

# EDITORIAL

## Representatives Wanted

With provincial elections behind us it is certainly time for citizens to turn their thoughts to the important posts to be filled on the municipal front where so many important items of business are transacted each year.

It seems likely that the positions will be filled again this year as in so many years gone by although there is often cause to wonder why. Certainly, if there was no such thing as public spiritedness the posts would go vacant because any councillor will point out that remuneration is far from compensating in terms of dollars and cents.

Each year there is a big question that arises. Who will conduct the municipality's affairs this year and will they do so efficiently? Just what are some of the things that are expected of a councillor and perhaps then you will find someone who can fill a sufficient number of the qualifications.

An ideal councillor, of course, knows all the people whom he represents. He is experienced in "high finance" and knows the ideal time to continue with public works and debenture issues. He is a diplomat that can smooth over the many "touchy" items that arise in the administration. He is a competent judge of character and knows which men should be hired for which job. He is a legal tactician that can steer a clear course through the legal haze that is often set up. He is a mind reader that tries to please the citizens that don't comment on a subject until it has been proceeded with and then unleash their strongest criticisms. He is sympathetic and listens attentively to the multitude of complaints that are bombarded on his ear during his term. He is an inspector who surveys the town street by street to make sure everything is in good condition. He owns his own business or is free at all times to leave and attend to important town matters. He is energetic and has the required stamina to talk, think, and sleep the municipality's business at all times.

Yes, he is quite a fellow this ideal councillor. The ideal is, of course, impossible, but still those appointed to the positions of trust are usually conscientious, hard-working individuals who realize there is a job to be done and are willing to accept the responsibilities that accompany it. We as citizens should be thankful for their willingness to serve and do their best.

There is seldom a more thankless position for things cannot always go right and it seems to be the mistakes that are so well remembered. Soon it will be nomination time and a few citizens will attend and nominate representatives who will perhaps contest an election for the responsible positions. You, as a citizen, should be at the nominations to ensure good representation for your municipal affairs next year. Don't be the kind that doesn't nominate, doesn't vote, but always criticizes the one that is elected. Do your share and do it conscientiously. Attend nominations.

## Just a Figure?

Just how much do you know about the cost of living index besides the fact that it is high? It is quite a common headline now to see that the cost of living has been advanced by so many points or a certain percentage of points.

Actually the cost of living index measures the influence of price changes on the urban wage earner's family. The whole idea was established in a period between 1935 and 1939 when the standard was established at 100. By picking representative items from each of a number of groups of necessities the increase can be recorded.

The actual index is constructed by the division of expenditures in urban families into the following groups: food 31 per cent, shelter 19 per cent, fuel and light 6, clothing 12, home furnishings and service 9, miscellaneous 23 per cent.

At present the cost of living index is now in the vicinity of 190 which means that the cost of the necessary items has nearly doubled since the period in which it was established between 1935 and 1939 when the series of averages was set up. Prices on 150 items are watched to keep the cost of living index up to date. It isn't just a figure, it's an important one.

As a comparison, a Canadian workman in 1949 worked half as many hours a week as his grandfather and received, in terms of purchasing power, five times his grandfather's wages.

Township nominations in Halton are as follows: Trafalgar was on November 19; Nelson will be November 23; Nassagaweya November 26 and Esqueping on December 1. These are meetings of interest to every ratepayer.

## Laws and Loopholes

Every time we attend a session of court we come away more puzzled with the working of the law. For years we have been puzzled at the manipulations of police court where so often the offender appears to be more on trial than the offender and we often wonder how long we will be able to secure conscientious police who take, so often, the abuse of the offender and receive such a brush-off often in the courts.

On the back of every driver's permit are spaces for the registration of convictions. It doesn't say that only certain kinds of convictions are to be registered and everyone knows full well that not all convictions are placed on the permits and in lots of cases three spaces would not be sufficient to hold what some offenders have against them.

It's quite the common practice for charges to be reduced in the court. Just why we never found out, because it seems only logical that the officer making the charge would be better informed than the court of the circumstances at the time of the offense. For years we've seen many a good officer come out of court thoroughly disgusted with the technicalities that allow offenders who are guilty to escape sometimes without a penalty or with a reduced charge.

