



**BAND CONCERT:** Acton Citizens' Band delighted hundreds of concert goers with its annual Christmas concert, *A Prelude to Christmas*, Sunday evening in the Royal Canadian legion hall on Wright Avenue. The concert also featured the beginners' band, St. Joseph's Senior Choir and Rod's Country Classics and Friends.



St. Joseph's Senior Choir, left, enthralled the audience at Acton Citizens' Band concert Sunday evening with a selection of carols appropriate for the season. Rod's Country Classics and Friends, right, entertained with "down home" favourites. Players are from Ballinafad, Hillsburgh, Terra Cotta and Erin.



## Citizens' Band concert ushers in season

The Legion auditorium was almost full for Acton Citizens' Band annual Christmas concert Sunday night. Called *A Prelude to Christmas*, the concert featured favourite carols from several countries including Germany, France and England.

Under the baton of Dr. George Elliott, who also emceed, the large band played the test piece of the Kiwanis Festival, *West Side Story*, which was much appreciated by the large audience. The Beginner's Band, composed of adults and children learn-

ing to play instruments also rendered two numbers to show the progress they are making. One of the interesting notes made by Dr. Elliott was that three entire families were learning to play, father, mother and children. The senior band also has whole families in its ranks including Harry Dewhurst, celebrating his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday that night.

Guest artists at the concert were the St. Joseph's Senior Choir under the leadership of Christie de Sousa and Rod's Country Classics and Friends.

The choir sang the lovely English carol, *Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming*, to open and finished their first selections with tenor Sean Ryan's fine voice as soloist in *Emmuel*. Their favourite, *Jacob's Ladder*, finished the second half. Accompanist is Adrea Buck. Other members are Marie Zions, Karen Brozic, Bev (Dunn) Boisvenue, Sean Ryan, Jim Lindsay, Larry de Sousa and Julie Finnie and Lorraine Biffis who sang a duet, *Could This Be the Night?* in the second half. Rod's Country Classics

were a treat for country music fans with their "down home" music with reels and jigs that set toes tapping.

## Cut taxes 20 %

The Ontario government introduced legislation last week that, if passed, will cut income taxes and property taxes by 20 per cent.

"We do what we say we will do," said Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh. "We promised tax cuts, jobs, an increase to health care funding and guaranteed classroom funding for schools. We are delivering."

Ontario Finance Minister Ernie Eves said the government is working to reduce taxes. He promised to continue lobbying Ottawa for sig-

nificant tax relief, following Ontario's lead.

"This is a significant step forward in our program to cut taxes and create jobs in Ontario," said Eves. "The job is not finished - taxes are still too high. We will continue working to bring them down, and to pressure the federal government to do the same."

Several other tax cuts are included in the bill. The land transfer tax refund for first time buyers of new homes will be extended and increased to

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### 1999 CHRISTMAS HAMPER NOTIFICATION

Applications for the 1999 Christmas Hamper Program will be accepted at the Salvation Army Family Services Office - 120 Mill Street East, Acton, on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** between the hours of **9:00a.m.** and **12:00 Noon**, and on **Saturday, December 11th** between the hours of **11:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.**

Applicants are requested to apply in person and to provide identification. The Deadline for Applications is **Tuesday, December 14th, 1999.**

*The Acton Christmas Hamper Program is a project of The Salvation Army, Acton Rotary Club, the I.O.D.E. and St. Vincent de Paul Society.*

## THANK YOU!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your support of our Open House. We were overwhelmed by your kindness and are most appreciative of your warm welcome to the community.

Now it is our turn to be of assistance to you... try to keep our Genesis Bereavement Centre Library in mind. Books may be borrowed at no charge for a period of three weeks, or videos for a period of one week. We also have a supply of complimentary bereavement brochures available. Please feel free to come in and browse through the library at any time.

Also, for anyone who missed our Open House, the Memorial Tree will remain in place until December 24th. If you have experienced a death and wish to take a complimentary dove from the tree in memory of your loved one, please do not hesitate to stop by.

Again, many, many thanks to all of you,

Margaret and Bob MacKinnon  
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