

**SIGN ME UP!** Rick Papillon, left, hands over his fee to president Gus Jeffrey at the sign-up table at the Legion's Turkey Roll on Saturday. Legion Branch 197 first vice-president Frank Koen looks on. At the end of the day, a Turkey Draw was held. (Lori Frechette photo)

## New Knox minister by summer?

BY DOUG HARRISON  
The Acton Tanner

Knox Presbyterian Church congregation members shouldn't expect a new minister until at least next June, advises Rev. Arnold Bethune.

Bethune, the church's interim minister since Nov. 1, said on Friday that 27 members recently held a congregation analysis workshop to determine what they would like to see in a new minister.

He added the group will reconvene toward the end of January to discuss the interested applicants. From there, he feels between eight and 10 people will be interviewed in early February with two or three to advance from these talks.

"I think the vacancy committee hope to have it settled before next fall," Bethune, 61, said on Thursday. "If it's sooner, I'm sure they

would be ready to go by summer."

From the workshop, it was determined the members would like to see the following: A minister who visits people at their residence if they're having family troubles or in need of counselling; leadership development - be a teacher and provide training on the leadership role within the church; and pastoral care - the way in which the minister will relate to people outside the church.

Also, crisis counselling or helping with hospital or marriage difficulties, evangelism and Christian education and stewardship were discussed.

Bethune, a Toronto resident, explained that finding a new minister is a long process, especially if the chosen applicant is currently involved in another ministry.

If that scenario presents itself,

the new minister would have to get permission to leave the current presbytery and join Knox Church.

"This could take several months after we've made our decision," said Bethune, who formerly coordinated chaplaincy in Toronto and Mississauga, dealing with public institutions such as Milton's Maplehurst Correctional facility. "The congregation in Milton took a year to fill a vacancy."

While Bethune enjoyed that work, he's relished the opportunity to return to the ministry. His last post was in Melfort, Sask., from 1960-65.

"I enjoy the pastoral side of things," he admitted. "Administration is important, but I enjoy the direct contact with the people. I've had tremendous reception here from both the congregation and community."

## Party at Legion Sunday

### LEGION NEWS

BY JOYCE BUCHANAN  
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Wednesday's bridge had only two tables this week, the winners being Lil Cook, Helen Otterbein and Betty Oaks.

Thursday's euchre had 19 tables. Big winner was Glad Ingles, second place was Jean Aitken, third place was Norman Wilson, and fourth place went to Helen Jeffrey and H. Lambert. Hidden score winner was Jim McKnight.

Early bird winners of the Saturday meat draw were Sharon Pinkney and Marg Dunn. Regular draw winners were Angie Mowat, Terry Edison, Susan Hewitt, Jim

McNabb, Joyce Buchanan, Dolores Black, John Robson (2), Dan Dolliver, Marg Dunn, Carl Fisker, and Al Robinson. Large draw winner was Lloyd Neville.

If you got here late on Saturday, it was standing room only. Quite a few Christmas dinners were won. Hope you were lucky!

Dec. 18 is kids day and Santa will be here at 1:30 pm. Be sure to get your kids here early. There will be treats and toys for all.

What are you doing New Year's Eve? Hurry if you plan to spend it at the Legion. Tickets at the bar.