Down through the years we have often said that we have too many laws with too many loopholes and that often our courts are more concerned with the laws than the administration of common ordinary punishment of the offenders. The highway and liquor laws are providing more and more fodder for our courts. We have the laws and regulations to stop a great deal of it but something has happened to take seriousness out of them. Perhaps this has something to do with our increase of loss of life and property damage on our highways. It seems to be an angle that would stand some investigation at least and perhaps even a commission to bring in a report.

It will require only thirty years for automotive vehicles to kill the second million Americans, as compared with 50 years to kill the first, reports the Edmonton Journal which comments: "Truly, man's worst enemy is man, on the roads. But this need not be. Traffic accidents are preventable."

## More Counties Try It

We note with interest that Bruce County will start reassessment in 1952. We wonder if other counties are fully aware of the difficulties involved. Certainly Halton County officials have a different conception of the plan now to when they embarked upon it five years ago. It was argued that the plan would do away with the expense of a new equalization which was due and had been found costly nearly thirty years previously.

What have been the results? For five years a county assessor has been in office and an office established. Extra assessor help has been at work in every municipality. The present result of all the five years of reassessment is complaints against the validity of the by-law and appeals against the amounts of the levy by some municipalities and failure to date of any court to settle the matter. In other words the same horse trading is going on in Halton that was in vogue before the costly reassessment was put into effect.

We realize fully that new methods take time and effort to establish. We thought five years ago the new reassessment was the answer to this problem. But like other Haltonians we are sorely disappointed in the results after five years. Cases can be shown that the levies are not equal and that the yardstick used was many times over or under in its measurement.

Perhaps the pioneering of counties such as Halton in the new system will be helpful to such counties as Bruce who are starting the plan in 1952. Up to the present the reassessment has not given the solution hoped for and it might be well for counties embarking on the new system to make more than a superficial examination before committing their municipalities to a considerable and perhaps fruitless expenditure.

We might add that within the municipalities themselves the new plan has been effective in making properties more equally assessed and appeals that loomed in bulk have largely diminished as ratepayers understand the plan and secure their tax bills, but from a county standpoint no advantage has apparently accrued.

## Editorial Notes

Provincial elections are over again for another term and whether you won or lost your vote makes little difference as long as we adhere to the democratic principle of abiding by the will of the majority.

Remember that your municipal nominations in Acton are on Friday, November 30th at 7:30 p.m. Don't get confused with provincial elections which are all over but the counting.



"YOU KNOW DARN WELL I HAVEN'T GOT THE FURNACE SET THAT HIGH."

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

### BACK IN 1901

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, November 21st, 1901

The premier of the Dominion, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, celebrates his sixtieth birthday today.

Miss Ettie Laird, the courteous and efficient librarian of Acton Free Library was in her glory last Saturday when the addition of 230 new books were opened to her scores of grateful readers. She had the busiest evening of many months, and her deft fingers and quick eye were kept continually engaged during the hour and a half the library was open.

Our citizens have been kept well posted concerning the steps taken for the formation of the Acton Branch of the National Sanatorium Association. A general invitation was extended our citizens to attend a general meeting in the town hall on Tuesday evening. The program was announced to include popular addresses by local physicians, Dr. Thomas Gray and Dr. John McKay MacDonald, by chairman Rev. Godden, Mr. H. P. Moore and Rev. H. A. MacPherson, selections on the piano by Dr. J. M. Bell and songs by public spirited vocalist Mr. Harry Jeans. Dr. Gray said that for ages tuberculosis had been looked upon as hereditary and incurable. Recently the cause for the disease has been found to be a germ and a strong movement is on foot to endeavor to eliminate this disease.

On the same page as this news article is an advertisement reading, "There is but one treatment known to science that will cure consumption and all diseases leading to it—the Stocum treatment. Dr. Stocum's new cure for weak lungs, catarrh, asthma, bronchitis, coughs, lung and throat troubles."

And another, "In the clutch of consumption? Don't neglect that persistent hacking cough. Take Norway Pine Syrup."

