

# EDITORIAL

## Effective Warning Devices

According to the Journal of Commerce a patent has been issued for a device that will cause highways to speak up when an automobile approaches a danger point. Undulated panels set in the road surface, the friction of the car wheels conveying the sound waves and the car body acts as a soundbox to make audibility. So far, only single words such as "Danger" or "Crossing" are contemplated.

Several years ago a warning signal was placed at a railway crossing on No. 7 highway between Norval and Brampton. When cars went over the signal it made a noise as if one was losing many parts of the vehicle. It was really quite startling and one was so confused that the crossing was liable to escape from one's mind and concentration made on reaching the nearest garage.

We recall going over the crossing one day and noticing a motorist examining his load of camping material which was strapped on the top, rear and sides of his car. He seemed quite convinced he had lost part of his load in the noise created. The signal didn't stay in the road very long and it's the only one we can recall being used.

## It's a Big Job

Inaugural council meetings are over and the 1952 municipal year has been launched with committees formed and routine business operating. The elected officials who are serving their town or township for the ensuing year are saddled, willingly, with a big job that quite often goes unappreciated and ignored.

The business of being a councillor is much more complex and demanding than many think and sometimes this public representative is open to severe criticism when he takes a definite stand on a controversial issue. Too, it is a thankless job in many ways. A man, if he looks after his municipal duties in proper and conscientious manner, must of necessity devote considerable time to the municipality. Often his own business suffers.

On the other hand, the municipal role has its bright side. Many pleasant and even warm associations are formed and there is the education acquired from studying and practising municipal law and administration.

All in all, the councillor, though at times he has occasion to regret entering the arena of local politics, is happy in his job and in the knowledge that he is rendering genuine and useful service to his neighbors and his community.

## The Odd Car

It's always interesting to note how anything unusual will attract attention any place. Some place we read about a new plastic preparation applied on the chrome of an automobile, prevented rust caused by the sand and salt placed on winter roads. It sounded logical and it never crossed our mind that the preparation would be anything but clear. We arranged to have the material put on our car.

Imagine the surprise we received when the chrome was turned to a gold color. Our surprise was no more than those who viewed the gold trimmed car on the road. It appears our car is one of its kind in this district.

Children stop in their play to point at it. Folks along the street take a second look. We parked on a street in a nearby city and sat in the car and the comments were most interesting. One woman: "It sure is bright". Another group of four solved the mystery by stating it was undoubtedly one of the 1952 models, because we had a new 1952 sticker on. Another man, after carefully appraising the decoration, confided that he liked the color combination. We have learned since that the plastic preparation comes in various colors and pink and blue and neutral are available.

We'll be glad if some other motorists like the colors and relieve the spotlight from our car. It's fine to try new things and be early in color schemes, but it has its disadvantages in being singled out. One of the advantages besides preserving the chrome trim is the fact that there is no difficulty finding your car on any parking lot.

## On Being Agreeable

It is great to meet agreeable people. We all like their company. They light up a crowd and a room like an electric lamp.

It is peculiar they are not in the majority, but we find them in many places. They seem to have a knack of making everyone like them. They are pleasant to talk to and always have a smile.

We want agreeable companions. Foremen like agreeable workmen. It makes everything run so much smoother when you have agreeable people. Every man wants an agreeable wife, wives like that kind of husbands. Children are proud of agreeable parents and we all visit our agreeable relatives.

It is nice to meet agreeable hotel clerks, policemen, janitors, bankers, preachers, conductors. In fact we all like to meet agreeable persons no matter what their occupation may be.

How much do we contribute to agreeableness? Do we meet every person with a smile, not a sickly one that gives the impression of pain but one that is and looks natural?

Agreeable people are in demand in every walk of life. Just take for instance your merchant. If he is not as agreeable as your neighbor's, you soon change him. You even greet the tenth salesman at the door with a smile when he rings the door-bell unusually hard and wakes the baby, just because he is an agreeable sort of chap. He also succeeds selling you goods where the others failed.

Being agreeable has its compensations.

## City is Strike Friendly

Toronto struck us as being a changed place when we made a quick week-end trip to that city. It's changed because the TTC operators went on strike and eliminated those one-eyed monsters from the centre of the street.

People were hitch-hiking on most of the main corners and two groups we picked up didn't seem to appreciate the stand the operators were taking. We thought they were probably the two most authoritative groups we could have chosen, too. One lad who occupied the front seat with us was quick to point out his father had been with the TTC for 4 years and had received sufficient pay all the time, plus clothing, plus transportation.

The second couple, a man and wife who joined the discussion from the darkness of the back seat had formed opinions on the subject, too.

