

EDITORIAL

An Expression of Faith

The Canadian Red Cross Society opened its campaign for funds this week to allow a continuation of the varied and important services carried on by this organization. In war and peace the Red Cross is the symbol of relief for human suffering. This year's campaign for \$5,222,000 is dedicated "in time of peace to carry on and assist in work for the improvement of health, the prevention of disease and the mitigation of suffering throughout the world".

During the Winnipeg floods, it was the Red Cross who quickly responded to the call and need for assistance. From hot coffee for the dike workers to blood plasma for the injured, the Red Cross met the need.

The first Red Cross organizations were formed immediately after the Geneva Convention of 1863, and their original object was to assist the wounded in time of war. Later their activities expanded, until they covered the present wide field of humanitarian work.

Each national society such as the Canadian Red Cross has a bond of union in the International Committee for the Relief of the Wounded in war. This committee has its headquarters at Geneva, Switzerland.

For six years, despite rising costs, your Red Cross has continued to expand its services without increasing its objective. This year, the objective has been raised from \$5,000,000 to \$5,200,000—an amount barely sufficient to compensate for increased costs of operation. This is the absolute operating minimum for your Red Cross to maintain its works of mercy. It must be met and if possible, exceeded.

Your contribution helps provide the free blood transfusion service—a 24 hour Disaster Service. It helps maintain Outpost Hospitals and Nursing Stations—aids veterans. It helps in crippled children's work—and guards lives through Red Cross health and casualty services.

The Red Cross campaign is necessary and a contribution towards the maintenance of its services is an expression of faith in humanitarian work.

No Union Contract

The work week has come in for some pretty drastic cutting in the last few years. "The five day week is becoming increasingly common in Canada. About two-thirds of the plant employees in the manufacturing industries and a slightly higher proportion of office employees are normally working five days a week", states the Department of Labor Annual Report.

The average office staff, employed full time, actually is on the job 19 per cent. of the hours in the year and that does not include time out for coffee, illness, or just plain loafing.

But despite labor reports and statistical averages there is still one profession that seems to attract more and more employees with no apparent thought for work week or union contract. Vacations with pay are also an unthought of luxury no matter how many years the employee may have been with the company. Neither is there any seniority rule which sometimes leads to disagreement but seldom to arbitration.

Yes, housewives, when they graduate to that status from the dreary days in an office take on the task of working an average of 59 per cent. of the hours of the year, or around 14 hours per day, including Sundays, holidays, and Christmas. Especially Christmas.

Young women still aspire to the position of housewife despite the tremendous change in the working hours.

One editorialist contends that during the years the ladies fought for the franchise their leaders promised great things for the nation if the women received the right to vote. "Women have not taken the part in local, provincial and federal affairs that they might have", he said.

It seems rather obvious that winning the franchise was one thing but the ladies will evidently still have to work out a "union agreement" to allow them time off from their 14 hour day to pursue political careers. Perhaps the granting of the franchise was just one of the battles that women think they won.

A Truly Irish Day

True Irish all over the world will be getting out their best for the "wearing o' the green" at the annual celebration known as St. Patrick's Day which comes on March 17, this Monday. The radio will carry a wide variety of Irish tunes and folk songs and everyone will try to adopt an Irish accent.

St. Patrick, whom the celebration honors, lived between 396 and 469. Some believe he was born near the site of what is now Dumbarton, Scotland, but others contend that France was his birthplace. At the age of 16 he was taken captive to Ireland, but after six years he escaped. Feeling himself called to abolish paganism from the land of his captivity, he studied for the priesthood, was consecrated Bishop of Ireland, and began his missionary work there in 432.

It is said that he founded 300 churches in the island and baptized more than 12,000 converts. Legend says he drove the snakes out of Ireland and that he worked miracles.

The Shamrock, as the national emblem of Ireland, is said to have been used by St. Patrick for its three leaves, to teach the doctrine of the Trinity.

The well-loved tunes of "Danny Boy", "Wearing o' the Green", "Kathleen Mavourneen", "The Rose of Tralee" and others will predominate for a day and everyone will be out in green, with perhaps a shamrock; when the Irish mark the 17th of March in honor of St. Patrick.

Is It Worth It?

This year's ratepayers in town will be compelled to dig down deep for the municipal taxes to operate the town. But figures last year showed that people of Ontario spent \$210 million on liquor. Municipal taxes will, as ever, come in for loud criticism on behalf of the taxpayers. But last year, without too much squawking Ontario residents, on the basis of four and a half million people, spent an average of \$46 per person, or, in a family of four, \$184.

There are many thousands of children and adults in Ontario who do not spend money on liquor and that means that thousands must have spent more than their \$46.

