

EDITORIAL

Have An Opinion

Monday will be election day here and in municipalities adjoining and following nomination returns ratepayers will have an opportunity of making a selection of who will serve them for the next year and conduct the business of the municipality. It is fortunate that there continues to be a keen interest and that sufficient citizens are willing to offer their services and give of their time and talent for the benefit of all.

Election day is not a time for personalities or personal likes and dislikes. It is a time when the decision of voters should be based on the greater need or good for the municipality as a whole. It is a time when there is no room for consideration of self but a common thought for the common good. You are not giving your vote to anyone but by casting it giving a responsibility to the individual for whom you vote.

Vote as your good judgment dictates but by all means have an opinion of your own and use it next Monday.

Spell It Christmas

In about a month the Christian peoples throughout the world will again observe the anniversary of the birth of the Prince of Peace, the Saviour of Mankind, known as Christ. December 25 is now called Christmas and Christmas it should be.

Why, then, in all too many cases, is this halcyon, holy, Christmas shortened to "Xmas"? It changes a beautiful word with a sacred significance into a meaningless, abrupt and ugly abbreviation. Those in the know claim that the letter "X" in Xmas is the Greek letter "chi" written X and "chi" is the initial letter of the Greek word for Christ.

The story told around newspaper offices is different. It is related that a printer when setting the word Christmas hadn't room in his line for the complete word and made up the abbreviated form. It became convenient for other printers and so the shortened form stuck.

We never did like the abbreviation although we have often used it. It seems to lack the reverence and respect that is due Christmas. It has put an algebra symbol for the most important part of the word. Take the Christ out of Christmas and what have you left. Let's use Christmas as a meaningful word and forget the abbreviation custom that has crept into the spelling.

How Big Will We Grow?

Estimates on just how large our population will be by 1975 range from 20 million to 30 million in answer to a question recently asked by The Financial Post.

Underlying most thought was a desire to see Canada develop more of her natural resources for her own use rather than shipping out her raw materials to build up the labour force of other countries, as one respondent sees it. Several respondents urged more intensive development of agriculture.

Biggest developments were seen coming in the West, particularly Alberta and British Columbia, with new growth following in Ontario and Quebec in the wake of St. Lawrence Seaway development.

One thousand brand new plants employing ten or more people have been established in Canada since the end of the war. Of the total of 1,031 new firms, 834 were Canadian; 147 U.S., 24 U.K. and 16 from other countries. (Ten of the latter came during 1950). These new plants are already employing over 40,000 people.

When our pioneer grandmothers cleaned and worked the wool, spun the yarn, wove the cloth, made the clothes, blankets and rugs, tended the garden and grew the flowers, preserved the fruits and vegetables, cured and canned the meat, made the soap and candles, milked the cow and made the butter, cared for chickens and marketed the eggs, raised the children in the fear of the Lord, kept the church thriving and the community socially alive, comforted and encouraged their husbands in turning forests into fields, our pioneer grandfathers found that two lived cheaper than one.—The Scene.

Advertising by the Dairy Farmers of Canada is heartily endorsed by the Montreal Family Herald and Weekly Star. "Quite apart from the battle with margarine—this advertising, is both wise and farsighted. Manufacturers of tea and coffee and of soft drinks do not advertise so widely because milk competes with these products. They advertise irrespective of milk—or beer—or anything else.—They advertise because advertising sells more tea or coffee or soft drinks, as the case may be, and by selling more they can make more profits. That is what advertising can do for dairy farmers."

On The Increase

Sometimes it happens in a summer cottage, sometimes the story is told with a setting in a rural home, sometimes it's said to be in a boot legger domicile and sometimes the story comes from a swank hotel. But always there's a similarity to these tragedies that are becoming more and more numerous in Ontario's life today. The similarity comes in the fact that intoxicating liquors and drinking orgies enter into the sordid stories that often end in fatalities.

The headlines of the dailies tell the tragedies day after day. With far away places and folks we do not know they do not seem so important, but they can and are happening in every community and increasing under our present liquor laws. No community and no family is immune from the tragedies that go with the bigger and wider sale of intoxicating beverages.

