

# EDITORIAL

## With Consideration

There is a law against it but pedestrians as a rule are a pacifistic lot and do not like to be informed no matter how gravely aggravated. Often the motorist goes serenely on his way unaware that he has left a ruffled temper and some work for the dry cleaner when he went through the muddy street at a good speed.

It's too easy to splash these days. This February is so mild and unlike other Februaries that it's hard to realize that road conditions could be so springlike. Then, too, our streets are still suffering from the sewer upheaval and have so much mud instead of nice clean pavement.

In such unusual conditions motorists are urged to go slow about our streets. Mud slinging is never nice and the greater the speed the farther it is thrown by a motor car. Remember motorists that some times you are pedestrians and you know how aggravating it is to be splashed.

We might leave this information for pedestrians, too. There is a law against splashing pedestrians. We understand that all you have to do is get the motor vehicle number and prefer a charge and you'll likely get your cleaning bill paid and the motorist will be fined. If you are badly used you can try it. But nobody wants to do that and it can all be avoided if motorists drive in town with consideration to road conditions.

## Household Hint

Most folks are a bit annoyed these days over the pet canines who prefer to eat out of garbage pails rather than at home. We too have the common annoyance. We had no difficulty until recently—the lid on the garbage container used to fit real snugly. But one day it came in so disfigured that to say the least it doesn't fit snugly. It is quite flat and depressed as if something had been run over it.

So the garbage pail lid fits loosely and it's surprising how soon the local household pet discovered this accident. In the daytime when we hear a rattling around the back porch we go to the door and as mildly as possible inform the dog that he or she is wanted at home by his or her guardian. Dogs, we have found, are very obedient and they scamper off quickly to the neighbor's garbage container—no doubt they are some distance from home.

But it's the nocturnal visits that are disturbing. So now we take the snow shovel—which hasn't been too busy this winter—and set it on top of the garbage container in such a manner that it slides toward the night visitor. It makes quite a racket but it does prove effective in performing the task of sending the dogs home without disturbing the contents of the container. We pass it on to our readers in case you too may be having difficulty in training other folks' pets when they come unannounced.

## An Easter Thought

The Easter Seal campaign of the Ontario Society for Crippled Children started last week. In the mails every householder received or will receive a set of Easter Seals with the appeal to help. We know as well as everyone that this is only one of many worthy appeals and Timmy, the little lad who personifies the work, may seem just another boy.

The work here is under the supervision of the Rotary Club and the funds raised in the Easter Seal campaign are supplemented by other club funds to help boys and girls who are physically crippled to get an even start in life.

It would surprise you to learn just what has been done for boys and girls right in our own town and the district around here. It would be a bit embarrassing to cite local cases but if you are doubtful just ask any Rotarian of the local club for some local information.

It costs a lot of money for hospital care and special treatment required over a long period to correct the condition of crippled children. Lots of parents cannot afford this treatment and will not ask for it. These cases are found by the local Rotarians and are helped through the funds raised in the Easter Seal campaign.

The 1951 Timmy may be your neighbour's child. When you purchase Easter Seals you are contributing to the resurrection of some young life. Let your contribution be just as large as you can possibly afford—maybe larger.

Spelling in letters from pur younger readers is almost beyond belief, declares the Calgary Farm and Ranch Review. "Perhaps the fault lies with our schools, or teachers, or with the alleged 'educationists' who are forever tinkering with the system. Or maybe it is the fault of the parents. We don't know. But if you have children in school and have the time, give them a spelling test, of grades two and three, and get the shock of your life."

## Everybody's Business

Approximately ten years are spent in school by the average Canadian child; the last national census ascertained. While this figure was better than previous averages, the increasing importance of education indicates that further improvement is necessary.

From March 4th until March 10th is Education Week, and, as the slogan of the campaign states, "Education is everybody's business." At first Education Week was sponsored by the Canadian Teachers' Federation, but as the realization of the value of education to each member of any community was realized, more and more organizations joined to sponsor the national Education Week.

Both materially and theoretically, education is of prime importance for everyone. Materially, of course, because our taxes support the system. Theoretically, we must recognize the need for as much training as possible for the next generation. They need social studies, geography and history to further their understanding of other countries that our own and past generations lacked.

