

# EDITORIAL

## Nothing For Nothing

That we seldom get anything for nothing is being brought into the spotlight in municipalities across Canada at this season. Particularly in small towns which have had a necessary burst of progress, is this fact emphasized. It is the duty of the council, as elected representatives, to establish the mill rate. This involves estimating the expenses for the year in order to collect the necessary amount of taxes from the ratepayers in the municipality.

In the life of a municipality there are many expenditures incurred which take a long time to pay off. Municipalities all over Ontario are being faced with payment for expensive, yet progressive additions to the town. Sewerage systems are necessary in many towns now because crowded down town sections lack drainage and house lots are small—limiting drainage area to that already used.

Resurfacing of roads and general improvements seem to appear on the municipal scene in cycles. Following the major expenditures there is a necessary seige of economy while the ratepayers are given a chance to catch up on the capital expenditures.

The tax rate in most of the smaller centres will undoubtedly be higher this year. That is just another one of those expenditures that will be on the increase as long as people want improvements and advantages in the town.

We heard of one municipality where some of the citizens felt it would be fair to have the payments for improvements spread over more than the customary 20 years so the younger generation could contribute to the benefits. It's a good thing the pioneers didn't think of that, or we might still be clearing land.

## It Isn't a Right

When we have enjoyed a privilege for some time there is a tendency to accept it as a right. That is often the case when we think of driving an automobile, truck or other vehicle. In a recent circular from the Department of Highways, it reports that more than 16,000 drivers lost the privilege of driving because they violated laws designed to protect citizens.

If you are convicted of reckless or dangerous driving, drunk driving, failing to remain at the scene of an accident, motor manslaughter, or criminal negligence; driving while ability is impaired by alcohol; any offence under the Highway Traffic Act arising out of a motor vehicle accident; any offence under the Highway Traffic Act, if the Magistrate orders suspension of your driver's licence and or vehicle permit, or if you fail to satisfy a judgment recovered against you for damages arising out of a motor vehicle accident your driver's licence and motor vehicle permit may be suspended.

Driving is a privilege and if you are careless enough to have your driving license suspended, it may remain suspended for the period set by the Magistrate.

Whether your license is ever suspended or whether you are ever in any kind of trouble, it's always wise to practice the same common courtesy on the road as you would on the street. Dimming your high lights before you approach another car too closely is only sensible. Night driving can be a pleasure or a plague depending on how many cars one meets with high lights.

Accidents don't always happen because you are to blame. The other fellow can endanger your life as much as anyone and you have to be careful of what he does as well as what you do when you sit behind the wheel and drive on a highway.

## On the Fringe

Heavy industrialization of the entire section along Lake Ontario from St. Catharines to Niagara Falls is no idle forecast and a consequent growth of population in this section. Not only are Canadian industries realizing the importance of the shipping facilities and other advantages of this section but industries from European countries are making investigation. We will hear more of it in the years ahead.

Perhaps were a bit small townish or out of date, but we do appreciate being just on the

fringe at the outset of this development of big industry. It means that smaller industries are likely to be attracted here and we are not likely to lose in a hurry that charm and neighborliness of a smaller town which are bound to come with the influx of a larger industry. We know that many folks along the Lakeshore are wondering what the change will mean in their way of life which will result from the impact of the big automotive plant being established in the southern part of Halton. The big airplane establishment in Peel has created a problem that is overflowing beyond the borders of Halton and causing nearby Brampton some problems.

Acton will no doubt share in the industrial expansion that is coming to the south of Halton in a big way. Every town welcomes industrial growth and this town is no exception to the general rule. We hope the expansion is of such a nature that it can be absorbed readily. The tendency today is toward the establishment of smaller communities which have their own shopping centres and are easily accessible and afford plenty of parking space for workers. Such development can readily be absorbed here and smaller community life enjoyed up to a population of 7,000 or so.

