

# EDITORIAL

## 'Age Shall Not Weary Them'

Not many of us have been on a battlefield. Few of us have heard the ack-ack fire and the staccato note that the machine gun hammers out. Not many of us have rumbled along dark roads in a rough riding truck, with the destination unknown and only the results of enemy attack to consider. Not many of us have crossed the seas to distant countries to battle an aggressor anxious to rob countries of a heritage of freedom.

Not many of us were "over there" to battle and drive and push and dig the way to victory.

All the grim reminders of conflict have been constrained to far-off battle fields. It is with pride and respect that each year we, as a nation, pause in our daily routine for two minutes' remembrance of our friends, comrades or relatives who did not return from the last world conflicts.

It is with pride that we pay tribute to the brave Canadians who went from this country to uphold the Dominion's principles of freedom against the tyrannical challengers.

Remembrance Day this Sunday is a time to pay tribute not only to the fallen who did not return but also to their relatives who were robbed of pleasant hours together. To those people who, with fortitude and determination kept the hearth stone warm and a glimmer of hope in their hearts, our heads are bowed in tribute and remembrance.

At the cenotaph Sunday, as reveille is trumpeted and the flag is raised; let us lift up our heads with new determination and faith and hope that never again will the war dogs be set loose to harvest such a giant crop of young, courageous lives.

Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We shall remember them.

## Like the Indians?

It has been taken for granted that a snow-storm and a real taste of winter must precede Indian Summer—that much talked about period of fine fall days. These early days of winter are often referred to as Squaw winter, but whatever the days the first snowfall and winter of this year were certainly of the real boisterous variety and certainly not very effeminate.

We differ from the Indians in our way of life in this Canada of many weather changes but in many respects we have similarities. Perhaps you noticed how this cold wintry spell hastened the removal of screens, the putting on of storm windows, the filling of cars with anti-freeze and the securing of provisions from the country around. All these little things which had been delayed from day to day were hastened by the advent of some real winter weather. Yes, we still need Squaw winter and Indian Summer in our present day mode of living. Yes, we are just like hundreds of others. We put in the anti-freeze on Saturday and made an excursion to get apples and potatoes stored but we're still waiting for Indian Summer to remove the verandah screens.

## In Black and White

Meetings are often unduly lengthened by unnecessary argument. We attended a meeting recently that seemed to get through the business in good order and we're inclined to believe that a little gadget used there had an effect on the length of the meeting. As each member of the group spoke on the question before the committee he was required to use a small microphone, give his name, and his contribution to the discussion was recorded. Later we received a report of the meeting and on reading it we surmise it will have, a salutary effect on future meetings where such a recording device might be used.

We have since wondered just who could unravel the recording if the machine were used at some other meetings we have attended. But, of course, the free discussion can be eliminated when there are a limited number of microphones and to get on the recording it is necessary that you can secure a mike. Such a system is, of course, a great boon to secretaries and municipal clerks would no doubt be all for such a device.

We found another advantage also. A copy of the minutes of the meeting shown to our family has convinced them that we aren't any more talkative than other men and that's something we could never convince them of before. Yes, it's a great thing at times to have things in black and white.

Toronto dailies are certainly showing their political leanings in their reports of the present campaign. Small wonder if the electorate reads only the comics in them knowing that these at least are prepared outside of Ontario.

## Which is Greater?

Have you noticed it? We're war conscious. With two world wars as memorable history and the Korean campaign still in the news it is understandable. Yes, we're war conscious, too, because economists suggest that our economic system can't survive without a war.

But how peace conscious are we? The very word, peace, is coming to have an unfavourable meaning because of the many peace petitions and peace conferences that were floated by Red propagandists in this country. No, headlines in the newspapers don't toy with peace as they do with war.

We seem sometimes to talk ourselves into war because we often lack faith in others. It is usually some small incident that, because of someone's unreasonableness, develops into the kind of battlefield on which countless perish.

Russia is surrounded by an Iron Curtain. Perhaps as a counterpoint to that curtain the nations of the free world could erect a Wall of Faith. That's something Russian propagandists would have a tough job combatting with their words. But the Wall would have to be as voluntarily sound as the Iron Curtain is tyrannically sound.

With armament races rushing dangerously close to the home stretch how can a Wall of Faith be built?

Peoples don't accept tyranny forever. One individual who claims the power of fortelling the future and several successful predictions to his credit claims that by November 1952 Stalin's dictatorship will be overthrown by revolution. That prediction may have merit and it may not but nevertheless it is quite possible that internal strife from a suppressed people will explode to end the regime.

It would take a great many masons to lay a formidable Wall of Faith but think what a formidable project would be completed if each individual in the free world were to lay his faith in one block. That faith should be in the future. A common belief that the future holds valuable things for the whole world.

How much thought do we have of war? How much faith do we have in the future? Which is the greatest?

