

EDITORIAL

Unshared Joy

A perusal of the budget address of Hon. Leslie M. Frost, presented last Thursday in the Ontario Legislature gives nothing for the small municipalities to cheer about. Toronto with its many government and Hydro buildings will definitely receive a benefit in taxation and might well have cause for some jubilation. But what other cities and towns in the province of Ontario will receive any assistance in their tax load as a result of the budget?

There will be no lessening of the taxation load for most Ontario municipalities and Premier Frost points out that a surplus is expected and that this will be the tenth surplus he has been able to announce. That should be splendid news to most Ontario folk but when municipalities throughout the province are wallowing in high taxation and having difficulty in meeting obligations for expenditures which were very necessary, the surplus of the Ontario government is looked upon with considerable envy.

Looking on the budget speech of the Ontario government from the small municipality's viewpoint, there is no consolation. No help is offered to meet high educational costs, increased costs of police protection, help on road maintenance and the multitude of things which are definitely tied in with provincial jurisdiction over the municipalities and on which the province really sets the rules but fails to adequately pay a share.

It will be a happy day when municipalities can announce a surplus and no new taxes, but unless the Ontario government changes its methods that joy will be confined to the Ontario Legislature and Mr. Frost.

Spring Planning

Now that most of the snow has gone and the sun shines on both sides of the fence, plans can be made for the annual spring cleaning. Back yards and streets present a rather unsightly appearance and while the household ash piles aren't a problem any more there's always some refuse that requires disposal.

With streets once more back to normal, the painting that was deferred during the upheaval process can now be undertaken and along the business section of town this will have a decided brightening effect. Town services now provide much help in spring clean-up. Garbage disposal of unwanted articles makes heavy collections during the springtime. But there are always those items which are of no use in your plans but might well be helpful to someone else and here we might put in a plug for the want ad services of the home town paper and failing disposal there, the contribution to such salvage efforts as the Veterans and Salvation Army, who conduct so worthy drives.

We don't advocate an upheaval of the home but an orderly disposal of surplus usually found in spring cleaning would be advantageous. Perhaps that orderly disposal is asking too much but we think it's a worthwhile suggestion. Yes, along with seed catalogues, garden planning and even looking up the fishing tackle can come the consideration of spring clean-up. It takes all the citizens to present a tidy town. We've had unavoidable untidiness here for the past two or three years. This year it's time to clean up those features about the homes and business places that have needed doing but were found impossible. Yes, it's time to paint up, too!

Quarter Century as Editor

Back in late March, 1927, the present editor of The Free Press with some misgivings assumed the editorship and ownership of the business. The past week we completed the quarter century as your editor. There has been quite a story written in that 25 years concerning Acton. It has been a great privilege to have presented it in the 1300 issues which have appeared weekly. It has been great to have lived it as part of a fine, progressive community.

We have endeavored as publishers to keep pace with the town that has grown more than a third in population in that period. We would like to review it but space does not permit. One of the greatest joys has been the associations with staff in the office and with many friends in the town and ever-widening district. This is not a valetudinary because we hope to be enjoying these associations for many more years.

On this milestone, may we first pause a moment, and in our editorial message express our appreciation of help and friendships we have enjoyed and publicly acknowledge such loyalties in any success which may have been achieved and are shown by such examples on our staff as our foreman Bob MacArthur, who has been with us the whole quarter century, and in the staff dinner and presentation which was tendered Mrs. Dills and myself on Saturday evening. The anniversary has been a bright silver one, indeed.

Don't Be Sorry

In these days when business is again being sought by the door to door salesman, a word of warning might well be heeded by all householders. It is reported that in a Western Ontario town a self-styled radio licence inspector collected license fees of \$2.50 each from a number of residents who are still waiting for the licenses to be mailed to them.

Of course, the place to get your radio license is at your local post office and the time to get it is before the end of this month. However, the first question to ask of any door to door salesman is for his credentials from the principals he represents. But the safest way is to have no dealings with the door-to-door salesman and give him no money. Deal with those with whom you are acquainted in your own town and you will save yourself a lot of money. There is usually very little that the peddlers have to offer which cannot be secured and backed up by established and reputable dealers.

The peddlers are multiplying these days and they'll be calling at your door more regularly. A firm "no" to strangers is your best safeguard.

More Liquor Pressure

There is every indication that the Ontario government will review the restrictions now imposed in this province on the publishing of liquor advertising. The big magazines are arguing of the hardship imposed by the restrictions and threatening to move plants to other provinces. Some of them are now mailing their periodicals from Quebec to get around the restriction. The squeeze is on by the liquor interests to sell more of their products and line up public sentiment in their favour. Whether the Ontario government will yield to the pressure remains to be seen.

Advertising's objective is to sell more goods and render better public service. If one will analyze the crime news of any day the conclusion can only be reached that more intoxicating beverages should not be sold in Ontario. Newspapers and periodicals can exist and have existed for years without the patronage of the brewing and distilling interests. And in the best interests of the province as a whole the ban on liquor advertising should be maintained and strengthened and its sale curtailed rather than widened.

