

# EDITORIAL

## Thanksgiving

Every day should be one of thanksgiving in a country like this. Industry, just as important in the towns as in the cities, makes Ontario the leading manufacturing province in Canada, with 12,000 manufacturing establishments. Agriculture is extremely important in this area, with good land and willing workers resulting in 180,000 farms with 700,000 people directly dependent on them.

Did you know Ontario is the world's greatest producer of nickel, and Canada's greatest gold producing province? The population in Ontario has more than doubled in the last 50 years as more and more realize its potentialities. Last year we led all the provinces in construction of new homes, with 26,000 new dwellings built.

Figures prove that 61 per cent of the tourists from the United States visit Ontario.

These figures might be fairly dull about any other province or country, but when we realize how lucky we are to live in the centre of such prosperity, the statistics are thrilling. It seems to us that we are situated in a wonderful part of Ontario, too. As well as having all the advantages of town, we enjoy the proximity of the capital of the province, and the United States. We are very close to a large airfield, to Lake Ontario, to a main train terminal, to many summer resorts and ski lodges.

At this season it seems as if all the trees, bushes and autumn flowers around and in town are alight with the realization of the wonderful country they grow in. The sky and clouds and earth seem full of thanksgiving. Let us be thankful too.

## Newspaper Week

This is national newspaper week, October 1st to 8th, when special attention may be turned to the part newspapers play in the life of the community, the province, the nation, and world affairs. The service of the weekly newspaper is of course devoted to the community it serves, but that community is often wider than is credited from the small communities go out the men and women who make up the cities and larger centres. In most cases their home town paper is a welcome visitor each week. It is therefore difficult to say how far the influence of the home town paper extends beyond the community it serves.

The home town weekly supplies the news and views about the places and folks with which we are all acquainted—the intimate news.

It's more than a newspaper because it supplies magazine features of past and present. The weekly newspaper gives a service found in no other periodical and while its circulation figures may not be impressive, its reader interest is intense and found on every page. The weekly newspaper keeps pace with the community. Its pages and progress are attuned to the advancement of the community it serves. The good news overshadows the items that are purely sensational.

As its people are, so is the nation, and living very close to it, so the weekly newspaper has a distinct place in the nation and in the national newspaper week.

## Community Busy Bodies

Many weekly newspaper editors are accused of being two-faced. To be successful, they actually have to be three-faced. They have to face their readers and prepare a diet of news, views and features which will entertain and educate sufficiently to warrant a subscription price of 6c a copy. They have to face their advertisers and publish a journal which will assist in the commercial growth of each and every business which uses newspaper advertising intelligently. And, they have to face their community, and live and work in it in such a way that the entire district will be the better for their life and labor.

It is no wonder that such three-faced folk are often termed busy-bodies. Weekly newspapers and the men and women they employ are in a very real sense employees of the community at large. And not just the town or village in which their printing plant is located but the entire trading area, urban and rural.

The prosperity of the newspaper is tied to the prosperity of every local factory, every local farm, every local store. One merchant may fail and another will gain at his expense. One factory may shut up shop and another competing business be better off. But the health of each element in the community is vital to the health of the newspaper.

That is why, perhaps, you so often find the local editor and the other members of his staff mixed up in so many civic enterprises.

## Sewers on Schedule

For a change, something is being finished quite a while ahead of schedule. On Tuesday, December 13 a power shovel of Spartan Construction Co. started work at the sewers on Peel St. The agreement was that the work on the sewer installation was to be completed in 1950, and now, three months before the actual deadline, River St., one block each of Willow St., West Bower Ave., No. 7 Highway west of Acton and the Force main to the sewage plant.

The promptness with which the work has been carried on is certainly to be commended. There have naturally been a few difficulties encountered but the workmen have taken them all in their stride. The fact that work will be finished before the ground hardens will save the workmen a great deal of trouble. With the latrals all in, the realization that the long job is almost finished will be both a relief and source of pride to Acton residents. The streets will all be passable again—another reason for Thanksgiving!

## Farm Forums Educational

In another month in the rural districts one night each week, groups of farm folks will gather around the radio at the home of one of their number and listen to discussions on subjects concerning rural life, after which they will mull over the questions discussed and then enjoy a social time.

This is the Farm Forum, which has become an institution of considerable interest and importance in the rural community. Among the subjects to be discussed during the coming term are such things as soil conservation, forests, farmers' working hours, medical services, pensions, markets, control of production, rural education, all problems that strike close to life in the farm home and the grassroots level in Ontario.

