

# EDITORIAL

## Our Way of Life?

With all the trouble that can be traced to the consumption of intoxicating beverages it seems that a people as sensible as we are supposed to be would take action at the root of the evil rather than trimming at the fringes as we now are doing.

Cases of separations and other domestic troubles that were directly attributable to liquor increased by 146 per cent. in 1950 over the figure for the previous year, according to Senior Major J. Philip, welfare director of the Salvation Army.

"It is hard to believe that a civilized community should tolerate such debauchery, want and cruelty as is seen every day at the Army's welfare office," he said. The Salvation Army is one organization that certainly knows well the troubles that are created by excessive drinking. There is no organization closer and more helpful to conditions in these homes.

We attempt to do big things about human diseases, the relief of human suffering and even the Liquor Control Board is carrying out research in connection with drinking drivers and the misery they cause. At the same time the Board opens up new outlets and caters to the ever increasing trade. All the odd things of life are not located in foreign countries. We do hope the people in Korea are not aware of all the things connected with our way of life.

## Country Correspondents

There are several angles to community service. There are clubs which sponsor worthwhile activities and donate generously to them; there are the ministers and the school teachers. One aspect of community service that is brought specially before us is the fine work done by the country correspondents for the paper. Their budget of weekly news is the result of much time and thought and we urge those in the different districts which have correspondents to cooperate with them all they can, and to contact them in case of special news items.

What events, after all, are more important to ordinary people than the little things which happen every week? The regular meetings which have become an integral part of so many people's lives; the fires and the kindness of neighbours which follows; the personals, in a country which prides itself in being interested in people rather than material things—all are valuable. It's births, marriages and deaths which make the world go round. The country correspondents reflect the happenings in one district kindly—they know what to omit. Sensationalism, thank goodness, is not their aim.

In these columns from out-of-town areas those who have left the district find the names that are familiar. These columns specialize in personal items, for no great items of science, art, politics, economics or what-have-you take place there as a rule.

From the country correspondent comes news which gives life and warmth to the black and white pages of the weekly paper.

## An Ever-Better Canada

This week University Avenue in Toronto is busy. Patients of the Sick Children's Hospital are being moved into their new \$12,000,000 building. The expansion of facilities will enable medical science to seek out new and better ways of keeping children healthy and to educate more and more doctors, nurses and parents in successful methods of treating and preventing illnesses, injuries, and handicaps which impair the health of Canadian children.

Thousands of people toured five floors of the 13-storey building last week and were proud and amazed at the beautiful building built for Sick Children.

Originally the Hospital for Sick Children was six iron cots in a rented house. Today, housed in its new building, it accommodates 632 beds which together with its 112 cots at its country branch in Thistleton make it the largest child care centre in North America.

Within 50 miles of this town all the facilities of the organization are at the disposal of sick kids. Within less than 50 miles of this town all the facilities of the largest child-care centre in North America are geared to provide all the human help possible to sick kids.

Canadians can well be proud of the accomplishments of the Hospital for Sick Children through the help of friends who donated to such a worthwhile cause in guaranteeing an ever-better Canada through the sound mind in the strong body of Canada's "kids".

For those of us who cannot holiday in the South, the present kind of Canadian winter is ideal. Yes, we've come to that age and are willing to admit it.

## Fewer Strings?

The Ontario government, under Premier Leslie Frost may tie fewer strings to future municipal grants and allow the towns and cities to spend their share of the taxes as they see fit. And most municipalities will hope the fact materializes.

A delegation from the Ontario Municipal Association in their meeting with the provincial cabinet recently asked for specific changes in the method of granting funds for education, police, fire fighting and the care of indigent patients. This association represents all Ontario cities, 20 counties, 112 towns and villages and 103 townships.

Although the delegation and cabinet meeting dealt with other subjects, the most important discussion was on the method of provincial grants or the reallocation of responsibility for social services and education costs.

The government's attitude toward taxation is that it is preferable for every sphere of government to have as much autonomy as possible. Welfare and education, Premier Frost said, should be administered by the government closest to the people and that is the municipal government. Also, he thought the responsibility of raising the money should accompany the responsibility of spending it.

In his meeting with the association the premier promised an increase in municipal grants over the \$67,000,000 of last year. This can be considered in two lights. First of all it will be necessary either to raise the present tax levy or find new fields for provincial taxation. The increase in grants to the municipality will be a welcome item when councils meet to establish tax rates but no one is really getting anything for nothing. It all comes out of the same pocket whether it comes from the municipal, provincial, or federal government.

The Municipal Association should be commended on requesting standardization of daylight saving time. By controlling the length of time for which daylight saving can be adopted a lot of confusion will be eliminated. The confusion that results each year in adopting the required time seems to be increasing. Even though some municipalities adopt a specific period in which daylight saving time is used they may have to revise their plans to avoid conflict with surrounding municipalities.

