EDITORIAL

A Very Clear Vote

The vote in Acton on Monday was very decisive in every respect. The vote on the new addition at the school with a four to one majority leaves no doubt of the desires of Acton ratepayers. Likewise, the vote on council and Utilities Commission were clear cut. Those who were not successful should not feel discouraged. Some of them were new men with whom the voters were not acquainted. To Miss Esther Taylor goes the honor of being the first woman ever to be elected to Acton Council and with the highest vote of any of the candidates. Really a double honor.

Credit must be given to the School Board for the very fine campaign which resulted so satisfactorily to the plan for better educational facilities. They have every reason to have such a fine endorsement from the electors. The fact that over 60 per cent of the voters who were eligible went to the polls is a healthy sign for this town and its interest in the municipality's affairs.

Christmas Seals

Christmas seals are so small, each one just a bit of sticky paper. Yet the power that each seal represents is tremendous. Each decorative sticker on the back of a Christmas card is another drop of water in a mighty ocean, another step towards completely wiping out tuberculosis. The seal has been compared to the stone in David's sling shot that was powerful enough, despite its size, to slay the giant Goliath.

In Denmark about fifty years ago, a postal clerk had an idea to raise money to combat tuberculosis. His suggestion was that everybody should put an extra stamp on their Christmas mail for the special purpose of raising a tuberculosis fund. The Christmas seal campaign is the direct result of his suggestion, and the system has turned out to be much the same as a good percentage of Christmas cards bear the cheery greeting of the tuberculosis seal.

In the last fifty years, Christmas seals have done a gigantic job in an unobtrusive way. The money raised from the sale of seals has been used to spread information on the recognition and treatment of tuberculosis that has saved many lives. Tuberculosis is no longer a fatal disease in Canada although it still is in many parts of the world. In this country, doctors are predicting that tuberculosis can be wiped out in 25 years judging by the progress that has been made already. It is still a contagious disease, however, the optimistic medical report does not justify self satisfaction to the point of relaxed efforts.

There is still much work to be done. And how would our Christmas mail look without the familiar bright sticker? Christmas seals are an institution.

Why? Why?

Rule G of the North American railways makes it an offence for any employee to drink while on duty. Yet trains run on steel rails.

Aeroplane companies forbid pilots to fly within 24 hours of taking an alcoholic drink. Yet co-pilots are available to take over the controls in case of emergency.

Canadian automobile drivers, with nothing to guide their course and no co-drivers, are legally free to drink and drive.

No one is allowed to take charge of a railway locomotive without years of experience and training.

No one is permitted to pilot a passenger plane without a thorough and arduous series of examinations and hundreds of hours of flying experience.

An automobile driver's licence can be secured in Canada following a most casual examination or, in some provinces, by merely sending a dollar or two through the mail.

Yet, while railway engineers and aeroplane pilots are forbidden to drink and drive, there is no similar restriction on a car driver.

Traffic on the railways is regulated by persons other than the locomotive engineers.

Traffic on the airways is regulated by persons other than the pilots.

Traffic on the highways is almost entirely controlled by individual car drivers.

Yet a railway engineer and a pilot cannot drink and drive, but a car operator can.

Why? ... Midland Free Press Herald

Now that the elections are all over we can settle down and enjoy the Christmas season and have all arranged to start the work of the New Year.

It was encouraging to note that the Sunday sports found little encouragement in the voting on Monday. Only the section near Windsor voted in favor. Evidently the clean-up there isn't completed.

Enough and to Spare

Every so often some governing body comes up with a new plan for taxation. Just recently Toronto had proposals for a tax on all food and liquor consumed in Toronto. They have such a tax in Montreal and another on goods purchased retail in the stores and they make us glad at that city every time we have them added to a bill. They must bring in some revenue but we wonder if they balance the bad relationships.

There are many of these insurance taxes and among them is the parking meter in many towns and cities. As long as folks continue to make demands for more services from municipalities and provincial and Dominion governments these taxes will be on the increase. They are usually applied in the most painless way but services must be paid for and taxes in some form are the only means to secure funds for public services. They all come from the people in some form or another and they all require an army of officials to collect them. It would be interesting to have a complete list of all the various taxes levied and which go into the cost of goods you buy or services you receive. The length of this list would be surprising and the actual cost of the goods might be the small item. Everyone will agree that there are already enough of them without further additions.

All-Season Sidewalks

It's remarkable how the enthusiasm for sidewalks fades in the wintertime when there's sidewalk cleaning to do and the roads are often clearer for walking. It's in the spring and fall and during the summer that the pedestrian considers the necessity for a place in the traffic of the town.

Most of us can recall the days when things were in reverse. No roads were ploweed and sidewalk shovelling was an obligation if one were to be able to get about. The road was the place to pile the surplus snow and horses and sleighs broke trails as best as they could. Those were the days when pedestrians were in the majority and paid all the taxes.