Figures on school attendance obtained from the last decennial census in 1941 showed that about ten years was spent in school by an average child. This was more schooling than regarded at any previous census and reflected a trend towards fewer drop-outs in the lower school grades and an increase in the number who bridge the gap between public and high school. The percentage of town and city children attending school was naturally higher than that of rural pupils, with 39 per cent. of the urban population and 21 per cent. of the rural population having nine or more years of schooling.

The reasons why the rural pupils are apt to drop out are obvious—to attend high school they must leave their homes, and then their services are needed on the farm. It is an easy transition from helping with the farm work while attending school to just helping with the farm work. Only one out of every 100 Canadians finally graduates from a university.

While Canadian statistics are not unfavorable compared to other countries they are not as good as we would like them to be. At least every child should be able to continue his education if he has the ability.

Education Week was organized to bring the values of education in Canada and its aims to the attention of everyone, in the hopes that improvements will be considered and accepted by individual citizens, and that young Canadians with education problems can be advised readily by almost anyone that education pays, now more than ever before.

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## Editorial Notes

Believe it or not Good Friday is just three weeks from to-morrow. So arrange your Easter bonnet.

March made its entry today and even if it is more wintry than February we cannot logically complain.

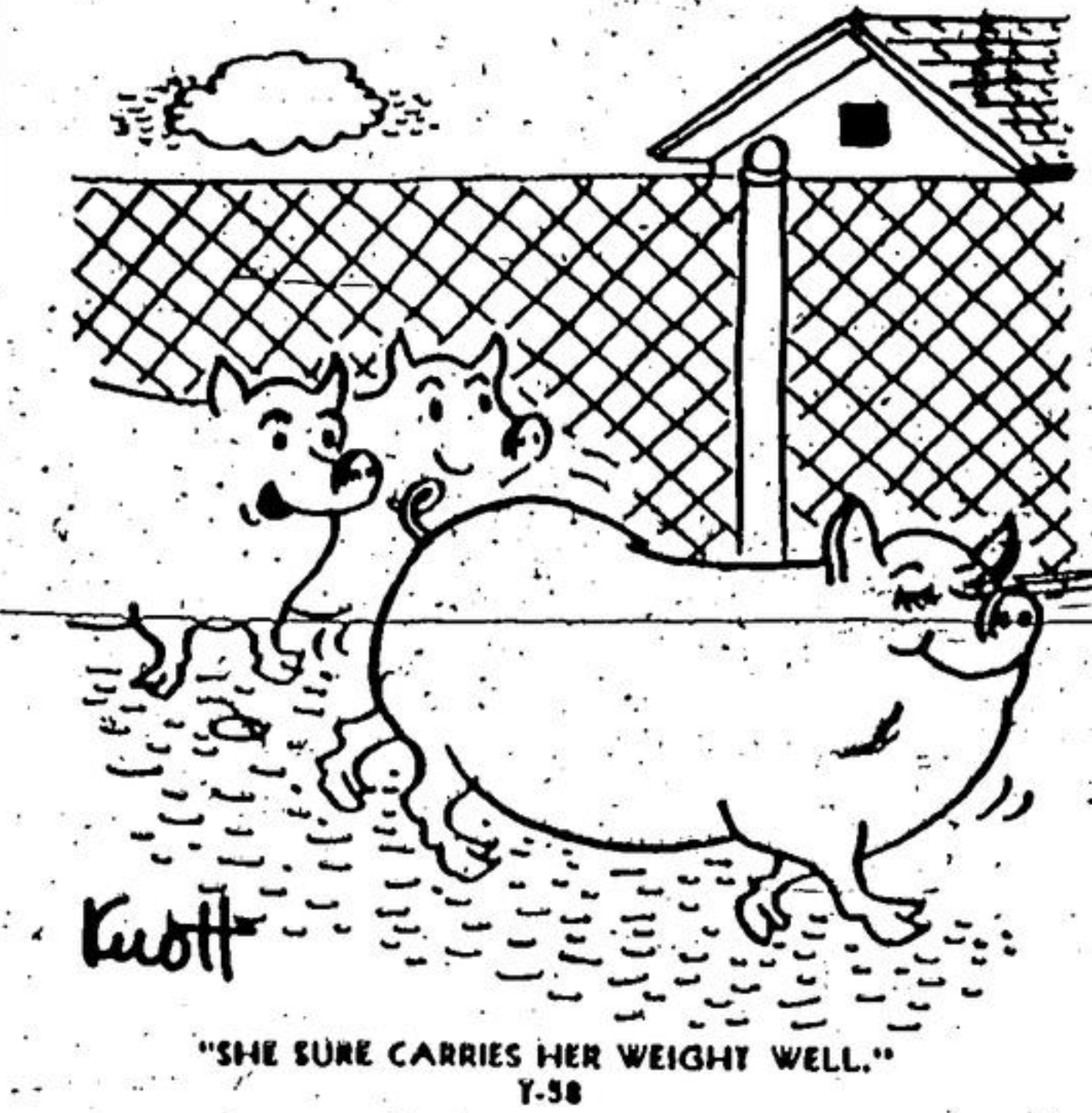
Smith's Falls has set the town's tax rate at 64 mills. Increased debenture costs and higher school costs are given as the reason behind the increase of three mills.

