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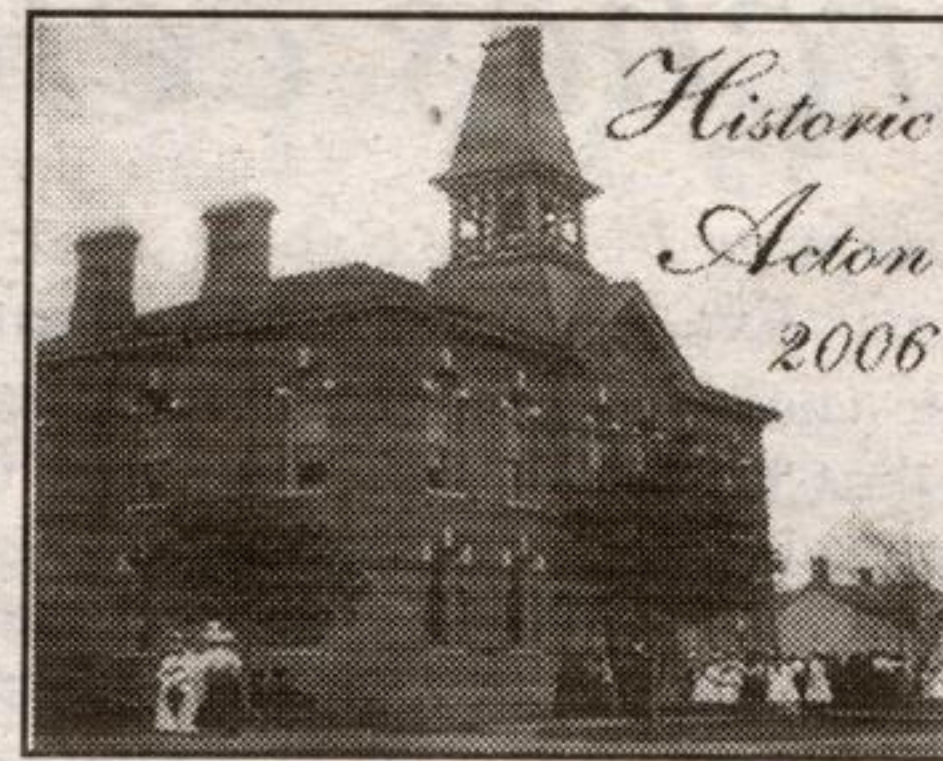
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## Heritage Acton gift in this issue

Homeowners in the Acton and Limehouse areas will receive an early Christmas gift from Heritage Halton Hills in this issue of *The New Tanner*.

The Historic Acton 2006 calendar, featuring photos of the town's past accompanied by descriptive text, has been inserted into newspapers delivered to homes in Acton and Limehouse.

This keepsake calendar has been pro-



duced and distributed thanks to all the advertisers that supported the project, an annual fundraiser for Heritage Acton.

Every month you'll enjoy a browse down memory lane and remember to support the advertisers. Calendars may also be purchased in Acton (for \$5) at Alexanians, Halton Hills Furniture, Edward Jones, Home Hardware and Mill Street Crossing.

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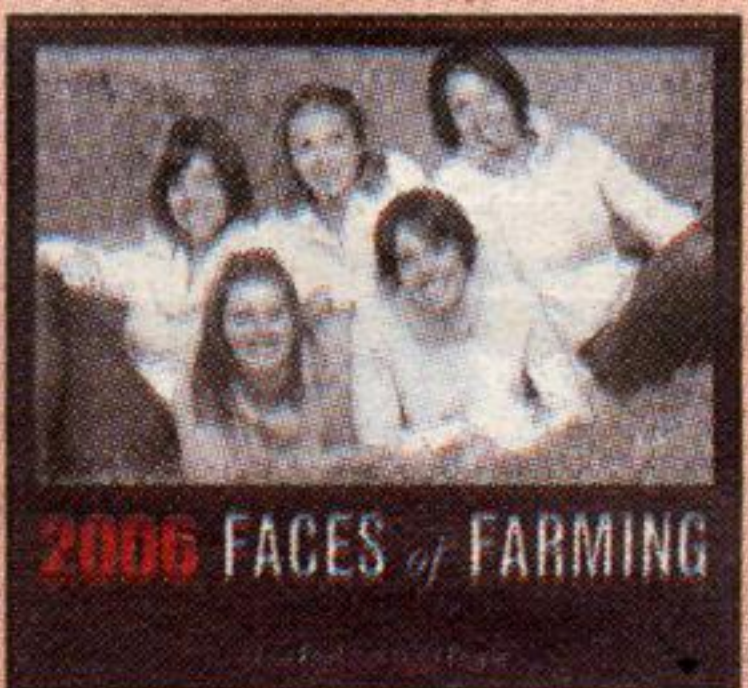
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Local farmers are featured on 2006 calendar from The Ontario Farm Animal Council. Story on Page 22.



Acton PeeWee AE Tanners win the Silver Stick Regional Championship in Haliburton. See Sports on Page 26.

## Churches celebrate birth of Christ



**CHRISTMAS HAMPERS:** Tackling the packing of Christmas food hampers at the old town hall last Friday were Julie Conroy, Kathy Sanford, Frances Marcoux, Helen Jocque, Rosealee Dawkins, Joyce Sprowl and Ernestine Foster. The joint program sponsored by Acton Rotary Club, Lakeside Chapter IODE, Salvation Army Acton Family Services and St. Vincent Charities of St. Joseph's Church is run by volunteers from all four organizations.

## 79 boxes of Christmas goodies packed for town, area families

Volunteers from the Rotary Club, the IODE, Salvation Army and St. Vincent Charities from St. Joseph's Church were busy Friday afternoon packing 79 Christmas boxes for the needy of Acton and area.

The boxes were full of goodies and staple food items including milk, juice and fresh fruit. Every family also received a gift voucher for a turkey,

chicken or ham, depending on the size of the family.

Food and toys for the boxes were supplied through the generosity of Acton and area residents and businesses who donated food or money to the annual appeal. An added bonus this year for each family was a Gingerbread House baked and ready to decorate donated by MacMillan's of Acton.

Schools in the rural areas at Limehouse and Brookville joined Acton schools in contributing food and money which students collected. The food was sorted last Wednesday by volunteers from the four local agencies which cooperate annually in making sure the less fortunate enjoy Christmas.

Members of Acton Rotary Club delivered the boxes last weekend.

*Busy time of year for clergy*

By FRANCES NIBLOCK  
The New Tanner

With carols and candles, with joy and wonder, with prayer and open arms, Acton churches of all denominations will put the Christ back into Christmas with services beginning tomorrow (Friday).

By Christmas Day, most of Acton's clergy will be trying to get a second wind after officiating at services, second only to Easter as the busiest time of the year on the Church calendar.

At St. Joseph Catholic Church, the first of three masses tomorrow (Friday) is at 5 p.m., followed by 7 p.m., and midnight; Father Bob Bulbrook expects lots of children at the first service, which will be a little shorter in length.

"The 7 o'clock service will be a bit longer and it will be a folk mass with guitars and stuff, and the Midnight Mass will include the regular choir," he said, adding that the Christmas Day mass is at 11 a.m.

At Evangel Family Church, Pastor Will Sloos is gearing up for candlelight Christmas Eve service from 6 to 7 p.m. featuring Christmas carols and candlelight.

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