Advertising should be truthful and any liquor advertising we have seen certainly does not portray the results in a true light. The ruined homes, the murders, the institutions and their inmates in which liquor was the cause are never portrayed as the products of the liquor business. It will take some imagination to present an advertisement of the good it is doing to humans anywhere.

It doesn't matter whether the ban is lifted or not, we will refuse to accept either brand name or institutional advertising of intoxicating beverages. We've lived without it throughout a rather lengthy newspaper career and we don't intend to be bought over by a bottle in these later years. We could stand the cash advertising revenue from any source but we have always considered that our obligations in editorship of a newspaper included things other than the accumulation of money.

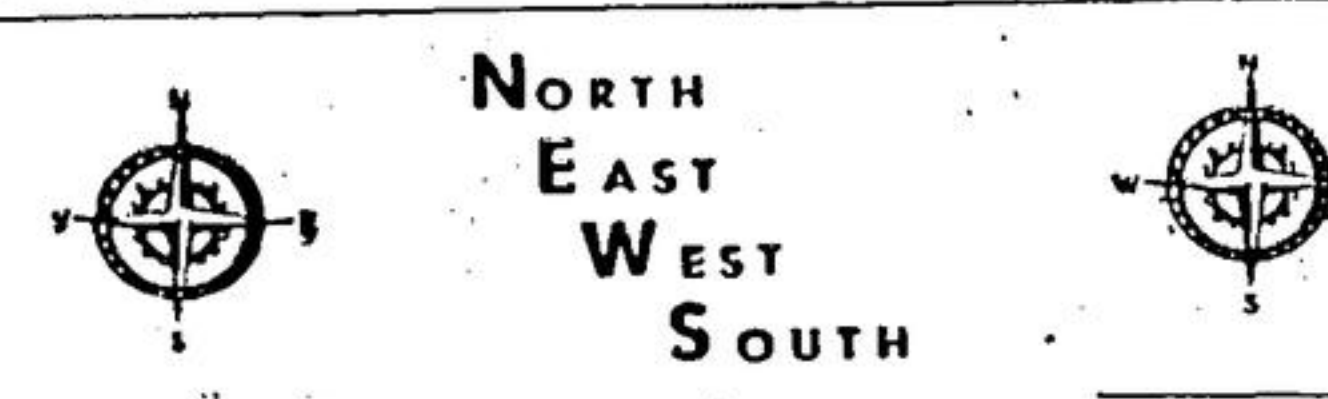
There are many other weekly papers in Ontario which take the same firm attitude. It will be interesting to learn how many in the Ontario Legislature will be guided by the big pressure groups or let their conscience also have a fair hearing before making their decision.

This is the last week of March and with April the days will surely continue to become more springlike.

It may not mean a thing and you may not even be interested to know that the tax rate in Guelph is 71 mills and in Waterloo it's 68 mills.



"Wilbur heard that the directors are going to split the company stock."



Annual Event

Optimists could say that Milton eliminating Oakville in the Intermediate hockey play-offs has the appearance of an annual event. Anyway, it happened again this year. Philosophizes the Canadian Champion hockey columnist, "What the Lakkies lack in speed, ability and depth they more than make up for in aggressiveness, and spirit. If the Co-ops could emulate that spirit, the O.H.A. might just as well send the trophy to Milton now."

Milton is now tangling with Thorold.

Editor Rebuked

The manner of treating these not-yet-adults must be cautious in a newspaper. The Grand Valley Star and Vidette had reported that little Danny Spence had the mumps, and last week there appeared on the front page an irate letter to the editor saying, "What do you mean by calling me little Danny Spence with the mumps. I was 14 years old on the 6th of Jan. 1952. I am a big boy."

News Trio

The Whi-mee Electric store was gutted recently in Georgetown, according to the town paper. Most of the contents were destroyed.

The Herald also tells of the sudden death of Douglas Lawrence in Chicago en route home to Georgetown from Arizona. He was the uncle of Harry, Paul and Pe-er Lawson of Acton. Born in Stewarstown, he had lived there all his life.

And the last three lines of the Georgetown editorials muse, "We hear rumors there is a possibility of a Georgetown-Acton combine team seeking (baseball) honors this year."

Testament Territory

Here's news in the Erin Advocate that seems to affect our own district—Additional territory to be serviced by the Guelph Camp of the Gideons International now extends the placing of school testi-

ments from Orton to Hornby, requiring 260 testaments this year. Testaments are given to each child in grade five. In the whole area served from Guelph, 1000 testaments were given out last year.

Theatre and Monologue

Those who heard Ford Theatre on the radio last Friday night will have heard Haltonite Jean Caine in one of the parts. The county actress, who lives in Oakville, also won top honors at the Central Ontario Drama Festival, and she's the wife of one of the town councillors, Howard Caine.