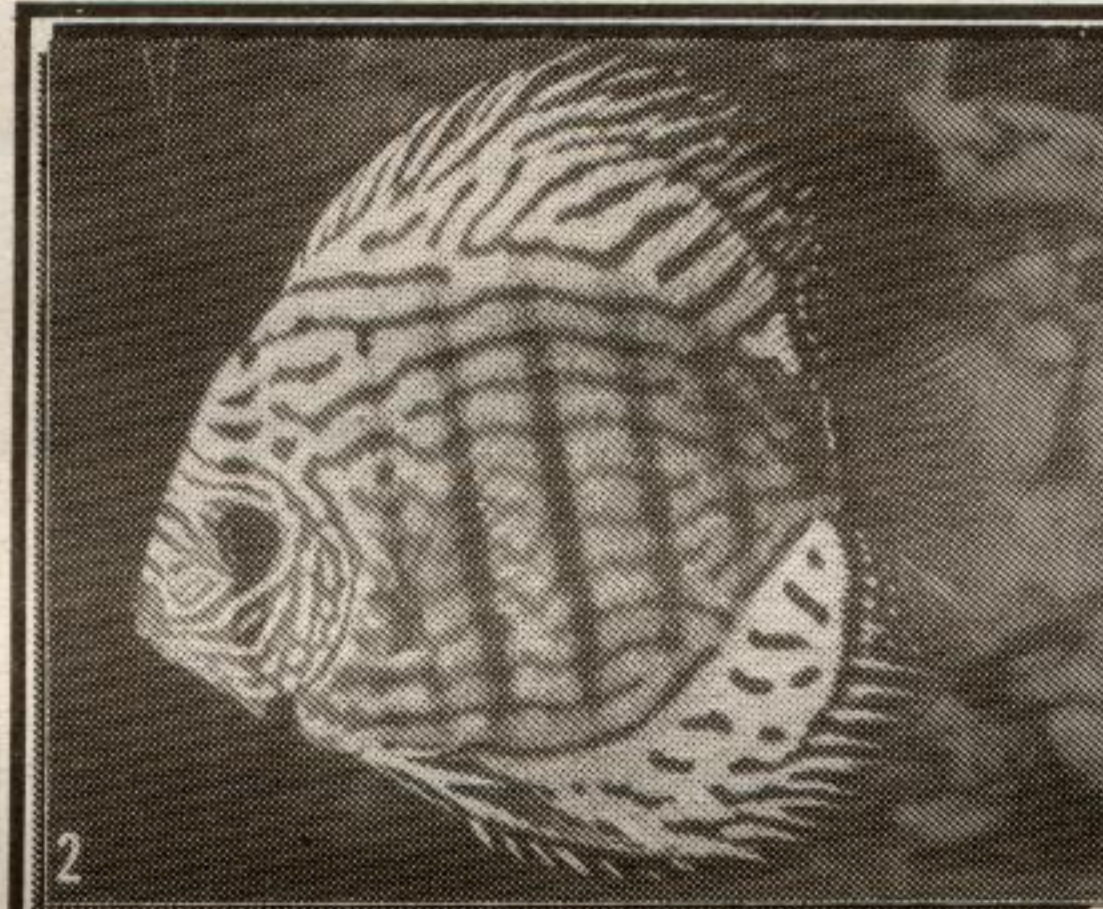
New Year's Day is the president's levee, so make plans to come in and meet Gus.

See you at the Branch.

## Pop machine is target

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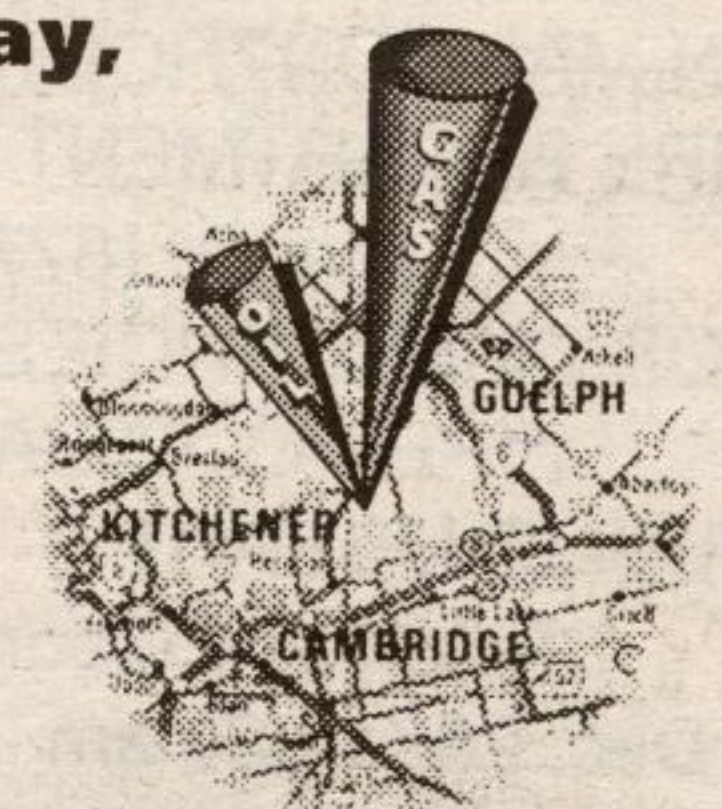
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