No town can long remain on the fringe. Community facilities are required by all residents. To maintain these requirements they must have the industrial growth and the taxes derived therefrom to provide for the residential section. Home owners cannot alone bear the burden of municipal expansion without the assistance of industry. We are on the fringe for the present but it cannot be for long.

## Strange Procedure

An article in the Chesley Enterprise gives some interesting information on rules governing the appointment of a County Warden and perhaps the system adhered to in Huron County is the most unusual. In Huron it appears the appointment is governed by politics. It is not according to length of service or the turn of the municipality as in Halton. A Conservative representative is Warden one year and a Liberal the next.

It even extends to the appointment of committee chairmen. But Huron county is like the rest of Ontario—it is predominantly Conservative these days—and the result is that there are not enough Grits in county council to go around. Of the 12 new members elected this year, nine are Tories and only three Liberals: The standing of the parties in the County Council is 22 Conservatives and 9 Liberals.

The result, as the chairman of the Striking Committee complained, is that "there are not enough Liberals to go around."

One member recalled that when he entered Huron county council nine years ago, the situation was reversed. Then there were only nine Conservatives.

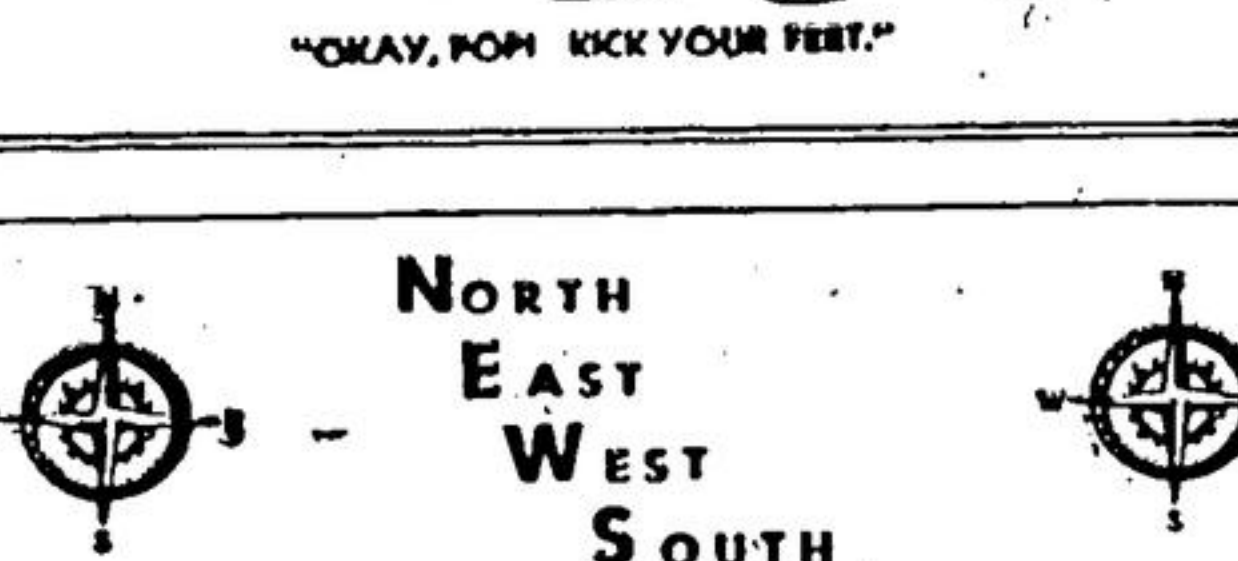
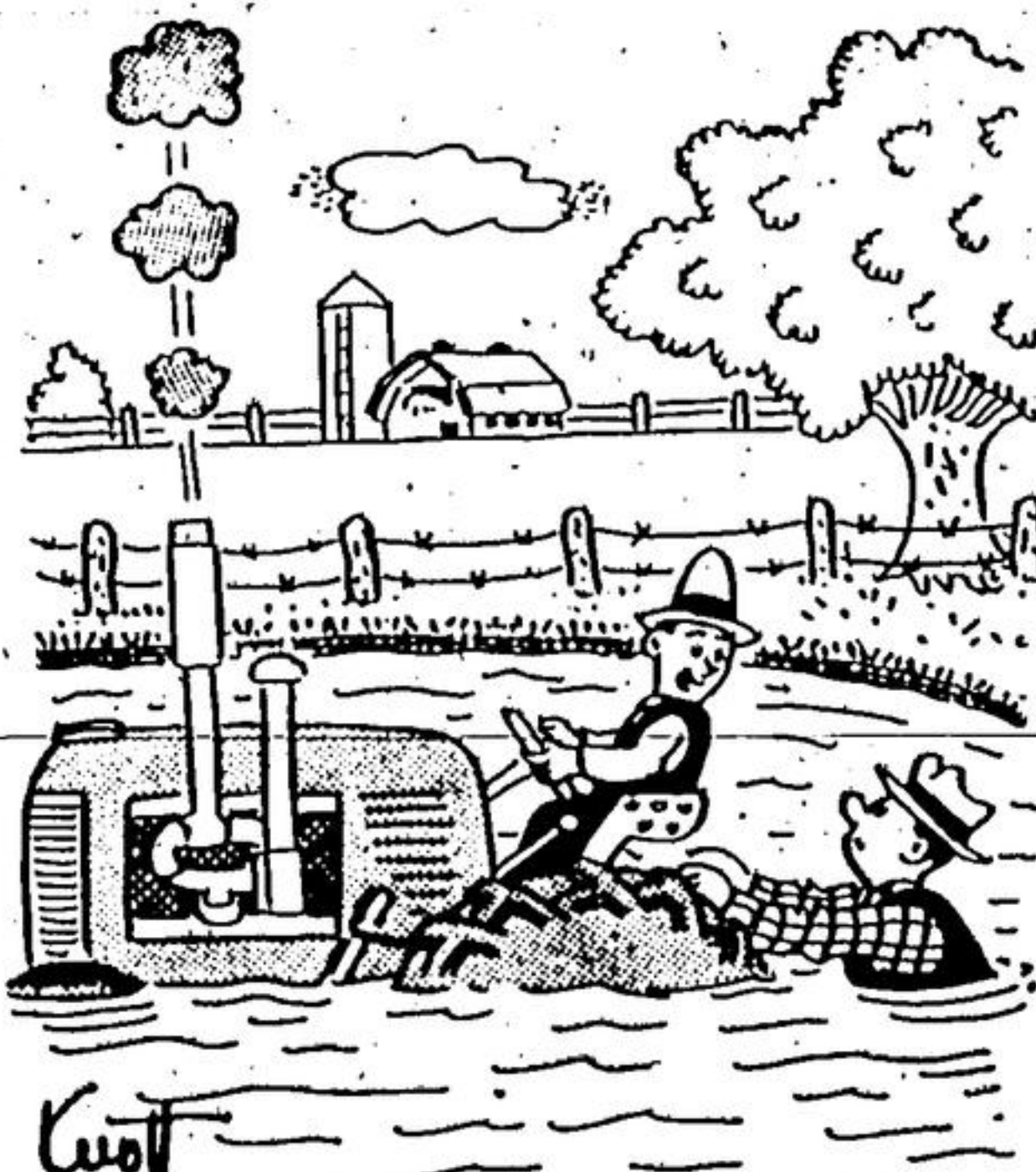
The discussion brought forth views that politics ought to be forgotten in naming committees and their chairmen, although the feeling was that it should be retained in naming the Warden. Some said experienced men had to be left off committees, because they were Conservative, and inexperienced men had to be named as chairmen because they were Liberals and the offices had to be equally divided.

We like our system in Halton best where experience of the man and the "turn" of the municipality are the guiding features in choosing a Warden. We do not see why politics should enter into either county or municipal matters. The two have no relationship that can be beneficial.

