



LEGION CHORALIERS added the finishing touches at the annual Christmas concert at Acton high school Sunday evening with popular carols.

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ACTON CITIZENS band tried their hand at singing at the annual Christmas concert at the high school last Sunday evening.

## Nine foot sailfish trophy of Garnet Kay

The result of a dream of a life-time which was fulfilled last February, now graces the recreation room wall of an R.R. 4, Rockwood man. It's a nine-foot long, 121 pound blue-gray sailfish, caught in the waters of the South-Pacific, 30 miles off the shore of Acapulco, Mexico.

Garnet Kay is a semi-retired salesman. He says he always wanted to go deep-sea fishing. It was while visiting in Mexico last year with his wife, sister and brother-in-law that he finally made it. He hired a six-engine, 40 ft. yacht, complete with navigator, engineer and cabin boy and set out for a day's adventure.

Between the early 6 a.m. starting hour and the 5 p.m. quitting time, the avid fisherman said he pulled in two sharks before finally latching on to his prize trophy. He describes tackling the amazing creature as an exhilarating and marvellous experience. "The play went on for at least an hour and a half," he said. He explained how the beautiful creature finally tumbled and couldn't jump and lunge any longer. Mr. Kay said when it first struck and was hooked, the sailfish surged into the air at least ten feet high. It then plunged deep into the ocean

and took off. He described playing the line and pulling in, with the fish making his jumps, dives and runs until gradually coming in closer and closer to the boat.

**Warnout**  
"By that time I was just about as worn out as the fish," said the enthusiastic fisherman Mr. Kay, explained how, when the sailfish came right to the side of the yacht, only then did the crew assist. "But only to hit him on the head with a baseball bat," he said. He pulled him up and over the side himself. Mr. Kay has always enjoyed the sport of fishing. He spends many leisure hours scout-fishing for pickerel or trout. "All spots I hear about I like to try out," he said. Ear Falls near Thunder Bay is a favorite place for the big ones.

Although his wife Jean, doesn't share his pleasure in the outdoor sport, she does enjoy the results of his ventures. Last year's catch hangs in a very special place. Many visitors drop in to view the colorful trophy.

According to Mr. Kay, numerous sailfish are caught regularly by deep-sea-fishing enthusiasts.

"It took me over five months to get it stuffed and mounted," said Mr. Kay. He

only received it back from the taxidermist a few weeks ago. The fish is blue-finned with black, brilliant blue and gray markings. He describes it as particularly beautiful when it first springs from the ocean. He says they are strictly a game fish and not particularly good eating.

**Hullfas next**  
Will the Rockwood man venture back to Mexico and try his sailfish luck again? Mr. Kay doesn't think so. This winter he plans to stay at home. "But next summer I'll head for Nova Scotia," he said he has already been to Halifax. Two years ago, he went in quest for tuna. His luck just didn't make it however. So he hopes to try again. With his secret ambition for deep-sea fishing finally quenched he doesn't think he'll need to go back to Mexico again.

In describing the shark catches, Mr. Kay said they weren't much fun to catch. "It was like pulling in a cedar log. They'd just hang like dead weights and then would swim after about four or five bouts they were easy," he said. In Mexico shark meat is a delicacy.

According to the informed fisherman, the sailfish was caught on a 40 lb. testline.



DREAM OF A LIFE-TIME was a deep-sea fishing expedition on which Garnet Kay caught himself a nine-foot long, 122-pound blue-gray sailfish. It was caught in the waters of the South Pacific. The proud fisherman is seen standing beside the trophy which now hangs in a special place on the wall of his recreation room at home.

## Wilson heads plowmen

by Henry J. Stanley  
The Halton Plowmen's annual was held on Thursday evening, Dec. 5 at the Agricultural Office under the chairmanship of Spencer Wilson.

Because of the International Plowing Match, the Halton Plowing Match in 1974 was held as part of Local Day at the International. Plans were made for the 1975 Match to be held somewhere in Oakville on Wednesday, Oct. 15.

The election of Officers and Directors was as follows:  
Officers: past president, William Rayner, Milton; president, Spencer Wilson, Norval; 1st vice-president, John Breckon, Burlington; 2nd vice-president, Dwight May, Hornby; secretary-treasurer, Jack Taylor, Burlington; assistant secretary-treasurer, George Swann, Milton.

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