Well, there isn't the same ratio of travellers today but we do think pedestrians have rights and require protection. That's the reason that we think sidewalks are essential the year round and should be kept clear of snow as well as the roads. It's the property owner or tenant's duty to clear the sidewalks in winter as well as urge their construction in summer and spring.

No One Is Immune

In spite of the fact that care is used in publishing a newspaper the volume of material put into each issue and the haste with which it is done make it impossible to avoid mistakes. Back in the days when the papers had only a few pages and a small amount of news, mistakes were not as numerous. Yes, we make mistakes in every issue and if considered necessary we correct them. But who doesn't make mistakes?

Consider for a moment if you will did you ever hear of the woman who forgot to put the tea in the teapot of hot water, the woman who forgot to salt the potatoes or meat, the lawyer who never lost a case because he had made some mistake, the clerk who never made an error putting up an order, the doctor who never made a wrong diagnosis, a postal employee who never put mail in the wrong box, the telephone operator who never gave you the wrong connection, a carpenter who never sawed a valuable board off at the wrong place, or the druggist who never ... Oh well, why bother?

That is the idea! Why bother to print the entire list? But it would be enlightening if some of the critics who make the most of petty mistakes in newspapers had opportunity to know about the hundreds of mistakes newspaper people correct for other persons every year.

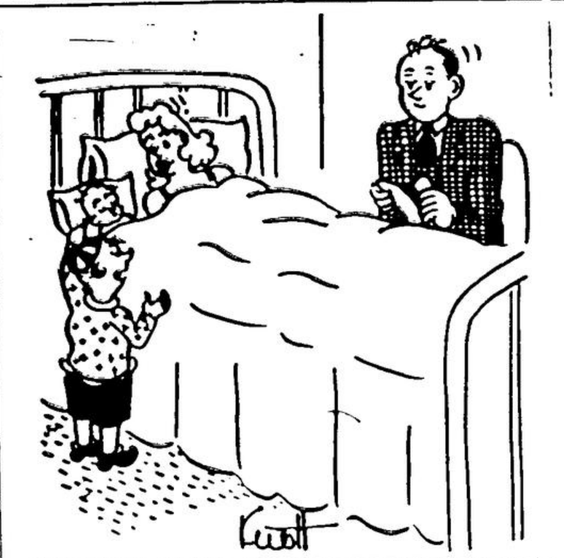
Editorial Notes

Really doesn't matter how many shopping days until Christmas. It's a certainty there aren't enough.

Certainly hasn't been any speeding on our streets. Motorists are careful of themselves and their cars when the going is rough.

Well, so far this winter there haven't been any threats from John L. Lewis and coal shortages or curtailment of other fuel supplies.

More than $2 million is being spent this year by federal and provincial government agencies, not counting Quebec, to lure tourists to Canada, says The Financial Post. Most of the advertising is placed in United States newspapers and magazines.



"YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THAT THIS IS THE BIG SURPRISE?"

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1900

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday Dec. 6th 1900

A very pretty wedding was celebrated last Wednesday afternoon the 28th ult. at the home of Mr Graham Lawson when his only daughter Ada was united in the bond of wedlock to Mr. Dan McKinnon son of John McKinnon of Nassagaweya. The ceremony was performed by Mr H. A. Macpherson of Knox Church. The bride was becomingly attired in white organdie with valenciennes lace trimmings and wore a veil and carried beautiful bouquet of white carnations and smilax. She was given away by her father. Miss Ada Lapoodevin of Lanchouse performed the duties of bridesmaid and was suitably costumed and carried pink carnations. Mr. Alexander McKinnon brother of the groom supported him. After a sumptuous repast the couple left for the north amid showers of rice.

The teaching staff for Acton Public School for 1901 is now complete. The re-engagement of Thos. T. Moore principal, Miss C. McPhail second department, and Miss Jean Carra fourth department was announced a couple of weeks ago. Miss Margaret Howes of Drumquin has since been engaged for the third department and Miss Nellie Sunderland for the fifth department.

Advice for when you write to the queen: the paper on which letters to Queen Victoria are written must never be folded. No communication which bears evidence of ever having been creased will fail into her majesty's own hands. All such letters are opened by the mistress of the robes.

Knox Manse will be open to the public on Friday night of this week. The following ladies and gentleman will assist in furnishing entertainment for the evening: Rev. W. S. McAlpine, Mr. John Hilland, Miss Hill, Miss Pauline McPherson, Hamilton, Misses Graham and McClure, the Arthurs family, Mr. D. M. Henderson and Miss Clack.

Nearly 900,000 new, permanent and temporary houses have been built in Britain since the end of the war.

FIRST CHRISTMAS TREE TRACED BACK TO GERMANY ST. WINFRID INVENTS IDEA

The Christmas tree seems to have originated in Germany, and can be traced back with certainty to the year 1604. There is a pretty legend in connection with it, which makes St. Winfrid the inventor of the idea.