He had worked for the TTC for eight years as an operator and just last year left the job. Not because of money, as we understood it, because he claimed drawing about \$120 to \$130 each week with overtime. After we mulled over the figure it sounded a little fantastic but it was too late to verify it for all three passengers left us at Ossington Ave.

Daily newspapers have carried an abundance of letters expressing the opinions of citizens. By the time this appears the whole issue may be settled but we hope it is by a great deal of compromise on the part of the operators for the simple reason we think their demands are more than a little too much.

The strike seems to have worked a miracle on the general attitude of Torontonians. They're friendly when they get in a car just out of courtesy. Anyone who has ever faced an every morning and evening half-hour ride on one of those TTC bone shakers will realize what a change this is.

We hope that when and if Torontonians go back to riding street cars they will remember their lesson in friendliness. They could easily take an addition to that lesson from the smaller centres outside the "big cities" where friendly greetings are usually the key note of conversation.

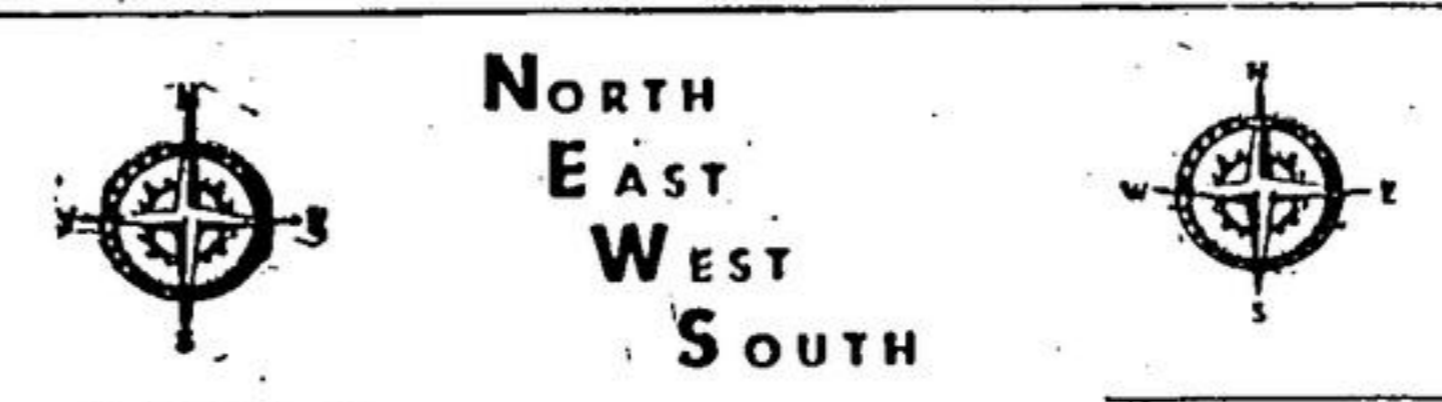
And a lesson for smaller centres not to get too big and be involved in such extensive transportation problems.

## Editorial Notes

If wealth is a disease, taxation, no doubt, is a surgical operation.



"I called for you to stand by just in case I get TOO mad at him."



## Postman Knocks Twice?

Does the postman knock twice? Six Burlington men should know, having just completed civil service examinations that qualify them to carry Burlington mail house to house. The one-a-day brand delivery will begin down south on Monday, January 21st.

As soon as the two rings, or slip in the slot, or whatever the system is, is operating smoothly, the post offices at Freeman and Port Nelson will be closed.

## Turkey and T.T.C.

The TTC and turkey both just got one train conductor down, according to the Oakville-Trafalgar Journal.

Queried about his irritability as the evening special neared Oakville, he grinned and said, "Guess it's just too many of those damned turkey sandwiches."

"Why not tell your wife to switch to egg when she makes your lunch?" The conductor eyed him in amazement. "Why, no conductor on this train has brought his lunch for ten years!" he exclaimed. "You riders leave 25 lunches on the train every morning. And lately, every damned one was full of turkey sandwiches!"

## Photogenic Christmas

"Taking one last look over the Christmas cards" was Georgetown columnist "M.H.B." in last week's Herald. And some she looked over in print prove interesting outside Georgetown's borders.

Miss Dorothy Stone, an artist who lives at Stewarttown sent not one, but a pair of cards, both photographic studies. One was her house with flowers a-bloom, and the other was taken inside with cats a-sprawl on her radiator. Miss Stone teaches art at the Acton Y one evening a week.

The Cecil Davidson's card was another photograph—a shimmering light striking a small stream near Milton.

"Conceited young man: People often take me for a member of the guards. Pretty young thing: Really? Mul or black? All right—you tell one."

