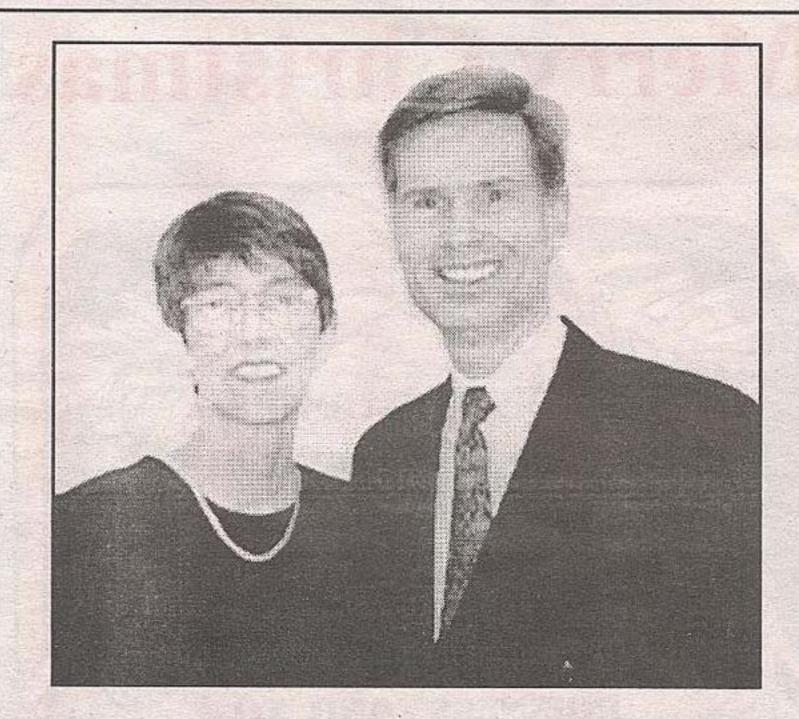
Elves at work

Dear Santa
Hi Santa. How are you? Are
the elves still working in
the workshop? Is Rudolph
going to be leading the
sled?

Well, here's what I want for Christmas. The Lion King II Simba's Pride and some toy horses.

I'm four years old and my name is Matthew



We would like to thank all of you who, over the last two and a half years, have helped and supported us.

The kind words of encouragement, the helping hands and the extra mile that so many of you have gone for us will always be appreciated.

Merry Christmas and a very
happy and prosperous New Year

Ian and Heather Pasmore



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BY MIKE MANUEL

With just over a week remaining until New Year's Eve there are only eight tables out of 20 fully available for the year end party at the Branch. \$35 per person gets you music by the Music Machine - Steve Dunn, party favours, a buffet meal and six refreshment tickets. We look

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foreward to seeing you down here.

The Branch New Year's Levee on Jan. 1, 1999 promises to be exceptional. So, to all our members, come on down as the doors will be open at 1 p.m.

Jan. 23: a 50's/60's dance is lined up for everyone to come down and enjoy starting at 8 p.m.

Jan. 30: Super Bowl Party. Branch opens at 1 p.m. Feb. 17: Valentine's Dance starting at 8 p.m.

We look foreward to seeing you at the Branch.



LOOK. IT'S A CONVERTIBLE: Halton Hills fire-fighters used the jaws of life to extricate a victim in a simulated car crash as part of the CHAT program at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. By the time they were through the ordinary family sedan had become a convertible. – Maggie Petrushevsky photo

CHAT program on risk involves Acton students

BY CRYSTAL WOOLDRIDGE

Twenty-four senior students from Acton High school attended a day-long C.H.A.T. (Community and Hospital Against Trauma) program at Georgetown Hospital

The program provided a dynamic introduction to potential injury causing situations, available choices in those situations and the actual consequences of risk related behaviours.

