



**The Acton Free Press**

Published Every Thursday at Acton, Ontario  
 SUBSCRIPTION RATES—\$20 per year in advance. United States get additional. Single copies 5c. Both old and new addresses should be given when change of address is requested.  
 ADVERTISING RATES—On application and as given in various column headings.  
 Although every precaution will be taken to avoid error, The Free Press accepts advertising in its columns on the understanding that it will not be liable for any error in any advertisement published hereunder unless a proof of such advertisement is requested in writing by the advertiser and returned to The Free Press business office daily signed by the advertiser and with such error or corrections plainly noted in writing thereon and in that case, its liability shall not exceed such a proportion of the entire cost of such advertisement as the space occupied by the noted error bears to the whole space occupied by such advertisement.  
 G. ARLOP DILLS, Editor.  
 TELEPHONES—  
 Editorial and Business Office 174  
 Residence 175

**EDITORIAL**

**Just Around the Corner**

With this date of December 16th in mind these eight days until Christmas make that festive season almost seem to be staring us in the face. To be perfectly frank we face it with some anxiety. The things we had hoped to have done early are still uncompleted, although headway has been made with the help of others. The corner seems to be meeting us more than half way, and the Christmas season fairly rushing upon us.

There was a day when Christmas shopping done two weeks before Christmas was considered early. Perhaps many of our own age can recall when most of it was done on Christmas eve. But this year the Christmas eve shopper will find the shop shelves like those of Old Mother Hubbard—bare. What all the urging failed to do in times of plenty, wartime is going to impress very deeply.

And when you are doing your Christmas shopping you will get another impression. The big stores in the city will not be able to offer you many of the things procurable in your own home town stores. They never did offer you better values, but the variety and display may have been more alluring and the advertising heavier. We have often wondered why the community merchant never caught on to these acknowledged good merchandising habits.

Christmas is just around the corner. If your lists are not complete read the messages of your local merchants, look at the displays and go in and browse around in your local stores and you'll find the problem has fewer difficulties.

**Pull up the Basket, It's Mail Time**

Publishers of newspapers often smile to themselves at mail-time these days of shortages of paper of all descriptions. Newspaper mailing lists have been pruned to the limit and yet often two and three copies of some speech will be received in the one office and none of them used. Little attention has been paid to mailing lists of duplicating machine products and certainly no check-up is made to see if the material is ever used. Mail-time in most newspaper offices means pulling the wastepaper basket closer and hoping that it has been emptied since the previous arrival.

A case of need of mailing list attention was drawn to our attention this week. A very fine house organ, printed on high-class paper and well illustrated has reached our desk each month for years. It is still addressed to H. P. Moore and the same journal that comes to the Milton office is addressed to William Pantan. Both these editors ceased writing fifteen years or more ago. We know weekly newspapers are often accused of not keeping mailing lists up-to-date, but we doubt if any can meet this record of laxity. What interest can the publishers hope to arouse in with the present editor when they haven't bothered to inquire who it might be, and worked on the assumption that editors are like old soldiers who are said never to die.

If many of these in the cities who send out material which they hope to have published in newspapers in the rural districts would make a careful check of how little of it is used, there could be an enormous saving in paper of all descriptions, especially that of the duplicating machine type. If it hasn't a local interest neither the editor or the reader of the weekly newspaper is interested in this propaganda material.

**Back to the Farm**

Rehabilitation of returning fighting men poses a great—if not the greatest—problem for Canada's post-war days. Undoubtedly thousands will take up farming and thousands more would go on the land if farmers were able to enjoy more of the amenities of city life. While farm life is healthier and in some

respects more enjoyable than city life, the majority of farm homes lack the modern labor-saving conveniences available in urban centres. To this is often attributed the increasing drift of young people from the farm to the city.

Some improvements have been made and more are possible under plans for extension of rural electrification schemes in the various provinces. Farmers may yet be able to install all the "city" conveniences they desire, but power and electrical equipment costs are the big obstacles to be surmounted before this end is achieved.

Simplification of rural hydro rates was announced recently by the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission and it is estimated that the changes would reduce costs to the farmers in the province by more than \$500,000. Rural rates will be stabilized although the dweller in the hamlet will be called upon to bear a slight increase in the stabilization process. The government proposed to establish a hydro electric advisory council with representation from municipal, labor, farm, industrial and mining groups.

The interesting statement was made by Ontario Agriculture Minister Kennedy that the government was investigating the possibility of selling refrigerators and other electrical appliances at cost price, and it is hoped such facilities will not be confined to any particular class group of the Province. In Manitoba the government is working on a great rural electrification scheme.

At present, wartime restrictions handicap broad-scale expansion, but farmers throughout the Dominion are hopeful that the post-war period will see a great effort made to bring about cost reductions.