These farm forum discussions should, doubtless do, broaden the thinking of men and women engaged in agriculture, but there is one danger against which listeners should guard, the danger that they may accept with too little question the opinions expressed by those who take part in the broadcasts instead of weighing those opinions carefully and forming their own conclusions. —Smith Falls Record News

## Farm Identification

There was a time when it was quite a simple matter to find the farm and know the owner of most of them in the district. But owners of farms have been changing rapidly the past few years and you just can't stop along the road and get clear direction to the farms. Cities and many towns found it helpful to put numbers on buildings.

It was with interest we learned that the Durham Federation of Agriculture in co-operation with the Farm Forums in the County, intends offering attractive yellow and black aluminum identification signs to farmers in Durham County absolutely free. Hung on a farm gate or tacked to a fence post, the sign reads: "Member—Durham Federation of Agriculture", in small letters. Below this printing the farmer's name is painted in large black scroll.

We hope the plan of Durham County will spread throughout the province and that Halton County will soon have some identification at all the farm entrances. In these days of buyers going to the farmers and farmers getting delivery of supplies direct it would be of great convenience to have a name on every farm. Even a name on the mail box is helpful, but this is not always done.

## Editorial Notes

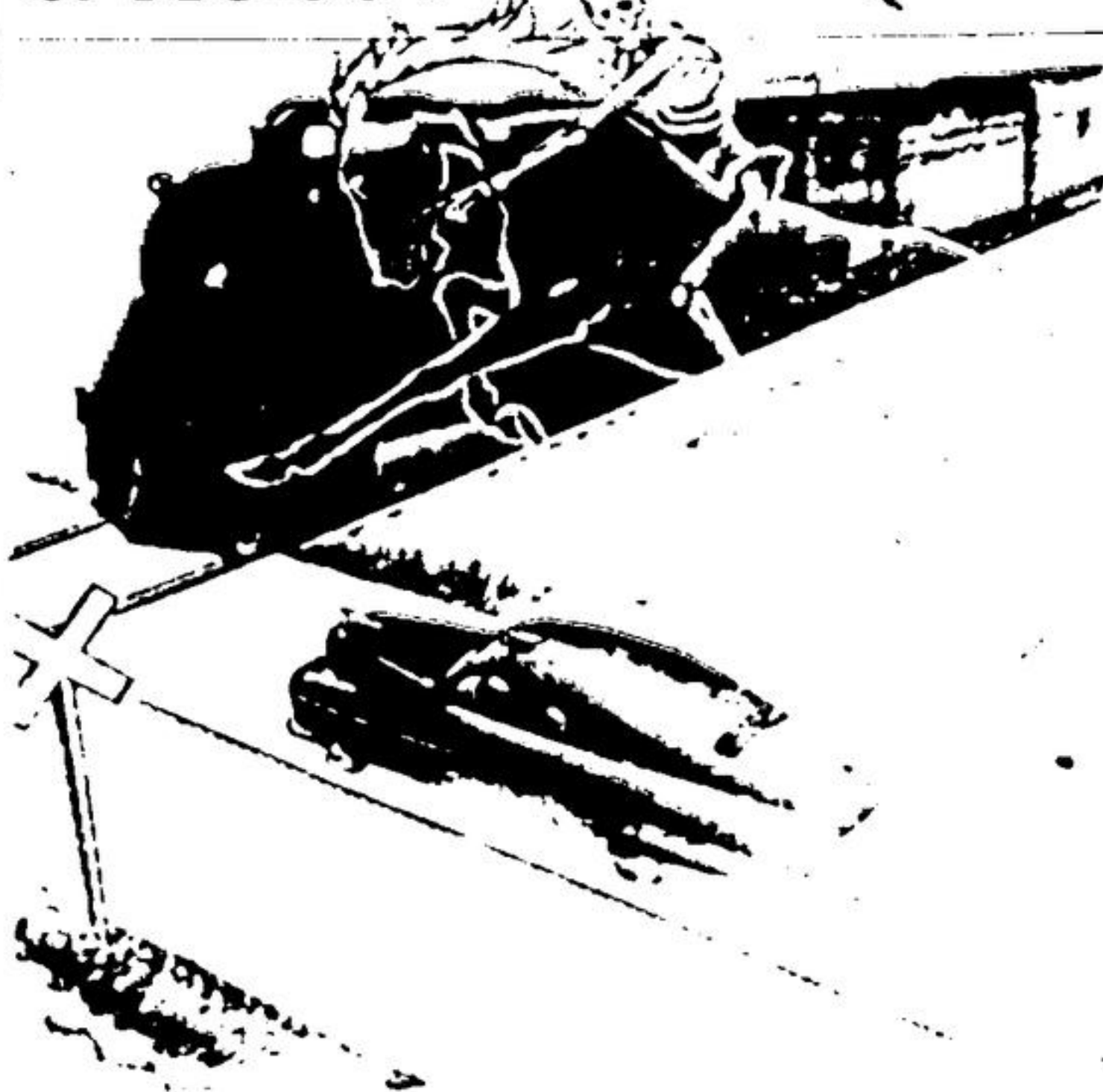
It's nice that we had Indian summer this year—especially when the white man's summer was such a dismal failure.

