

EDITORIAL

Our Season's Greetings

The festivities and rejoicing of the Christmas Season are with us as friends and relatives exchange the greetings of the season. Friends of this paper from British Columbia across Canada to Ethiopia, England and the United States are all exchanging the annual Merry Christmas in this issue.

Symbolic of the season is the pervading Christmas Spirit of good will to all men. It is unfortunate that this Spirit has not yet become world wide, for still we have international and personal differences. But the Christmas season is one in which difficulties should be forgotten and friendships renewed for the betterment of all.

Let us not forget the event that the season celebrates—the birth of a Saviour in a manger. The beginning of one of the greatest lives that ever lived and the continuation of that Spirit of Christmas and of forgiveness that benefits all spiritually and materially.

To the children Santa Claus will appear—their personification of the Christmas Spirit.

From our staff to subscribers in all parts of the world, advertisers who use our columns, correspondents who help so much each week with their report of community events, to each and everyone everywhere, our best wishes for a Merry Christmas in the true spirit of the joyful season.

Who Serve On Juries

We are often asked how the selection of Jurors is made and why certain names are never included. The 1950 revised statutes say that every male person 21 years of age and a British subject who is in possession of his natural faculties and not infirm or decrepit and who or whose wife is assessed for real property to the value of not less than \$400 in towns, villages or townships is liable for jury duty.

In 1951 the act was revised to allow women to serve as jurors and now reads, "every person" instead of every male person.

There are, however, a number of exemptions to jury service in the 1950 and 1951 revisions. These exemptions include persons over 70 years, members of Privy Council, members of the Senate and House of Commons or Legislative Assembly, Judge, Magistrate, Sheriff, Coroner, Jailor, Sheriff's Officer, Police Officers, Ministers or Priests, Barrister or Solicitor, officers of any Court of Justice, Physician, Surgeon, Dentist, Pharmaceutical Chemist and Veterinary Surgeon, member of navy, army or air force on full pay, every head of a municipal council, every editor, reporter and printer of any public newspaper or journal, employees of railway or public commission distributing electrical power, telegraph and telephone operators and fireman of any fire department (who must submit certain certificates).

The amendment to the Act of this year also exempts women who live in a convent or religious community and registered nurses and the wives of some of those who are listed above.

That's the selection for jury duty. Names which are liable for jury duty are always designated in the current voters' list with the letter "J" although the voters' lists issued this year do not take into consideration the amendments of 1951.

Leaping Rumors

Newspaper work seems to hold one lesson that would be valuable to everyone—the untrusting instinct that makes a good reporter verify his facts before repeating them.

Verification is the greatest guardian against dangerous and harmful rumors. Rumors are those things every individual repeats or adds to at some time or another. For instance, who has never said "They say" that so and so is true? One person said "They say" is the most often quoted individual.

A rumor does not even seem to be plausible yet it travels with the unexpected speed of lightning. From one end of town to the other a rumor leaps encompassing a whole town or section and picking up little additions as it goes from mouth to mouth.

Unfortunately these rumors can in some instances be damaging to individuals and towns and countries. It is impossible to stop these little gems of conversation unless people are forbidden to speak and certainly that power will never be controlled. But it is possible for people to consider the validity of what they pass on and verify it before repeating harmful comments.

Editorial Notes

Merry Christmas to All! and let's make it one that is especially a joy to the children.

Strikers and their families in Windsor will be pleased that the strike is over before Christmas.

If you drink don't drive. All Ontario police officers have been instructed to arrest and lay charges against drivers who have been drinking and the holiday time will be no exception.

In 1901 there was 62 per cent of Canada's population living in rural areas. The census 50 years later just being compiled shows the present farm population will be about 40 per cent.

It's fine to have a Christmas tree but be sure you buy it and do not steal it from the property of someone else. That's not the Christmas spirit and prosecutions are due for those apprehended.

While the House of Commons argues over the fixing of retail prices by manufacturers, an Ontario government board fixes the retail price of milk. Better get together on the price fixing boys and let the people have a hand to straighten out the muddle.

