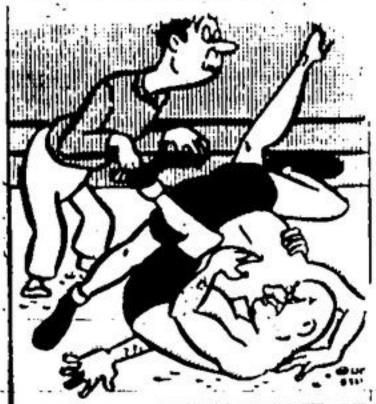
BARGAINS AT LAST

On almost everything but food you can got a bargain these days if you do enough shopping around, says The Financial Post. That's the fact, but whether the lower prices stem from overloaded inventory, government threats against resale price maintenance or just plain smart merchandising, seems to depend on individual cases.

By all counts-increased labour and material costs - the general opinion among manufacturers and retailers seemed to be that prices the buyer is in the saddle in some fields where overstocked shelves and short bank accounts don't bul- tor which Mary Braids gave a ance. Dealers have to move the stuff to get cash,





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Actor High. School

News



By Carolyn Oakes On Friday, December 21, the student body amembled in Room 1 prize. for the Christmas party. The mushould be going up, not down. But sic society provided the program Shirley Thompson started off

singing "Marshmallow World", aftalk about Christmas carols. Nallson Benton played "Liebestraum" on the plane, followed by Mr. Heron and Miss - Harris singing boughs of holly".

Vaye Garner played "Blue Skirt Waltz" on the accordion and later "Silent Night". Next on the program was Carol Fetterly singing

"Klas to Bulld a Dream On". Peggy Oakes and Botty Sinclair played a plane duet and sang "Pagan Love Song". Their encore was the plane dust "Silent Night". Arlone Gordon then accompanied Frances Oakes to sing "Winter Wonderland". Barbara Anderson. Pougy Bradshow and Nancy Lambert sang "White Christmas", accompanied by Donna MacMillan

Then everyone joined in program while Betty Mae Lambert gave a musical quiz. I don't know who won but it provided a lot of fun.

front of the room to sing "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer". Their encore was "Away in a Manger"

Frank Bean imitated Jimmy Durante by singing "I Get Ideas". was very well done. Mimi Parry visited us and sang 'Buttons and

Everyone sang "Jingle Balls" and Santa Claus came riding in or his reindeer. He had a special gift ly Newspaper Association. for each teacher and then handed out gifts and candy to every stud-

At 3 o'clock school was out for 13 days. I must say "Congratulations" to Ruth Smith who chairman of the program. Force also did a good job of taking Santa's place. This was necessary because Santa was busy at the tannery party.

Noisy Welcome Greets New Year (Continued from Page One)

across the whole Dominion from Acton which was recently described by a Toronto writer as "friendly town".

The three-quarter hour broadcast, the first Dominion broadcast of New Year's Eve from a small Ontarlo town, went off the air at 12.15 a.m. but the party went on until after I o'clock. The dance floor cleared a little, the boisterous welcome of the New Year became more calm. George Murray was generous in his numbers and the orchestra untiring. When George Murray sang as one of his concluding numbers, "The Lord's Prayer", crowd was so attentive you could H. Mainprize.

have heard a pin drop. that will long be remembered by have a Free Press. Acton folks. The thanks of all Actonians here and across Canada much of the development of that go to C.B.L., Don Fairbairn, all the whole area. He was, born on artists and technicians who made it farm near Auburn in Huron Counpossible and last and by no means ty. As a boy, he helped clear the least, to that live-wire, hard-work- land with oxen; remembers mal. ing group that are known as Acton ing tallow-candles, their only light Y's Men's Club for arranging such ing . . . fondly - recalls making

Might we suggest that all who they had those days. have had messages concerning the broadcast from out-of-town friends hood. I'll bet there wasn't tell us of these messages so that school anywhere nearby. we can pass them on in another issue of the Free Press. It would be nice, too, if Actonians would write C.B.L. expressing their appreciation of the Acton broadcast. If you

would like to write Don Fairbairn his address is Box 444A, Toronto. Congratulations for obtaining way to live to a ripe old age. broadcast for the home town. Acton, as everywhere will be listening for family voices. Happy New Year to community