## Editorial Notes

The piles of snow which looked so formidable in early winter have not been added to by January, and it is hoped February will not be too troublesome. Groundhog predictions are at least optimistic.

Realizing the importance of a band in any town the Orangeville council at its initial session voted a grant of \$350 to the band of that town. It is described as an aid to finances until the band can raise funds in the summer months.



**Next Dance, Please?**  
This lady dressed in red isn't so good at dancing. Or at conversation. She's all set to go to a dance in Trafalgar township hall, though, come March. Uninteresting a partner as she may sound, she's assured of masculine company as she sits out each dance. The lady in red is sitting "out" all right—outside the hall. She's the Trafalgar fire truck and she's going to the fireman's dance "just in case". The Bronte fire truck has decided to stay at home, and one of the firemen will stay there to keep her company.

**Attention, Other Half!**  
The biggest half on record is the other "half" of the world as Texans see it! In last week's Georgetown paper a card received from a pair holidaying down south was quoted. And it was the printed part that was quoted, not the writing of the local pair! So here's the sentiments of a Texas postcard. "Texas boasts the Biggest, the Bestest and the Mostest of Everything. All Texans know this, therefore 'Texas Boost Cards' are published to enlighten the other half of the world!"  
**Crash in Italy**  
Recent news that plane with a load of Holstein heifers had crashed in Italy had a local angle. Evidently the cattle were some which had been shipped from Hays Limited from the Sales Arena in Trafalgar.

**Size 18 Shirt?**  
Hold on to your shirts, if they're size 18! An Oakville thief robbed the home of Vernon Dynes last week and took 20 shirts—all size 18—while the size 15's were left untouched. With 20 shirts the single-minded thief should last a while, but then he'll be out again—and maybe north this time—on the hunt for more laundered apparel. And if he repeats the accompanying performance, he'll take with the shirts a radio and any watches he can lay his hands on.

**Up She Goes**  
Burlington Gazette subscriptions go up to \$3 a year this week for those who receive the paper by postal delivery. And the new door-to-door postal delivery went fine, as far as any newspaper reports showed, until last Wednesday when

the home town papers didn't arrive. (They're published on Wednesdays there.) And from now on they won't be in Burlington homes until the day after they are published. So there's an advantage besides good health to walking to the post office for mail every day!

**"Farm News"**  
Readers might be interested to know that "Farm News", that very local and very topical column about goings on in Halton farms is printed in the Georgetown Herald, Oakville Record-Star, Burlington Gazette, Milton Champion and Acton Free Press each week.

**CBC TV. O.K. For August Start**  
CBC general manager Donald Manson has announced an intensive training course for approximately 60 new television employees has started in Toronto and Montreal.  
The group is composed of program and technical personnel who will be charged with the direct production of programs. Employees in other categories start their training in about three months. Selection of staff has been made from applicants outside and within the CBC.  
According to a statement made by chairman A. Davidson Dunton, the CBC is aiming at a starting date for television some time in August, providing further shortages of building materials do not arise. By that time CBC expects to have between 180 and 190 trained television employees divided about equally between Montreal and Toronto.  
The training course covers a six month period due to the complexities of a television operation. Much of the course is given over to the actual production of experimental programs in order to provide the staff with as much "on camera" work as possible. The main course is conducted by CBC personnel who have been engaged in television study, planning and experimental programming for some time. Specialists in a few fields are brought in for lectures.

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

### Back in 1902

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, February 6, 1902

Lloyd Kitchener reports 10 Boers killed, 6 wounded, 142 taken prisoner and 48 surrendered last week.

According to the official census report the following are the populations of the towns and villages in the county of Halton—Acton, 1,484; Burlington, 1,110; Georgetown, 1,313; Oakville, 1,643; Milton, 1,376. During the past ten years Acton has distanced both Milton and Georgetown and now stands second in point of population in the county. Acton is the only municipality, civic or rural, to increase in population during the last ten years. Acton is a growing town and has within her border the elements which go to increase business and attract population.