It is stated you can send a message around the world in one-seventh of a second, but it often requires three days to get delivery in the mails of a newspaper in points 15 miles or less distant from the point of mailing and that not during the Christmas rush, either.



And there were in the quiet country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And to the angel of the Lord came upon them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1901

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, Dec. 19, 1901

Improvements are in progress at the Harris Woollen Mills in Rockwood. A new boiler house and a 120 foot brick chimney are among the new features.

According to the calendar the moon will be full on Christmas night. It is to be regretted that there will be others.

Among the Christmas gifts advertised—colored shirts, new, 75c to \$1.75; skates from 50c up; hockey sticks from 15c up; photo frames 25c to \$3.50; silk suspenders for gentlemen put up one to a box; a splendid range of manly dye for whiskers; the shoe that won the highest award at the Paris World's Fair, \$3 and \$4; opera glasses from Paris.

Among the local stores with advertisements in the Free Press were Acton Machine and Repair Shop, H. Grindell, proprietor; William M. Cooper, merchant, tailor; Gurney and Co.; J. H. Matthews; George Stovel; William Erskine, Palace Drug Store; A. T. Brown, chemist and stationer; C. F. Goddard and Co.; Henderson & Co.; Miss Perryman; Mrs. Ann Maddock, bakery, and others.

Schedule of convictions for Halton during the last quarter ending December 10th, 1901 shows charges of drunk and disorderly conduct, all fined \$1; two for assault, \$1 each; one for vagrancy, \$1; a \$5 fine for drunk and disorderly conduct and assault (defendant a woman) and a \$20 fine for selling liquor during prohibited hours.

The Free Press has pleasure in congratulating Miss Daisy Nicklas, student at the Model School from Acton, upon the very high standing she obtained.

There were 167 tickets sold at the Acton station for Guelph during the days of the Winter Fair and Fat Stock show there.

The Canadian mainland supplies more than two-thirds of Newfoundland imports.

Back in 1931

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, December 17, 1931

The Sunday School and School concerts are popular items these evenings.

The fall of snow added the necessary touch for a genuine Christmas appearance.

Quite a number from Acton are attending the Warden's Dinner in Milton tonight as guests of Warden A. Mason, Acton.

Last Thursday evening the local company of Lorne Rifles met at their quarters in the arena for the windup of the fall training. This took the form of a dinner and presentation. About 22 attended. That splendid farm on the borders of Acton belonging to Johnstone and Rumley was last week purchased by Nelles and Son, of Toronto.

The Acton Intermediate hockey team have new outfits this year. The colors are black trimmed with burnt orange and should make a very attractive appearance.

Mr. John Kennedy was remembered by his fellow workmen on his seventieth birthday yesterday. Mr. Kennedy has been an employee of the Beardmore Co. for over 40 years and the presentation showed the esteem in which he is held.

The official opening of Norton Motors new garage and service station was an event that attracted people from the whole countryside. Motion pictures were shown and following the concert an old-time dance was held.

DIED
LAING—On Thursday, December 19, 1931, at Natal, B.C., Walter B. Laing, beloved husband of Hattie Lasby.

HELICOPTER STATIONS
Britain's Ministry of Civil Aviation announces that the official term for helicopter passenger stations in the future will be "Air-stop." In contrast to airports, the airports will be in the control of cities and towns and local authorities in the U.K. have been encouraged to earmark sites for them.

AT THE Churches

United Church of Canada
Acton, Ontario
A FRIENDLY CHURCH
Rev. E. A. Currey, B.A., B.D., Minister
Parsonage—29 Bower Avenue
Phone 60
Miss O. M. Langford, A.T.C.M., Organist and Choir Leader
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23rd, 1951
Christmas Services
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship
Christmas Service
7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship

St. Alban's Church
(Anglican)
Rector—Rev. W. G. Laxton, B.A.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23rd, 1951
Advent IV
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School
11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Beginner's Class
7.00 p.m.—Annual Carol Service
Sunday School Christmas Tree, Friday, December 21st at 7.50
Christmas Eve—Holy Communion 11.30 p.m.
Christmas Day—Holy Communion 9 a.m.
A Welcome Awaits You

Holland was the home of freedom of the press in the early 16th century.