The students were told trauma means serious head and/or spinal cord injury and/or death. This is the number one killer in the youngest half of Canada's population with 73,821 injuries and 3,870 in Ontario alone in 1993. Nation wide 63 per cent of deaths in the under 25 age-group is the result of trauma. Each trauma injury costs society an estimated \$4 million in direct care costs and loss of produc-

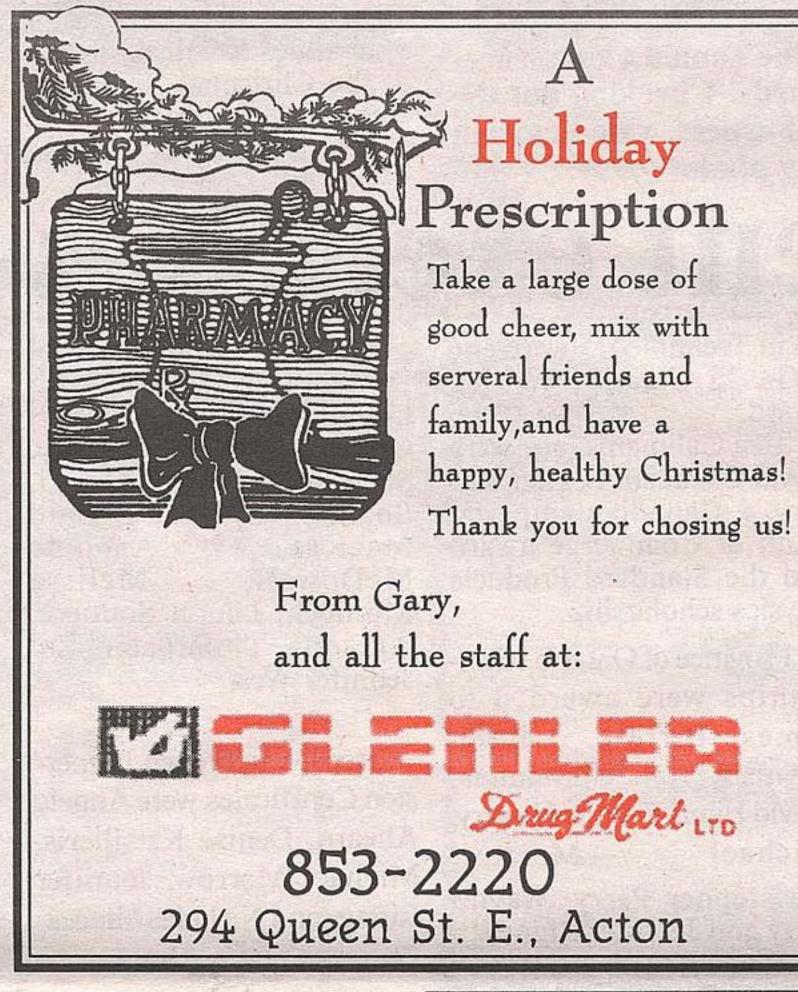
The hospital visit allowed students to follow the path of a crash victim from crash site to rehabilitation. Halton Hills firefighters simulated the extrication of a victim from a crashed car using the jaws of life.