George and Erson

ACTON ON THE AIR AGAIN; HERE'S

For those who might have tuned sonally witnessed most of that

dawned . . . and throughout 1952 up in the morning". we shall devote a period in each of our Cities Service programs to entute one of Ontario's newspapers Doc: And also the oldest resid-

ent of the community that news-

paper serves. . Jack: And so there will be no "Good King Wenceslas". Their devouritism, we'll choose these encore was 'Deck the halls with communities as far as possible in alphabetical sequence. means to-day the place is Acton, the paper "The Free Press"-one of the oldest newspapers in Can-

ada, duting back almost to Confed-

Doc: Which would make its founding somewhere around 1870. Jack: A shade later, Doc. The first issue of the Acton Free Press was published on Dominion Day.

on an old Prouty press. Doc: And no doubt the type was not by hand.

Jack: That it was . . . up until 1917. The Acton Free Press was The staff then got up to the among the first to instal a linotype machine, which can not a column of type in one hour-a job tha took 4 to 5 hours by hand. Matter of fact, the paper has always been progressive; remodelling, expanding. trying innovations. Its editorial policy and news coverage is of such high collbre that it has won several prizes in competitions sponsored by the Canadian Week-

> Doc: Who is editor of The Free Pross, Jack?

cause Mr. Dills has been associated Pengy Oakes. with the Acton Free Press for almost 43 years ... started as printer's devil. Incidentally, it's likely that the Free Press and the Dills name will be linked together for some time to come, because the editor's two sons. Dave and Jim, are both associated with the newspaper and the printing plant Doc: Carrying on the family

tradition, ch? Jack: And a proud tradition it is. The Free Press is the only newspaper ever published in Acton . . . and has never missed publication date in all its long history. For 76 years, week by week, the Acton Free-Press-has told the story of its community supported progressive measures and opposed those: it considered to be detrimental. Cities Service takes pleasure in saluting the Acton Free Press—a newspaper in the finest

tradition of Canadian journalism! Doc: And while we're at it, let's also pay tribute to Acton's oldest resident . . . 94-year-old William

Jack: That would be one man Yes, it was a New Year's party who remembers when Acton didn't

Doc: Mr. Mainprize remembers maple syrup, the only sweetener

Jack: Sounds like a happy child-

Doc: Oh yes, there was . the village, fairly close . . . but in those days they went to school in the winter and worked on the

farm during the summer. Jack Has Mr Mainprize re Before the broadcast the editor mained a bachelor? There are received the following telegram cynics who claim that's the only

Doc Not in this case Mr Main prize married when he was 27 The lady was Sarah Elizabeth Dawson Say, not a relative of yours by any

Jack Not that I know of Doe Well, it was a long and appy marriage lasting almost 67;

Jack I suppose Mr Mainprize s in retirement now . . but what som of-work did he do?

Doe: Well, most recently he was an engineer with the Beardmore Company for 33 years, in Bracebridge and Acton, where he first came in 1911. He recalls that the roads were unpaved, the street lights went out at midnight, and there were only three automobiles People had to go to the town's pumps for water . . and the only industries in Acton then were glove-making, and tanning.

Jack: Acton sure has grown a lot since then. Last time I was there I heard they have nearly 20 ind-

Doc: And Mr. Mainprize has per-

WHAT THE SCRIPT SAID WEDNESDAY

in a little late or missed Wednes- progress. To-day almost 95, he duy evening's broadcast on Pat- still keeps busy mowing the lawn, riarchs and Papers, sponsored by trimming the hadges, shovelling the Cities Service Oil Co., we re- the snow. He still thou a lot of produce the script used on that reading and is fond of deer huntbrondcast that featured the Acton ing, boating and fishing. He's an Free Pross and William H. Main - setive man, as you can judge . . and it's appropriate that his fav-Juck: Well; Doc! a new year has orite song is, "Oh, it's nice to get

Prous will shortly present Service Oil Company's heartlast congratulations.