Presbyterian Church in Canada
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG
M.A., B.D., Minister
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23rd, 1951
Christmas Services
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School, Miss E. Anderson, guest speaker.
10.30 a.m.—Christmas chimes
11.00 a.m.—Divine Worship
6.30 p.m.—Christmas chimes
7.00 p.m.—Candlelight and Carol Service.
Visitors are Welcome

Baptist Church
ACTON
Douglas B. Shuter, Interim Pastor
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23rd, 1951
Christmas Services
10.30 a.m.—Sunday School
11.30 a.m.—"Great Expectations. Yet They Never Would Have Guessed!"
7.00 p.m.—"All the Difference in the World."
Thursday, December 20—Sunday School Christmas program, 8.00 p.m. Play and Pantomime "The First Christmas."
Friday—4 p.m. Mission Band cancelled; 8 p.m. B.Y.P.U. cancelled.
Welcome to All

PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY AND TRAVELLER'S GUIDE

MEDICAL
DR. W. G. C. KENNEY
Physician and Surgeon
Office in Symon Block, Mill St., Acton
Office Phone 78
Residence Church St. Phone 150
DR. D. A. GARRETT
Physician and Surgeon
Corner of Willow and River Sts.
Entrance River Street
Acton, Ontario
Phone 238

DENTAL
DR. A. J. BUCHANAN
Dental Surgeon
Office—Leishman Block, Mill St.
Office Hours—9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
X-RAY
TELEPHONE 148
DR. GEORGE A. SIRRS
Dental Surgeon
Mill St., corner Frederick, Acton
Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
TELEPHONE 19

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C. L. YOUNG, D.V.M.
Veterinary Surgeons
Office: Brookville, Ontario
Phone—Milton 14684
F. G. OAKES, V.S., B.V.Sc.
Veterinary Surgeon
Office and Residence—Knox Ave
Acton—Phone 130

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C. F. LEATHERLAND
Barrister & Solicitor, Notary Public
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123 Wentworth St. S., Hamilton
Phone 78065

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Real Estate
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Phone 26 Acton

TRAVELLERS' GUIDE
GRAY COACH LINES
Standard Time
COACHES LEAVE ACTON
Eastbound
10.30 a.m.; 12.55 a.m.; 11.25 a.m.; 2.08 p.m.; 5.03 p.m.; 8.33 p.m.; 8.33 p.m.; 10.58 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.; 11.31 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 Sundays 9.54 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, 2.04 a.m.; Sunday and Monday only, 12.30 a.m.; daily except Sunday, 8.40 a.m.; 10.50 p.m. (flag stop); 7.44 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun., 6.10 p.m.; Saturday only 2.36 p.m.; Sunday only 9.43 a.m. (flag stop); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph, 7.05 p.m.

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Some Mouthful

An issue of a recent American magazine quotes J. Alsop as saying, "American politicians and American businessmen are increasingly compelled toward the corruption that marks their mutual dealings... Politicians need larger and larger contributions to finance their campaigns... The businessmen are more and more tempted to pay money to the politicians, in campaign contributions or otherwise to facilitate their dealings with the (increasingly complicated) government"

To use a slang expression "that man said a mouthful". There are three important points in that quotation. First of all the man is dealing with the American political scene which is considerably different from the Canadian because of the difference in size and operation. But the American way often points the Canadian way a few years hence.

Another point dealt with in the quotation is the increasing complexity of the workings of government—federal, provincial and municipal. By-laws passed in small towns now often number near the 1,000 mark. Some of them are good and effective, others are on the borderline and many others are completely ignored and misunderstood.

The third and final point gleaned from the quotation is the need for vast sums of money to finance political (American) campaigns. In the gladiatorial days of Rome the politicians swayed and indeed controlled the masses on "bread and games". Now in the political field again is the necessity of large amounts of money for "campaigns".

Canada is not free of all faults but it seems to lack the corruption so prevalent below the line. One speaker we heard recently declared, "There is nothing for nothing". People should develop their minds to the mature outlook that politicians in any field cannot give them something for nothing. The individual always pays either directly or indirectly.
Yes, Mr. Alsop "said a mouthful".