

EDITORIAL

The Voters Have Voted

Municipal elections are over for another year and now we can get on with Christmas preparations. The voters have made their choice and it was gratifying to see such a large number participate. Over 65 per cent of those eligible cast ballots in Acton on Monday. In some instances the vote was very close while in others the majorities were large. It seems to be a year of changes and several new faces will be seen in municipal affairs in 1952.

The new mayor, Thomas Salmon, has been a resident of Acton since 1947 and was a candidate for council last year. He brings experience, however, from public affairs in other municipalities. With him will be two new members on the council, Messrs. A. Irwin and C. Rogvaldson. In the Public Utilities Commission, C. E. Wood, a former councillor, replaces Thomas Ware, the present commissioner.

Many problems will confront the council again this year and they will require the understanding co-operation of all citizens which we know will be accorded them in their tasks. Only with the help of all can they achieve success.

In every contest there must be losers as well as winners. Mayor Tyler and Councillor J. Greer and C. Wood and Commissioner T. Ware have all given excellent municipal service during their terms. To them a word of thanks is due and as a close observer of council proceedings we pass on the appreciation of all that they have done to make Acton flourish. We know all of them will still continue their keen citizenship interest in Acton.

And now altogether and on with our tasks and a start in 1952 in municipal affairs. The voters have made decisions which in every democracy are binding on all.

Office Parties Illegal

J. C. Spragge, chief administrative officer of the Liquor License Board of Ontario, has issued a reminder to all municipal and provincial police stating that all office parties during the holiday at which liquor is served are absolutely illegal. Any person organizing or attending one of these office parties is committing an offence against the Liquor Control Act, states Mr. Spragge. Penalties for the first offence range from \$10 to \$1000 and for a second offence, imprisonment for three months.

Mr. Spragge said one of the more undesirable features of the office party is the fact that many of the people who attend later drive a car. He added if the general public were aware of the facts about office parties, they would not be held.

The reminder closed with the statement the Liquor License Board will not grant banquet permits for functions which are to be held by organizations at their offices or places of business.

Local Sport

Bracebridge seems to be a typical example of many Ontario communities in their trouble to import enough hockey players to make a team that will be contenders for a provincial championship. The Gazette of that town recently editorialized on the subject and implored citizens to find employment for two imports that must become residents before December 15th. The paper points out that two other players were lined up but the communities in which they now reside soon secured them suitable employment.

If hockey is to remain our great winter game in the smaller communities it is time we realized that the gates will not provide imports. And that to get hockey back into the realm of local sport we need to place teams in competition that truly represent our towns and not a group of has-beens wearing a different sweater every night in the week.

More and more it is becoming evident the fans will not put up the gates for paid hockey players in the towns of Ontario. If hockey has ceased to be a sport and has become a business in the so-called amateur class, let's be honest about it. But surely there is some place in hockey here our young local men can play the game with the players bonafide residents of each town, at least since midsummer of any year. Such a residence rule was successful a few years ago and then there was real interest in local hockey and no financial difficulties encountered by those who sponsored the teams.

To win isn't everything in hockey or any other sport. But let's get back to real local interest and the boys we know representing the town we know.

It might be well to remind ratepayers that officials elected this month do not assume office until January. Don't expect any of your difficulties to be handled by the newly elected until 1952.

Unnecessary Hours

During our recent reading we ran across an item pointing out that a United States Senator's death was hastened by the long hours he had been putting in the long sessions. The Senator told friends just before his death that overall physical exhaustion had prevented him regaining his health following an operation.

Naturally, looking from a local viewpoint we thought of municipal councils and boards who spend many hours during the year and sit up late at nights to conduct public affairs. The hours used are beyond the workday of their other business interests. We do not want to frighten these progressive citizens that their health is being impaired, but we do think citizens generally should be more appreciative of the work they do.

It is doubtful if death can be entirely attributed to the long hours the Senator used but no one can deny that there is a lot of unnecessary strain laid on public officials these days in high and low positions. Sessions could be shortened in Dominion, Provincial and Municipal affairs by more thoughtfulness and consideration on the part of the public and no doubt would react in better health for many people.

Proving Your Age

Many of those eligible for Old Age Pensions have found difficulties in the matter of furnishing satisfactory proof of their age. Of course, the whole matter is very simple if you can secure your birth certificate but in many instances this is not possible. The following item gathered recently in our reading may prove helpful and we pass it on.

Since the creation of the Dominion of Canada in 1867, decennial censuses have been taken, as of the dates April 3, 1871; April 4, 1881; April 5, 1891; April 1, 1901; June 1, in 1911, 1921 and 1931; June 2, 1941. The Director of the Census Division advises there is no fee for furnishing proof of age from census records. Census records can be searched only when they are 30 years old in the case of Canadian-born persons and 20 years old in the case of persons other than Canadian born. You may procure application forms for the purpose from the Census Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa, Ontario.

Editorial Notes

It's almost too late, to do your Christmas shopping early!

King George marked his 56th birthday during the week. Wonder how many Canadians know what day his birthday was?

Bowmanville has repealed a Saturday night closing ordinance for grocers and butchers who are now allowed to keep their shops open.

Do your own counting of the days until Christmas and it won't require much counting from now on. There aren't as many as you think.