Winners Given In Y.M.C.A. Program

The first of the popula: "Hit and Miss" gym competitions drew to a close last week, featuring winners n all the regular gym classes as Boys: Props, Bernard l'ennant, Brian Sweeney; Midgets, Bill Johnstone, Don Emmerson; Juniors, Rob Wahlman, Gary Daw-Dorothy Dawkins, Sylvin Mages, Beth Ratchie

in the Chrystmas holiday profollows. Midget hoys sports tournament George Oakes, Mike Hurst Hill Johnstone - Bowling -tournsment: winning team, Cheryl Mor-Jack: G. A. Dills has been edit- ton, Don Wilds, Bill Skilling, Doror for the past 24 years . . . and othy llawkins, Joe Juny. High inthat's a real success story, too, be- dividual: boys, Bill Skilling; girls.

aggregate scorers in the seven event competition were as follows. placing in order of mention. Boy. thes H. Mike Hurst, John Hurst, Peter Newton; class A. Peter Hurst, Don Wilds, Bob Wahlman Girls, class B, Joy Peal, Anne De forest, Marilyn Woods; class A Cheryl Morton, Mary Mages, El ame Deforest.

One other outstanding event during the "Y" Christmas program featured a "Y" Comp Injun_reunion at Terra Cotta. The party of 20 left the "Y" in cars provided by ocal citizens, spent the remaining hours of daylight tobogganing and sking on the steep slopes around Terra Cotta and in the evening hiked to the summer camp site and -njoyed a tasty bean supper prepared and served outdoors. During the day, the party were guer's for a short while and served hot chocolate at the Terra Cotta Inn This added pleasantly to reminiscproprietors, Mr. and Mrs. Farrer and family, had been regular welcome visitors to the camp during

the past summer's camp in July. The Sunday School sponsored Christmas Day. Sunday School sports program completed its first ten weeks' sertions recently and prizes are to be awarded to the following box-Bean, United; Bob Marshall, Pres- guests at the Hetzel home. byterian. Another 10 weeks ser-

ies is to start this Saturday. All "Y" classes have resumed at the Hill home in Erin their regular schedule and are! Mr and Mrs. D. Henderson visitpreparing for a Parents' Night to ed Mr and Mrs. James' Robinson be held later this month.

Bonnie Clarke as entertainers.

POUNDING THE **SPORTS** BEAT

with A. Vengeance

MINOR. HOCKEY cut its first! flourishes on Tuesday night when the younger kids played their first games. We haven't the results of these games but we'll endeavor to have them next week. Tonight (Thursday), the bigger Jack: Well, here's wishing him a half of the league is choosing teams happy 05th birthday on March 21 and playing their first games. By -and-many-more. To commentary next week the league should be ate the occasions the Acton Free Hourishing. Results of games and Mr. standings will be in this newspaper William H. Mainprize with his each week . . . The demise of O.H. cortrait in charcoal by Egbert C. A. hockey in Acton makes it diffi- the year netted the town \$942. Con-Ried as a token of esteem for the cult to keep this column appearing tributing were the dog tax, poll oldest resident of Acton. Ontario unless we digress into history, tax, cigarette license, taxi license, and with the portrait goes Cities which some are inclined to think is taxi drivers' license, howkers' and better left to the historians, Never- peddlers' license and transient theless, broof glimpses into the past traders' license. never hurt anyone . .. Will Acton Tanners ever rule the Intermediate hockey picture again? That's the \$64 question so many are asking

tion between persons; everyone nicked the team. It provided conversation for the shop, the office, the post office, the pool room and game when the arena would pucked to exact revenge . . . Yes, something worthwhile was lost kins. Girls: Midgets, Ruth Land- when the Tanners hung up their

borough, Pat Smethura; Juniors, skates, presumably until artificial ice is installed . . . Acton's disappearance from hockey had its effect in other centres; too . . . Towns like Georgetown, Fergus, Elora and Orangeville don't seem to generate the same enthusiasm any more The hysteria after the war has been replaced by just plain melan-

NASSAGAWEYA S.S. No.. 7

Mr., Mrs. Kennedy Mark Anniversary

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kennedy. They celebrated their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary on New Year's Day.

The annual Christmas concert in the school was not as well attended as usual. It was a very stormy night. The pupils put on an excellent program that must have taken a great deal of planning and practice for the pupils and their teacher, Mrs. Paul. Santa delighted the children when he came to unload the tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCullough spent Christmus Day in Guelph with their daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wallace were Christmus guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Wallace, Guelph. Christmus visitors in the nome of Mr. and Mrs. Oscur Locker were Mrs. Locker's mother, Mrs Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wright once of summer comping as the and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Redman and Karon.

