

Personal Notes . . .

Of Actonians Visiting Out-of-Town Points and of Visitors in Acton Homes

Mr. Roy Kirkness was home for a visit from Bracebridge.

Mr. Andy Nicol is spending the Christmas holidays in Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rawn spent Christmas at her home here.

Miss Mary Sirrs, R.N., has been holidaying at her home in Acton.

Mr. Ray Arbie is home from London for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Corner visited with Mr. and Mrs. A. Ross this week.

Miss Joan Somerville, a teacher at the Kapuskasing, is home for the holidays.

Mr. Ron Hemslay and Mr. John Agar are on holidays from OVC in Guelph.

Home from Woodstock where she has been teaching school is Miss Joan Coles.

Mrs. M. Creasey and Mr. C. G. Elliott are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnston and Virena spent the holidays with the Dyers in Rockwood.

Mr. Jack Mainprize, demonstrator at the University of Toronto, has been home this week.

Mr. Aldo Braids and Mr. Leno Braids are home for the Christmas holidays from Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Bradimore of Toronto visited with her mother, Mrs. Ida Ritchie, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Murray spent Christmas with Miss M. J. MacDonald at her home in Toronto.

Home during the Christmas holidays from Toronto are Mr. George Elliott and Miss Shirley Elliott.

Bud Kentner, still a patient in Hamilton General Hospital was able to spend Christmas in Acton.

Ron Mason was able to leave hospital for a month and spent Christmas at his home in Acton.

Miss Laura K. Reid of Hamilton spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Landabovough and family.

Mr. Harold Kennedy of Detroit Mich., visited Acton friends and also his father and sister in Toronto.

Miss Bertha Brown, Miss Zella McCartney and Mr. Ern. Brown have been visiting with Miss Fern Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Johnston and Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Johnston spent the holiday with the Overholts in Toronto.

Mr. Leslie Lechanu from Jersey, Channel Islands, is spending Christmas and New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Turner.

Bob Burns of the RCAF transport service, who has been flying the Korean air lift, visited this week with the George Somerville's, R.R. 2, Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Browning and Miss Etta Dills of Toronto and Miss Anne MacPherson of Hamilton spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dills.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. T. Wood, Toronto; Mrs. H. Scott and Patsy, Mr. and Mrs. A. Williams, Georgetown; Sgt. and Mrs. Earl Ryder, Judith and Jane, Kingston, were with Miss E. Hawthorne for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Brignall, Mr. H. M. Reed of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Brignall of Hamilton and son James were Christmas visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Reed, making a family company of four generations.

Don Fairbairn At Acton Broadcast

CBC Neighbourly News commentator Don Fairbairn would probably be a farmer now if he wasn't a victim of hay fever—he's allergic to everything from horses to plant and tree pollen with the believe-it-or-not exception of ragweed.

Nevertheless, in spite of his exile from the farm, Don's career is bound up with life "in those important centres outside the cities". Successor to beloved Andy Clarke who earned the title "Mayor of the Little Places" as Neighbourly News original broadcaster, Don is becoming almost as much an institution in the rural areas and smaller centers of Ontario and Quebec as the general store. He will be in Acton with other radio celebrities on Monday night to broadcast to all Canada the New Year's party of Acton, and since he comes to Acton at a time when this town will be without a mayor, perhaps he could be persuaded to become Mayor of Acton along with his other communities. Don Fairbairn will be in charge at Acton Town Hall when 1952 is ushered in.

Don was brought up on his family's fruit farm at Beamsville, Ontario, and attended Hamilton Normal School and the Ontario Agricultural College. His activities during his years at school seem to have forecast the course he was to follow when his hay fever chased him from the field and stable—during those years, he spent almost as much time editing school magazines, writing articles, taking part in debates and directing and acting in plays, as he did with his studies.

So when he left the O.A.C. in 1935, it was only natural that he should look for a career in which he could combine his abilities as a writer and talker with his knowledge of agriculture. Radio was the career he chose.

From O.A.C. Don moved to Toronto and shortly afterwards was working with Rex Frost on the Canadian Co-Operative Wool Growers' Livestock Discussion Club of the Air.

During the next four years, he learned the tricks of the radio trade and came to the conclusion that, to put an idea across, "Keep it simple—keep repeating it—don't worry about the King's English—just say it."

