

EDITORIAL

Easter — Spring Festival

As we gather in the church this Easter morn and listen to His teachings, it is fitting that we project the symbol of His resurrection to our own times... and that we resolve to follow Him, not only on the Easter holiday, but every day. For paying heed to His words offers true hope for a world awakened to a new era of lasting peace as He taught.

Easter's solemnities are supposed to usher in gaiety. Easter is the climax to 40 days of Lent and the beautiful flower of the season is the pure white Easter lily.

The English name for Easter comes from the Anglo Saxon "Eostri", goddess of light or spring, whose festival was celebrated in April. There was, apparently, a great amount of controversy in settling the date for the Easter festival, but this was settled by the Council of Nice in 325. Easter was established on the first Sunday after the full moon.

The habit of presenting Easter eggs is a custom thought to have been derived from the Persian magi, the egg being the symbol of creation. Christians look on the Easter season as one of rebirth, spiritually, as well as in the surrounding nature. It is the festival that welcomes spring in all its freshness and newness of life.

Good Friday—that precedes Easter Sunday is one of darkness for on this day Christ was crucified on a wooden cross and laid in a cold stone tomb. Then follows the glorious resurrection and the spread of the news to all Jesus' followers.

Christians gather in churches across the world to pay their tribute and express their joy in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Plan to attend the church services of the Easter festival in your own church, worship in your way, in the freedom of your land.

What Is This Freedom?

Orators extol its virtues, poets praise it, politicians revel in its use, and we don't understand it. Franklin Roosevelt gave the world a new phrase when he enumerated the four freedoms, "Freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want and freedom from fear."

We of the West revel in the freedom of our Democracy, those of the East revel in the material possessions they gain under Communism. To an Eastern man an acre of land is his one ambition from which he can eke his earthly existence. The western gentleman aims at interesting himself in other things besides a mere existence, we hope.

It takes the co-operation of everyone to make freedom a true freedom, for freedom is the right of people to do what they want until that freedom interferes with the freedom of others.

Freedom is a stirring word. Wives go to Reno for their freedom from the bonds of matrimony; sufferers from the toothache go to the dentist; men toil to gain freedom from debt; men escape to obtain freedom. Freedom is a stirring word.

But we must practice what we preach and live a true life of freedom as long as that freedom does not interfere with the freedom of others. In our battle with Communist forces we must make them want freedom, not just an acre of land. Killing them won't help, too much, for the way to a lasting effect is the way of sincere conviction in their minds and in their hearts.

Canadians are a freedom-loving people. Let us distribute our share of that freedom from oppression, from famine, freedom to take a living from the soil.

Care Prevents Fighting

In these days of costly fire fighting equipment it might be well to remember that the best barrier against fire losses is the prevention of fires. We are not arguing against the purchase of adequate equipment but we do say that once a fire gets well started the best equipment is often inadequate to stop the conflagration.

Defective home heating systems annually cause about 5,000 fires. Worn-out, over-age furnaces and boilers should be repaired or replaced to cut this toll. Among the thousands of Canadian families known to be living in homes 30 or more years old, many still use heating plants installed in the 1900-1920 period, according to a survey made by manufacturers of heat regulators.

Recent furnace inspections indicated only one out of every 10 heating systems was in good condition, while two out of three needed cleaning and three out of the seven needed new chimneys. The independent survey showed less than 10 per cent. were in satisfactory condition.

Fire prevention rests with the individual. After the fire starts is too late to save loss. Fire fighting can only lessen the loss and save others in adjoining buildings. Don't depend on the best of equipment to compensate for your carelessness whether it be with a faulty heating system, a carelessly tossed match or cigarette or a spring bonfire.

Shorter Upbuilding Periods

With shortages besetting every turn of municipal improvements, Acton can indeed feel relieved that construction of sewers and a disposal plant were not deferred any longer. Ever since 1945 and the close of World War II, there has been an argument that costs will lower. Such has not been the case. Costs of everything have steadily risen.

Now, with a new threat of war just six years after the close of a world war, scarcity of materials has made restrictions necessary and diversion of every effort to war materials has pushed useful municipal improvements into the background.

Last interval between World Wars was some twenty years and allowed some time for local work of building up municipalities. This breathing spell has been shortened to not half that period.