It has been suggested that the names of all enemy agents should be published. What a list. Why only last week President Truman said the striking railwaymen acted like Russians.

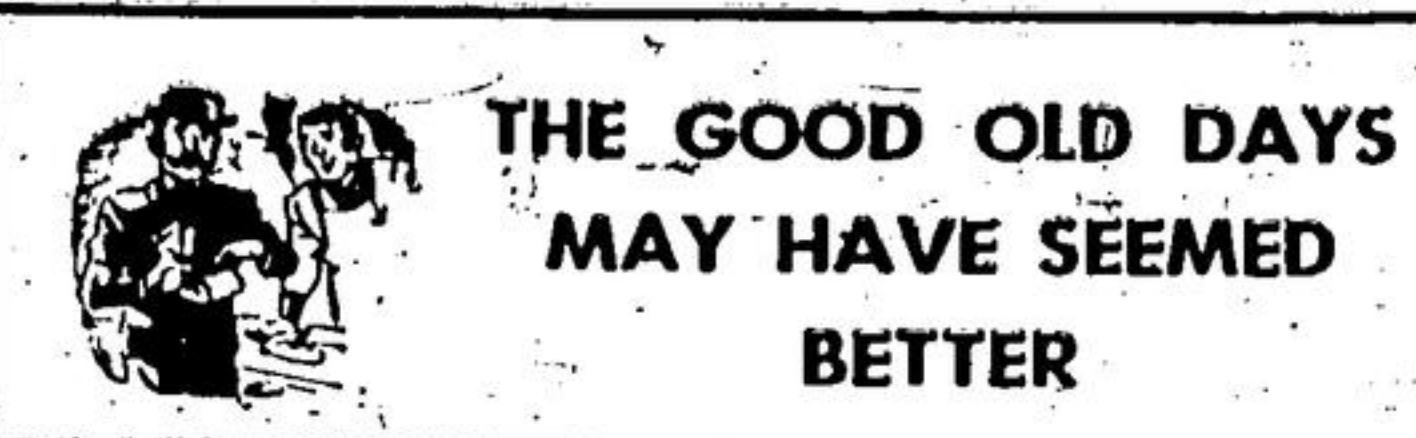
Fergus has found it necessary to raise \$10,000 by debenture issue to clear the arena of debt. The property was taken over by the council last year. The artificial ice installation cost \$222,500 without the pipe.

Foolish and dangerous is the habit of increasing prices without a word of explanation to consumers, believes the Vancouver Province. "The consumer is not going to smile when prices increase, no matter how it is done, but when the price tag figures change without a word of explanation he blows his top."

Agriculture needs a master mind to harmonize, if possible, the conflicting expert advice that is being handed out, argues the Farmer's Advocate of London. "The agriculture experts, all highly capable in their own fields, are manoeuvring the Canadian farmer into a position similar to a man in a quagmire where the more he churns around in an attempt to get out, the deeper he goes."



"SHE SURE CARRIES HER WEIGHT WELL."  
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MAY HAVE SEEMED  
BETTER

### BACK IN 1901

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, Feb. 28, 1901

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mason on Friday evening last by the members of Acton Cornet Band, the Methodist Sunday and Jubilee Orchestras, of which Mr. Amos Mason was an accomplished member. Councillor H. Jenks was moved to the chair and expressed regret at the removal of so able a young man from our town.

The Gunner Moore monument fund continues to grow and has reached nearly the \$200 mark. The committee is anxious to place the order for the monument next month so that it may be completed and erected early in the spring.