Then in 1939, less than six weeks after CBC had set up its farm broadcast service, Don joined the program as commentator and made a lot of listener friends who follow him now on Neighbourly News. In fact, although nine years have passed since Don did farm broadcasts, many people still remember back and remind him of his days as a CBC farmcaster.

He joined the RCAF in 1942, was trained as a radar technician and served in Canada and England before being transferred to the public relations branch of the Air Force as a radio correspondent.

From D-Day onwards, he followed the Allied troops through France, Belgium and into Germany. During this period, he was mainly engaged in recording descriptions of the part played by Canadian Airmen for broadcast to their families back home. His work won him a British Empire Medal which was awarded in June 1945.

After VE-Day he became an official war correspondent and during the summer and fall of 1945, travelled through Europe with a CBC recording unit.

Shortly after his return to Canada in November 1945, a major development occurred in the Fairbairn career—Don got married and moved to his present home, at Islington, just outside Toronto, which he describes as "mostly weeds, a few fruit trees, some strawberries, and more hay fever." The Fairbairns have two children—Anne, 2½ years and Marty, 3 months.

Don's first assignment on his return to CBC Toronto was the production of CBC rehabilitation shows, The Veteran's Show, This Hungry World, The Johnny Home Show and others. As this series ran out, Don was assigned to other programs—one of them, Neighbourly News.

In the early part of 1947, when Andy Clarke was ill, Don pinch-hit for the "Mayor of the Little Places". And since Andy's death Don has continued the program.

Other programs that Don has been concerned with during the past few years are Beat the Champs, Saturday Magazine, and CRU's Do You Know Your Bible?

In the late summer of this year, Don joined the advertising agency of E. W. Reynolds, Toronto. From there he produces the Thursday afternoon program, "Down, Dairy Lane", heard at 145 on the CBC's Trans-Canada network.

Annual Program In New Parish Hall

The annual Christmas Tree entertainment of St. John's Church Sunday School was held Friday evening in the new Parish Hall, with the parents and friends of the young folks present. Mrs. John Lloyd had charge of the program in the absence of Rev. W. G. Luxton. The program was of a wide and varied nature, with numerous choruses and short pieces. At the conclusion of the program, Santa Claus (George Waller) came in and distributed the presents with the assistance of some of the young folks.

Mr. Don Hiltz was present with projection machine and showed a few films such as Woody Woodpecker, Abbott and Costello in Kitchen Mechanics, and Night Before Christmas to the delight of the youngsters. Refreshments were served and a short social time enjoyed by all present.

Also Friday evening, the annual Christmas Tree entertainment of the United Church Sunday School was held with a good attendance.

Saturday preparations were made for the usual candlelight service at St. John's Church to be held Christmas eve, when a number of chandeliers were hung up in the auditorium, also wall brackets, and stands for holders for those who carry lighted candles in the processional at the commencement of services.

Sunday evening at the United Church, following a brief devotional service a religious film dealing with an Old Testament character, Queen Esther, was shown on the screen which portrayed conditions in the life of her people at that time. The film was very impressive throughout. There was a good attendance.

A few holiday visitors in town: Mr. Roy Day of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Greer and family of Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Day, Hamilton.

Much regret is felt in town and community of the sudden death of Mr. Chester Plank.

Owing to the continued illness of Rev. Fred Williamson, Rev. W. A. Young of the O.A.C., Guelph, conducted service in the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning.

Some interest was manifest in town Monday morning with Mr. Wynn Dunbar in charge of the snow blower cleaning away snow on the east side of Main St.

Happy New Year to the Editor and staff of the Acton Free Press and to all readers of the paper.

Community Honors Mr., Mrs. J. Early

(Intended for Last Week)

On Tuesday evening a presentation was held in Brookville Hall to honor Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Early who have moved to Milton. On behalf of the community they were presented with a chest of silver and a smoking stand.

Mr. and Mrs. John Early entertained about 150 guests on Saturday evening in Brookville Hall to celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary.


The Nassagaweya Presbyterian Sunday School Christmas concert was held Friday evening with a good crowd and Santa arrived in his usual good way. The children were all pleased.

The Nassagaweya W.I. met for their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Walter Freeman. The president presided.