Mr. H. H. Cook was elected by acclamation to the warden's chair at the last meeting of county council which, as is very unusual, occupied two days to complete the business before them.

At the meeting of Olive branch the following officers were installed by the P.C.R.C.R., James Plant; V.C.R., J. W. Husband; F.S. and T., C. C. Speight; R. S., James Lackey; S.W., H. Bauer; J. W., James Coleman; S.B., George Ritchie; J. B., John Ruddle; Chaplain, H. A. MacPherson; P.C.R., Thomas Gamble; physician H. A. McKeague. On Saturday afternoon Master Frank Havill, son of Mr. George Havill, had the outer end of his right collar bone fractured while coasting down Agnes St., near his father's home.

Mr. John Brown, machinist at the Acton Tanning Works Company, met with an accident in which he miraculously escaped fatal injury Friday. He fell when a plank broke and was precipitated into a pit and fell on his back on a pile of broken bricks, steam pipes, etc. Mr. Brown is progressing favourably but it will be some time before he is able to return to work.

### Back in 1932

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, February 4, 1932

It looks more like winter this week anyway.

Georgetown has retired from the local intermediate hockey group. That's too bad for both Acton and Georgetown as a contest was always relished by the fans between these two teams.

There will be no further postponements in the local hockey group. If the home team hasn't lost the game must be played on artificial ice surface.

Wilfred G. Mino, of Limehouse, is being congratulated on his splendid success as first prize essayist in the recent County Essay competition.

At a meeting of the Directors of Acton Fall Fair Mr. P. L. Wright was unanimously chosen as Secretary of Acton Fall Fair.

My, how Dublin has grown! When these Dublinites all got packed into the town hall for the annual dance—well, it just looked as if the walls would burst with the crowd. It was estimated that a crowd of about four hundred was present. Too many for comfortable dancing but great to meet so many friends so readily.

A pretty wedding took place quietly at Rockwood on Saturday, January 23, when Hannah Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr. George Cheyne and the late Mrs. Cheyne, of Orton, became the bride of Mr. Fraser Plummer, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Plummer, of Rockwood.

**DIED**  
HOLMES — At the home, Bower Avenue, Monday morning, February 1, 1932, Joseph Holmes, beloved husband of Margaret McAuley King, in his 77th year.

The Canadian Pacific Railway covers some 17,000 miles, compared with 13,100 for the Atchafon, Tepic and Santa Fe, biggest American carrier.

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## AT THE Churches

**United Church of Canada**  
Acton, Ontario  
A FRIENDLY CHURCH  
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Minister  
Parsonage, 29 Bower Avenue  
Phone 90  
Miss O. M. Lampard, A.T.C.M.  
Organist and Choir Leader

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 1952  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School Attendance last Sunday, 153  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Beginning the service on Stewardship — Sermon "Christ's Motive For Giving"  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship Religious Symbols (illustrated) Part II

Thought for the Week  
I resolved that like the sun, so long as my day lasted, I would look on the bright side of everything. — Thomas Hood

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 1952  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Divine Worship  
12:15 p.m. Bible Class  
7:00 p.m. Young Peoples' Service  
8:15 p.m. Fireside  
The Young Peoples' Society of the Knox Church, Toronto, will assist in the Sunday School, conduct the evening service and lead the Fireside  
A Warm Welcome Awaits You

**St. Alban's Church**  
(Anglican)  
Supply Minister, Archdeacon Melitosh of Hamilton

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 1952  
9:00 a.m. — Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m. — Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. — Beginners' Class  
7:00 p.m. — Evening Prayer

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 1952  
10:30 a.m. — Sunday School  
11:30 a.m. — "The Clergyman's Church"  
7:00 p.m. — "Something Anyone can Have"  
Thursday — 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting, 8:30 p.m. Study Group; 9:10 p.m. Discussion period.  
Friday — 4 p.m. Mission Band, 7:00 p.m. J.R. BYPU; 8 p.m. Sr. B YPU  
Welcome to All