## Production and Distribution

The latest figures of the cost of living in Canada as issued by the federal bureau of statistics indicate an increase of 87.6 per cent. over living costs in the years immediately preceding World War II. The increase since the outbreak of the Korean war is 13.4 per cent.

Canadian people are now greatly concerned over high living costs, and the Canadian farmers are being blamed therefor. Actually the increased cost of food processing and distribution is more responsible for costs to the consumer than any other factor.

On previous occasions the budget has published the results of surveys made by the U.S. department of agriculture. Such showed that if the farmer gave away the beans in a 16c can of men's clothing the suit would still sell for \$40.50. If he gave away the wheat in a 16c loaf of bread the loaf would still cost the consumer 13.4c. If the farmer gave away the beans in a 16c can of pork and beans, the can would still cost 14c at the grocery store.

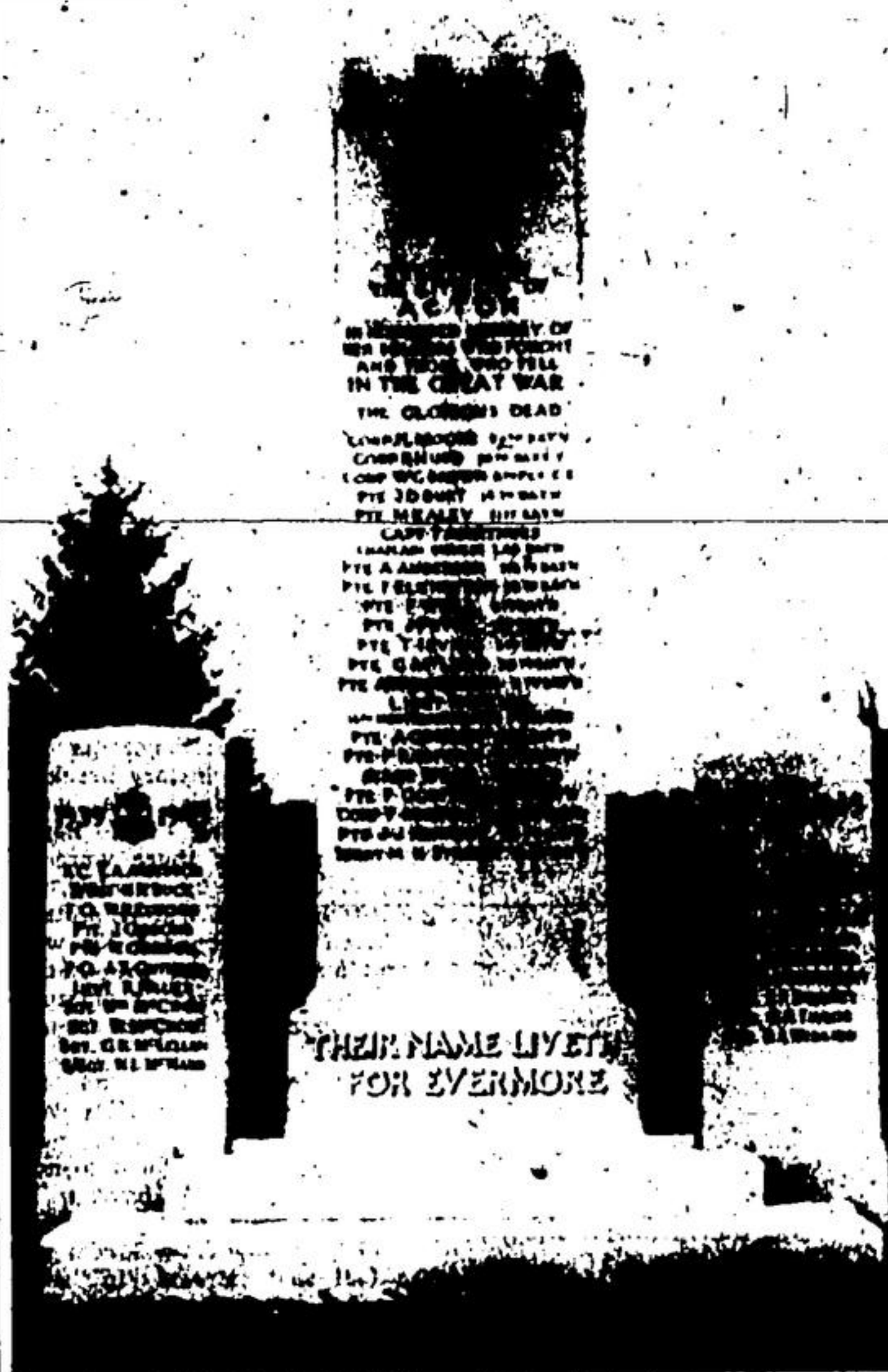
Country Life, a British Columbia farm publication edited by Charlie Hayden, quotes a new report on "Cost of Distributing Services", issued by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. This report says that about 50c of every consumer's sales dollar goes to pay distribution costs; that there are now at least 15 million people engaged in distribution; and that the percentage of workers in distribution has risen from 4 per cent. one hundred years ago to 25 per cent. at present.

