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As we reflect on what lies ahead it is impossible to polish the crystal ball to bring clearly into line those events and activities that will be the next decade. Predictions surround us on increasing populations, changes in living and travel, varying influences that will affect our national and international way of life, economic patterns that could change our entire way of life. They are many and varied, the predictions at this time of year.

But all our predictions must be based on that which has gone before as most crystal gazers must turit.

A look at the decade just past lends credence to the optimistic outlook ahead. This town and area has had more growth, expansion and progress in the past decade than during any other previous ten year period.

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The Force bowling team bowled in sensational style on Tuesday, and in the Guelph Combuday, and in the Guelph Combuday ing Wishling the Mishling Wishling with the entire team, the total of 3366 being the highest net team total for the entire season. The local bowlers are providing plenty of competition for the other leams in the league and at times showers the entire season. The box of competition for the other leams in the league and at times showers in the league and at times showers in the league and at times showers are providing plenty of competition for the other leams in the league and at times showers in the league and at times showers are properly played.

On December 28, the Bloomsburg in the league and the evening, the first part of the evening was spent dancing.

Acton Juniors tucked as a street play was given by members of the seciety. Lunch was served and the remainder of the evening was spent dancing.

Acton Juniors tucked a 5 to 0 win over Georgetown under their belt to start the current season in Georgetown on Thursday night last. The game proved exciting for the spectators although it became a little ranged in spots. One penalty spiece were the only two banished to the cooler for a rest. Holmes in the Acton met played a stellar game as he turned back shot after shot as the Georgetown and Twill became a little ranged in spots. One penalty spiece were the only two banished to the cooler for a rest. Shank of Georgetown and Twill became a little ranged in spots. One penalty spiece were the only two banished to the cooler for a rest. Shank of Georgetown and Twill became a first the core to be the big threat against the opposition as they dended a standout game as he bowled to be the big threat against the Georgetown defents their S3rd wedding annih versay on Christinas Day when many friends and relatives drop the curling season in Acton and the range of the curling season in Acton and the range of the curling season in Acton and the range of the curling season in Acton and the season of the curling

In many European countries, gifts are exchanged on New Year's Day. The custom originated with the Romans. Back in 747 B.C., reportedly, they presented the king of the Sabines with branches of bay and palm trees consecrated to Strenia, the goddess of strength. The "střenae", or gifts, became more elaborate, in expectation of royal fevor, and the emperoes came to regard them as deserved tribute.

Augustus Caesar is said to have passed the word along that he had a vision in which he saw himself receiving gifts from the Senate and the people on January 1.

Claudius finally stopped the influence-peddling by limiting the cost of gifts.

Henry III introduced the custom into

A steady rise in economic buoyance can be expected next year throughout most of Canada. That is the heartening prediction which can be drawn from the economic indicators in this country and the United

Of course we cannot predict what will happen should the world become involved in a major war, or even a "minor" one, if there be such a thing any more. But there is no use planning on disaster.

Canada has come through lifteen years of unprecedented growth. Through a massive immigration movement and one of the highest birth rates in the world, the Canadian population has been given a tremendous

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near the beginning of the decade appeared to be, with the general upsurge in development, the key that led to increasing population, the houses to accommodate it and the industry to employ it.

It is difficult to recount all the measures that been planned and carried out during that time. Indeed when they are totalled, as we plan to do for a special issue this month we feel certain that some of the trends that will be revealed will rightly label the 1950's as "the decade of development".

Population increases have only been the stepping stone. Our community and cultural facilities have been built, new organizations formed, new activities introduced and the whole complexion of the town has undergone the greatest change.

We are often scomful of the progress our community makes from day to day, yet a backward glance can often reveal an impressive story.

Welcoming Ħe New Year

Not everyone celebrated the beginning of the New Year on January 1. But people in all parts of the world have special customs to insure that the New Year will get off to a good start. England in the 1200's, and Elizabeth I collected enough loot to replenish her ward-robe for a year. The custom went out with Oliver Cromwell.

Church services and frantic parties, example are typical ways of celebrating Canada.

In Scotland, bad luck is in store for a family if the first person to set foot in the house on New Year's Day is a woman... or a gravedigger... or a person who walks with his toes turned in ... or a man with red or blonde hair.

To minimize the risk, the Scots appoint a tall dark man as the 'first-footer'. On New Year's Day he enters each house in silence, places a bundle of faggots on the fire, then wishes the family good luck.