Figuring on Acton's population of 3,000 and the average spent by the residents of Ontario, approximately \$138,000 was spent on liquor by the people of Acton. That amount of money would have paid this year's taxes for every Acton ratepayer if the mill rate had been 60 mills.

Liquor is not important enough to warrant an expenditure of \$210 million. The total value of field crops grown in Ontario last year—everything from wheat to potatoes—was about \$450 million. Yet we spent almost half as much for liquor as was paid to farmers for all the crops they produced.

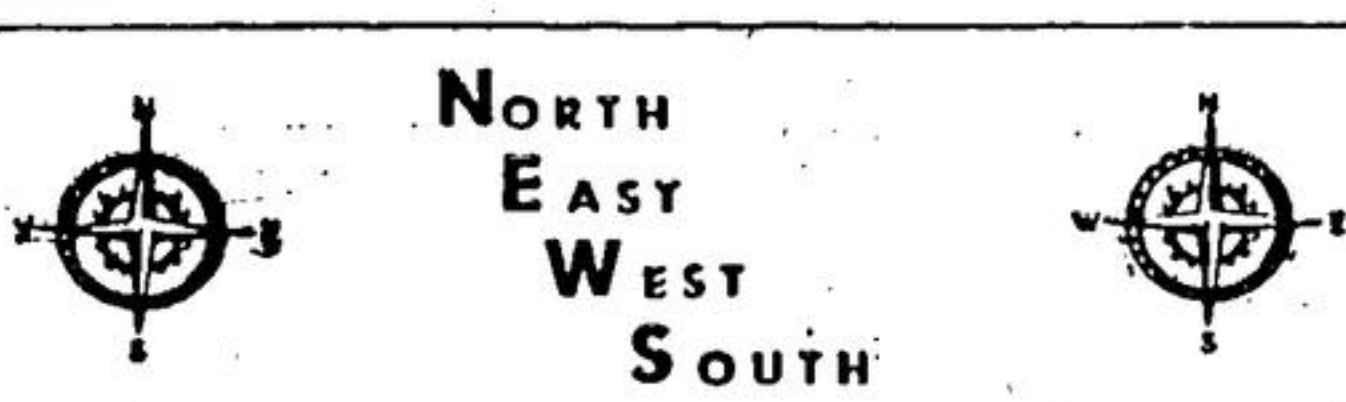
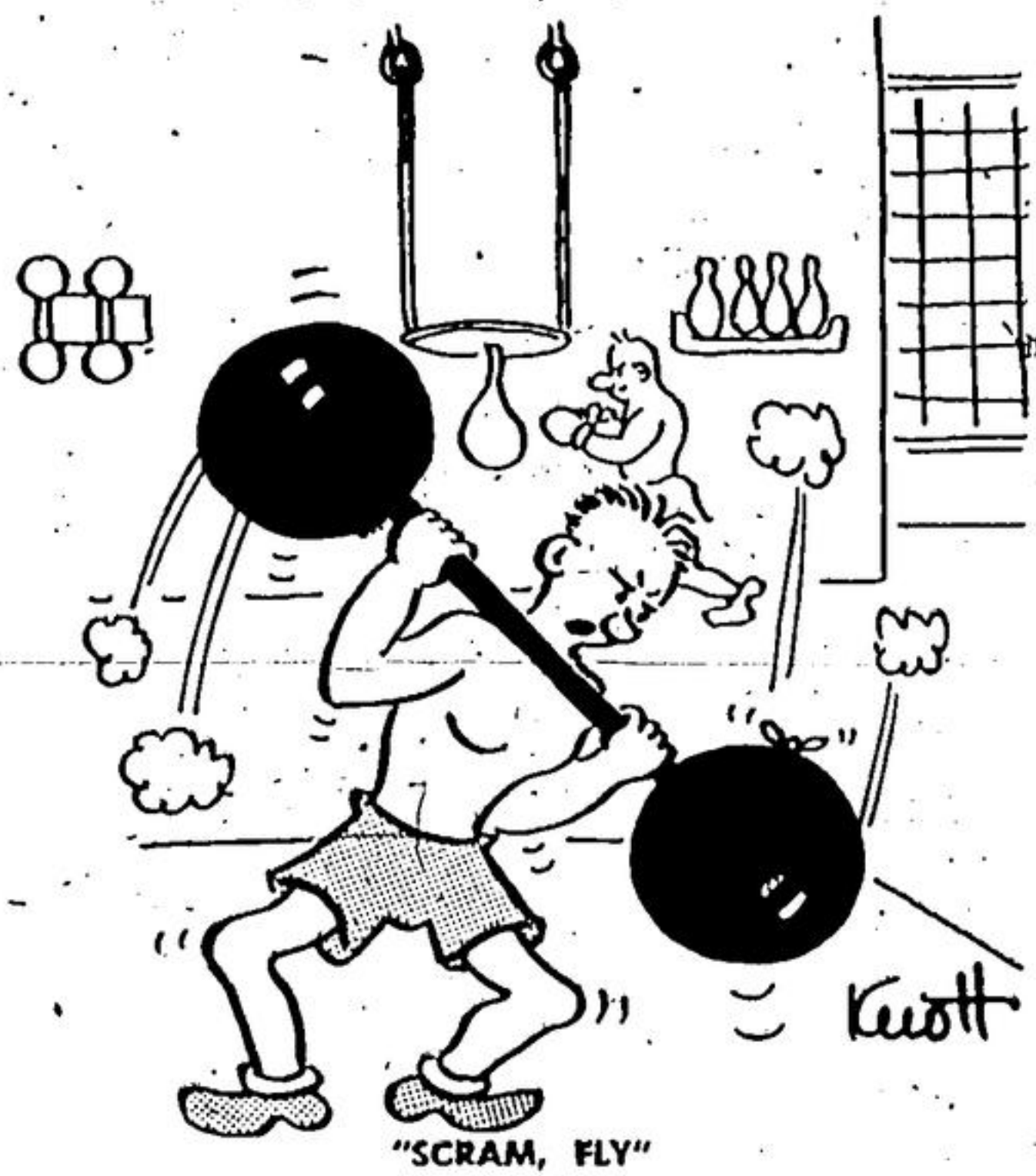
It is useless to point out how many schools could be built with \$210 million, or how many pairs of shoes that money could buy, or how many homes could be built, or how many pupils might have been sent to university instead of stopping school.

