

# "Off to a Crisp Start"

# THE GOOD OLD DAYS

# Sugar and Spice

BY BILL BAILEY

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Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Jan. 7, 1946.

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Well, it's stock-taking time in the old firm, and one look around confirms my suspicions...

I don't know about you, but I'll bet you're in the same shape I am...

I've given it my best for the last 32 weeks, but apparently the best is none too good...

Looking back over the past 12 months, I don't see anything worth flinging my paw at in the air about...

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Not an inspiring performance by the Kentleys in 1962, but an average one...

On the social front, booze sales boomed, a healthy sign for distillery stockholders...

Once again, Canadians revealed their sturdy political independence, and little else...

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At home, we worried about the same old things: the Yanks overwhelming us...

In the entertainment field, we watched with pride as Canada's own Bob Coulet became one of the country's most sought-after performers...

Again in 1962, Canadians spent most of their time talking about the weather, money and their cars...

Oh well, it's the only game in town, and maybe '63 will be better. There's only one way we can go, and that's down...

## Nostradamus — Move Over . . .

Once a year, in January, all editorial and feature writers dust off their crystal balls and produce a multitude of profound predictions...

Notwithstanding these hard to accept facts, we too have felt the annual itch to put on the rosy spectacles to present the news of 1963...

Of course the one big municipal problem that is going to come up — and on which many thousands of words will be spoken — will be the proposal to purchase the old Post Office building...

The disaster tid and the sewage plant in 1962 took up a great deal of time and council effort...

The water reservoir project of 1962 will be completed and will as well as increase the pressure and storage capacity...

ging up the roads to repair the leaks when the increased pressure is put on the system, the location of every pipe will be determined...

The educational objectives of our schools will come in for very close scrutiny at every street corner conference...

Prospects for both a federal and provincial election look promising: With no representation at Queen's Park now it would almost appear certain there will either be a by-election or provincial election...

Additional office space for the administration of the town will be found in the YMCA building. It is likely there will be some very heated discussions on the subject and both the town and Y board will learn, very quickly...

The land acquired for cemetery expansion will be looked at, studied and reported on, but nothing will be done with it until the winter works program of '63-'64...

Industrially, Acton firms will be busier, but showing less profit through 1963. Attracted to Acton because of its industrial climate and prosperity will be some major industry and two minor, but healthy enterprises...

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

OAKVILLE—A 25-storey \$4,000,000 shopping mall, supermarket, convention centre and apartment building has been suggested for the vacant Finch-McNoy property on Oakville's lakeshore...

BURLINGTON—Lawyer Lloyd Dingle has launched an official protest against the use of police dogs by the town's police force...

STREETSVILLE — A cement manufacturing plant may be located here next year, it was revealed by an official of Standard Paving and Materials Ltd...

WATERDOWN—The basement of the community hall has been "invaded" by roller skating addicts, and things have been "rolling" there lately...

drawn into the Metro shuffle," said Toronto Township Reeve Robert Speck. The County is ready to take whatever action is necessary to retain Malton...

GEORGETOWN—High school students have increased in numbers so much that it is impossible to present all the academic awards at the one-night Spring commencement...

BRAMPTON — Peel County Council is ready to fight New Toronto's plan to annex the Malton area — an estimated \$21,000,000 assessment...

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Announcement will be made of the County's decision to construct a new home for the aged rather than continuing the expansion of Halton Centennial Manor. Suitable sites will be located at and around Acton...

## New Correspondent For District News

Mrs. Kathleen Taylor of Norval and sons Kenneth and Stanley of Ballinacraig enjoyed Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. William Rochester and family and friends on Churchill Rd., Acton.

## Spelling Wrong Sentiment Right

"Gelukkig Nieuw Jaar" in case any of our Dutch readers missed the message last week, the staff of the Acton Free Press repeats it once again.

## Flying Students Receive Wings

Guelph Flying School students received their wings at the club's Christmas Flying Fling at the Royal Hotel, Guelph. Among the successful students were Bob Grant, John Oosterhoff and Ted Swift...

## Hello '63! No Accidents

1963 was ushered in various ways Monday evening as Actonians bade 1962 goodbye. For many there were house parties. Others attended the Legion dance or an out-of-town club and party.

## 97 Years Old

Acton's oldest resident, Mrs. Peter Savers, will observe her 97th birthday next Monday, Mrs. Savers, whose home is on Church St., is in quite good health for her age.

## PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY AND TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

Medical: DR. W. G. C. KENNEY, Physician and Surgeon. Funeral Directors: Rumley Shoemaker. Optical and Hearing Aids: E. L. BUCHNER, O.D. Travellers' Guide: GRAY COACH LINES. Canadian National Railways. Appraising and Insurance: F. L. WRIGHT.