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Hostradames - Move Over

Orice a year, in January, all editorial and feature writers dust off their crystal balls and produce a multitude of profound predictions. The accuracy and influence of these masterplaces are semething to behold. By inserting the right amount of double talk the accuracy is unquestionable. By the end of the year any self respecting writer can, no matter what has happened, say "I told you that in Janu-"ary." The influence of these writings can be Judged by the fact that the reader must be told in December he was told in January.

Nothwithstanding these hard to accept facts, we too have felt the annual itch to put on the rosy speciacles to present the news of 1963 all in this one editorial. You may feet by the time you have reached the end of the selumn that you won't have to read this speak for the rest of the year. Bu - we can't like readers that quickly so we have kept one big prediction out, - now you'll have to read the paper, all year to see what that one is.

Of course the one big municipal problem that is soing to come up - and on which many thousands of words will be spoken will be the proposal to purchase the old Post Office building at Willow, and Mill Streets. The proposal is that the town will buy the building and convert it to municipal offices. We feel that the 1962 council was convinced. of the necessity for additional office space for the consolidation of all municipal offices. in one building. The council investigated the Post Office building and indicated to the department of the federal government responsible for its disposal, the town's interest in H. No firm commitment-was made for its purchase.

-We-think that after a great deal of discussion. Council this year will reject the proposal to purchase the building and will make other arrangements for additional office space.

. The digester tid and the sewage plant in 1962 took up a great deal of time, and council effort. We think that again in 1963 if will prove to be just as much of a problem. The engineering, the construction and capacity of the plant will continue to be lubjects for second guessers over-endowed with hireleight. Nothing major will happen here. except "talk" will suggest rebuilding or enlargement of capacity.

The water reservoir project of 1962 will be completed and will as well as increase the pressure and storage capacity, bring another adventage. It will be possible to prepare a comprehensive plan of all water mains and services in lown. By simply dio-

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. However it's not likely the plan will be prepared in the rush to get water back into the taps. -.

The educational objectives of our schools will come in for very close scrutiny at every street corner conference, every evening coffee party and every time two of the 4,000 experts meer. However, the school boards will manage to operate the schools and the teachers will teach the subjects without too much interference. At the high school there will be requests and delegations trying to have the use of the auditorium. They will finally be successful-and the ratepayers-who own the building will eventually get to use it in off-school hours. The high school board will likely start-on the preparation of plans for an addition to the school which will be required for the 64-65 term. It's doubtful if there will be any construction for a commercial, and shop wing. The school will likely tretain strictly academic subjects under the Roberts streaming plan.

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. At Ottawa indications are that we may expect a federal election enytime. It is our prediction that a politician will be elected to represent Halton at Ottawa. It's more than likely one will also be elected for Queen's Park. Whoever these two fortunate (?) people are they will be the fast ones elected to represent Halton as we know it. By the time the next election (1967?) ralls around the committees on redistribution will have reported and Acton will find itself in a riding comprised of the north of Halton and some of Wellington South.

Additional office space for the adminisfration 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, some economic facts which won't please anyone but which will have to be faced by everyone. -

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. There will be talk of a chapel-like vault for winter use Tris will only be mentioned seven times the whole year so there won't be any action

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Back in 1943 Taken from the laster of the Free Press, Thursday, Jan. 7, 1946.

The anowaroum on Monday de. laved the opening of the open air rink on Hower Ave. lor a day or so, but now activity has got underway. It is planned to put. just enough boards around this enclosure to keep the ice surface outlined. Temporary dressing rooms will be installed and the lighting allowed for outdoor rinks will be put in place. No provision is heing made for hockey and Actor once sported some of Ontario's best hackey teams. -- -

The first waston for 1943 of the Acton School Board had members, trustees V. B. Rumley, F. B. Blow, Dr. E. G. Oakes, W. H. Clayton and G. A. Dille present. G. A. Dille was elected chairman. Mr. J. H. Reld, truant officer, Mr. George T. Mann, caretaker and Mr. W: G. Middleton. secretary-treasurer, were all reappointed for the year at the same salaries. The report of Inpriector Skuce was received and studied. It gave a splendid review of the work of the staff and caretaker.