## City Necessity?

The other day in Toronto we did some sidewalk inspection of construction. No, it wasn't on the subway project, but on Bathurst Street, in one of the city parks we were amazed to see workmen making foundations and laying pipes for an artificial ice surface. There was apparently no building but this surface is laid out in the open where the wind and rain and snow will limit its use.

We've seen the many natural ice surfaces kept up by the city in various parts and they appeared reasonable projects. But, apparently the fickleness of our weather in Canada isn't developing enough good hockey players for Toronto's needs and the taxpayers are providing expensive artificial ice plans at strategic spots.

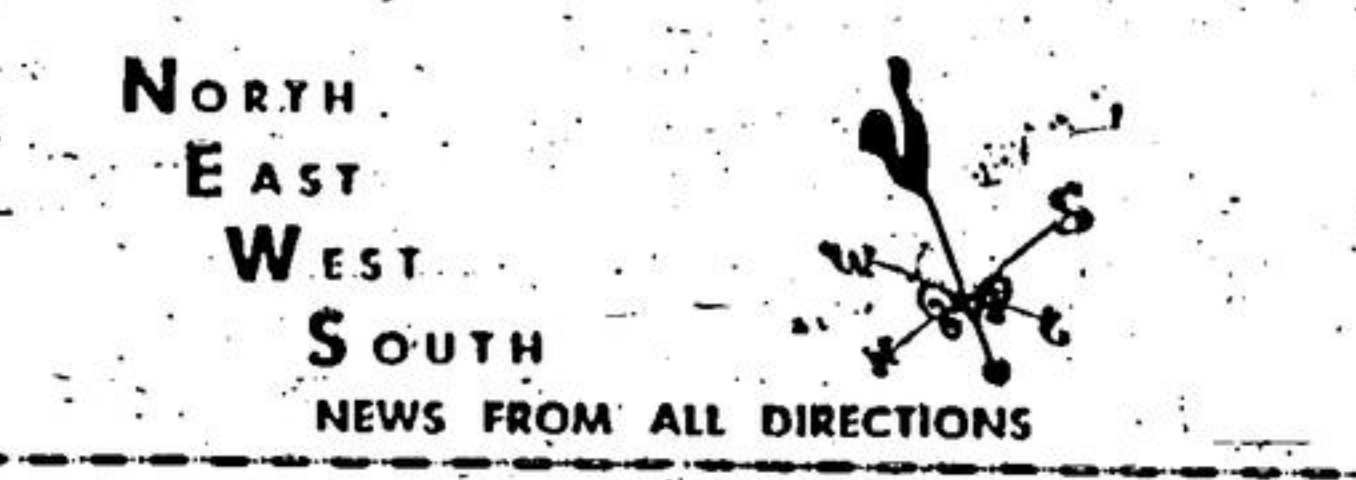
We are not concerned about how Toronto taxpayers spend their money and we mention the observation in the hope that smaller centres will not try to keep up with the city dwellers. There's a limit to the ability to pay and we don't think artificial outdoor ice surfaces are essential. We are rather surprised that in view of the headlined shortages of steel and building materials that such a project is proceeding. But then we are always looking in wonder at the contradictory things they say and do in Toronto.

## Editorial Notes

Those stocks of ski equipment seem as difficult to move this winter as the sale of refrigerators among the Eskimos. Unless our winters change it may be a forgotten sport.

—We had no idea we were so important a consumer until we read the other day that the sale of cigars had dropped by 5% from a year ago and only amounted to \$19,000,000 in 1950. Sorry, we can't help the cigar smoking business in its attempted come-back.

A million dead in the United States, and scores of thousands in Canada in auto-traffic accidents since the beginning of the century is far too high, declares The Financial Post. "Most of these people died because someone, driver or pedestrian, thought he was in a hurry, because a death trap on a highway had been allowed to remain, because some person thought he was a good driver and wasn't, or because some driving fool expected a child to be as careful as a grown up."



**Feline Doorman**  
A pussy cat doorman was the subject of a feature article in the Hamilton Spectator last week. This cat Bill regularly guards the front door of a book store-snack bar and accepts "with condescension" any pats or kind words that are offered. He is named for William, the Prince of Orange, because of his color, and this fact may account in part for his regal demeanour. Bill, the reporter admits, is a bit of an extrovert.

**Stand Against Outlets**  
One dealer who sold the Oakville Trafalgar Journal has refused to sell the paper because of its stand against the increase of liquor outlets there.

**Curiosity Cooled the Spectators**  
Spectators who found time to slip over to the Burlington arena last week to see if rumours that ice was being made were true, found themselves rushed out onto the floor of the arena with a shovel, roller or wheelbarrow in their hands. There were over 60 tons of ice to be packed between the closely placed pipes on the arena floor, and anyone near was shanghaied into the jobs all day and far into the night. At one time, the Burlington Gazette tells, over 100 were working away on the ice. Farmers, office workers, school children and all pitched in to help as volunteers under the direction of the town engineer, Earl Swift, grew pretty warm at a cool job.