After the meeting Mrs. Morton conducted a contest which was won by Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. Robertson demonstrated table decorations for Christmas. The hostess served a gaily lunch.


Mrs. Verna Campbell was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. Forten of Guelph and attended the carol concert put on by the Loretta Academy choir under the direction of Miss Bennett.

Mrs. Irene Lamb spent a few days with her daughter Mrs. Mickles of Georgetown.



For 1952—a wish for all of you—for happiness in the months ahead.


WM. R. BRACKEN



May we take this opportunity of wishing our many patrons and friends the very best of good health and prosperity throughout the whole of 1952. So as the old, but ever new, we wish you and yours

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Note—Our store will be closed Wednesday afternoon, January 2nd

Jas. R. Kearney Corp.	17.08
Northern Electric	1.56
Town of Acton, F. Crump salary	360.90
Ellis & Howard	81.50
G. R. Muckart	33.06
Masco Electric	46.31
MacDonald Electric	50.36
J. E. Holdcroft & Co., poles	1428.25
Station Hotel, supper	28.50
H.E.P.C. of Ont., power bill	8154.92
Ross Pearen, photos	20.65
R. MacArthur, tickets	7.50
Anderson Welding, melting lead	2.50
Bell Telephone, services	17.67
Highway Garage, services	84.47
Petty Cash, exp. and trans.	10.81
Waterworks	
Thompson Farm Service, oil	196.08
J. Lambert, garage rent	24.00
Town of Acton, F. Crump salary	240.00
Whitham's Garage, gas	67.95
Symon Hardware	14.10
American Water Works, membership dues	10.00
Canadian Brass Co.	40.99
Crane Ltd.	174.59
Thompson Motors	7.90
Acton P.U.C.	78.13

\$63 Million Lent To Farmers In 1950

Canadian farmers borrowed \$63,421,363 through 58,969 individual loans under the Farm Improvement Loans Act during 1950. The Act, which has been in operation six years, was recently extended by Parliament for another three years from March 1, 1951. Over the six year period of operations \$170,054,703 has been borrowed and the sum of \$96,081,488 had been repaid at December 31, 1950, which is equivalent to 56.8 per cent of the total amount lent. During this period only 35 claims amounting to \$19,000 were made under the Government Guarantee.

Farm Implements and Trucks—As in the previous five years, loans for the purchase of farm implements and farm trucks represented the greatest volume of lending under the Act during 1950 and amounted to \$58,391,635. About 45 per cent of all tractors, 64 per cent of all combines, and 50 per cent of all threshers purchased in Canada last year were financed under the Act.

Farm Building—Farm building loans amounted to 2½ million for the year. Construction of 511 new farm homes was done with assistance of loans amounting to \$797,648. An amount of \$754,835 was borrowed for the erection of 650 new farm buildings such as barns and sheds. In addition 967 loans amounting to \$840,826 were made during the year for the alteration and repair of farm homes and buildings. This

includes the installation of plumbing systems and central heating equipment.

Purchase of Livestock—Loans numbering 1,805 and totalling \$1,483,474 were made for the purchase of livestock. Most of these were made to operators of small farms purchasing milk cows and registered breeding stock.

Clearing and Breaking Land—Since the inception of the Act in 1945, 6,864 loans have been made to the amount of \$2,833,180 for clearing and breaking new land for cultivation. The majority of these loans were concentrated in the northern sections of Alberta and Saskatchewan where settlers are developing new agricultural areas.

The lending by provinces in 1950 was: British Columbia, 1,693 loans, \$1,709,994; Alberta, 17,161 loans, \$18,508,716; Saskatchewan, 20,090 loans, \$22,557,445; Manitoba, 7,712 loans, \$8,263,981; Ontario, 7,914 loans, \$8,043,839; Quebec, 3,003 loans, and \$3,097,204; New Brunswick 384 loans, \$358,755; Nova Scotia, 340 loans, \$274,940; Prince Edward Island, 706 loans, \$605,518; Newfoundland, 2 loans, \$968.

Loans under FILA are made for a variety of purposes around the farm and may be obtained for varying periods depending upon the amount borrowed and the purpose for which the loan was obtained. The maximum of an individual loan is \$3,000 and it is repaid at five per cent simple interest.

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