Sergt. Rac Hillier, a formerstar on Acton Junior hockey team, visited here on Christmus leave.

A large crowd of, neighborand friends unthered at Dublin school on Saturday night to spend a social evening with Cliftord Webster and Alex Frank while they were home on leave. They were each presented with a pen and pencil set.

At a meeting of Acton Library Board on Tuesday evening, Rev. P. A. Brooks was re-elected chair man for the year and Mr. M. M. Leitch is secretary-treasurer.

The Loyal Orange Lodge met at the home of J. E. Gamble, W.M. for 1943 is W. Frankum.

"Mrs. C. Nelles was elected president of St. Alban's Guild. The new motor vehicle permits are on sale. You get only one and the price is the same.

Born: ,To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marshall, at daughter. Charleen Marie; and to Pte. and Mrs. Rus-cell Morton, a daughter, Judith

Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Lamb recoived word last week of the safe arrival in England of their son, Pte. James Lamb. This is the second son of this family how in overseas service. Three columns of the paper are thevoted to an article on "The

Importance of Air Raid Precau-

Back in 1913 Proof. Thursday, Jan. 9, 1914.

The vote on the Local Soution by law on Monday repealed the massure-225 for, 137 against. On the Basis of the three-fifths requirement, only seven and hourfifths more votes than were billed were needed to sustain the by-law and keen out the bur-

The causes for this unfortunate result are not hard to determine. The ministers and leaders of the Christian churches, were fust as active and enthrelastic on this occasion as three years ago. The ladies worked just us urducusty. Unfortunately, they could not overviene the change in character of a considerable portion of the population which has come in from across the fuus in the right few years and whose environment and prejudices have always been opposed to measures secking the curtailment and sale of intoxicating, liquor. Without any doubt, the future will show great moral. wrong was done to one of the most progressive towns in Ontario by the vote on Monday, Time will tell.

There will be open barrooms here after the first of May. Acton has the lonely distinction of returning to the liquor control system: In 100 other centres in Ontario, a signal victory for the temperance workers was recorded. The Toronto Globe says, "Acton is not at all proud of it."

Ar the Women's Institute meet ing last Thursday afternison, Miss Bennettanil Miss A. A. Harvev each gave a practical paper und Miss Stella McLam gave a solo, which was enjoyed by all.

Mr. R. L. Gregory, the new manager of Worlderland, has etlected improvements. -- A much better class of pictures has been introduced. The film showing of the Durbar at Delhi; India, was first rate.

There was another train smashup at Georgetown this week. The first interruption of the Hydro Electric current from No-

agara Falls since it was turned on here on December 14 occurred on Sunday night. It was repaired the next day. Mr. Fred Shortlll and his six-

ter, Miss Annie, had a narrow escape on the way to League at Ballinafad when the bit broke and their horse ran away... Nassagaweya: reeve, Duncan Campbell; councillors, W. J. Akins, D. Hutcheon Jr., M. J. Car-

The chopping mill has, a new 50 h.p. motor, B. F. Caldwell

ton and Matthew Joh.

AROUND

OAKVILLE-A 25-storey \$4,000. 000 shopping mall, supermarket. convention centre and apartment building has been suggested for the vacant Finch-Noves-property on Oakville's lakeshore by owner Joel Morgenstern. Area residents who favor homes on the property are prepared to fight it.

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. This year the 150 Grade 10 students received intermediate certificates on a special night, held last week.