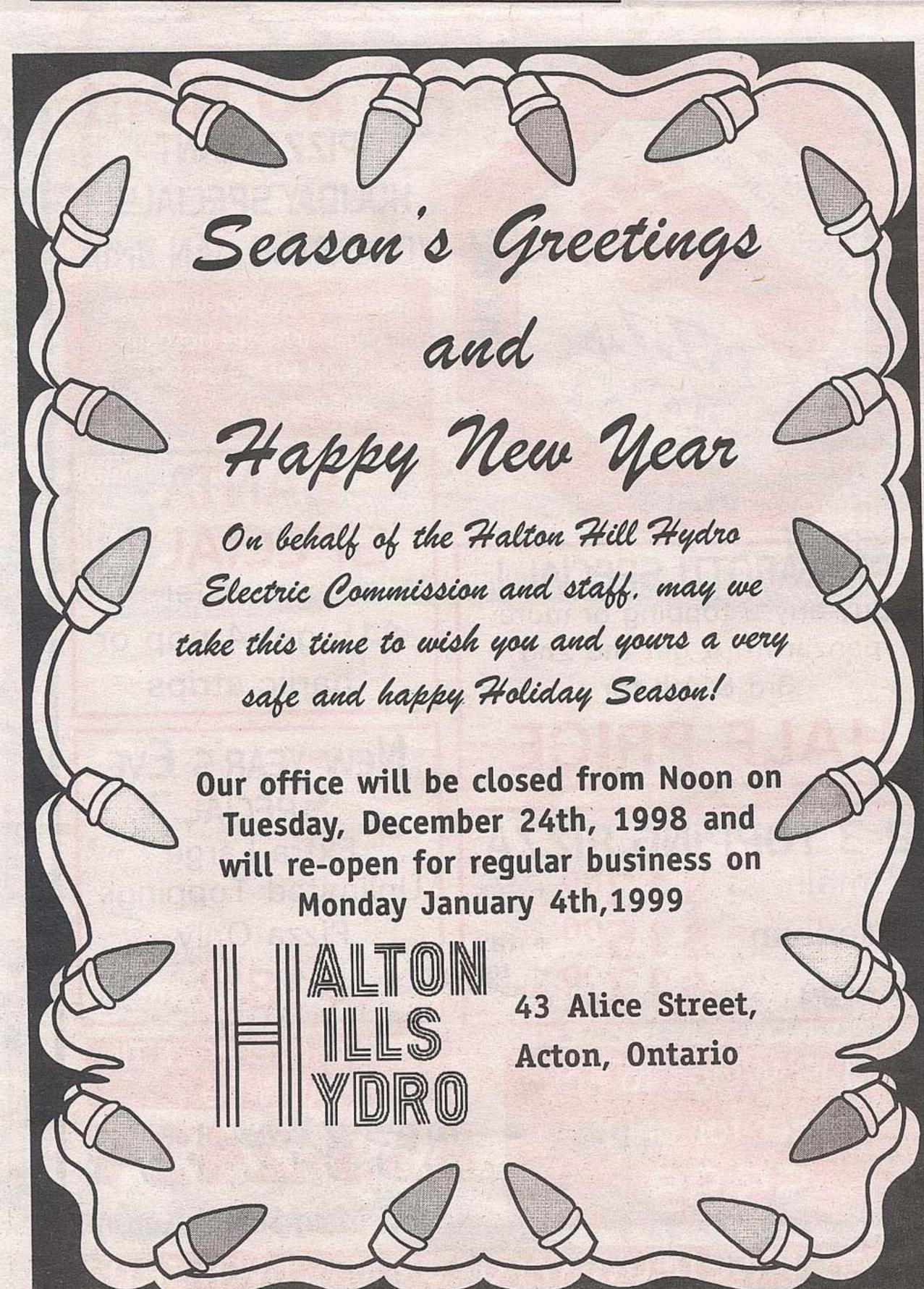
Rev. Tom Kingston described having to console a family whose son was killed by a drunk driver. Matthew Fleet talked about life as a quadriplegic. Betty and Neil Diaz talked about coping with brain injury while Shirley Stephens talked about the consequences of losing a son to a drunk driver.

