

# EDITORIAL

## Living Together

It is typical of the uncompromising world attitude today that the adjusted high school levy in North Halton would not find unanimous approval. There have been five years spent in this county on making an assessment for county purposes that would be fair to all the municipalities. There have been unnecessary delays and evasions in spite of the fact that a common manual was set down for guidance.

All know that there have been many changes in the past thirty years in the growth and development of Halton. Some sections have grown more than others.

Such, too, is the case in the north end of the county and it affects the amount paid into the high school district comprising five municipalities. The Board agreed almost unanimously to let the matter go to an arbitration board for an amicable settlement.

It is rather interesting to note that Acton, Milton, Esquering and Nassagaweya councils have agreed to accept this settlement and that the one refusal is from Georgetown, the town which held out of the district until financial aspects of the district were so attractive that it was advisable to come in. It is also interesting to note that while refusal of the suggested levy was made the estimates of the town provided for this amount.

No one likes to pay more than necessary. True Esquering and Nassagaweya will benefit in the adjustment while Acton and Georgetown make up this benefit, but based on the figures available it is an equitable adjustment pending a hopeful completion of the county assessment. Certainly something can surely be done among northern neighbors awaiting the whole of the county to become equalized.

## Active and Non-Participants

After World Wars I and II it was quite a commonplace remark to hear that the settlement of these wars would have been better carried out by the soldiers than by the politicians. This present conflict has given some testing to that statement while the battle still is being waged.

General MacArthur is making public his views much to the discomfort of the politicians and it appears that we witnessed a show-down on who knows the most about the war, the man in Korea or the men who sit around tables in the various capitals and argue.

The general seems to have one thing in his favor. The settlement of wars made by the politicians has never been very lasting whereas the statements from the fieldman have to the best of our knowledge never been given much of a trial. We don't profess to know which is right or wrong, but we do think it's a healthy sign to see men with the courage to make public statements regardless of what the politicians may like. After all there are two sides to what the public should know and all the brains are not assembled in our elected representatives. Maybe the men who fight wars should have an opportunity for expression as well as those who talk wars and world events. Round one is over.

## Housing Facilities

A close approximation of the extent to which electricity is now used in Canadian homes, in all parts of the country, will be obtained when the Ninth Decennial Census of Canada is taken in June this year. Serving more Canadians now than ever before, it forms the keystone of industry and our rising standard of living. Extension of service has reached new peaks in recent years, especially to rural areas, and the work is still progressing. It is opening up large new areas to industrialization, and making the advantages of modern conveniences and labor-saving machinery available to farm and other rural homes.

The census enumerator will ask every fifth householder what principal lighting facilities are in use, and comparison with the 1941 Census figures will provide an accurate measure of the progress made in the decade.

The 1941 Census revealed that 69 per cent. of all Canadian households used electricity for lighting purposes. In a sample survey conducted by the Bureau in the fall of 1949, it was found that the proportion had risen to 86 per cent. — a striking rise in a period of less than nine years.

According to experts, a person's big toe is really a thermostat. They claim that whenever the air temperature drops, the big toe acts as a thermostat and begins to shut off the heat the body sends to the arms and legs. This conserves the heat needed to maintain the temperature of the interior of the body at 98.6 degrees, which is essential to the smooth functioning of the vital organs. It also explains why toes and fingers often get cold before the rest of the body. Interesting, but how do you adjust the "big toe thermostat"?

## Biggest Housecleaning Yet

If there ever was a year when spring cleaning would need to be town-wide it is this year in Acton. We've had an upheaval of sewers with an unearthing of underground that has left our town in perhaps the dirtiest state in its history. But the job is done now and its spring and time for putting our house in order.

True the restoration of our streets is a municipal job, but if we are going to have some resemblance of cleanliness again house cleaning will have to be undertaken by all the citizens and we'll certainly get real satisfaction in the amount of dirt that will be turned up in every corner.

There'll be a need, too, for much painting and decorating after the dirt has been cleaned away. Spring cleaning will be no idle effort this year with a minute searching and for more than the housewives. Yes and it's likely that spring cleaning will of necessity be carried on right through the summer months.

But let's tackle it now and get our town clean and orderly again and a place that will soon live down the reputation that it has had for the past two years, when everything has been so disorderly.