**Mouse With Match**  
A mouse proved that its destructive powers could pass beyond the stage of nibbling food and tearing a year or so's growth out of ladies last week near Hornby, when one of the mouse kind was blamed for a fire. A Trafalgar Township family of six was left homeless after waking in the night to find the makeshift house all aflame. The father thought he had seen the mouse in question with a match in its mouth.

**Lynx Near Erin**  
The Erin Advocate tells of a 12-year-old boy, Thomas Wilson, who was walking to his home a mile east of that village after midnight last week when he encountered what he thought was a dog. He turned his flashlight on it, but the animal hissed and growled menacingly. The boy had thrown a snowball—the animal jumped into the air but continued to stalk the boy, who returned to the village for a ride home. Local residents, hearing the story, think that the animal was a lynx.

**Weather or Not**  
Erin Batkin, the authority on weather for the Georgetown Herald, explained that "early January rainfall was on a par with normal weather conditions since it equalled 11 inches of snow. "Make up your own mind as to whether we are fortunate or not in having had the rain", he says.

**THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER**

**BACK IN 1901**  
Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, January 24, 1901

The annual meeting of the Halton Agriculture Society was held the following officers were elected: E. H. Hunter, president; Wm. N. Scott, first vice president; Peter Fisher, second vice president; William Clements, secretary; F. Chisholm, treasurer.

The mercury registered 17 to low zero here last Saturday morning.

At a special meeting of the Royal Templars of Temperance held last Thursday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing six months: Rev. W. C. MacPherson, V. C. C. Williams, P. C. Alex. A. Secord, Chaplain Geo. Vincent, Rec. sec. Miss Annie Stephenson, fin. sec. A. T. Brown, treasurer, Mrs. T. Akins.

Our beloved Queen died on Tuesday and the Prince of Wales's new King Edward VII.

A hockey team supposed to represent Beardmore and Co., Toronto came to Acton on Saturday to play a friendly game on Acton rink with a team chosen from the two tanneries. Mr. Cameron, an old Acton sport, was manager of the Toronto team and being well up to the business was alleged to have imported one or two "ringers." One gentleman from Berlin was spotted and had to be content with watching the game. Acton's line-up: Swackhammer, R. McDonald, R. McIntosh, R. Holmes, P. Brown, W. Pearson, W. Hawthorne.

**BACK IN 1931**  
Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, Jan. 22, 1931

On Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cooper were host and hostess to the teachers and officers of Knox Sunday School.

The ice cutters are harvesting and storing the ice crop these days. Snowshoes and skis are having fine sport these days in the abundance of loose deep snow.

A presentation was made by friends at a social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Masales to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Elmslie and Bartley who are leaving town to make their home in Guelph.

At the inaugural session of the School Board Mrs. A. F. Havill was chosen chairman for 1931.

The annual meeting of the Acton Fair Board showed a substantial cash balance on hand and an increase in assets. D. D. Waddie was elected President with W. R. Kenney first vice and C. McKeown second vice presidents.

The Chautauqua Festival has been arranged for Acton for February 9, 10, 11, 12 this year. Miss McKeown was in Acton on Monday and organized committees to take charge of the work.

**BORN**  
WARDLAW—On Friday, January 18, 1931 to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wardlaw, Crewson's Corners, a daughter.

**DIED**  
RUELLELL—In Exquisite Township on Saturday, January 17, 1931. Robert Ruellell in his 68th year.

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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28th, 1951**  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Subject "Barriers to God" (continued).  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Subject "Playing the Game Through".  
8:00 p.m.—Inter-Congregational Frolude, Knox Presbyterian Church. An hour of fellowship; come and sing the old hymns and chant over a cup of tea. A happy hour for all. Thought for the Week: In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength. Isaiah 30: 15.

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(Anglican)  
Rector—Rev. W. G. Lupton, R.A.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28th, 1951**  
9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Beginners' Class  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer. A Welcome Awaits You

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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28th, 1951**  
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship  
12:15 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class  
7:00 p.m.—Divine Worship. Visitors are welcome.  
Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise.

**Baptist Church**  
ACTON  
Mr. Stanley Woodcock, Student Pastor

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28th, 1951**  
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class  
11:30 a.m.—Morning Service  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service conducted by group of Young People of College St. Baptist Church, Toronto. Male Quartet.  
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Meeting  
Friday, 8 p.m.—B.Y.P.U.  
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**COACHES LEAVE ACTON**

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**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. (Sun to Kitchener only).  
a—Daily except Sunday and holidays.  
b—Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

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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.

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