everybody was sympathetic, mainly because the media played it up.

"...Stompin' Tom withdrew for 10 years from the only vocation he knew and loved and fought so hard to keep, for the sole purpose of drawing attention to the plight of other Canadian talent. Not only did the people fail to understand, they weren't even made aware of the fact, never mind the reasons."

The Juno award-winning artist said his attempt is a serious "last ditch effort" to assist Canadian talent wherever it may be found. He strongly objects to radio stations pushing American talent and asking the government to cut back on Canadian content ruling.

Meanwhile, Bill Hawes is as pleased as punch over the record which features a song written about him. Called Hello Dad, it has heart-warming lyrics such as:

"Then you taught me how to hunt and fish and stand up to be a man. And I hope someday in some small way I'll repay you if I can.

"Not every man can say today my hero is my Dad. But that's the way I've always felt. From the Time I was a lad."

The other song, written by Art Hawes with Tom Connors, is called Guardian Angel.

Christmas concert

You can hear the Sounds of the Season, a Christmas concert hosted by the students of Centennial Public School Dec. 10.

Tickets are available at the door for \$1.50 (adults) and \$1 (students, seniors) with a \$4 family rate. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at Centennial school.

Road crash

Two vehicles each received \$4,000 damage in a collision on Trafalgar Road at 17 Sideroad Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. Both vehicles went out of control on ice, police said. They were travelling in opposite directions. A driver from Oakville suffered minor injuries in the accident.

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Best float

The Georgetown Christian School on Trafalgar Road won the best overall float at the Georgetown Santa Claus Parade Nov. 29.

The theme of the parade was The Twelve Days of Christmas. Georgetown Optimist members were given a prize for the best service club entry while the Lioness Club took home honors for best theme float.

Best Marching Group was won by the Georgetown Boy Scouts while the Emerald Knights Drum Corps received first place in the best band category.



Singing in the spirit

These youngsters, members of the Mass Junior Choir, were part of the festivities Sunday at the fourth annual Community Christmas Celebration held at Trinity United Church in Acton. The Choir performed

a pair of Christmas songs, as well as the congregation present too took part with the singing of a number of songs. The Celebration was sponsored by the Acton Clergy Association. (Herald photo)

**Puppet expresses fears
kids have of disabled**

Tina Zylstra is a Georgetown resident who has been a puppeteer since the "Kids on the Block" committee first sought volunteers a year ago.

Her previous experience in handling marionettes (puppets on a string) provided her with the knowledge of what's involved in bringing the puppets to life.

Her belief the "Kids on the Block" are providing a unique educational program for exceptional children is what actually motivated her to join the group and continue as a puppeteer.

Tina brings life to Melody James, a non-disabled puppet who interacts with her disabled friends. Melody is an enthusiastic but level-headed 11-year-old who sometimes hesitates to ask questions but manages to express many of the typical fears and apprehensions children have about handicapped people.

Tina is finding her contribution to this program both rewarding and great fun. It's not necessary to have any previous experience to become a puppeteer just a willingness to learn.

If you wish to pursue a volunteer opportunity that is fun and worthwhile, then call 877-3419 for information. The Kids are just waiting for you.

Holly Days

Busy shoppers may be aware of the "Holly Days" Dec. 12th and 13th.

Holly fresh from British Columbia, is currently crossing Canada in a cooler truck and is due to arrive in Toronto Dec. 10. The holly, all 140 cases of it, will be distributed to various depots around Toronto, Richmond Hill and Markham. From here, some 200 volunteers will spread out to shopping malls and selected Simpsons stores, offering these cheery holiday boughs in return for donations to the Lung Association.

Happy "Holly Days" is an important part of the Christmas Seal Campaign. This year the Lung Association hopes to raise \$4.5 million across Ontario with the ever-popular Christmas Seals and "Happy Holly Days".

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**AHS performs a
music extravaganza**

The Acton High School students are offering a musical extravaganza Dec. 11.

A Christmas concert will be featuring tunes from the concert band, stage band and choir, including an ensemble from Grade 13 students.

Admission is free to the concert, although donations will be gratefully accepted. Money raised through voluntary admission, the sale of baked goods and raffle tickets will be used to help pay for the band's trip to Florida in the spring.

The stage band will be playing two contemporary numbers. Both the choral group and the concert band will play Christmas music and other tunes. The Grade 13 ensemble consists of a clarinet, flute and piano player. They will be playing some classical pieces.

Teachers involved in the production are conductor David Sale and science teacher Dr. Paul Tamblin, the director of the choral group. Margaret Tamblin will be the pianist for the choral arrangement. For tickets or information, call Mr. Sale at 853-2920.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria and should finish around 9:30 p.m. A VCR will be given away from the sale of raffle

Yule concert

Rather than turn to Bing Crosby's White Christmas, you might want to hear some live renditions of Christmas carols. The Centennial Alumni Choir is hosting a Yule concert at St. Andrew's United Church Dec. 14 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for students and seniors.

Auditions mixed

The Halton Company of Performing Arts dance and drama auditions for Dec. 13 have been cancelled.

They were to have been held at the Jill Evans School of Dance on Main Street in Georgetown. For further information call 877-1187.

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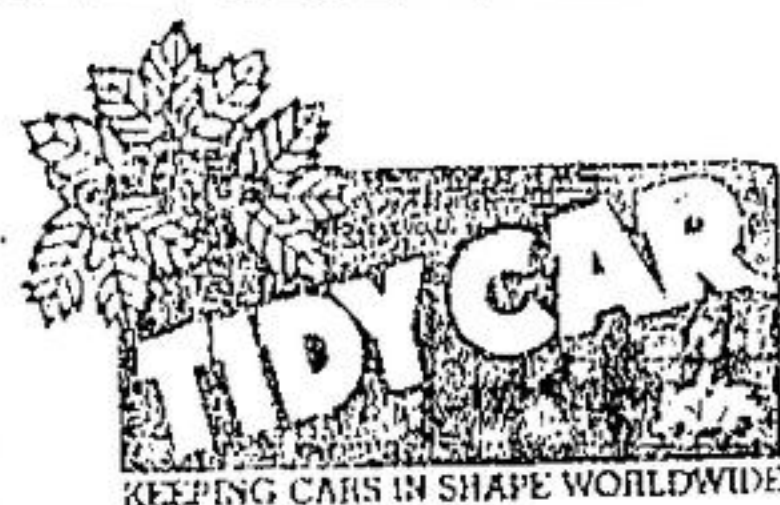
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