# AT THE Churches

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 20th, 1952  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Subject "Forward To What?"  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship Subject: An illustrated lecture on religious symbols.

Thought for the Week  
Life is real, life is earnest.  
And the grave is not its goal;  
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,  
Was not spoken of the soul.  
(Longfellow)

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20th, 1952  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Holy Communion and Women's Class  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer  
The annual vestry meeting will be held Tuesday, January 22 at 8 p.m.

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KNOX CHURCH, ACTON  
Rev. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG,  
M.A., B.D., Minister

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20th, 1952  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class  
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship  
7:00 p.m.—Divine Worship  
Visitors are Welcome

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20th, 1952  
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class  
11:30 a.m.—"I Thought I was a Christian" Soloist, Mr. Robert Yanke of the McMaster Quartette.  
7:00 p.m.—"So You Want to be Happy" Soloist, Mr. Robert Yanke.

Friday, January 18, 1952—4 p.m. Mission Band, 7 p.m. Junior B.Y.P.U., 9 p.m. Senior B.Y.P.U.

Saturday, January 19, 1952—8 p.m. Skating party, entertaining Hillsburgh B.Y.P.U.  
Monday, January 21, 1952—8 p.m. Business Meeting.

Welcome to All

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

### Back in 1902

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, January 16th, 1902

The romantic rumours which are current in some localities to the effect that because of the smallpox cases Acton as a town is quarantined, and that the trains do not stop here, are as ridiculous as they are untrue.

Acton may consider herself fortunate in the fact that the Acton roller mills have been secured by so thoroughly practical a miller as Mr. W. Moshier of Palmerston who has leased the property for a term of years from Messrs. Beardmore and Co. The mill will be in full running order in a few days.

On Tuesday afternoon Mr. Adam Bauer's team hauled the biggest load of hemlock bark that was ever teamed from the G.T.R. station to Beardmore and Co.'s tannery. It was 14 feet long, 8 feet wide and 8 feet high—exactly seven cords. The load weighed 15,000 pounds or 7½ tons.

The officers of Woodmen of the World Camp No. 62 have been installed for the present term as follows: P.C.C., H. Jeans; C.C., A. A. Secord; A.L., George Vincent; clerk, George Agnew; banker, James Wilson; escort, J. Forbes; watchman, F. Ryder; sentinel, F. Gardiner; delegate, George Agnew.

"The new doctrine, promulgated at the annual meeting of Esqueusing Agricultural Society, that because the annual fair is likely to be held in Georgetown next fall the president should be a Georgetown man, is as amusing as it was unfair to Mr. John McQueen, the vice-president, who had honorably earned the presidency by arduous, unselfish efforts in behalf of the society. Esqueusing Fair has been held six years in Acton during its history, yet never did Acton clamor for the presidency.

### Back in 1932

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, January 16th, 1902

Well, the cold weather came at last, even if it was rather late.

The ice men haven't been able to harvest much of a crop for storage purposes yet.

The Young Peoples' Society of the United Church held a skating party on Monday evening on Fairy Lake.

The benefit show for relief work which was sponsored by shoe factory employees was a huge success. The two performances were greeted with crowded houses. Admission tickets were unusually bulky and when stored at the Government building they presented a sight that spoke volumes for the generosity of Actonians and will help relieve the worries of the Food Committee for some time.

Acton lost the first hockey game to Elora 2-0 in a slow contest on Elora ice. Shiny would best describe this opening encounter.

The council-elect for the Township of Esqueusing for the year 1932 met on Monday and subscribed to the oath of office as follows: George Currie, Reeve; W. G. Appleby, Deputy Reeve; L. L. Mullis, Wesley Murray and N. A. Robinson, Councillors.

**DIED**  
MARTIN — At her home Toronto, on Friday morning, January 8th, 1932, Marion Henderson, beloved wife of Martin Palmer in her 68th year.

Agent: (interviewing applicant for life insurance) Do you drive? Applicant: No.  
Agent: Do you fly? Applicant: No, indeed.  
Agent: Sorry, our company no longer insures pedestrians.

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**GRAY COACH LINES**

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Eastbound  
6:38 a.m., 8:58 a.m., 11:23 a.m., 2:08 p.m., 5:03 p.m., 6:33 p.m., 8:32 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., 11:12 p.m., 1:12 a.m. (Sun to Kitchener only).  
Daily except Sunday and holidays  
Saturday, Sunday and holidays

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Standard Time  
Eastbound  
Daily 6:40 a.m.; Daily except Sundays 9:45 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, 12:38 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 2:36 p.m.; Sunday only Flyer at Guelph, 7:05 p.m.

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