# on the Leavell

With Helen



out of college, alone and a little fright- now with a bit of free time I shall be ened to face the working world ahead of able to show them just how special they me. I was accepted by Actonians as if 1 are. was born here. In the past five years they have watched me grow into what I editor and leave the news room was a hope is a competent journalist and a very difficult one for me. It was not a mature adult. It would not have been hasty decision and there was no partpossible without the continued support icular reason why I chose to leave. of the people who I have come to know was beginning to feel stale at the job. I as friends rather than news contacts. felt I was not giving the people of Acton

Now, I find myself saying a professional goodbye as I throw in the towel on what has been an exciting and rewarding career, but sometimes tir- be keeping my finger in the newspaper ing, frustrating and heetic life. I will by working part time in the production still be around Acton, but have decided end. to take part of the life of leisure some people have always said I have.

weeks. Nor will I miss hearing comwith, or had any control over.

who know me as "Helen Free Press." My five years on the staff of the Free

There are, of course, many others Thanks Acton, and goodbye.

I came to Acton as a teenager, fresh who have been special to me. Maybe

The decision to quit my job as news my "all," which I feel they deserve.

I've given my "all" for over five years and have selfishly decided to take a chunk of myself for myself. I will still

I will also continue to write this column, and hope to expand it into a I won't miss the 50 to 60 hour work centre for news tidbits small town people like. I need your help for that. And plaints about things I had nothing to do don't be surprised if you see me around town doing the odd assignment. I'm What I will miss however, are those sure the staff is not going to let me relax too much.

Professionally I say goodbye and Press have been the most rewarding! thank everyone for having a part in my will probably ever have. Of all the career. There are those who are sad to many friendships I have kindled in the see me go, but not nearly as sad as I past I will always treasure those of Kay am. On the other hand, there are those Dills and Hartley Coles the most. Both who are probably glad to see me go, but have been my editors who have taught not as glad as I am. Make sense? Well, me more than newspapers. They have to those who know me. I never did make taught me friendship has no age bar- sense. So why should it be any different

## Christmas meetings keep residents busy

by Mrs. W. MacDougall Mrs. G.W. Lasby was hostess for the Christmas meeting of the Presbyterian Women. Mrs. Barden opened the meeting with a reading.

The communications were mostly thank you notes for gifts or flowers received. The White Gifts from church were donated to the Pastorial Visitation Group in Guelph. Pennies for the Fellowship of the Least Coin were dedicated by Ev Barden.

A Christmas message,

interspersed with carol singing, and a poem was read by Mrs. W. Lasby. The roll call was "cookies for sale" and these goodies auctioned off by Rev. Doehring. Presbyterian coffee spoons presented to Doehring as a gift from the congregation. The January meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Barden. A social time hostess and daughter Cathy, Mrs. Anna Wilson expressed thanks for a

nice meeting. The United Church Women held the Christmas meeting in the church hall. The president, Mrs. Betty Snow opened the meeting with a reading. Scripture was read by Mrs. Ann Cann

and the Christmas story was given by Mrs. Ruth Milison. Miss Laurie Early was planist for the carol singing.

Mrs. Freda Thompson read the minutes of the last meeting and Mrs. Jean James gave the treasurer's showing a good balance.

nominating

committee submitted the following slate of officers for 1900 past president Betty Snow; president, Mrs. Mabel Parker; vice president, Mrs. Ruth Millson; secretary, Mrs. Freda missionary Mrs. Ann Cann; supply convener, Mrs. Holly Saulnier; flower and card con-Mrs. Lorna

Mrs. Edith Jennings and Mrs. Ann Cann will convene the lunches for Acton school teachers. The Friendly Seniors held their Christmas meeting on Wednesday. was convened by the Prizes for the year were teresting.

per, the president Anna ial treat was slides taken won by: Mrs. Borcham, high; Mrs. Aileen McKelvie, lone Gordon hands; McKelvie, high; and Ed Jennings, lone hands. Guests present were George and Grace Day, Rockwood, Fred Rinehart and Mansell Lowrie. Before everyone sat down to a turkey sup-

#### Pot luck at meeting

by Mrs. L. Giffen Mrs. D. Lindsay was hostess to the Silver Wood W.I. Christmas meeting.