> Mr and Mrs. Harold Broomer and Ann of Weston were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter McLean or

Mr. and Mrs. Grant McMillan and Miss Donna spent Christmas ies of Saturday, morning compet- with the Barber's in Georgetown. Mr and Mrs. L. W. McMillan vesited their daughter, Mrs. Barber and girls for sports achievement, in Georgetown on Christmas Day. Ruth Landsborough, Baptist: Bob | Mr and Mrs. Fred Hetzel and Wahlman, Elaine Deforest, Betty family of Toronto were holiday

> Messrs J J. Henderson and Joe Henderson were Christmas guests

at Christie on Christmas Day

-Staff Photo

CROWDED SCENE on the stage of Acton Town Hall as Acton

broadcasts to Canada from the New Year's Eve celebration. The

orchestra is seen in action as the crowd mills around in the forei

ground. About 350, attended the entertainment which featured

Don Fairbairn as Master of Ceremonies and George Murray and

Sale Announced 21 who were not assessed as house. Mt. Forest Paper The issuing of licenses during

MORE DOGS THAN MARRIAGES,

A year-end round up of town | Mason and McDonald Blvd. are

the year 1951, with 37 born in Ac- jown clerk cover a great deal of

There were many more down in Acton last year. Each Item-

than weddings last year, with 20 birth, marriage, fine, permit-has

marriage certificates issued to a story behind it. There's much

prospective brides and grooms, and "life" assimilated in the town office

BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN TOWN

figures shows there was one more now privately owned.

146 licenses purchased for dogs. In in the form of figures.

birth in town than death during

fact, there are evidently more dogs

than births, marriages and deaths

ton and 36 dying here. _

put together. .

ed was \$841.20.

while in 1980 it was \$105,125.

The Mount Forest Confederate ast week announced that Harold J. Fair of New York had purchased the controlling interest in that paper of Miss Grace Wright and Mrs. W. Winchester and would assume his new duties as of January 1st. The Confederate has been in . The town's share of fines collect- the Wright family nearly half

The bald figures tasued by the

what can only be called "living"

century. The value of building permits is-Since the death of Arthur W. ... It seems to take so much out of such was lower last year than in Wright in 1944 the paper has been the winter season in Acton when 1950; this is the general trend conducted by his daughter and Mr. there is no Intermediate team to throughout Canada, Actor's total S. S. Blackburn. The new-editor an- follow. The clubs from Acton al- does not show as much decrease as has been in newspaper work for 20 1875. In those days, as you can hounced recently at the "Y" for ways had the following of the other centres' where the drop has years. He has written for the Arimagine, printing equipment was their outstanding performance entire town it included the kids, been as much as 30 per cent due thur News-Enterprise and the quite primitive. They had to fire during the Christmus holiday pro- mon, pop, sister, brother, grand- to mortgage and interest rates. Guelph Mercury and joined the up a steam-boller on press day, grem and other competitions ter- pop, grandma, Aunt Mary and Here the decrease was 12% per Canadian Press in 1034 and served Uncle Joe ... There was no distinc- cent. In 1951 Acton's total in build- there until 1945 to go with Reuter's ing permit values was \$08,750, British News Agency.

> It was reported that 48 sall but The Prairie Crocus is the emblem wo of the Wartime Houses on of Manitoba.

MY SINCERE THANKS

TO THE

Electors of Esquesing Township

for their confidence in me in according me an acclamation to the office of Reeve

George Leslie

H. Craig Reid

with five years' experience as an Esquesing Township

Councillor solicits your vote for

DEPUTY-REEVE

ON MONDAY, JANUARY 7TH

TO ELECTORS OF TOWNSHIP OF ESQUESING:

YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE FOR

R. N. Brown

FOR COUNCILLOR WILL BE APPRECIATED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 7TH

Having served three previous years as councillor, I will endealor to give all due consideration to the taxpayers' dollars and to the improvement of the township. This is the first time in five years you have had the privilege to vote for a council so let's get out and vote.

VOTE

Wilfrid Bird

DEPUTY-REEVE

For Esquesing Township

Election Day, Monday, January 7, 1952

YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE WILL BE APPRECIATED FOR RE-ELECTION OF

Walter

To Esquesing Council For 1952

VOTING DAY JANUARY 7th, 1952