During the Christmas season there will be many parties and treats given. Many a young man and woman just starting in life will be given his first drink and urged in good fellowship to have a little drink. That's the start and in all too many cases the end comes in loss of position and friends and sometimes the tragic endings of murder, suicide and prison terms. We have many deaths that are killers, and we fight them in every way possible. The profits from booze however, seem to fall us into complacency in dealing with the social evil of intoxicating liquors.

A Newspaper Problem

Much as a newspaper would like to put all stories on hand into the current issue, sometimes this is not possible, and several items which have been set up in type in good time, must be left for the next issue.

The result is the paper is sometimes called up (or down) by rather angry people inquiring why a certain item did not appear, although it was brought in several days before.

Due to the unpredictable nature of news, no newspaper can fortell exactly what the type or hand space available situation is going to be on the final deadline arrives.

Publishers have been pondering the problem of getting three columns of type into one column of space for years. In fact, a hoary old joke which has persisted for many decades around printing shops is that someone should have invented rubber type so that the stories could be squeezed in.

However, it is generally possible to leave out stories with a "time" factor the event has happened some time before, or is to take place several weeks in the future. The paper can only make the best selection possible and hope the people concerned in the stories held over, will understand the omission was not through oversight, but because of a production problem. Barrie Examiner.

Editorial Notes

Count them if you like but we shudder to think that it's just 25 more days until Christmas and we've done nothing about it.

You'll find the hometown stores able to give you best attention in your Christmas shopping problems. Shop with the folks you know best.

Monday is election day. Vote as you like but be sure to use the privilege you have in a democracy and express your opinion with your ballot.

Seems as if a lot of things are bound to interfere with the completion of No. 25 Highway. With just a couple of concessions to go winter came along in full force.

The first snowfalls would seem to indicate that the parking regulations in the business section require winter revision. There just isn't room for cars and snow in the present system.

On Friday night as the snow blanketed everything and we weren't particularly enthusiastic about the weather we came across a four line verse by James Russell Lowell that seems to put a different look on the great outdoors.

Every pine and fir and hemlock
Wore ermine too dear for an earl,
And the poorest twig on the elm-tree
Was ridged inch deep with pearl.

Canadian governments at various levels took \$3,600 million from Canadian taxpayers last year. Two-thirds of this amount was collected by federal authorities; 20 per cent. by provincial governments and the remaining 13 per cent. by the municipalities. Ten years ago the corresponding tax take was \$1,064 million, of which half came by way of federal taxes; 30 per cent. through municipalities; 22 per cent. through the provinces.

NORTH EAST WEST SOUTH NEWS FROM ALL DIRECTIONS

103 Years Old

The Georgetown Herald reports the following death: **BAILY** At Swastcliffe, Kent England on October 5, 1950 Sarah Ann Baily, grandmother of Edward and Percy Robert Baily of Stewart town aged 103 years, 6 months. **Oakville Tralfalgar Tot Celebrates** "Happy birthday to us" greets the Oakville Tralfalgar Journal as it completes its third year of continuous publication. Just a youngster in the newspaper business the very interesting paper is an extremely well behaved child for its age and is undoubtedly way ahead in IQ tests for those of that tender age.

Not Paid Advertising

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If we are wise we will admit more immigrants now while we are able to select the ones we want.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1930

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, Nov. 27, 1950

The shovel season is here and shovel and snow shovel we mean, of course.

The price of bread keeps gradually coming down. It ranges in price in Acton from 7c to 8c per loaf.

An enjoyable time was spent on Monday evening at Knox church when their Guild was visited by the Young People's Society of Georgetown Presbyterian Church.

The Acton Creamery of the Halton Cream and Butter Company won several awards at the Royal Winter Fair again this year. They won second for 14 lb box of creamery butter salted and first for 14 lb box of unsalted creamery butter.

The softball play-offs on Friday and Tuesday evenings were real exciting. The Ladies' Team went through the series without a defeat and the men lost both games. This will finish the softball for this season, and the rink will now be put in shape for winter use.

All municipal offices are filled by acclamation for the year 1951. Reeve A. Mason and Councillors Hansen, Nelson, Harrison and Theiford will serve another year.