Fifteen ladies sat down to a delicious pot luck Christmas dinner. After dinner they exchanged Christmas gifts with their unknown friend. Mrs. B. Lindsay in-

troduced Mrs. Gail Collect from Col Craft. She demonstrated some of Christmas items decorations and favors which were very in-

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Wilson read a poem by Gordon and Aileen "Little things at Christ- McKelvie on their recent mas" and said the grace. world tour, Gifts were presented to president, Anne Wilson; ist vice president, Jean Rinehart and secretarytreasurer, Jean Lowrie. Winner of the lucky cup

special Christmas music. At the United Church, the last Advent candle was lit by Laura Wachal; David and Laura McNamara. was Catherine Gilbertson At the Presbyterian and the lucky chair was Mansell Lowrie.

Church, the last Advent candle in the wreath was Happy Birthday was lit by young Darrin Dufsung to Norman Marshall field with readings by and Manse Lowrie and Lisa Webb and Kathy van all joined in the singing of Rhijn. Young people tak-Silent Night. The next ing part with their musmeeting is today. A spec- ical talents were Susie

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Blacklock on trombone; Stephen Blacklock on Campbell of Sundridge McNabb from Rockwood on violin.

George, Judy and Cort Jeff were holiday guests with Judy's parents Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bould.



### Ballinafad

## Holiday happenings

Mrs. Florence H. Vedehave, an area resident recently received some good news O'Connor sang a duet and about her only nephew, Dr. Paul H. Tanser professor of Cardiology at Boy". Special music was McMaster University, Hamilton. He has just returned from Sweden, where he was on a lecture tour. On his return home he received word that a from the church and tremendous position had others in the vicinity of been offered to him with the village were invited to two honour degrees. Dr. the new home of Mr. and Paul, his wife and two Mrs. Bert Papst at King young sons moved from City the Sunday evening Montreal a few years ago. Mrs. Tanser is also a pro- an enjoyable time of fessor at McMaster fellowship and fun for all University. His parents, as the Christmas carols Dr. and Mrs. H. Tanser were sung. The Mreside in Chatham, On- cEnery's providing the tario. The young Dr. Paul graduated from the singing. University of Ottawa at the age of 23. He received at that time five out of 13 those that attended prizes given in Doctoral Church for the last

highest standing. Church on Christmas eve. Many of the church members took part in the service. Familiar carols were sung. Both the Junior and Mens' Choir December 28, several

delighted all with the anthems they sung. Paul Schwarz sang a solo, Helen Bird and Susan the O'Connor sisters sang "The Little Drummer provided with Mrs. Kathryn Bailey at the piano and Mrs. Eileen McEnery at the organ.

A group of carolers before Christmas. It was music to go along with the

Rev. Stiles had an interesting sermon for examinations. He had the Sunday in the seventies. He based his sermon on The young peoples the changing conditions group from Ballinfad of society and said as he Church went by bus to quoted different paravisit the planetarium in graphs from recent Toronto last Thursday publications, we can afternoon. There was a expect more in the beautiful and inspiring eighties. He finished his service held at the message by saying that God was still Ruler of His Kingdom and knew what was in store for the world.

On Friday evening

couples from the com- Mr. and Mrs. Leo munity along with many Jamieson joined other others from Halton Hills members of their family and Wellington County when they spent gathered at the new Christmas day at their Canadian Legion Hall in son Murray's home in Acton to honour a native Kincardine. son of Ballinafad. It was a retirement party for Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd

Many residents spent Christmas away, others

"Bud" Snow. Bud was Marshall spent the day overwhelmed as it was a with their daughter Ruth complete surprise for him and husband and family to see such a large crowd and other members of the family when they gathered at the farm home near Guelph. had their families home.



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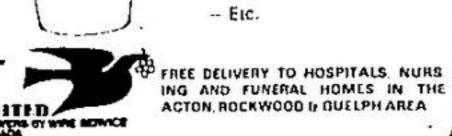
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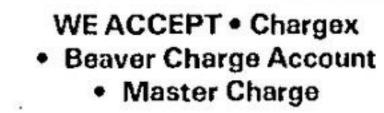
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