This bit of news came from the Oakville Record-Star, the weekly with the jokes. Sample:

Teacher: What is a monologue?
Pupil: A conversation between two people, such as a husband and his wife.

Portraits of Czars

Guelphites who visited the Kaulikovsky home near Campbellville after the recent auction sale there reported that the big living room and walls of the stairway formed a veritable art gallery, with many pictures by famous Russian artists (Colonel Kaulikovsky's wife is the daughter of Czar Alexander III of Russia, you may remember, and the assassinated Czar Nicholas was her brother).

These portraits included paintings and photographs of czars and other famous people. These paintings are to be moved, and perhaps are by now, to the Kaulikovsky's new fruit farm at Streetsville.

BAT JUMPS ROPE

Bats have a marvellous ability to avoid obstacles in flight. Leonard Duhkin, author of a book on the subject, says that a pet bat flew directly into the blades of an electric fan revolving at 800 r.p.m. and came out the other side, not once but several times, "as easily as a child jumping rope". When the fan's speed was stepped up to 1200 r.p.m. the bat did not attempt to go through but "zoomed over the fan".

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Back in 1902

Taken from the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, March 27th, 1902

The annual meeting of Acton Branch of the Lord's Day Alliance was held in the Methodist Church. Mr. William Brown, president, occupied the chair. The following officers were chosen: president, John Cameron; vice president, J. M. Moore; secretary treasurer, J. M. Warren. Executive, the local ministers, the retiring president and a lady and a gentleman from each of the churches, as follows, Baptist, W. L. Worden and Miss Graham; Church of England, J. B. Wallace and Miss Laird; Disciple, Fred Plank and Miss Bella Hill; Methodist, A. E. Nicklin and Mrs. Oram; Presbyterian, John R. Kennedy and Mrs. A. Campbell. A committee was appointed to wait upon Father Feeney to receive his nominations.

A fine new Karm chapel organ was installed in the Baptist church last week and was used for the first time at the anniversary services. It was the forty-fourth anniversary since the erection of the first Baptist church in Acton and the second of the new church.

An enthusiastic meeting of those interested in baseball was held in the council chamber on Tuesday. Ex-councillor Francis, one of the old war horses of the game, presided. The officers for 1902 are as follows: hon. president A. O. Beardmore; president, W. A. Storey; first vice-president, J. B. Wallace; second vice-president, Jno. Dunn; secretary, W. J. Gould; treasurer, Roy McIntosh; manager, Neil McNabb. Managing committee, A. J. Gentles, N. Patterson and W. J. Gould.

Back in 1932

Taken from the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, March 24th, 1932

Looks as if gales would be a necessary part of the Easter apparel this year.

Harvey Hasard and Ted Hansen of Acton, took part in the recital, held by the Music Teachers at the Y.M.C.A. in Guelph on Saturday night.

The Erin and Guelph mail man didn't get through to Everton on Tuesday on account of the storm on Monday night. It was the worst storm of the winter.

The transient guests who find a night's lodging at the Town Hall each night do not seem to diminish. It is noticeable that the old-fashioned tramp is strangely absent and it is a class of young men who habitate this refuge each night as a shelter from the weather.

A well attended, splendid St. Patrick's Day supper and entertainment was held in the United Church on Thursday evening. On Sunday night and Monday morning, March 21st, just when Spring was supposed to make its advent, the worst blizzard and snowstorm of the present winter descended on Ontario.

Rockwood High School lads trimmed the boys from the Acton High School by 2-1 score last night at the Acton Arena.

DIED—At his residence, in Georgetown on March 21, 1932, Major Lachlan Grant, in his 80th year.

ATKINSON—At the home, Lot 5, Concession 4, Erin Township, on Friday, March 18th, 1932, Edwin Atkinson, beloved husband of Mary Ann Claridge, in his 85th year.

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AT THE Churches

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SUNDAY, MARCH 30th, 1952
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Subject: Walking in the Spirit.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Subject: A film strip on the aims of the United Nations Charter. Also Hymns illustrated on the screen.

Thought for the Week
"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law." Gal. 5: 12, 22.

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH
(Anglican)
Supply Minister, Archdeacon Mackintosh of Hamilton

SUNDAY, MARCH 30th, 1952
5th Sunday in Lent
9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer 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 30th, 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

BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON
Douglas B. Shuter, Pastor

SUNDAY, MARCH 30th, 1952
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:30 a.m.—"What Jesus Has to Do With Our Faith"
7:00 p.m.—"What Really Hurts Us"
8:15 p.m.—B.Y.P.U.
Thursday, "Church Night"—8 p.m.
Half Hour Prayer, 8:30 p.m.
Bible Study, 9:10 p.m., Discussion Group.
Friday—4 p.m., Mission Band

For groceries Canadians spent three times as much in 1951 as in 1941—\$1,600 million compared to \$567 million; independent merchants did 62.8 per cent. of the total business, chain operators the remainder.

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