It appears that we may be in a continual state of war and unrest. In the United States bomb shelters are being built for sale, while housing is still in acute short supply. It would be pleasant to look forward to a short period in which to put aside anxiety and enjoy the privilege of living at peace.

Whose Right?

We had hoped that during the present session of parliament some members would have the courage to arrange to have Victoria and Dominion days observed on Mondays. There was a move on a private bill which we believe was talked out by other members under a guise of patriotism, tradition or some such cloak.

We had hoped, too, that perhaps time confusion could be avoided this summer by adoption of a uniform time for starting and stopping daylight saving time. It is evident that we hoped far too much. Just why everyone can adjust times to suit so many emergencies has never been made very clear but it does seem that emergencies can be created quite easily these days and that most any service or group can create them.

It might be a point on the road to uniformity, if it could be established just who has the right to alter the time. With that fact established we might find the authority to stop the present chaotic plan that bothers everyone for over half of every year.

Editorial Notes

Even if spring isn't very prompt this year we must remember that winter was certainly not very regular in its severity.

Those Easter Seals you buy give new life and new hope to the crippled children of Ontario. Make your contribution as large as possible. Buy more childhood happiness.

The hockey play-offs create a lot more interest than the scheduled games and towns that don't make the finals seem to have some difficulty in supporting local sports.

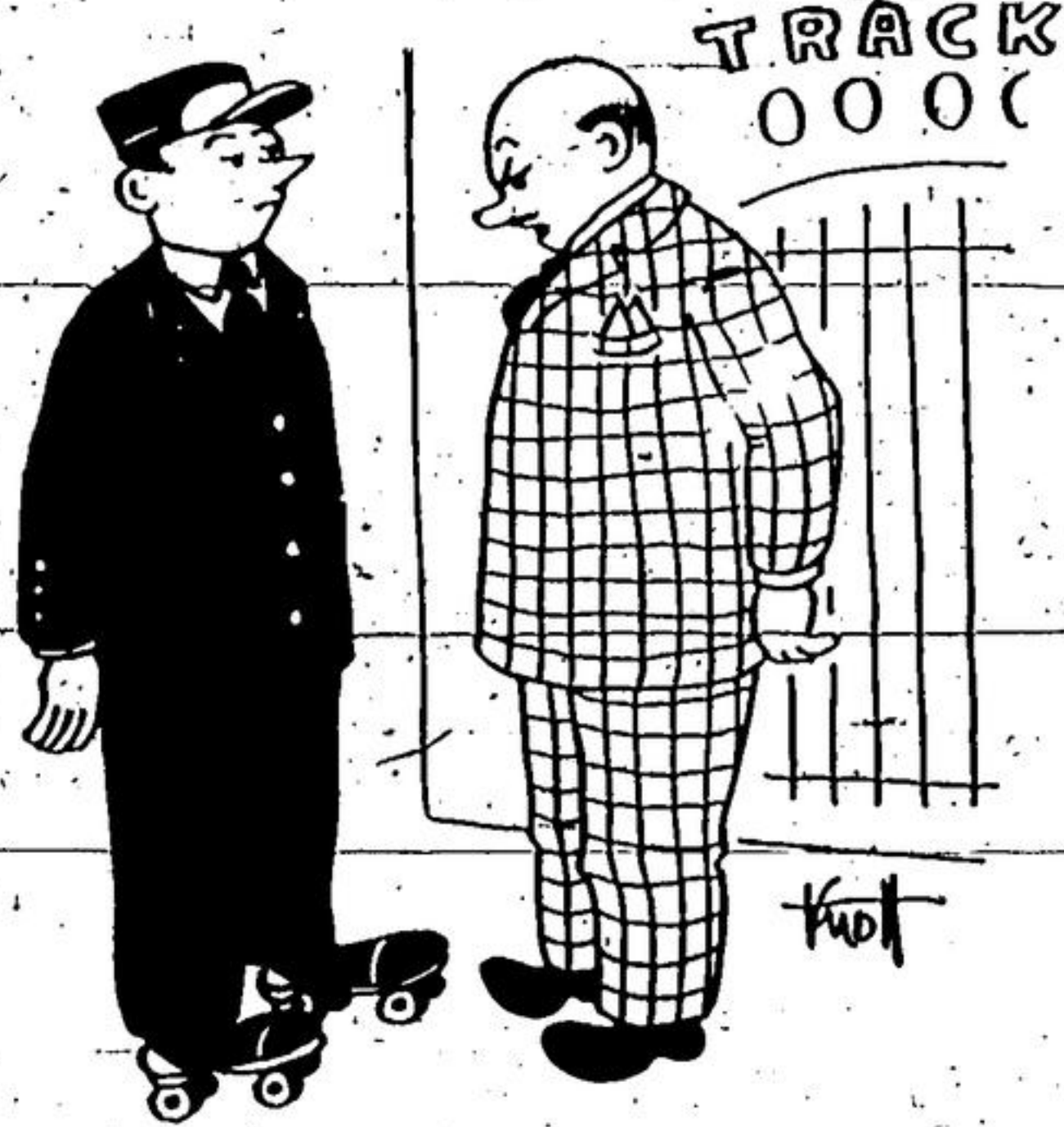
Bowmanville's tax rate has been set at 65 mills—an increase this year of 8 mills. Debutent rate, county rate, public school rate and general rate are all up. One reduction noted is in High School rate.