"In the midst of a crowd of converts he hewed down a giant oak which had formerly been the object of their Druidic worship. As it fell backward like a tower, groaning as it split asunder in four pieces, there stood just behind it, unharmed by the ruin, a young fir-tree, pointing a green spire towards the stars.

Winfrid let the axe drop, and turned to speak to the people. "This little tree, a young child of the forest, shall be your holy tree to-night. It is the wood of peace, for your houses are built of the fir. It is the sign of the endless life, for its leaves are ever green. See how it points upward to heaven! Let this be called the tree of the Christ-child; gather about it, not in the wild-wood, but in your own homes; there it will shelter no deeds of blood, but loving gifts, and rites of kindness."

BACK IN 1930

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday Dec. 4th 1930

Fine skating of the season on Corporation Pond on Friday.

$51,681.45 was the amount expended on old age pensions in Peel last year.

The electrical equipment for the pictures and talkies at Wonderland theatre is being installed this week.

In the recent reorganization of the business of Beardmore Leather Limited of Acton and Toronto Col. A. O. T. Beardmore was elected President and Capt. Gordon T. Beardmore Vice President. Both are sons of Alfred O. Beardmore and claim Acton as their birth place. The Free Press offers congratulations to them upon assuming the important positions in the manufacturing concern now in the family for the third generation.

A truck driven by Fred McDowell was hit by a radial car at the dangerous crossing on the Third Line on Friday morning. The load was spilled and the truck wrecked. Mr. McDowell escaped serious injury.

W. Harold Mark of Milton was elected as Halton's representative to the Older Boys' Parliament by a majority of 42 over Charles W. Stockford of Georgetown.

The Acton Intermediate Hockey Team is in Group No. 6 playing with Georgetown, Milton, Brampton, Oakville and Burlington. The Junior team is to play with Georgetown, Oakville and Milton.

Mrs. Maud McBain left on Tuesday to spend the winter months with her father at Kamloops, B.C.

DIED

WILLIAMSON - At her home, Acton on Tuesday, December 2nd, 1930, Elizabeth Ann Wilds, beloved wife of David Williamson, in her 81st year.

Christmas Dinner For Newspapermen

A Christmas story that is a favourite with newspapermen is this one. It deals with the editor who found himself working on the edition for the following morning. Summoning one of his reporters, he said:

"Evans, get me a good story on how people spend Christmas. A real sentimental story on what the less fortunate are having for Christmas dinner. Go down to the mission and see what the poor old men are getting to eat. Then drop around to the orphanage and ask if the little tykes are getting any turkey.

"After that try the YMCA hostel. I'll bet they don't get turkey and cranberry sauce. Yeah, you might look in at the Old People's Home and do a bit on their dinner too.

"That's all, but make it good. Make our readers glad they are fortunate enough to have Christmas turkey at home. And Evans, on your way back drop in at Mike's and get me a ham sandwich and a pot of black coffee."—The Printed Word.

SCOUTS AND FIRE

Fire-fighting experts at the R.C.N. Point Edward Base, recently enabled 38 Sydney, N.S. Boy Scouts to qualify for the Fireman's badge. The Scouts saw demonstrations and then practiced fire alarm signals, ladder positioning, hose coupling, extinguisher operation and maintenance and artificial respiration.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th, 1950
10.00 a.m. - Sunday School
11.00 a.m. - Morning Worship
7.00 p.m. - Evening Worship

Thought for the Week

And see how everywhere
Love comforts, strengthens, helps
and saves us all.
What opportunities of good befall
To make life sweet and fair.
(Celia Thaxter)

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th, 1950
Advent II
9.00 a.m. - Holy Communion
10.00 a.m. - Sunday School
11.00 a.m. - Regular Service
7.00 p.m. - Evening Prayer
The annual carol service will be held Sunday, December 17 at 7 p.m.
A Welcome Awaits You

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th, 1950
11.00 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. Landsborough, Organist

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th, 1950
10.00 a.m. - Sunday School
11.00 a.m. - Morning Worship. Dr. L. C. Kitchen, M.A., M.Master, Speaker
7.00 p.m. - Evening Service. Mr. K. Sons and special quartet and musical numbers from Oakville Baptist Church.
Friday, December 8, 7.00 p.m. - B.Y.P.U.
Monday, December 18, 7.00 - Sunday School Christmas Supper and program.

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
Eastbound
a6.38 a.m., 8.50 a.m., 11.23 a.m., 3.03 p.m., 5.03 p.m., 6.33 p.m., 8.33 p.m., b10.58 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., 11.32 p.m., 1.12 a.m. (Sun. 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 9.54 a.m.; 7.10 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, 1.56 a.m.; Sunday and Monday only, 12.38 a.m.; daily except Sunday 8.48 a.m., 6.50 p.m., 7.44 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. 6.10 p.m. (flagstop), Saturday only, 2.36 p.m.; Sunday only 9.43 a.m. (flagstop), Sunday only Flyer at Guelph 7.05 p.m.

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