Even the poorest Chinese buy new shoes for the holiday, because it is bad luck to step down on the ground into old shoes on New Year's Day. And the Portuguese ignore their debts, because the man who pays a bill on this day will pay out money all year.

The Brazilians open the New Year by expressing the hope of all men... they designate January 1 as the Day of Universal

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This in turn has resulted in shifting of gears in economic life. Demands have tripled for new roads and highways, schools and hospitals, dams and hydro power. Canadians have been building new homes in the hundreds of thousands, with all the associated major outlays on furniture and furnishings.

The country has gone through a "breather" spell for the past year. Investment in capital outlay has been high, but not at the record rates we have become accustomed to.

Now, we feel, Canada is readying itself for a new spurt of expansion in major projects, as well as a steadily increasing home market for everything from bacon to printing presses.

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Taken from the issue of the Press, Thursday, January 4.

The election for councillors on Monday night gives Acton a strong council of able men, every one of them interested in Acton's progress and development. This year's council will be composed of the following: Reeve George Hynds by acclamation: councillors elected, William Cooper, A. T. Brown, Alex Bell and Murray MacDonald. Taken from the Issue of the Free Press, Thursday, January 6, 1910.

During the recent municipal election, the biggest vote ever polled here approved local option by a vote of 235 for and 139 against. The campaign on local option was wholly a movement on the part of our citizens in their own interests and for the moral betterment of the town. Many came a great distance to vote, with some from Toronto, Gueiph, Crewson's Corners and Everton. The by-law will come into effect as of May 1.

At the morning service of the Methodist church last Sunday, the graduates from the primary class of the Sunday school were presented with diplomas and neatty bound copies of the seriptures. These graduates are nine vears of age and have committed to memory and passed examinations upon the names of the books of the Bible, the commandments, 23rd psalm, the beatitudes and the golden texts of the year. There were five graduates from each of the primary classes, as follows: Stella Jame McLam, Mary Elizabeth Shields, Marguerite Stewart, Hilda Lily Tucker, Lula Rose Watson, Roy James Brown, George William Caswell, George Percival Evans, Alfred Edgar Rath and Robert Walter Stewart.

The entertainment in the town hall on New Year's night, given by the Scholars of Knox Sunday school, was one of the best ever given by the Sunday school, The cantata choruses deserve special mention. Breathing forth a Christmas spirit, they were sung in perfect harmony by the scholars and delighted the large audience.

Council Higher Supports 2 Grant Petition

OBITUARY

Was Born in Acton
Mrs. Alice McCullough, 78, of
122 Ahrens Street West, Kitchener, died Monday, December 21, at
Kitchener-Waterloo Hospital after a brief illness.

The best tremment for a worn-smooth tire is to put it on the junk pile. While it is on your car you are in constant danger from a skid or a blow-out. Or it may quietly go flat on your way to a dinner party in the rain. Good tires are

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Born in Acton, August 23, 188 she moved to Kitchener 29 year ago. Her husband, Edward E McCullough, died December 1, 1955.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Donald (Helen) Gellatly of Detroit and Mrs. Elmer (Jean) Radtke of Kitchener; one sister, Mrs. Thomas Storey of Rockwood and nine grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Wednesday, December 23 in Kit chener. Rev. R. D. Horsburgh of First United church, Waterloo, officiated. Temporary entombment was in Woodland Mausoleum, with interment to follow at the Stone church cemetery, Eramona.

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BACK IN 1940

ience.

Mr. John Kitching of Eramosa has purchased the pretty new bungalow on Main Street just completed by Mr. John Cameron. They will shortly take up their residence there.

Mr. John McIntyre shipped four geese and a turkey to a buyer in Toronto during the holidays, for which he received \$14. The turkey weighed 27 pounds. A bowling alley was opened in Milton a couple of weeks ago. It was found that a by-law was on the books of the town fixing the licence fee at \$100. This fact closed the bowling alley.

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BACK IN 1910

ENJOYDIG TOTS are a group of the youngsters at the Acton Firefighters' Christ at the Fire Hall on Sunday, Dec. 20. After Santa arrived and distributed toys children commenced to play with their toys. Pictured from left to right are St. Jimmie Krapek, Johnny Pink, Terry Quennell and Colleen Spielvogal. Although number the girls in this picture, they were equalled in number during the after the property of the second spielvogal.