Three new Justices of the Peace have been appointed for Acton. After they are sworn in it will be Squire Cameron, Squire Nicklin and Squire Moore.

A sleighing party to Rockwood on Tuesday evening had a jolly but very exciting time. The roads were very heavy and the fear of capsizing induced many a terrified feminine shriek.

The members of the Young People's Societies are looking forward with interest to the University Extension lecture to be delivered on Friday evening, 8th March, by Mr. A. T. Delaney, B.A., lecturer in Toronto University. His subject is, "The sun in relation to bodies terrestrial." Admission fee is fixed at 10 cents.

The practice of snowballing on streets was referred to at the last meeting of Acton council, also the loafing on the street corners. The constables were instructed to take action against these evils.

The sixth anniversary of the opening of Knox Church's present place of worship and the fifty-sixth since the organization of the congregation was observed last Sabbath.

### "COMPACT" EVENING BAGS

A "compact" evening bag is one of the latest fashion accessories to make its appearance in London. It is made in metal, decorated with an all-over pattern in either black and gold or white and gold. The bag, which opens into two sections like a compact, has a chain handle and is lined with moire. The lower half is fitted with cigarette case and compact, while the upper half holds a comb and lipstick holder, and has two pockets for change and miscellaneous items.

### BACK IN 1931

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 12, 1931

It kept some extra men busy on Monday morning clearing the ways after the big snow storm.

The Juvenile Hockey team have been having some good games with a team of Halton Rifles. In four games played the Juveniles have won 3 and tied one.

Two rinks of the Curling Club played in Georgetown for the Peter Smith Trophy. The trophy for curling also remains with the neighbors. Next year Acton will have to take its Junior hockey and curling more seriously.

Dr. Robert Morrow of Guelph, for many years a resident and practitioner in Acton, died at his home on Monday at the ripe age of 93 years. He settled in Acton in 1864 and owned the Adams property on Bowler Avenue and Willow Street. He also operated a drug store in the premises occupied by Harold Willes. Forty years ago he decided to remove to Guelph and practiced there until the time of his death having to his credit a professional record of 67 years.

The feature of the March meeting of the Halton County Council was the Finance Committee's recommendation of cuts in salaries affecting nearly all the county officials.

**DIED**  
ANDERSON—At the home, Park Avenue, Acton, on Thursday, March 8, 1931, Ada Williamson, beloved wife of William Anderson in her 60th year.

### DEHYDRATION RESEARCH

Britain estimates that she imports three million tons of water with her foodstuffs every year. Scientists claim that dehydration could reduce the gross weight by 80 per cent. and urge continued research into dehydration techniques in the United Kingdom.

British scientists are now designing engines for ships that will be driven by atomic energy. World journalists were recently shown at Britain's Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell near Oxford, models and diagrams that indicate the lines which they are working. Directly Sir John Cockcroft said that it may be possible to drive ships and submarines by nuclear power within less than 10 years.

More than 25 million acres were seeded to spring wheat in Canada this year.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 4th, 1951  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Subject "The Bible" (Sermon 3 in series)  
"The Progressive Revelation of God."  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. A word about hymns and hymn singing. We will sing some of the old hymns beginning with the letter 'A'. Come and sing!

**Thought for the Week**  
The surest road to health, say what they will, is never to suppose we shall be ill.  
Most of these evils we poor mortals know  
From doctors and imagination flow.  
Churchill

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 4th, 1951  
Lent IV  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Holy Communion and Beginner's Class  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer  
Lenten service Wednesday evening at 8 p.m.  
A Welcome Awaits You

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 4th, 1951  
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship  
12:15 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class  
7:00 p.m.—Divine Worship  
"Come let us worship and bow down  
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker."  
Visitors will be made welcome.

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 4th—1951  
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class  
11:30 a.m.—Dr. L. C. Kitchen, M.C. Master University  
12:30 p.m.—Communion  
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Meeting  
Friday—4 p.m. Mission Band; 8 p.m., B.Y.P.U.

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Eastbound  
8:38 a.m.; 8:58 a.m.; 11:23 a.m.;  
2:08 p.m.; 5:03 p.m.; 8:33 p.m.; 8:39 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.; 11:22 p.m.; 1:12 a.m. (Sun. to Kitchener only)  
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