Present and prospective developments will serve as inducements to returning servicemen. The sailor, soldier or airman wants to "go back to the farm" and start life anew, but he wants vastly different conditions to those that have faced farmers in the past.

**The Public and the Stores**

The business of running retail stores has been subjected to a severe strain during wartime. The proprietors and managers and help have had to do plenty of worrying to get through this pinch, and it is far from being over. The public can fairly be asked to co-operate heartily, and not do things that aggravate existing difficulties.

A spirit of good natured tolerance of deprivations on the part of the public is important. Those who gripe and groan over deprivations throw a sour note into the air. Also people should not complain if they have to do some waiting. Many stores have been plagued by labor shortage, or have had to do the best they could with inexperienced help. Also it takes time to figure out ration coupons.

In so far as people carry their own packages, they make an important contribution to the war effort. Gasoline and tire shortages have dealt a severe blow to the delivery system which the stores maintain on such a generous plan in normal times. When you carry your own things, you help the country meet this situation which so severely hampers the war program.

There are rush hours in the stores when more people crowd in, and often make life hectic for those who try to serve them. It would help if people could make more effort to avoid those congested periods. Also it is more pleasant for the public to come in during the less rushing hours.

The store people, both the managements and their help, should have the warm thanks of the public for the good job they are doing. They are meeting a hard situation with patience and courage and good nature. The people of Acton have been greatly favored by their good service.

The stores have come to the most congested time of the year, when holiday buying creates extra work and new burdens for those who serve the public. It is more than ever necessary to avoid making unnecessary trouble for the stores.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

Just seven more shopping days—a week from Saturday is Christmas.

An ice-box is the place where things Dad is especially fond of can't be kept.—London Free Press.

The Christmas wish of everyone is that 1944 will see re-union in the homes again. But really isn't the 1943 Christmas the brightest one we have faced in the past four years?

In the western provinces, we hear, the nearest neighbor may be 120 miles away. Out there, when a man buys a lawn mower or a snow shovel it is practically his own.—Peterborough Examiner.

The Ottawa Citizen propounds a grave question for the social column. It asks: Why cannot we, too, have more realism in our wedding news? Like the Plattau, Wis., paper's description of the bride as "a perfect photograph of her father and phonograph of her mother."—St. Catharines Standard.

We often wonder how long some of these folks who are now spending money as fast as they make it and passing up opportunities for savings will last after the war's end without applying for relief. Lessons of a few years ago are in some cases soon forgotten.

**ON BEING KEPT TRACK OF**

Not long ago, a Canadian immigration officer was heard to remark, as regards travel across the boundary, that he hoped that the regulation requiring passports would continue. He said it helped to keep track of people.

And now comes a Canadian Press dispatch from Ottawa suggesting that some Ottawa people think it might be a good thing to continue national registration in time of peace. Provincial authorities, it is argued, find the registration cards useful in various ways, including the sale of liquor. And they also help in cashing a cheque.

Being skeptical of "think" stories that come out of bureaucratic centres, we suggest mildly that the Ottawa report is the product of some civil service brains which have been realizing that it would be a shame if all that neat filing systems established in 1940 to learn the uses of us can milk were discarded after the war. It's a filing system that must make a lot of jobs. It would be a pity, from the bureaucratic point of view, if the files were sent out into a cruel, hard world to do something useful.

As for keeping track of people, there may be a few people so very strangely unorthodox, in these times, as to think that free people who are law-abiding should not be kept track of. Parents and wives and sons and daughters and other relatives, not to mention neighbors, do a fair job without the assistance of a perpetual national registration. And if a citizen who is not wanted by the police does not want to be kept track of officially he should have that privilege. It used to be a privilege. Why not again?—The Printed Word.

**RAILWAYS HANDLE BIG RUSH OF FEED GRAIN**

The production of grain in the Eastern Provinces this year has been far below that of the previous year mainly due to adverse weather conditions experienced last spring. This situation has made it necessary to transport millions of bushels of feed grain from the Western Provinces to maintain live stock production, according to reports received by the agricultural department of the Canadian National Railways.

The Agricultural Supplies Board points out that it will be necessary for farmers throughout the Eastern Provinces to make supplies of all varieties of seed particularly barley and oats for planting in 1944. Every farmer is urged to look over the grain grown on his farm to ascertain if it is suitable for seed. If so, this grain should be cleaned and set aside. It should not be fed to live stock.

It is altogether probable that large quantities of seed grain will have to be transported from Western Canada to meet the requirements for spring sowing. Every bushel of seed grain saved from the home-grown crop will ensure seed for next year's planting and assist the railways to meet the abnormal demand for feed grain for live stock in Eastern Canada.