In peace or war the Red Cross is the best qualified for service to soldiers and civilians. Give generously to the present appeal that it may be strong when called on for any urgent service to suffering humanity.

The extra days for securing motor vehicle licenses found many motorists still putting off the expenditure to the last minute. In a drive of fifteen miles on the highway on Sunday we counted over fifty of last year's plates still in use.

Brightest news from the international front, particularly in Korea, is the laying of a 7,000 mile wire link between Peiping and Moscow. Communist China's Mao Tze-Tung can now talk directly with Joe Stalin in Russia. Perhaps this will speed up eastern front developments since Mao can now get his orders immediately from Uncle Joe.

City folks are hollering because of curtailment in mail deliveries to one day in the residential areas. It just depends on what you are accustomed to. Our here we walk to the post office for our mail every day and pay rent for a post office box for the mail to be placed in. Towns under 5,000 really have a complaint with the Post Office Department. Even rural dwellers have the mail delivered to their gate. But, we would miss that morning trip to the Post Office after all.



COBNS OR NO COBNS - I'M SURE THE RAILROAD WOULD N'T APPROVE OF ROLLER SKATES.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1901

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 21, 1901

Mr. Scott, knitter and weaver of Eden Mills, has moved into the store opposite the Presbyterian Church.

The census enumerators will soon be on their rounds. The maidens of marriageable age are deciding in what year to place their birthday when Bachelor McKinnon propounds the necessary and very important question.

Last Friday evening the classmates of Master Ernest Gurney gathered at the home of Councillor Jeans through the invitation of Master Hilton Jeans, to spend an hour or so together in view of the coming removal of Master Ernest Gurney with his father to Erin. During the evening an address was read and it was accompanied by a beautifully bound book and paper of stationery.

The members and adherents of Knox Church foregathered in the church on Monday night to spend an hour or two with Mr. Wm. McPhail and family who in a few days leave for the great North West.

Mr. Wellington Smith has been admitted into partnership with his brother-in-law, Mr. E. Statham in the butchering business in the well-known stand known as "Holmes butcher shop." The style of the new firm will be Statham and Smith.

The protracted services in the Disciple's Church are growing in interest and are well attended. The coasting down the hill on Brock St. has afforded bolterous fun for the youngsters this past week. Only three ribs have been broken and a part of one finger lost.

A well known society young lady in town pluckily stopped a runaway horse on Mill St. last Friday afternoon and held him until assistance came. Her temerity was much admired.

The schedule of convictions returned to the clerk of the peace of Halton during the quarter ending March 12, 1901, showed that nine people were charged in court, and one of \$50 for selling liquor without a license. Six of them were committed to jail in default of payment, from anywhere from two to six months.

WARRIED—At the home of the bride's father, on Wednesday, 13th March, by Rev. E. L. Flagg, B.D., Robert Borthwick, to Ella daughter of John Taylor, all of Nasagaweya.

BACK IN 1931

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 19, 1931

Last evening the Men's Bible Class of Knox Church held a banquet when between forty and fifty attended. The guest speaker was Rev. G. P. Duncan, of Stratford.