Advertising Age, published in the United States, asserts that distribution costs will continue to rise in relation to total costs as the economy of abundance continues to expand. The selling and distribution costs naturally rise in a complex industrial society, and the higher the standard of living that society attains the more such costs are likely to rise.

## Editorial Notes

Elections have surely changed. Was a time when public halls were at a premium a month before polling day. Now only the faithful turn out to hear their own party.

According to an exchange, this is a true story: It was their 25th wedding anniversary and the wife said, "Well, old dear, how are we going to celebrate?" Replied the husband, "How about two minutes' silence." Of course, such a thing couldn't have happened in our town.



"LEST WE FORGET"

### THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1901      BACK IN 1931

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, November 7, 1901

There are several cases of typhoid fever in Milton. There are also some cases of diphtheria.

The eleventh annual plowing match of the Halton Plowmen's Association will be held on the farm of Mr. Alex. Chisholm near Milton to-morrow. A silver cup, value \$30, will be competed for and about \$150 in cash prizes.

Death came shortly after noon yesterday to Mr. Edward Nicklin, one of our oldest and most highly esteemed citizens. He was in his 78th year and had spent over half a century in Acton.

The only case which came up for hearing in the Fourth Division Court sitting yesterday afternoon was that of Donald Mann for the Limehouse Tug of War team vs. Esquimaux Agricultural Society. The case arose out of the tug of war contest at the fair here. With four teams entered Limehouse pulled Acton and made a draw with Speyside. Speyside pulled Scotch Block and it then remained for Speyside and Limehouse to pull. It was then too dark and a final pull was arranged for the next Saturday. The other team failed to appear and Limehouse put in a bid for the prize money. Society officers arranged for another pull, however, and when Limehouse failed to enter the other three teams were awarded the prize money. After hearing the evidence of Mr. Mann and half a dozen witnesses the case was dismissed without costs.

The Guelph Cross Country and Road Race Association have given notice to athletes that they will not admit to their Thanksgiving Day races any who do training on Sunday.

From the issue of The Free Press of Thursday, November 5th, 1931

Halloween was lots of fun, but not a great deal of property damage.

The prediction of dollar wheat is welcome news to most everyone. Last week Mr. Joe Evans brought a fresh head of cabbage to the Free Press office which was grown in his garden on Arthur Street. There were twelve separate heads on one stalk and most of them were well formed.

Anniversary services were held in the United Church on Sunday, when splendid messages were delivered by Rev. I. M. Moyer, of Hespeler, a former esteemed pastor. Mrs. James Russell rendered delightful solos.

The loading of the carload of foodstuffs for the West by the United Church congregations of Acton, Churchhill and Limehouse was completed on Monday. This car will be distributed in the western centre at Rouleau, Sask.

A pretty wedding took place at the United Church, Limehouse when Anna Evelyn, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Meredith was united in marriage to Charles William, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lucas, of Georgetown.

**DIED**  
McTAGGART—At the home, Nassagawwa, on Thursday, October 29th, 1931, J. A. McTaggart, V.S. aged 74 years.

**SUPER-SENSITIVE CREDIT**  
Among new equipment to be shown at a Business Efficiency Exhibition at Bristol, England, is a credit sanction system for big stores which incorporates a super-sensitive telephone and a device whereby bills can be stamped with authorization by remote control.

# AT THE Churches

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11th, 1951  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Subject, "Life's Basic Questions, No. 2."  
1:30 p.m.—Cenotaph Service.  
2:00 p.m.—Armed Forces Day Service. Speaker, Rev. Armstrong.  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service, Subject, "The Contagion of Goodness."  
Thought for the Week: "Whom the Lord loveth, he giveth grace." (Laulie D. Weatherhead)

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11th, 1951  
Trinity XXV  
9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion.  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class.  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer.  
A Welcome Awaits You

**Presbyterian Church in Canada**  
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REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG, M.A., B.D., Minister

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11th, 1951  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service.  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.  
Visitors are welcome.

**Baptist Church**  
ACTON  
Mr. Douglas Shuter, Student Pastor

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11th, 1951  
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11:30 a.m.—"Coincidence or Miracle?"  
7:00 p.m.—"A greater than the atomic age is here!"  
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.  
Friday—4:15 p.m. Mission Band; 8 p.m. B.V.P.U.  
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8:38 a.m.; 9:55 a.m.; 11:23 a.m.; 2:08 p.m.; 5:03 p.m.; 6:33 p.m.; 8:33 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.; 11:23 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 6:40 a.m.; Daily except Sunday 9:51 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 2:01 a.m.; Sunday and Monday only 12:36 a.m.; Daily except Sunday 8:48 a.m.; 6:50 p.m. (Flag stop); 7:44 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. 6:10 p.m.; Saturday only 2:06 p.m.; Sunday only 9:43 a.m. (Flag stop); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph, 7:05 p.m.

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