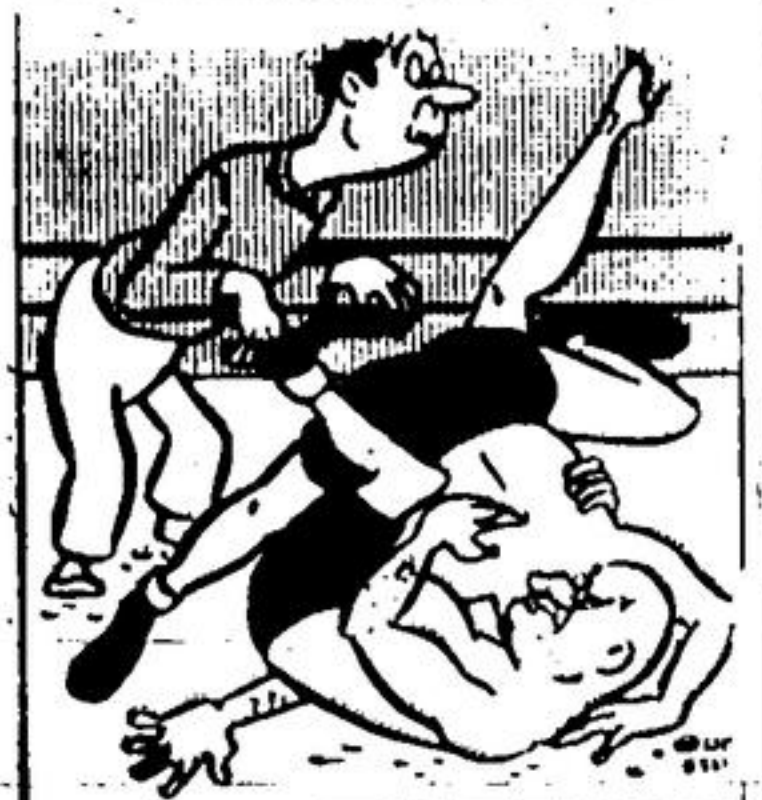


BARGAINS AT LAST

On almost everything but food you can get a bargain these days if you do enough shopping around.

By all counts—increased labour and material costs—the general opinion among manufacturers and retailers seemed to be that prices should be going up, not down.

SPORTOONS



The winner and still champion in the field of decorating is our neat, complete line of painted Come in soon and see us about it!

JOHN B. FRANK... FURTHERING IN PAINTING & DECORATING... BRUSH OR SPRAY... PHONE 1-17 W. ACTON, ONTARIO

January Clearance

LADIES' STATION WAGON COATS Reg. \$28.95 for \$22.95 Reg. \$34.95 for \$28.95 Reg. \$32.95 for \$25.95

BOMBER JACKETS Fur Collar Reg. \$14.95 for \$11.95

LADIES' NAVY SKI PANTS 4 only Reg. \$5.25 for \$3.98

One Lot BATH MATS Reg. \$2.29 for \$1.79

One Lot GIRLS' GLOVES Brushed Rayon Reg. 75c for 49c Pair

One Lot GIRLS' PARKAS for only 49c

MANY OTHER LINES AT REDUCED PRICES. SEE THEM ON DISPLAY.

MEN'S STATION WAGON COATS Reg. \$38.95 for \$29.95

SPORT JACKETS Wool Lined Reg. \$14.95 for \$11.95

CORDUROY JACKETS Reg. \$19.95 To Clear \$14.95



Acton High School News



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

Noisy Welcome Greet's New Year

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

Might we suggest that all who have had messages concerning the broadcast from out-of-town friends tell us of these messages so that we can pass them on in another issue of the Free Press.

ACTON ON THE AIR AGAIN; HERE'S WHAT THE SCRIPT SAID WEDNESDAY

For those who might have tuned in a little late or missed Wednesday evening's broadcast on "Patricia and Papers, sponsored by the Cities Service Oil Co., we reproduce the script used on that broadcast that featured the Acton Free Press and William H. Mainprize.

Jack: Well, Doc, a new year has dawned... and throughout 1952 we shall devote a period in each of our Cities Service programs to salute one of Ontario's newspapers.

Doc: And also the oldest resident of the community that newspaper serves.

Jack: And so there will be no favouritism, we'll choose those communities as far as possible in alphabetical sequence.

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Doc: Who is editor of The Free Press, Jack?

Jack: G. A. Dills has been editor for the past 24 years... and that's a real success story, too, because Mr. Dills has been associated with the Acton Free Press for almost 43 years.

Doc: And while we're at it, let's also pay tribute to Acton's oldest resident... 94-year-old William H. Mainprize.

Jack: That would be one man who remembers when Acton didn't have a Free Press.

Doc: Not in this case Mr. Mainprize married when he was 27. The lady was Sarah Elizabeth Dawson. Say, not a relative of yours by any chance?

Jack: No, that I know of. Doc: Well, it was a long and happy marriage lasting almost 67 years.

Doc: Well, most recently he was an engineer with the Boardman Company for 33 years in Brantford and Acton, where he first came in 1911.

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

Doc: And Mr. Mainprize has personally witnessed most of that progress.

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POUNGING THE SPORTS BEAT

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MORE DOGS THAN MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN TOWN

A year-end round up of town figures shows there was one more birth in town than death during the year 1951, with 37 born in Acton and 36 dying here.

There were many more dogs than weddings last year, with 29 marriage certificates issued to prospective brides and grooms, and 146 licenses purchased for dogs. In fact, there are evidently more dogs than births, marriages and deaths put together.

The issuing of licenses during the year netted the town \$642. Contributing were the dog tax, poll tax, cigarette license, taxi license, taxi drivers' license, hawkers and peddlers' license and transient traders' license.

The value of building permits issued was lower last year than in 1950; this is the general trend throughout Canada. Acton's total does not show as much decrease as other centres where the drop has been as much as 30 per cent due to mortgage and interest rates.

The town's share of fines collected was \$41.23.

Mason and McDonald Blvd. are now privately owned. The bald figures issued by the town clerk cover a great deal of what can only be called "living" in Acton last year.

Since the death of Arthur W. Wright in 1944 the paper has been conducted by his daughter and Mr. S. S. Blackburn. The new editor has been in newspaper work for 20 years.

The Prairie Crocus is the emblem of Manitoba.

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MY SINCERE THANKS

TO THE Electors of Esqueving 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 Esqueving 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 endeavor 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 Esqueving Township

Election Day, Monday, January 7, 1952



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 forest ground. About 350 attended the entertainment which featured Don Fairbairn as Master of Ceremonies and George Murray and Bonnie Clarke as entertainers.

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

Walter Linham

To Esqueving Council For 1952

VOTING DAY JANUARY 7th, 1952