**WATERLESS LAUNDRY IS RAILWAY FEATURE**

Readers whose memories carry back a generation or so will recall advertisements of a type of soap which, according to the maker, "won't wash clothes." The Canadian National Railways operate two big laundries which do a big job in cleaning but they "won't wash clothes." Furthermore, they use no soap, starch, nor even water, nor is there any after ironing. These are "dope" laundries, and this particular dope has nothing to do with drugs. "Dope," in this instance, is the combination of oil and cotton waste used by the railways to lubricate the journals of locomotives, freight and passenger cars so as to provide easy running and prevent "hot boxes." The material is packed in the journal boxes, the waste acting as a wick to feed oil to the bearing surfaces. After a period of service this packing is removed from the journal boxes and sent to the laundries at Montreal or Winnipeg to be reclaimed. The oil is cleaned, the waste cleansed and put to use again, the process effecting substantial dollar savings for the Canadian National Railways each year.

E. R. Bentley, Chief of Motive Power and Car Equipment, said that for the first ten months of 1943 6,547,200 pounds of "dope" had been treated an increase of 1,827,910 pounds over the corresponding period of 1942. Depending on the size of the journal box from seven and a half to thirteen pounds are required for a packing. Hot boxes remain a problem to all railways awaiting the invention of a permanent preventative.

**STEEL TANKERS WITH STEEL LIFEBOATS**

LONDON (CP)—Steel lifeboats is Britain's answer to the danger from burning seas to crews of torpedoed tankers. The ministry of transport has ordered 500 of the new lifeboats which will be fitted to the tankers. The lifeboats have been tested to safeguard occupants for at least a quarter of a mile through intense flames.

**WPTB DECLARES WAR ON PAPER GREMLINS**

The Wartime Prices and Trade Board has declared war on the "Paper Gremlin." In each of the Board's offices across Canada, an official has been appointed to mobilize forces and to lean the attack on the invisible little wastrel who puts small size stationery in large envelopes, writes short letters on large sheets of paper and destroys envelopes after one trip. Already the Paper Gremlin are reported to be withdrawing under pressure, and the stocks of the precious material on which they prey are said to be improving.

LONDON (CP)—Preparations are being made by British shipbreakers to salvage sunken vessels after the war. Fortunes, it is said, lie at the bottom of the seas in the form of scrap metals and valuable cargoes.

**WAR WORKERS SEE RESULTS OF LABOR**

LONDON (CP)—The British Airplane Company, finding that a large proportion of its employees had no idea what happened to aircraft parts they produced, arranged an exhibition featuring the British Hercules engine and invited the workers.

The experiment was a huge success. Men and women, who, without any particular interest, had been turning out the 7,800 parts which make up the 1,650-horse-power engine used in Lancaster, Stirling, and Beaufighters agreed that sight of the finished product gave them more incentive to work.

One of the most powerful engines in Allied bombers the Hercules weighs 1,800 pounds and is noted for its ability to deliver power for protracted periods. The great take-off power of the engine enables great bomb-loads to be carried.

**8th ARMY PURSUE GERMANS IN SICILY**



At about July 10th, 1943, Allied forces landed in Sicily. One month later Axis resistance in the major part of the island had been crushed, and the Allies had to their credit large quantities of captured war material and well over 120,000 prisoners. German troops in the north eastern tip of the island were fighting a desperate rearguard action to cover the evacuation of the remainder of their Sicilian army, under heavy pressure from land, sea and air. Picture shows: A British Bren Carrier passing through the countryside in the Palazzo area.

**CARROLL'S**

**COUPONS TO USE**  
 TEA or COFFEE, 1 to 25  
 SUGAR, 1 to 22  
 BUTTER, 35 to 41  
 PRESERVES, 1 to 19  
 MEAT, 28 to 30

**Buy New For Christmas PECAN**  
 Nuts in Shell lb. 35c

**IVORY SNOW** pkg. 23c  
**IVORY SOAP** med. bar 6c  
 3 great cakes 16c

**Roman COFFEE** pkg. 19c, 35c  
**Golden Tip TEA** pkg. 14c, 44c  
**See Lact MACKEREL** tin 30c  
**Silver Leaf Pure LARD** 1-lb. pkg. 17c  
**Quick Quaker OATS** 1g. pkg. 19c  
**JAVEX BLEACH** bl. 14c  
**OXYDOL** pkg. 23c, 9c

**Quaker Purified Wheat SPARKIES** pkg. 7c  
**Roman MEAL** pkg. 29c  
**Dr. Ballard's Dehydrated Cat or DOG FOOD** 2 pkg. 19c  
**Carroll's Baking POWDER** 16-oz. tin 19c  
**Evaporated APPLES** Pound 19c  
**Brew Rabbit Molasses** 16-oz. jar 21c  
**Sea Lact MUSSELS** tin 27c  
**Chicken HADDIE** tin 33c  
**Marvel Waxpaper** Roll 10c  
 No Coupons Required for NO-CA 2 package 25c  
**Woodbury's Facial SOAP** 2 cakes 15c  
**Seeville AMMONIA** pkg. 5c

We reserve the right to limit quantities of all merchandise.