BRAMPTON - Peel County Council is ready to fight New Toronto's plan to annex the Malton area - an estimated \$21. 000,000 assessment. "It we don't watch ourselves Peel could be

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

BURLINGTON-Lawyer Lloyd

Dingle has launched an official

protest against the use of police dogs by the town's police force. He-ralls the use of dogs "inhumane, brutal and even bar-STREETSVILLE - A cement

manufacturing plant may be located here next year, it was revealed by an official of Standard Paving and Materials Ltd., Toronto. The company is negotiating for a Queen St. property.

WATERDOWN-The basement the community hall has been invaded" by roller skating addicts, and things have been "rollthere lately.

Curlers will reach a new peak

*The police radar unit will not

36 sidewalks will be made

· Work on the eastern ap-

available for Cameron street

prouches of No. 7 highway will

be completed -

by used as extensively in 1963 as

Nostradamus - Move Over ...

Announcement will be made of Bospect Park for bull games. the County's decision to construct a new home for the aged in outhusiasm. rather than continuing the expansion of Halton Centennial Manor. Possible sites will be looked at in and around Acton but the buildings will be built on the outskirts of another municipality. -- In the commercial community six retail outlets will change ownership. The store closing hour bylaw will be a hot potato but will be passed by council over the objections of everyone but the

merchants. Thursday night shopping at the discount stored and shopping plazas will continue to take a larger slice of the wageearner's pay cheque as he flies to the cottage in the summer or the in-laws in the winter immediately after work on Friday Priday will become a dead night the same as

Industrially, Acton firms will be busier, but showing less profit through 1963. Affracted to Acton Because of its industrial climate and prosperity will be some ma or industry and two misor, but healthy enterprises.

Saturday has.

Other off-the-cuff predictions-* Municipal taxes will go up. * Multiple unit apartment

houses will be proposed. #Street lighting will be improved in some areas. * Starts will be made on parks other than Prospect Park.

* Stop lights will not be installed at the Main-Mill corner. #Streets will be swept twice" during the year. Christmas will be held on De-

cember 25th this year. # Hydro will complete the conversion of Substation No. 1 from 25 to 60 evole by July 23rd

Bridges on Brock Avenue and

Church Street West will be demolished. * Weather will not be satisfac tory for the farmers *Anvone-who had their 39th

birthday in 1962 will be 30 in 1963, Everyone clie will be one vear older. * Council will again go to the dogs in 1963 and 90% of the die

will be unnecessary. "-* Off-street parking will again

cussion on dogs and dog control

Sugar and Spice

Well, it's stock-ruling timethe old firm, and one look around confirms my suspicions - That the shelves and pretty hare.

> I don't know about you, but I'll bet you're in the same chape I um - exactly where I was financially, physically and morally, when 1962 got under way.

I've given-ir iny best for the lust 52 weeks/ int apparently the beel in none too word. In fact, it's possible I've allimed back a notch or two in some of the cateum les monttaned alares. Pinancially, I'm dealt even - up, to my ears-in deht. Physically, I've gone to wood, within on a tot of excess poundage until I'm up to a lardy 140 pointed, with my knowbouts on. Morally, J think perhaps I've galned a couple of centimutres. I haven't gone off the weed and on the wagon, but I have stupped lying to the kills about how good I was, and what a help to niv purents I was, when was their age:

Looking back over the past 12 months: I don't we anything worth tlinging my new hat in the air about. I helped ruth unother 180-odd kide through The education grinder. Only major accomplishment in our family was prestuced by young Hugh. who picked off the highest mark in Canada in his Grade 10 plano exam, and fired his parents momentarily with visions of front-row seuts at Cornegie Hall some night in the future.

He and Kim grew a foot each, " المنشرة و الأروب على بير الأروب المار ال

CHURCHILL New Correspondent For District News

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

Mr. Victor Harding of third line has sold his farm There was no church on Sunday owing to the weather and road conditions

Many people from this area atended the New Year's dame at Stewarttown sponsored by the LOL

Your new correspondent will be Mrs. Fred McArthur w please phone your news to her at 853-

Spelling Wrong Sentiment Right

"Gelukkig Nieuw Jaar." In case any of our Dutch readers miss ed the message last week, the staff of the Acton Free Press re-

peats it once again. The December 27 issue of the Free Press carried a Happy New Year greeting in many languages Friday impring we were informed the Dutch greeting had been spelled wrong. To the observant reader we say in English a spec ial "Happy New Year" - and keep on reading the paper!

