



MINIATURE MARY AND JOSEPH: Children at St. Alban's Church performed a Christmas pageant last Sunday, with Andrew Garrett as Joseph and Edie Smith as Mary. (Eve Martin photo)



CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Robert Leslie and Rebecca Drotos performed Christmas favourites at the Band Hall last Sunday for the Acton Citizens' Band annual Christmas concert. Admission to the concert was a donation to Acton Foodshare. (Eve Martin photo)

Christmas wish time for Acton community

What do you want for Christmas? That's what we asked people in the community, to find out what their Christmas wishes were for Acton.

Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson "has big plans for the Acton arena!" This project remains a top priority for the Town, she added. Her wish was echoed by councillors Norm Elliott and Gerald Rennie. The new arena will show that Acton has benefited from being part of Halton Hills, said Elliott, who chairs the building committee for the arena.

Serjeantson would also like to see the Town's budget kept at a zero per cent tax increase, while still keeping up a high level of services to residents. East-end development in Acton is on Rennie's wish-list for early in the new year.

BIA co-ordinator Janis Fread wants to see every downtown storefront filled with businesses that can thrive in Acton, and wants existing businesses to keep up with facade improvements.

"It is an attractive downtown and I'd like to see it stay that way," Fread said.

Also on her wish list is the return of the Village Constable program as it was during the 1980s, "to make merchants feel more secure." Fread said a real wish is to see the Leathertown Festival continue in 1996 if there was a way to generate volunteer interest in the community.

Halton school board trustee

Ethel Gardiner says, "I think the best gift we can give to our children is quality education."

She also hopes to see the board keep students' needs as the focus of every decision made.

What Constable Bill Riddle wants for Christmas is for the police office to be located on Mill Street, as it was previously. And he expressed a universal wish heard throughout the season:

"I'd like to see everyone have a happy and safe Christmas!"

FoodShare demand up

"Demand is up over the last couple of months," says a worker at Acton FoodShare. With increased demand comes a greater need for food donations before Christmas.

"We always need canned goods. We could use some sugar and powdered milk too, but anything you can give will go to good use."

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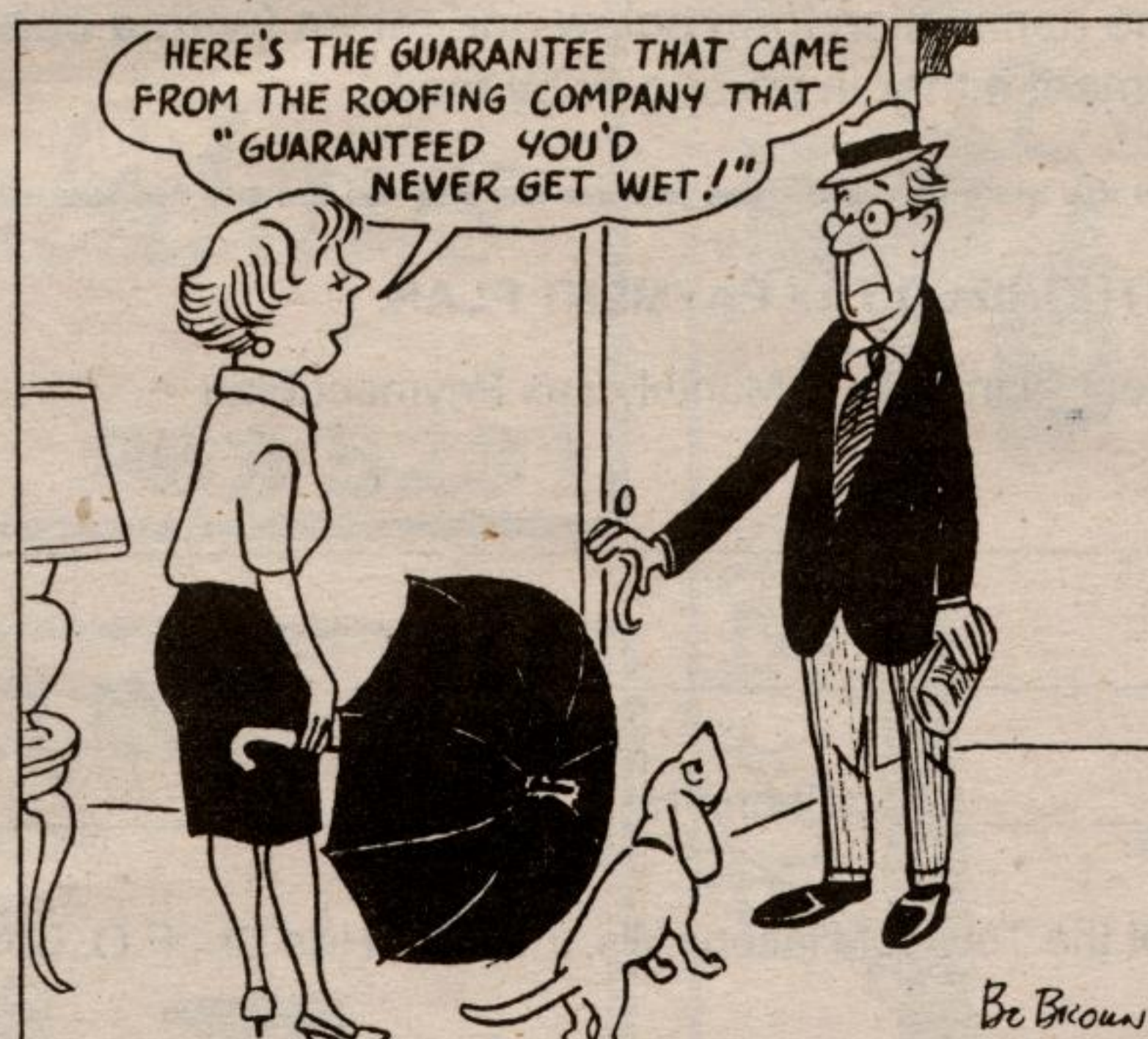
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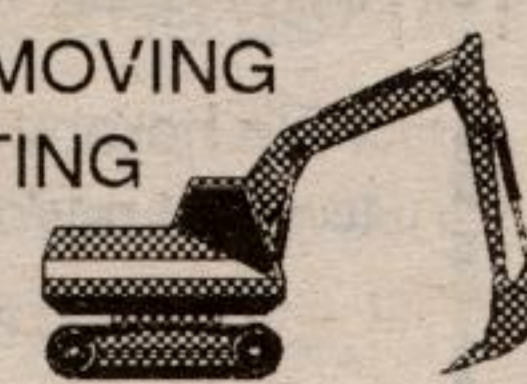
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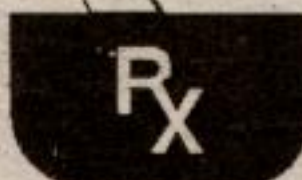
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