## It Loves To Grow

Bureaucracy just loves to grow, declares The Financial Post. It cites a case of \$9.95 worth of paper work by the U.S. civil service to make a purchase of a 50 cent magazine. Says The Post:

"It would be interesting to have some comparable figures for Canadian government purchasing. While the cost of paper work might not be quite as high as in the United States, because our bureaucracy is younger and presumably has not had quite the same opportunity for flourishing, our record might not be good either."

"Bureaucracy is something like a small tree one plants on the front lawn. It just loves to grow, sending out branches and roots in all directions. The only remedy is constant pruning. If one doesn't do that regularly and severely, the whole place would soon be overrun. And that is exactly the remedy we must apply to our bureaucracy, too."

## Editorial Notes

You can always tell the wise man and what's more he'll listen.

Late afternoon—from four o'clock on—is the most dangerous time of day for children on the streets and highways.

The average family, says a Chicago professor, consists of 3.4 persons. We suppose that's "pa" there behind the decimal point.

This is the time of year when the grass fire is so easily started and so difficult to control. Be careful and never leave it once it is started.

The travel these days is from south to north as the birds and the Florida visitors come back to their Northern homes for the warmer weather that is now due here.

Our congratulations to two of our exchanges on anniversary occasions. The Elora Express has reached its ninety-ninth birthday and the Grand Valley Star and Vidette has started its 67th year of publication.

Wonder if the latest cost of living index was taken when butter was at its peak. It's to be hoped the next summary will show decreased living costs or else we're in for another round of price increases.

Elora has set a tax rate making a reduction of 4 mills this year while Walkerton has gone to 70 mills for an increase of 10 mills. Georgetown's rate is 43 mills on an assessment that was more than double that of last year. So the tax rates go across the province with few being lower and all of them raising more money to meet added costs.

Every newspaper has a few "contributors" who submit personal or news items with the qualifying comment: "please do not change in any way," says the Bracebridge Gazette. It is very difficult to explain to such people that what goes into the news columns of a paper is solely the responsibility of the editor. Even an advertiser who buys newspaper space, while given greater freedom to express his own views in his own way, is also subject to editorial limitations. The simple fact is, of course, that an editor is personally and legally responsible for everything that appears in a way which will make it acceptable to his readership at large. To suggest that news shall be printed in this way or that is simply nobody's business except the editor's.



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

**BACK IN 1901**  
Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 11, 1901

Gardening operations have commenced. Mr. Waller of Fairview Ave. takes the bun for being the first at the garden.

Mr. Joseph Agnew wishes the Free Press to say that he uses the shop between the Dominion Hotel and the Campbell House for a dark room for developing photographs, and that the persons who were in the premises on Sunday evening, 31st ult., when it was raided by the women, were not there on Sunday with his consent, that there has never been liquor sold on the premises nor any gambling done with his knowledge.

The Grand Trunk Railway has already sent a man out to see that the lawns at the stations are put in order for the spring. This is all very nice, but if the G.T.R. management would provide more comfortable quarters for their passengers in some neglected places they would be excused if they omitted the lawns and gardens. One evening last week when the trains were late and a rain was falling, ladies were obliged to wait there in a crowded room with a number of men smoking. The men could hardly be blamed for they had no other place to go, but imagine the discomfort for the ladies.

The April number of the Inland Printer of Chicago, the leading trade journal of the world in the printing industries, contains a beautiful half-tone engraving of a basket of playful cats and kittens curiosity, the photograph of which was taken by Mr. A. T. Brown, of Acton. The honor to Mr. Brown for this excellent subject is all the greater when it is known that he sent the photo by request, the editor having seen it in a collection of a friend in Chicago.

The re-organization meeting of the tennis club was held last Wednesday evening with the following officers elected, Hon. Pres. Dr. C. D. Kelly, pres., W. Stark, vice-pres., Miss Minnie Nelson, sec., A. E. Gurney, treasurer, W. Arnold.

Rev. Mr. Caven, who is suffering from a severe attack of appendicitis is slightly improved. Dr. W. P. Caven, his son, who suffers from the same disease, is also recovering.

