

# LOCAL NEWS

Items for this column may be phoned to 176 or sent to The Free Press Office in Acton.

—Choir practice is being held regularly on Friday evenings in the Acton Y by about 25 Dutch new Canadians.

—Quite a few subscriptions to the paper fall due in December. Have you looked at the label on your copy lately?

—Don Thomson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Thomson, suffered a fractured skull when he fell from a horse on Sunday.

The YMCA Ladies' Auxiliary has presented the Y with a new radio and record player, which has been placed in the lounge.

Henry Haskins, the Liberal member for Wellington south has been elected whip of the Ontario Liberal group in the Commons.

New furniture has arrived for the new meeting room and the hallway at the YMCA. About 20 new chairs have been purchased and some new tables.

F. L. Wright gave a brief talk on impressions he gathered of Rotary clubs while on a recent visit to England at the Acton Rotary club meeting Tuesday. There were visitors present from Orangeville and Guelph.

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## Scout News

By Wayne Currie

The First Acton Troop held their weekly meeting on December 7. After the inspection, the Sea Gulls flew the "Honor Patrol Flag."

When finished the opening ceremony, we engaged in a rugged game of "Crows and Cranes," in which the Cranes won by a decisive margin.

We then settled down to work on our tests. Scoutmaster Dave Dills took the second class for a lesson on using the compass. The rest aided in passing tenderfoot tests.

There are no hikes scheduled for the weekend so we closed the meeting.

The Lakeside Chapter IODE have made a donation of \$50 to the scout troop which is appreciated very much.

## ORIGINAL BIRTHDAY POEM FOR A. T. BROWN

About 15 Acton friends gathered in Halton Centennial Manor Wednesday afternoon to honor A. T. Brown on his 81st birthday. A birthday tea with cake was enjoyed by the group.

Mr. Brown received many cards and gifts and was presented with an axletree on behalf of the W.M.S. of Acton United church.

A birthday poem, "To Mr. Brown on his birthday, December 9, 1953," was read:

No truer, finer gentleman,

E'er walked upon the earth.

We recognize his noble traits,

Respect his sterling worth.

His wit is dry, his humor keen,

Pleasant, indeed, to hear,

His friendship's true, whatever may be.

The season of the year

He has a smile for everyone,

His firm handclasp is warm,

He meets life bravely every day

In sunshine and in storm;

And so to this fine gentleman

We wish a gay birthday,

Accompanied by health and wealth

Each step upon the way.

—By Marj of Thompson



A "SWEET" TIME FOR ALL WITH THESE FACTORY FRESH GIFT BOXES OF TOP QUALITY CHOCOLATES

Parttime 1.15, 2.25  
Peppermint Wafers 50c 1 1/2 lb

Pot o' Gold 1.50, 3.00  
4.50

Minatures 2.00

Cherries in Maraschino 2.00

Luxury Cherry Cocktail 1.50

Welcome Happiness 1.15, 2.25

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ROWNTREE'S

Black Magic 1 1/2 lb 80c

1 lb 1.50, Gift Chest 3.00

Dairy Box 1 1/2 lb 75c

1 lb 1.40, Gift Chest 2.50

DAIRY BAR

WATSON'S

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## Box Social Held By Couples' Club

Kid Wilson acted as chairman for the box social which was the highlight of the meeting of the Couples Club of the United church on Wednesday, December 3.

President Ben and Velma West were in charge of the meeting which began with a brief devotion at the invocation period followed

—Spinach for two meals was picked from her garden last week by Mrs. Darwin Cripps. She also enjoyed lettuce from the garden the week before as a result of the mild weather.

—Don't forget you can solve that gift problem with a subscription to the home town paper. Former residents of town and district who have moved away are frequently writing to tell how much they enjoy the news of old friends.

Instead of Christmas decorations there are bouquets of pantries in the Free Press window this week! One beautiful little bouquet of purple pantries was brought by W. J. O. Oakes, who says they have been blooming since May eight months! He also has snapdragons still in bloom. Another bouquet of pantries and bayberry was picked by Mrs. R. L. Davison in her garden Wednesday.

In one of the pictures recently used in "Tales on Tipups," we were unable to identify the two men in an automobile of the early model. A reader in Toronto has given us the information we require. They are Anson Thurston and Anson Tushingham and the owner of the car was Anson Thurston. Our reader, Mrs. Brooks of Toronto, tells us that she has a picture postcard of the same picture published.

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## FRI.-SAT. DOUBLE PROGRAM DEC. 11-12

Hired Gunslinger in a Lawless Land!



ADDED FEATURE HIT!

