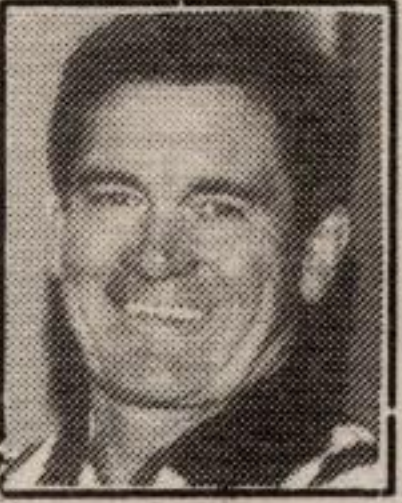


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We have often talked about Niagara Falls as a place to visit and have used a weekend at the Oakes Inn, overlooking the Falls, to assist in several fund raising events throughout the Region of Halton. Now it is an even better location (only an hour's drive) to go to, with the addition of the casino. This is the 13th government-run casino in the country, and is 10,000 square meters, the largest, with 3,000 slot machines and 123 games tables. The actual Falls are still listed as one of the Wonders of the World and a spectacular view at night this time of year with the Christmas lights — not to be missed! The Casino addition should help revitalize the former 'honeymoon city', and hopefully bring people there for more than the average four hour visits of the past.

Canadian Airlines bookings have picked up again with a huge sigh of relief by just about everyone! Especially those who are employed by that corporation of course, but also you, the traveller, can do nothing but benefit from the continuance of two national carriers. If you look at the fares in some other countries of the world where there is only one airline representing the county, you realize the importance of competition for fares and service — even if it is subsidized in some way, by many!

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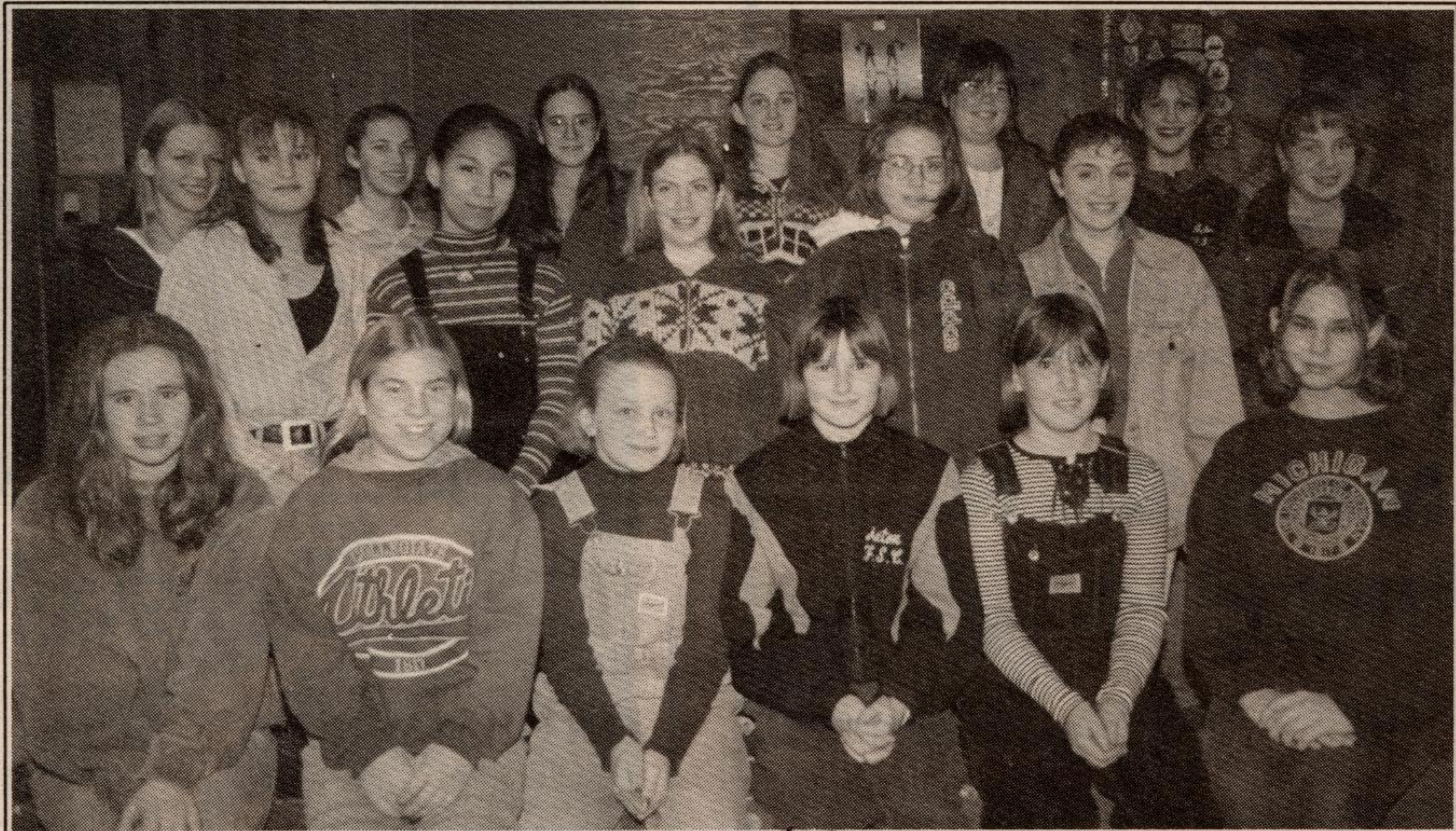
**Legion celebrates
New Year's Eve**

BY MAY HOARE
Now that the hustle and bustle of shopping is all over, I do hope everyone had a good Christmas.

Not much news this time. We had a very nice Christmas party for the children. I'd like to thank all the girls who helped.

The next event is the New Year's Eve dance at the Legion. Also, don't forget the New Year's Day levy. It's always an enjoyable time.

I'd like to wish you a very healthy and prosperous new year, and all the best for 1997.



THANK YOU LIONS CLUB!

The amateur coaches of the Acton Figure Skating Club recently got together for this photo, to show their appreciation and thanks to the Acton Lions Club for eight great years of sponsorship. The Lions Club recently disbanded due to a lack of participating members. (Eve Martin photo)

Christmas came early!

BANNOCKBURN W.I.

BY EDITH MEDLAND

Christmas came a little early for the ladies of the Bannockburn Women's Institute when we met at Anne Hollis' beautifully decorated house for a turkey supper. Anne cooked the turkey and the other ladies supplied the rest. What a delicious meal it was! Linda Cairns opened the meeting with her letter to Santa.

Roll call: "Share a Christmas memory from your childhood," was answered by all and many hilarious stories were told.

Business items were taken care of and the entertainment began with Ralph Hollis playing two Christmas carols on his violin, then playing his guitar and singing several Christmas songs with the ladies joining in. He finished with a lovely piano rendition.

Ina Peterson and Isabel McDonald put on a comical skit called *Christmas Joke*. Ina read the thought for the day, called *The Game of Life*.

Gifts were exchanged. Many thanks were given to Anne and her husband Ralph, and a Merry Christmas to all.

See you in 1997!

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