Next Thursday is Canada's national Thanksgiving Day. There was good skating on the power house pond yesterday. Acton Fire Brigade will hold their first ball and supper in the town hall next Wednesday evening.

The \$10 per month no-means-test old age pension will require \$24 million a month in tax revenues in 1952 or \$336 million for the year.

### BACK IN 1931

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, November 19, 1931

It's rather difficult to get much of the Christmas or winter spirit on these beautiful autumn days.

Norton Motors have removed to their fine new premises and are getting ready for the official opening of the garage by the Ford Motor Co.

The school children attended a meeting addressed by a representative of the Safety League, in the Town Hall on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Firstbrook have removed from Toronto to Acton and are getting settled in a house on Frederick Street.

The annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Anglican Church in the Halton Diocese was held this year in St. Alban's church. Fifteen parishes were represented. The attendance was very gratifying and the meetings were extremely helpful.

Dublin community to the number of seventy-five gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Elliott to spend an evening with them prior to their departure from the Elliott homestead which has been sold to Mr. Marshall of Toronto. A cabinet of silverware was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Elliott and Irene.

Anniversary services were held at the Baptist church with gospel messages by Rev. R. G. Duncan, M.A. of Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Knapp, of Toronto, contributed duets and solos.

**BORN**  
McNIVEN—At Chapman Camp, B.C. on Friday November 12, 1931 to Mr. and Mrs. John G. McNiven a daughter.

**MARRIED**  
STATHAM-KELLER—At the Presbyterian Manse, Belleville on Saturday, November 7, 1931 by Rev. Mr. Seymour, Myrtle Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Keller of Madoc to Thomas Howard, only son of Mr. Harry Statham, Acton.

### BUSINESS

Beach photographer: "I've just taken a nice little picture of you and your wife."

Subject: "Well, it doesn't happen to be my wife."

Photographers: "Then would you care to buy the negative, sir?"

## AT THE Churches

**United Church of Canada**  
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25th, 1951  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Subject—Life's Basic Questions No. 4  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship Subject, Lives Interlaced.

Thought for the Week  
"Faith is the daring of the soul to go further than it can see."

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25th, 1951  
Sunday next to Advent  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Hymns  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer  
A Welcome Awaits You

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25th, 1951  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class  
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service  
Visitors are welcome  
"The Lord is near unto all them that call upon Him."

**Baptist Church**  
ACTON  
Douglas H. Shuter, Interim Pastor

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25th, 1951  
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:30 a.m.—"What is the Church After All?"  
7:00 p.m.—"The Creative Force Behind a Christian Conscience"  
Wednesday 8 p.m., Prayer Meeting  
Friday 4 p.m., Mission Band; 8 p.m., H.V.P.U.  
Welcome to All

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## Nassagaweya Township NOMINATIONS

For Reeve and Four Councillors for the Municipality of Nassagaweya, and Three Trustees for School Area No. 1, in the Municipality of Nassagaweya, on Monday, November 26th, 1951, at the Township Hall, Brookville at one o'clock p.m.

In the event of a poll being demanded the balloting will be held on Monday, December 3rd 1951, at the following places:

Polling Subdivision No. 1, Lots 1 to 10 across the township—in the Orange Hall, Campbellville.

Polling Subdivision No. 2, Lots 11 to 21 across the township—in the Township Hall, Brookville.

Polling Subdivision No. 3, Lots 22 to 32 across the township—in the Knatechbull Hall, Knatechbull.

The Tax Collector will be in the Township Hall prior to Nomination to issue Tax Certificates.

L. W. McMillan, Clerk  
Nov. 5th, 1951

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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)  
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6 Saturday, Sunday and holidays

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Westbound  
Daily except Sunday and Monday, 2:04 a.m.; Sunday and Monday only, 12:30 a.m.; Daily except Sunday, 6:43 a.m.; 6:50 p.m.; 8:00 p.m.; 7:44 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun., 6:10 p.m.; Saturday only 2:06 p.m.; Sunday only 9:41 a.m.; Flag Car; Sunday only Flyer at Guelph 7:05 p.m.

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