The hearty round of applause that followed Mrs. Allen's speech proved how much the residents had enjoyed the entertainment furnished by the cubs and how delighted they were with their new gift, Freeman. Cookies and cold drinks were served during the social period that followed, with some of the scouts assisting with the serving.

Halton Centenn ial Manor

Christmas Activities Choir, Band,

cream and cookies, donated the visitors, were served.

on Sunday afternoon, December 13, a church service conduction of the Prochot criain church, Milton, was followed by Rev. E. Orsborn of Knux in Prochot criain church, Milton, was followed by a choral program presented by the choir of the same church, Mr. Orsborn read the Christmas story from \$21. Luke and then spoke on the subject. Christmas Visitors. He described the three groups of the Christmas Visitors. He described the magel, the shepherds and the Wise Men.

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Several anthems based on the theme of the choir.

Another Fine Concert

Immodiately after this choral program, the Oakville Citizens's Band presented another of its very popular band concerts. Emphasizing the fact that the Christmas season of you and cheer, bandmaster Frank Lock sley announced a program of bright, tuncful numbers.

The popular numbers. However the several marches. However were popular medley of waltz, es, and Old Timer's Waltz, default of the ever popular medley of waltz, several marches. However hold a penumber, the last maned being a genuine circus march. An old time waltz, Melbody of Love, and the ever popular numbers. Waltz, default of the numbers. Hugh penison thanked the band for this fine program, so suitable in a cery way to the Christmas sea. ceemiduct gram was musical, with the proitors and residents singing a
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the St. Dowell and a piano duet by two
the sisters. Nancy and Linda ChamHe bers, were enjoyed. Unexpected when two
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An hilarious imitation of one
by Red Skelton's skits was given
R. By Keith Cracker. Norman Vigaudgers, a resident, played solos on
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in entertain the residents. These resident to the visited the Manor in order to the visited the Manor in order to the visited church in Oakville, together with their counsellors. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace McMillan. Their visit was sponsored by the church law, was among those who came.

After the singing of two carols, on the chib will be held one with Mary Warlaw as leader, Mr. W. McMillan showed intelesting corol fored slides taken during a trip at noon in the Esquesing Town western and western states of the U.S.A. and to Western Can ments in the breed association, was accompanied by a very in the McMillan.

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these young people, a delicious ly these young people, a delicious ly funch of ice cream and cookies was served. After lunch, two motion picture films, The Littlest all Angel and Three Little Bears Make Mischief, were shown.

Then Sanja Claus in the person of Alec Grant, who had donned a bright red costume and a plentiful adornment of whiskers, entered the room and proceeded to present a Christmas gift to every resident in the Manor. The singing of Auld Lang Sane brought this, very enjoyable evening, presented by these very thoughtful and generous new triends, to a close.

singing

The hardest job of all is that of finding a soft job.

Wednesday night. December 16, d was Cub Scout Night at the Man or when nearly 30 Cubs belonging to the First Freeman Cub Pack of Burlington entertained the residents with one of their campfire programs. They were led in this ceremony by Akela B. L. Clark: Baloos T. Tancock and Judy Musselman and Scouter D. Rodgers.

The campfing corethony included some very lively songs, sung with great spirit by the boys and prayers were given by Baloo Musselman and Scouter Rodgers.

A very pleasant highlight of the evening occurred when one of the scouts, representing the pack. presidents as a Christmas gift. In accepting this generous and welcome gift, Mrs. S. Allen said that the budgie would be called Freeman in honor of the cubs who had donated it.

A varied program that included a visit from Santa Claus was presented for the residents on truesday evening. December 15, by a group of brand-new friends, 15 boys and girls belonging to Hopedale Presbyterian Senior of Young Peoples' group in Oakwille. Among those who came were the president, Nancy Chambers, and the convener, Bob strukes.



ESSEX, JORDAN, DURANT... more than 2,400 different cars have been made in North America. Of these, less than thirty still make new appearances each year on Canadian roads. The reasons for failure were many, but the underlying factor was the inability to make annual profits sufficient for survival and progress.

This is a dramatic example in just one industry of the role of profits in helping a company survive and grow. Without profits, only one road faces any company. It must lay off, its employees, close its doors and go out of business. Whatever the industry, whatever ady profits mean steady jobs. ₹

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