**ORANGES FOR CHRISTMAS!**  
 California and Florida all sizes

**DELICIOUS EATING APPLES**, size 88, 5 for 27c  
**CRISP CELERY HEARTS**, bundle 19c  
**JUICY LEMONS**, Size 300, doz. 42c

Fruit and vegetable prices until Saturday night only.

**Business Directory**

- MEDICAL**  
**DR. W. G. C. KENNEY**  
 Physician and Surgeon  
 (Successor to Dr. J. A. McNiven)  
 Office in Symon Block, Mill Street, Acton.  
 Office Phone 72—Residence Church St., Phone 150
- DR. W. M. G. CULLEN, L.M.C.C.**  
 Physician and Surgeon  
 Office Hours—2-4 and 7-9 p.m.  
 Except Wednesday and Sunday  
 Mill Street, near Frederick Street  
 PHONE 122
- DENTAL**  
**DR. T. H. WYLIE**  
 of Toronto  
 Taking Charge of Dr. Buchanan's Practice for the Duration  
 For the Present, Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday  
 OFFICE TELEPHONE 168
- DR. HUGH S. AUSTIN**  
 Dental Surgeon  
 Mill Street, Corner Frederick, Acton  
 Office Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
 Evenings by Appointment  
 Telephone 19
- LEGAL**  
**C. F. LEATHERLAND, B.A.**  
 Barrister and Solicitor, Notary Public  
 Issuer of Marriage Licenses  
 Registrar of Births, Marriages, Deaths  
 ACTON  
 Office 22 Phone Residence 151
- KENNETH M. LANGDON**  
 Barrister, Solicitor, Notary Public  
 Offices:  
 Georgetown—Gregory Theatre Bldg.  
 ACTON—Over T. Seynuck's Cafe  
 For Appointments Phone Acton 65—  
 or Georgetown 88  
 Office Hours—Acton, Tuesday and Thursday, 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
 Evenings on Request.
- VETERINARY**  
**B. D. YOUNG, V.S., B.V.Sc.**  
 Veterinary Surgeon  
 Office: Brookville, Ontario  
 Phone—Milton 146 r 4
- F. G. OAKES, V.S., B.V.Sc.**  
 Veterinary Surgeon  
 Office and Residence—Knox Avenue  
 Acton—Phone 130

**REAL ESTATE**  
**WILLOUGHBY FARM AGENCY**  
 Largest and Oldest Agency in Canada  
 Head Office, Kent Bldg., Toronto  
 Georgetown Representative  
 Tom Hewson—Phone Georgetown 332

**TIME TABLES**  
**CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS**

**Going West**

Daily, except Sunday	9:01 a.m.
Saturday only	2:29 p.m.
Daily, except Sunday	7:48 p.m.
Monday, only	12:08 a.m.
Daily, except Sunday	1:14 a.m.
Flyer, at Georgetown, daily except Sat. and Sun.	6:35 p.m.
Flyer, at Guelph, daily except Sat. and Sun.	7:12 p.m.

**Going East**

Daily, except Sunday	6:40 a.m.
Daily, except Sunday	9:56 a.m.
Daily, except Sunday	6:50 p.m.
Sunday, only	8:19 p.m.
Flyer, daily, Georgetown	9:25 p.m.
Flyer, daily, at Guelph	8:59 p.m.

**GRAY COACH LINES**  
**COACHES LEAVE ACTON**

**Eastbound**

6:46 a.m.	9:16 a.m.	2:06 p.m.	6:28 p.m.
9:16 p.m.	1:51 p.m.		

**Westbound**

10:53 a.m.	2:28 p.m.	5:08 p.m.	7:33 p.m.
8:38 p.m.	11:28 p.m.		

a—To London.  
 b—Sundays and Holidays only.  
 x—To Guelph and Holidays, to Kitchener, Sunday and Holidays.  
 y—To Kitchener.  
 z—To Stratford.

**W. T. PATTERSON R.O.**  
 Specialist in Eye Examination—Orth-optic  
 188 WYNDHAM ST., GUELPH  
 Phone 2188  
 Completely Equipped Offices Below Maher Shoe Store

**AIRWOMAN FINED**  
**LEAMINGTON, England (CP)**—Joan Parsons, an airwoman who won fame in 1938 by a solo flight to the Cape of Good Hope, was fined the equivalent of \$22.50 for failing to comply with a Ministry of National Service order to work in an aircraft factory.