



DEAR SANTA...

Five-year-old Stephanie Brock hands her Christmas wish-list letter to Lloyd Smallwood, one of the Canada Post workers collecting Santa's mail during Saturday's parade. With Christmas 33 days away, it won't be long until Stephanie finds out if her wishes come true. (Karen Wetmore photo)

Robert Little judged top float

Robert Little Public School took top float honours and the \$100 prize in Saturday's annual Santa Claus Parade.

The parade, which was greeted by solid crowds and wet snow,

was organized by the Acton Fire Fighters Association.

Acton High School's student council took the Top School award, Limehouse Beavers were top service club, Georgetown Power &

Sail Squadron were top "other" float and Acton company Purity Life Health Products was judged best commercial float.

The Acton Citizens' Band again led the parade through town, while vintage autos carried dignitaries Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson, Regional Chair Joyce Savoline, MP Julian Reed and MPP Ted Chudleigh. The theme of this year's event was "Jolly, Jolly Christmas."

Again this year, visiting bands were a favourite part of the parade. The Milton Pipe Band, Guelph Ajax Drum and Bugle Corps, Arthur High School Band, Streetsville Pipe and Drum, the Salvation Army Band and St. Andrews Drum and Bugle each entertained the crowds with their Christmas song selections.

Organizer Bill Spielvogel said after the event that "it was a great parade. Everything ran well, the crowds were good and the weather was terrific."



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NEWS SHORTS

Fair board studying arena uses

The Acton Fall Fair Board will meet with University of Guelph professor Mark Waldron to hear his ideas on the possibility of the Agricultural Society taking over the arena at Prospect Park.

The Fair board has launched a study to determine if the old arena could be maintained for community use after a new one is built by the Town. Waldron, who heads this project, will present his draft proposal to the board at the end of November.

"If we have anything else to add or ask, we can do it that time," said Agricultural Society president Janis Fread.

Break and enter

A Churchill Road resident arrived home last Wednesday to find the home had been broken into. A back door to the house had been forced open and a VCR and several financial documents were taken. The value of the items stolen amounted to \$1,300. Police have no suspects.

Items taken from cars

A wallet, some loose change and a Walkman were stolen from an unlocked 1986 Cavalier sometime last Wednesday night. The car had been parked in the Ransom Street parking lot. Items taken were valued at \$60.

A daylight theft of a car stereo took place last Thursday afternoon in front of a Churchill Road apartment building. A 1988 Ford Escort was forced open and the car's stereo, valued at \$500, was removed.

Collision guide now available

Halton police have produced an informative brochure to help people know what to do if they have been in a car accident.

The brochure was created with the help of local police towing contractors and insurance industry representatives who felt people should know what to do following an accident.

Details on towing, accident reporting centres, insurance claim requirements and obtaining the proper information from other people involved in an accident are included in the brochure, which is available at any police station, towing contractor or vehicle license renewal office in the region.

Fire fighters kept busy

Acton volunteer fire fighters assisted with three car accidents over the past week. Last Wednesday at 9:45 am, one person was trapped in a car which had flipped over in an accident which took place on the fourth line north of Hwy. 7.

That same evening at 10:45, an accident occurred on the ninth line south of Sideroad 10 and one person there had to be rescued from the car by fire fighters.

A third accident on Saturday caused a gas spill on Trafalgar Road south of Sideroad 32. Fire fighters assisted in cleaning up the spill.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"There now is a willingness by the Region to provide for growth in Acton and there's a real desire for developers to get going,"

— Bert Arnold, lawyer for Acto-2 Developments, Page 1

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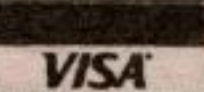
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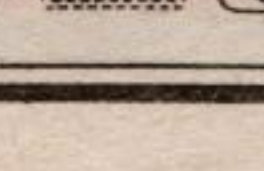
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