## The Bowery Boys

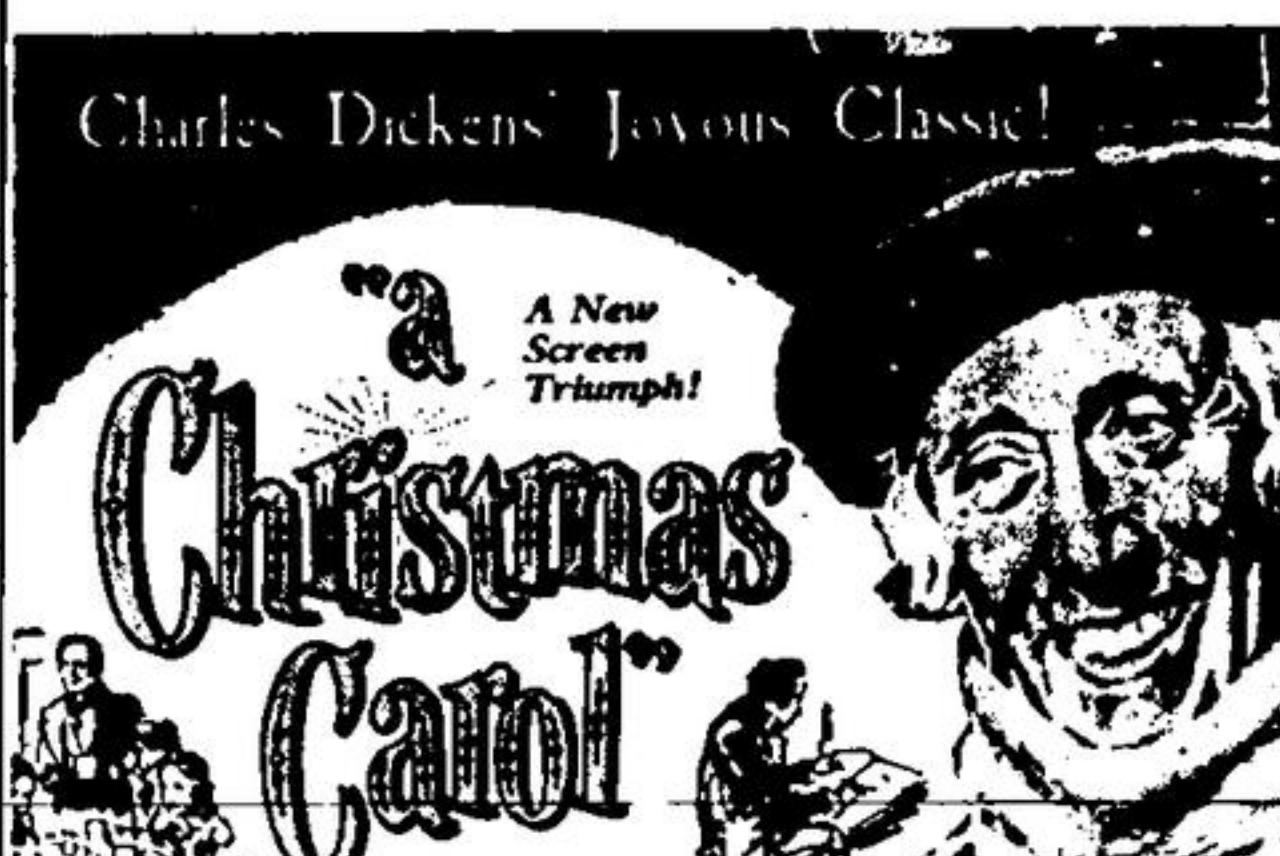
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## "PRIVATE EYES"

Plus: "Rooty Toot Toot" Technicolor Cartoon

## MON.-TUES. PLEASE NOTE! DEC. 14-15

MONDAY AT 3:45 P.M.  
SPECIAL "AFTER SCHOOL" MATINEE



George Monte presents ALASTAIR SIM as "SCROOGE" in CHARLES DICKENS' "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" co-starring KATHLEEN HARRISON, CLIFFORD MOLSON and JACK WARNER. By permission of THE FARO. Produced and Directed by Brian Desmond Hurst. Screenplay by Noel Langley. A Republic Pictures Presentation - Released by the United Artists

EXTRA! "GUM SHOES" 3 Stooges - Technicolor Cartoon

## WED.-THURS. DEC. 16-17

## EVERYBODY Goes For Guinness!

WOMEN LOVE HIM,  
THE POLICE WANT HIM,  
AND WE'VE GOT HIM —  
IN HIS FUNNIEST COMEDY

## "THE PROMOTER"

Starring ALEC GUINNESS

ADDED FEATURE ATTRACTION



HERBERT J. YATES presents  
FRED MACMURRAY • VERA RALSTON  
FAIR WIND TO JAVA  
TRICOLOR BY CONSOLIDATED  
A REPUBLIC PICTURE  
EXTRA! "WORLD EVENTS IN THE NEWS"

## LIMBOURG

## Exchange of Gifts Meeting Feature

The W. J. met at the home of Miss Davis on December 4 when an exchange of Christmas gifts took place.

Arrived from Kipland

Mrs. Brian McCloskey, two sisters, Miss Nancy Archer and Mrs. W. Walker, and the latter's son Neil, arrived from Cheltenham England on Friday.

We extend sympathy to Mrs. Robert Patterson on the passing of her brother, the late Robert Carle, last week.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lindquist and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McNeely on account of two new baby girls born last week end.

Mrs. S. Wright is visiting her sister, Mrs. Walker at London.

Recent visitors

Mr. W. J. Newton Barrie, with his mother and Miss Evans.

The W. J. Mills of Streevels with his parents here.

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