It is just as useless to point out how much good work can be done by the province with the \$40 million which it collects in taxes.

The \$210 million amount will not be reduced until the people themselves realize that \$210 million dollars worth of liquor in a year is not worth it; that they are getting poor value for the \$210 million, and that they could get better value, more happiness and greater satisfaction by spending the money in other ways.

Editorial Notes

Our congratulations to our neighbouring contemporary, The Georgetown Herald, on acquiring fine new larger premises in Georgetown. We understand that with the move to new quarters, several new pieces of equipment have been added, including a new newspaper press which is to go into operation this week. The Herald has been in the same stand since our earliest recollection, having first been located upstairs in the present building and moving downstairs after a fire about 34 years ago.



County Climaxes
Big climax in the county is the hockey, of course.
The hockey series is tied between Georgetown and Elmira, who each have two games in a best of seven series. Last game was Saturday, with the Haltonites top men. They are playing Intermediate B and are on the way to O.H.A. playdowns.
Burlington is playing off with Dundas for the Senior B. playdowns.
Oakville and Milton are tangling this week, and the winner is shot into the Intermediate A. playdowns. Oakville's Junior B. team was put out of commission by Hamilton Aerovox.
Acton? Well... there's a flourishing minor sports club there—period.

New Boosters
Georgetown merchants have decided—as the merchants did here—to organize. The group, which has been proposed by the Georgetown Retail Merchants' Association, is to be the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber will have a wider scope than just a merchants' organization, taking in farmers, industrialists and garagemen.
Proposed projects for Georgetown's boosters are a community recreation centre, development of new industry and the general promotion of the town's welfare.
Election of officers was held this week.

Jokey-ville
Can always count on the Oakville Record-Star for some sort of a joke each Thursday. It is good or just fair.
So here it is—another slamming the poor butchers!
Butcher: Yes, these are calves' brains, what kind of brains do you think they were?
Customer: At the price I thought maybe they were Einstein's.

Blitz From Halton
In every province in Canada, the Red Cross will this year be staging "blitz" campaigns—one night drives—to obtain funds. And it was in Oakville that the idea for this kind of a swift, sizzling campaign originated.
Both Bronte and Palermo are now incorporated in the Oakville Red Cross.
Almost Human
"Almost Human" is the title of an amusing series in the Oakville Record-Star. The paper's photographer interviews Oakville pets and records their smartest tricks! The pictures are always entertaining although one isn't altogether convinced the cats, dogs, etc. are "almost human."
A game that wouldn't particularly appeal to humans (or perhaps it would, to children, come to think of it) is credited last week to a pair of performing pets. The dog simply adores to tug the cat all around the house. And the cat, evidently, adores it, too!
Milton Legacy
An extract from the will of the late P. L. Robertson of Milton reads: "Upon the corporation of the town of Milton a sum of not less than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) and not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to provide for the erection, equipping and furnishing of a public building to contain, for the convenience of the people of the town of Milton, both men and women, adequate separate toilets, washrooms and rest rooms according to plans, and with a central location... within a period of two years from the date of my death... then this legacy shall lapse."
Such a building would certainly be wonderful for shoppers, especially from out of town! The excerpt from the will was read at the last Council meeting.