In Proton Township electors voted by over two to one in favour of snow plowing of Township roads. Voting was done on a lovely spring-like day when there was no snow on the ground. Evidently those voters knew that every Canadian winter has a good fall of snow.

Merry Christmas—Here's a summary of retail business prospects based on information supplied by the Purchasing Agents' Association of Toronto to The Financial Post: "Christmas sales, helped by good weather across the country, have gotten off to a fast start. Retailers are looking to a boost in sales which have been lagging in the last six months. While not many are expecting record sales, indicators show plenty of purchasing power and Christmas sales should be at a high level."

One of the leading editorial writers of The New York Times, Simeon Stronsky, maintains that a single copy of a weekly newspaper slowly absorbed may succeed in driving home a point more effectively than seven daily newspapers repeating the same point every day for a week. He says "With us the small town and country newspaper which is most often a weekly journal is more influential than the daily press. A weekly newspaper which is read and absorbed in the seclusion and comparative leisure of a small town or the farm is likely to exercise a greater pull on its readers than the daily paper, crammed with a bewildering array of reading matter and consumed amid the distractions of urban life."



HIS FIRST WORD WAS ONE HE PICKED UP FROM YOU

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1901

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, December 12th, 1901

At a meeting of the Cabinet, the resignation of Judge Hamilton for Halton County was received and Mr. A. T. Gorman of Port Arthur was appointed in his place.

The school board has replaced the two wood furnaces in the school with a steam heating apparatus.

The executors of the estate of the late J. B. Pearson have disposed of his hardware business, which he carried on for twenty years, to Mr. Wm. Johnstone, furniture dealer. Mr. Johnstone takes possession next week and will conduct his furniture and undertaking business in connection with the hardware business.

The administrator for the estate of the late Fred C. Glebe was in town and handed over the mill and residence properties to the purchasers, Messrs. Beardmore & Co. securing the residence at the corner of Park Avenue and Mill Street. The Beardmore Co. purchased the mill in order to ensure a supply of water for tanning purposes.

The Byou Comedy Co. concluded the series of concerts in the town hall. The concerts were "The Kerry Gow," "My Partner," "Ten Nights in the Bar Room."

Miss Georgina Young is to be engaged to teach the second department in the school at a salary of \$300.

Members present at the Bible Society meeting Monday evening were Wm. Brown, Rev. J. Gillett, John S. Coleman, Jno. Cameron, James McIntosh, T. T. Moore, J. L. Warren, H. P. Moore, J. B. Wallace and A. T. Brown, Sec.-Treas.

DIED
JOHNSTONE—At Freelon, on Sunday 8th December, John R. Johnstone, aged 42 years, 9 months.

SHELL OUT!

New Year's Day is a great day for Bulgarian children who receive their presents and small sums of money in return for the gifts they ceremoniously present.

Teen-agers go visiting and wishing neighbors a happy New Year, expecting treats and refreshments. But, unlike our "trick or treat" of Halloween, should the supply of goodies run short, the situation is accepted graciously.

Back in 1931

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, December 10th, 1931

The sleighs are slipping along nicely, and so are some of the autos.

Guelph Winter Fair has attracted many visitors this week.

The Shoe Factory employees and the Oddfellows held an enjoyable "chue" party in the Oddfellows' Hall last evening.

On Tuesday morning, when Mr. Willard Britton was feeding his stock the lantern was knocked over and exploded. The flames gained such headway that the fire was soon beyond control and the barn was completely destroyed. Five-head of young cattle were lost along with the season's crop.

Council passed a big list of accounts at the meeting on Tuesday evening which amounted to \$11,307.43. Mr. Thos. Killy was chosen as secretary of the arena for this year. There were twelve applications for the position.

George Barber was elected Reeve of Acton by a majority of 22 and councillors will be Cowie, Jones, Nicol and MacArthur.

Mr. Wm. Slean, who came to Acton last summer when the cut sole department of Beardmore Co. moved from Toronto, appeared in the players' box in the opening hockey game and did some instruction work between periods. Mr. Slean has been training and looking after hockey teams for some time.

DIED
HULL—At Erin, on Sunday, December 6th, 1931, Wellington Hull, in his 84th year.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16th, 1951
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School White Gift Service.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship
"Christmas: Christening Service."
7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship
Candlelight Service, Children's Choir.

Thought for the Week
"Christmas is the most human and kindly of seasons, as fully permeated and irradiated with the feeling of human brotherhood, which is the essential spirit of Christianity, as the month of June with sunshine and the balmy breath of roses." (G. W. Curtis)

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16th, 1951
Advent 3

10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Holy Communion and Beginner's Class.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer.
Annual Carol Services, Sunday, December 23 at 7 p.m.
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16th, 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's Word" unto all those that call upon Him.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16th, 1951
10.30 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.30 a.m.—"How to Listen to a Sermon."

7.00 p.m.—"I'm a Stranger Here Myself."
Wednesday, December 12—8 p.m. Prayer Meeting
Friday, December 14—4 p.m. Mission Band; 8 p.m. B.Y.P.U. Christmas party.

Thursday, December 20—8 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Program. Carol sing song and "The First Christmas." Play and Pastimes.
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