Miss Charlotte McCulloch carried off two handsome prizes for the annual public speaking competition of Ashgrove Improvement Association.

The Girl Guides used the new Guide Hall, in the arena, at their last meeting. The new Guide captain is Mrs. Finlay who has the Golden Cord. A number of guides visited the Georgetown group on Tuesday evening and report a wonderful time.

MARRIED **THOMPSON-CLIFFORD**—On Saturday, November 22, 1950 at St. Alban's Church, Acton by the Rev. P. A. Sawyer, Eleanor Mary Clifford, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Clifford, Acton to Alexander Thompson, youngest son of Mrs. Jessie Thompson, Sherbrooke, Quebec.

Contrary to common belief natural gas pipelines seldom help develop new industries in the districts through which they run. But they greatly aid the expansion of existing industries.

With No Comment

In a local paper to which we subscribe we read: "The first official board meeting since the recent amalgamation of the Flora United Church and Bethany United Church congregation was held on Wednesday evening last. The guest speaker was Mr. O. Robbins of Acton, who showed pictures and spoke of a recent trip he had taken abroad."

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AT THE Churches

United Church of Canada
Acton, Ontario
A FRIENDLY CHURCH
Parsonage, 25 Flower Avenue
Phone 50
Rev. F. A. Curry, B.A., B.D.
Minister
Miss O. M. Lamppard, A.T.C.M.
Organist and Choir Leader

SUNDAY DECEMBER 3rd 1950
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Subject "Confidence for the Coming Day"
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship Subject "Telling Jesus"

Thought for the Week
And how ever we live
Love, comfort, strength, help
and grace to all.
What opportunities of good lie fallow
To make life sweet and fair.
(C. B. Theobald)

St. Alban's Church
(Anglican)
Rector Rev. W. G. Easton, B.A.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 3rd 1950
Advent Sunday
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion and Beginners' Class
7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer
A Welcome Awaits You

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Presbyterian Church in Canada
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG
M.A., Minister

SUNDAY DECEMBER 3rd 1950
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
12:15 p.m. Sunday School and Bible Class
7:00 p.m. Evening Service
"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength"

Baptist Church
ACTON
Chas. Landborough, Organist

SUNDAY DECEMBER 3rd 1950
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Mr. Stanley Woodcock of McMaster University
12:30 p.m. Communion
Friday, December 1, 4 p.m. Mrs. 500 Bond St. m.m. R.Y.P.U.
Saturday, December 2, 8 p.m. Booking party with Preston II Y.P.U. at Acton Baptist A.M.E. Church. December 3, 8 p.m. Church quarterly business meeting.

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PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY AND TRAVELLER'S GUIDE

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DR. W. G. C. KENNELLY
Physician and Surgeon
Successor to Dr. J. A. McEwen
Office in Symon Block, Mill St.
Acton
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H. Phone 150

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Corner of Willow and River St.
Entrance River Street
Acton Ontario
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DR. A. J. BUCHANAN
Dental Surgeon
Office Leithman Block, Mill St.
Office Hours 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
X-RAY
TELEPHONE 148

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Office Hours 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
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Office and Residence—Knox Ave.
Acton—Phone 130

TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

GRAY COACH LINES

COACHES LEAVE ACTON DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
Eastbound
6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11:23 a.m., 2:01 p.m., 5:03 p.m., 6:33 p.m., 8:33 p.m., 10:58 p.m.
Westbound
10:17 a.m., 12:52 p.m., 2:57 p.m., 5:27 p.m., 7:27 p.m., 9:12 p.m., 11:33 p.m., 1:12 a.m. (then to Kitchener only)
a—Daily except Sunday and holidays.
b—Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

STANDARD TIME

Eastbound
Daily 6:44 a.m., Daily except Sundays 8:54 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Sunday only 8:16 p.m.; Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown 9:02 a.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown, 10:11 p.m.
Westbound
Daily except Sunday and Monday 1:30 a.m.; Sunday and Monday only 12:38 a.m.; Daily except Sunday 8:19 a.m., 6:50 p.m., 7:44 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. 6:10 p.m. (flag-stop); Saturday only 2:36 p.m.; Sunday only Flyer at Guilph 7:05 p.m.

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