AT THE Churches

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SUNDAY, MARCH 16th, 1952
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School. Bring the children and stay for Church.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Speaker, the Rev. Dr. C. E. Kenny of Guelph.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Hymns on the screen. An interesting film strip, "The Mesa Verde Cliff Dwellers."
Thought for the Week
"My chief quarrel with the drugs that enslave is that they do not enslave—that they take away freedom of choice, so that the man who becomes an addict renounces usually forever, the inestimable privilege of being master of himself" (Dr. Henry Smith Williams)

Baptist Church
ACTON
Douglas B. Shuter, Pastor

SUNDAY, MARCH 16th, 1952
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class
11:30 a.m.—"The Kind of People We Are."
7:00 p.m.—"Making God Real to Yourself."
8:30 p.m.—B.Y.P.U.
Thursday 8:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting; 8:30 p.m. Bible Study; 9:10 p.m. Discussion Group.
Friday, 4:00 p.m. Mission Band
Tuesday, March 18—8:00 p.m. Mission Circle.
Welcome to All

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 16th, 1952
3rd Sunday in Lent
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Holy Communion and Beginners' Class
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer
Lenten Service every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
A Welcome Awaits You

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 16th, 1952
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship.
12:15 p.m.—Bible Class.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship.
"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength"
A Warm Welcome Awaits You

Methodist Church of Canada
ACTON
Douglas B. Shuter, Pastor

SUNDAY, MARCH 16th, 1952
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class
11:30 a.m.—"The Kind of People We Are."
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THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Back in 1902
Taken from the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, March 13, 1902

Last Friday night a burglar or burglars visited a couple of our citizens. The home of Mr. John Pletch, Main Street, was entered and his best suit of clothes and a pair of good shoes were taken. The butcher shop of Mr. Neil Patterson, corner of Mill and Main Streets was entered, the burglars breaking one of the front windows to effect an entrance. Here they rifled the cash register securing 80 cents in coppers. They also selected a choice roast of beef.

Rev. G. A. Gillette, who ministered to the Disciples congregation here the past three or four months, left yesterday morning for Michigan.

Rev. H. A. Macpherson visited Rockwood and Eden Mills on Monday and held congregational meetings to find if the people were ready to proceed in the call to a minister. The result of the meeting was that Rev. J. T. Hill of Bond Head was called. The guarantee of stipend was \$800 a year and manse.

Mr. W. I. Dick, who is a member of the Milton public school board, was in town on Monday examining the new steam heating apparatus at the public school. Chairman Kenney and officers Graham gave him all the information desired. Milton board is about to discard their old stoves in the school.

R. B. Scott, merchant of Cookstown, has leased for three years the store in the Warren block, recently occupied by Gurney and Co., and at present by White and Son. Mr. Scott intends to open an entirely new stock of dry goods, boots and shoes, groceries, clothing and millinery about the first of April. The robins are here in considerable numbers.

The teamsters are having a well earned rest now. They have had a busy winter.

Back in 1932
From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, March 10th, 1932

The snow shovels had to come out of retirement again.

The snow fences did have a little duty to perform this year after all. Owing to the severe snowstorm, the funeral of the late Thomas Smythe, of Penelag, which was held on Tuesday at Acton, could not be held until the storm abated.

Word has been received of the death in New York on Tuesday of Bishop F. W. Warne, a retired missionary to India. Bishop Warne was born near Ballinacree. The remains have been placed in a vault in New York and will later be interred in the family plot in Ballinacree Cemetery.

Halton County Council accepted the resignation of County Treasurer Hutcheon who has held the position for nineteen years. The by-law was also passed appointing Mr. H. M. Pettit for the combined office of County Clerk and Treasurer at a salary of \$2,200.

In the first game for the Peter Smith trophy for Juniors, Georgetown won from Acton by 5-0. Oakville are sailing along easy in the O.H.A. They are into the third round with only three games.

The meeting of the Literary Society of the Acton Continuation School was held in the Parish Hall.

DIED
MASON—Suddenly at Acton, on Thursday, March 3rd, 1932, Hazel L. Mason, beloved daughter of the late William and Isabel Mason.

GIBBONS—At the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. D. Friel, Toronto, early Monday, March 7th, 1932, Robert S. Gibbons, formerly of Acton, in his 92nd year.

GIBBONS—At the home, Lot 21, Third Line, Esquesing Township, on Saturday, March 5th, 1932, John Gibbons, beloved husband of Sarah Kennedy, in his 77th year.

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

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Standard Time
Eastbound
Daily 6:40 a.m.; Daily except Sunday 8:45 a.m.; 7:10 p.m.; Sunday only, 12:30 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, 2:30 p.m.; Sunday only 9:43 a.m. (flag stop); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph, 7:05 p.m.

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