With the Fall Fairs over for the season the indoor programs for all groups can get organized and we presume next sport interest will be hockey.

Bucko McDonald has, in spite of the extra session of Parliament, arranged to coach the North Bay Hawks and also the Sundridge Beavers in hockey this season.

At least one government in one commonwealth country is recognizing the folly of permitting further industrial concentration in the major centres of population. The Victoria State government in Australia has introduced a ban on new industries in the Melbourne metropolitan area on recommendation of military authorities.

## This is no time for a Race!



THE UNKNOWN FIGURE of Death rides beside the motorist who races a train to a level crossing. The way may look clear, and there may seem to be a split second in which to avert calamity. Unfortunately for many of the 140 who were killed and the 549 who were injured in 443 railway crossing accidents in Canada in the 12 month period ended June 30th last, the train was moving faster than they judged or they were closer to the point of impact than they imagined and they paid a high price for their impatience. The old rule of STOP, LOOK and LISTEN applies with more force than ever today when more automobiles and trucks are on the road. Make sure you have a clear path over the crossing; obey the signs placed there for your protection. It's better to be delayed a minute than to be killed or maimed.

## MILTON

### Truck Crashes Rail Slithers Down Bank

Mr Jack Hardy of R. R. 6 Milton escaped with only a few cuts to his nose and head from his truck which crashed down into the bed of the stream on Main St. Monday night. The truck was perched at an almost incredible angle with the front wheels twisted awkwardly beneath it but the damage was actually very light.

The hobby show was put on under the auspices of the John Milton Chapter of the IODE. A very great deal of credit must be given to the regent of the Chapter, Mrs. G. F. Thompson, who opened the show in the afternoon with a few words of welcome, to Mrs. F. Mc-Niven, the Ways and Means Convenor, and to Mrs. Bradford Clements, the Hobby Convenor. It was Mrs. Clements who was in charge of the decorations which turned the plain hall into a very charming place. Cedar boughs formed pleasant railings, bouquets transformed the windows and crepe paper bolts artistically cut gave a novel touch to the plain walls. The ladies of the chapter served coffee and pie on the platform.

The final game of the Halton Younger Boys' League was played on Tuesday at Lowville. Haltonville beat Palermo by a narrow margin and in doing so they won the McCammon Trophy for the 1958 season.—Canadian Champion.

## AGING QUICKLY

While I was visiting my brother in Sherman, Texas, a census-taker told us of this experience. Her territory included a slum section, and as she walked down the block one day the woman she had just interviewed came running after her.

"I done made a mistake, lady," she panted. "I give you my insurance age, 36. I got to give the government my old age pension age, that's 42."

## GEORGETOWN

### Hockey Star Will Coach Junior Team

Brampton should be in for some good junior hockey this winter. The club management is sparing no effort to ice a strong team and Melville "Butch" Keating, one of the game's greatest stars, has been engaged as coach.

Two fire escapes will be installed at Georgetown Public School as soon as possible. This will overcome a situation which has been worrying the school board for some time, especially since an extra classroom was created upstairs and a greater number of children housed in the second story of the building.

High hopes for Norval to have a winning Intermediate lacrosse team this year were dashed on Saturday when Samia licked them for the second time to take the series in two straight games. The game was played in Brampton arena.

Douglas Norton, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Norton, Guelph St. was painfully injured last week when a can of lighter fluid exploded. The burning fluid covered his face and left arm and the arm is particularly sore. Luckily his eyes were not damaged. Doug is employed with Georgetown Dairy.

Within the next three weeks Georgetown property owners will be receiving their first assessment notices under the new assessing system which will be used to establish 1961 taxes.

William Norton, Glen Williams, was injured a week ago Saturday night when his car rolled over on No. 23 sideway a mile northeast of the Glen. He was taken to the Guelph General Hospital suffering lacerations of the left hand which required several stitches. The tips of two fingers on the hand had to be amputated.

A new rubber mat that fits in the bottom of the sink protects dishes from breakage. Four protector flaps turn up along the sides of the sink to eliminate washing hazards.

## WE NEED MORE CUSTOMERS

Canada's foreign trade set new peacetime records for the first half of the year but a closer view of exports and imports is not so reassuring.

In the main event we have made up our losses in shipments to Great Britain by substantial expansion in our exports to the United States. That means only a change in customers, not the highly desirable diversification which we should have for permanence and stability.

Before we can sit back with any assurance that our foreign trade is depression proof, we must secure new and larger outlets for our food, metals, timber, newsprint, fish and manufactured products and preferably in those countries with which we are now doing little or no business at all.

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