Flying Students Receive Wings

Guetoh 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 Oosterhol and Ted" Swift of Acton and Ray Miches, who moved from here to Oak ville a few months ago.

Hello '63! No Accidents

1963 was ushered in various ways Monday evening as Actonians bade 1962 goodby. For many there were house parties. Others attended the Legion dance or an out-of-town club and party. For many it was just another evening and lights were dimmed early as residents went to bed at

their usual time There were no accidents New Year's Eve in town. Many used

97 Years Old 'Action's oldest resident, Mrs

Diter Severs, will observe her 97th birthday next Minday, Mrs. "Savers, whose home is on Church 'Office Hours: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. St., is in quite good health for her age. All our readers will join the Free Press in extending borthday congratulations A STATE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF T

west end of Prospect Park to provide an additional pienic ground. Some organization may start a campaign to build picaic shelters in Prospect Park and additional playground equipment will be provided by another service club. These are not all the predictions that can be made from the vision be a point for great discussion at in the crystal hall. There are a Chamber of Commerce meetings, couple of whoppers there that we can't reveal just now but if you follow us here for the bal-# A start will be imade on the ance of the year you may see a reclamation of the point at the - couple of real eve enemals --

doubling our growery bill in the prikuss. The Old Hattleage wrow a little mellower, fulling, for the first [2 munth Herbed his our mar. riage, to bit me with anything Cursos the flat of her hand. Our sat hall eight kitteny. And wemanaged to meet our payments. fint's a postly good epitaph in , persile as Monaco.

Not an impirity performance he the Soutleys in 1962, flut an Average one. If the country had done us well, we'd all have reason to be sufficient. But it didn't. The past year to not one that will go down in history as the finest least of the true porth strong and freezing, I'm afraiet.

these times: "He Kept Up His

busined, a healthy sign for distile. the continent's most sought-after lery steak hulders, but out for the . performers. We 'waiched' with nation at large But we can't bluene that on the people. -must blame it out the weather wortment of the country's higger This country is a demker's delight. He has to take a drop to keep out the cold in winter, is so delighted when spring finally arrives that he must celebrate, builting mords extra beverage intake to counter summer's torrid blast. finds the mp in the air conducter to imporing chewhere, in the full

Once myain, Canadians reveal ed their stordy political independence, and little else, m. a general election. About the summe time, they learned with in diamey that the couldn'y was heading for the rocks, despite all those dinatune made wi wholeheartedly - and blusphemunialy - every April.

In international affairs, Canada mved haddy from a weak pear

tel a weaker one, ending th year with about the same world

At home, we worried about the turne old things: the Yanks overwhelming us, the whooping: cruite vanishing, the way we troat Eskimos, mit jam-pucked timestal institutions, our lack of a flug and national anthem, free medicare, and capital punish ment - without doing anything aland any of them.

In the entertainment field, we watched with pride as Canada's On the social front, hume sales found Bob familet became one of wry amusement as Stratford's own Tom Patterson sold an acrubes the Yukon Festival. We watched with luxivir na Ouebec's own (thank graniness), Real Camp. ette emerged from tadpole to

> Again in 1962. Canadians ing about the weather, money and their cars, and almost none of their time talking about love; beauty and gradiers. Again they talked of the world's hore gry and stuffed their own stomacha Ayam they talked tolerarme and practised prejudiced

(the well, it's the only game in town, and maybe '61 will be better. There's only one way we can to and it isn't drawn. And don't mind mr. I always, get owly at this time of winter.

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