A committee of the Rockwood Agricultural Society attended a meeting of the Village Council and completed a transfer of the Agricultural grounds to the village, to be used as a public park.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Harrison were host and hostess to the choir of the United Church and their friends on Saturday evening at what was termed a "Backward Party."

On Saturday evening the Acton High School Hockey Team journeyed to Georgetown to play an exhibition game with the High School team of that town, and after a fast game the Acton Students were beaten by the score of 4-1.

The B.Y.P.U. of the Georgetown Baptist Church entertained the sister society from Acton Baptist Church, 100 young people taking part in a happy gathering. Miss Helena and Mr. Alex Mann and Mr. William Stalker attended the funeral of the late John A. Arthurs in Toronto on Saturday.

DIED—At Brampton on Tuesday, March 17, 1931 Mrs. James Currie, mother of Arch C. Currie, Acton, aged 84 years. **ARTHURS**—At St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, on Thursday, March 12, 1931, John Alexander Arthurs in his 47th year. **SMYTH**—At Penetanguishene, on Thursday morning, March 19, 1931 Catharine Kennedy wife of Thos. Smyth formerly of Acton, aged 81 years.

MODEL WIFE

As I entered the apartment of a bachelor friend, manager of a large department store, I was startled to find that the fashionably dressed lady seated in the window was made of plaster. "What's the idea?" I asked. "I got her from the window-dressing department," my friend replied. "I prop her up in the window any time I feel like it—day or night. Look out there!" He pointed across the hotel courtyard. "See those two old ladies over in the 5th floor window? They're two prize sweepers. I got this lady to keep 'em happy. They've been trying for two years to find out who she is." From Life's Like That in The Readers Digest.

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EASTER SERVICES

<p>United Church of Canada Acton, Ontario. A FRIENDLY CHURCH Parsonage—29 Bower Avenue—Phone 60 Rev. E. A. Curry, B.A., B.D. Miss O. M. Lampard, A.T.C.M. Organist and Choir Leader</p> <p>Good Friday service 11:00 a.m. SUNDAY—MARCH—25th—1951 Easter Sunday 7:00 a.m.—Sunrise Service, conducted by the Interchurch Young People's Association, Acton United Church Choir. 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Subject "The significance of the cross." Special Easter music. 7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship, Sermon by the Rev. E. A. Curry, B.A., of Orton U. C. Special Easter music.</p> <p><i>Thought for the Week</i> "On this most holy day of days... To God your hearts and voices raise in loud and jubilee and praise. Hallelujah!" (Jean Tisterband—1404.)</p>	<p>Presbyterian Church in Canada KNOX CHURCH, ACTON REV. MORRIS H. ARMSTRONG M.A., Minister</p> <p>Friday, 11 a.m.—Good Friday service. SUNDAY, MARCH 25th, 1951 Easter Sunday 11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship. 12:15 p.m.—Sunday School. 7:00 p.m.—The Cantata "The Conquering King." Visitors welcome "Now is Christ risen from the dead"</p>
<p>St. Alban's Church (Anglican) Rector—Rev. W. G. Luxton, B.A.</p> <p>SUNDAY, MARCH 25th, 1951 Easter Sunday 9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion. 11:15 a.m.—Choral Communion. 2:30 p.m.—Children's Service. No morning Sunday School on Easter Day. 7:00 p.m.—Easter Service. Good Friday Service 10:30 a.m. A Welcome Awaits You</p>	<p>Baptist Church ACTON Mr. Stanley Woodcock, Student Pastor</p> <p>Thursday, March 22, 8 p.m.—Prayer meeting and B.Y.P.U. combined. Friday, March 23—B. Y. P. U. Spring Rally at New Dundee 2:15 p.m. SUNDAY, MARCH 25th, 1951 Easter Services 10:30 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class. 11:30 a.m.—Morning Service, Mr. Woodcock's first service. 12:30 p.m.—Communion. 7:00 p.m.—Evening Service under B.Y.P.U. auspices. Mr. Ken Sims and group from Oakville Baptist Church. Chalk drawing. Special music. Friday, March 30, 8—Mission Band Thankoffering meeting.</p>

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