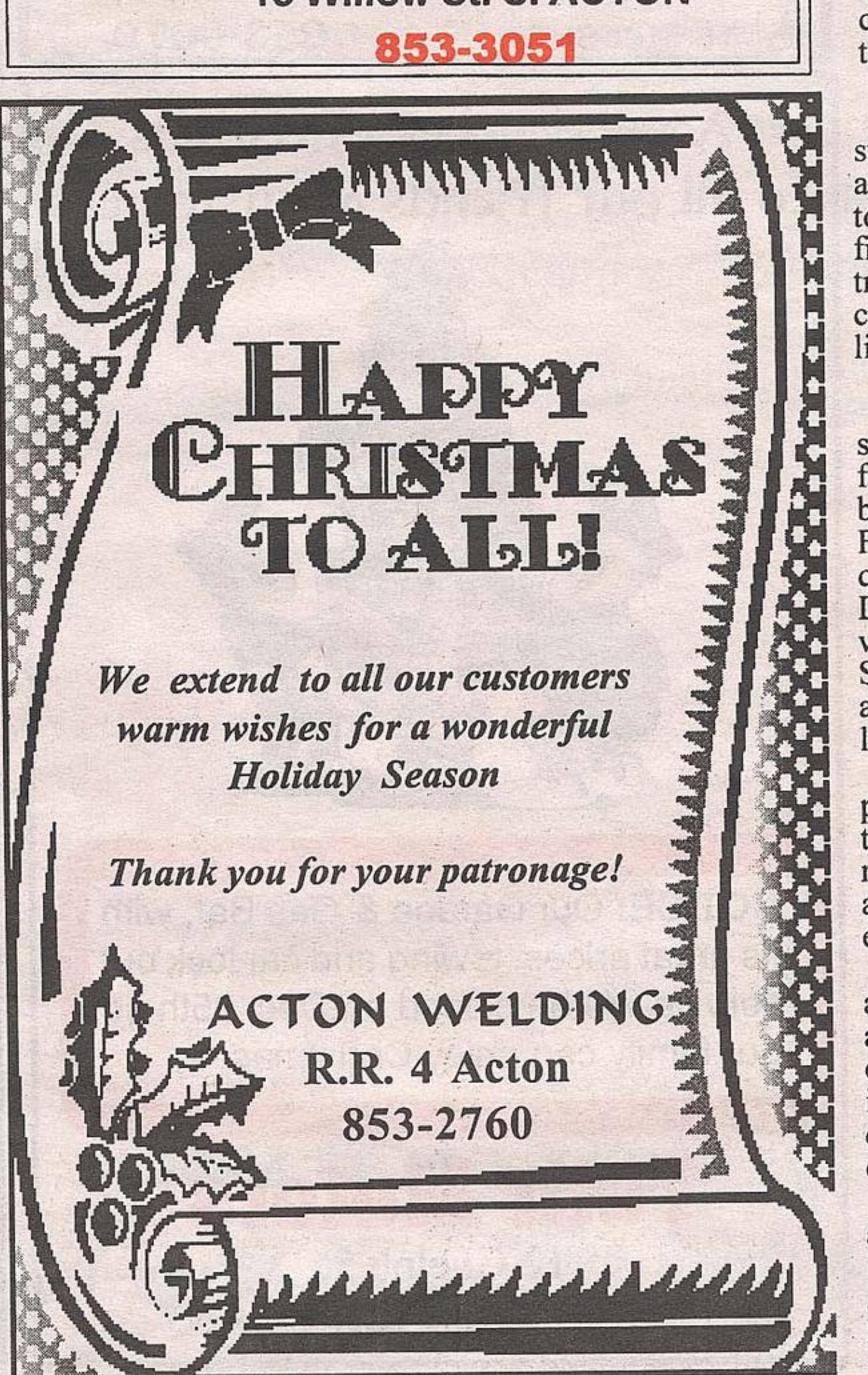
The students also heard presentations from two doctors, a social worker, a policeman, an ambulance attendant, a firefighter and an emergency room nurse.

One CHAT speaker said all males between 16 and 24 are at high risk. The most obvious risk taking behaviours are associated with drugs, alcohol, motor vehicles and/or motorcycles.

The community will have an opportunity to participate in a related program in early January when the Heroes exhibit and speakers come to Acton High school.







We wish you a blessed Christmas

Annie & Harry

and prosperous New Year!