## CHURCH INFLUENCE

Most of a group interviewed by The Financial Post recently thought the influence of the church had declined from a generation ago, but many of them also believed that the pendulum was now beginning to swing the other way. The fight against Communism has helped to strengthen the church, some feel. Against this, others point to the growth of materialistic influences, failure to develop church education among the young, and the fact that government and private agencies are taking over some of the service work previously performed by the church.

Higher pay for the clergy, and a higher standard of performance in the pulpit, are recommended solutions to the problem of getting more ministers and more people into the churches.

The idea that alcohol acts as a stimulant to the nervous system is no longer held in pharmacologic circles, says a medical consultant in answer to a query in the Journal of the American Medical Association. The apparent stimulation is the result of the narcotic action of alcohol on the inhibitions.

## BACK IN 1931

Some of the early ones are already starting the gardening operations.

A visit to the sugar bush these days forms an intensely interesting experience.

Mrs. Robert Royce, of Rockwood, had a pleasant surprise when her brother William Bolt, of Saginaw, Mich., paid an unexpected visit. It is 42 years since they had met. He was born and brought up in Erasmus Township but left for the States 50 years ago.

Friends here were shocked to learn of the sudden death on Thursday of last week of Mr. J. E. Baldwin, of Hillsburg, formerly of Acton.

A young chap, out of work, and travelling through the country took advantage of the "never-locked-door" of St. Alban's Church on Friday afternoon and entered and took possession of the offering box near the door. It was wrenched from the wall and the contents between \$5.00 and \$6.00 rifled.

The April meeting of the Lakeside Chapter I.O.G.E. was held last evening at the home of Mrs. Earl Vigeant with a party marking the fourteenth anniversary of the chapter.

The Baseball Club for 1931 was organized on Tuesday evening with the following officers: President, Mr. J. M. McDonald, Hon. President, Mr. H. H. Holmes, Committee Mr. W. J. Gould and Mr. C. Leishman, Secretary Mr. Frank Holloway.

**PATTERSON DIED**  
At his home in Milton, on Saturday, April 4, 1931, William H. Patterson, in his 90th year.  
**SINCLAIR**—At the home of his sister, Mrs. Thos. Near, lot 29, sixth Concession, Nassagaweya Township, on Friday, April 3rd, 1931, Donald Sinclair, aged 62 years.

## Cortisone Elements Obtained in Plants

Intense research into the possibility of producing the wonder-drug cortisone from plants, is being carried on in the laboratories of several nations.

Produced up to now from animal bile acids, there is a possibility the drug may be extracted from an African vine known as Strophanthus Sarmientosus. These vines, which entwine themselves around trees and grow to a height of 50 to 100 feet, are collected by the natives and brewed into extract which is used to poison tips of arrows. Because of this, their cultivation by natives is forbidden in the British Colonies, C.I.L. Agricultural News reports.

Experiments in cortisone production are also being conducted with a second group of plants which yield potentially useful starting material for the drug. They are certain members of Agave Dioscorea genera, found as far north as the south-western United States. Other plants under test include the soybean and jervine, a plant common to both Canada and the U.S. Among its other names are Indian poke, itch weed, meadow poke and puppet root.

Among the best defenses against disease are soap and water. Cleanliness has much to do with the state of both personal and community health.

# AT THE Churches

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SUNDAY, APRIL 15th, 1951  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Subject "The Bible" (Sermon No. 5 in series)  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship "Who is wise?"  
8:30 p.m.—Communicants' Class  
An hour of praise, prayer, Fellowship and study.  
Thought for the Week  
"The Kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." Rom. 14: 7.

**St. Alban's Church**  
(Anglican)  
Rector—Rev. W. G. Luxton, B.A.  
SUNDAY, APRIL 15th, 1951  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Holy Communion and Beginners' Class  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer  
Junior Confirmation Class Wednesday at 7 p.m.  
A Welcome Awaits You

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11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship  
Visitors welcome

**Baptist Church Acton**  
SUNDAY, APRIL 15th, 1951  
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class  
11:30 a.m.—Dr. L. C. Kitchen, Me-Master University.  
Thursday 8 p.m.—Prayer Meeting  
Friday 4 p.m.—Mission Band; 8 p.m.—B.Y.P.U. Special speaker.  
Tuesday, April 17—8:30 p.m.—Mission Circle Annual Birthday Supper Meeting at the home of Mrs. Lorne Garner.

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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)  
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