

EDITORIAL

Being Law-Abiding

To be designated as a law abiding citizen was always considered a much respected term. Being such a citizen in these days often sorely tries the patience of those who would like to be law-abiding. For instance, recently we heard of a nearby farmer who lives alone and was visited by a group of hoodlums who broke 17 window panes in his home. He had a shotgun in the home and was tempted to use it but was deterred because he was a law abiding citizen.

Recently a bunch of lads were apprehended in a place into which they forced entry. Material taken from other break-ins was found with them. They were taken to court and the lads were discharged after they had agreed to pay the costs of the court. Every police officer has had times of frustration in which he had the feeling that the law was hardly a court of justice.

Many cities and towns have in recent years seen mob rule prevail when strikes were in progress. All too often law enforcement has broken down and the law-abiding citizen has had little or no protection. We don't advocate taking the law in your own hands but we do believe that too often our courts give the benefit to the culprits against law-abiding citizens. Wrong doing requires punishment and our police courts are the place for punishment to be handed out before we have a development of more characters such as Suchan and Jackson and others who become serious criminals because their minor offences were not checked.

You will never "find" time for anything. If you want time you must make it. — Charles Buxton.

Proven Best

Most of us can recall when municipal elections were invariably items which came in the year-end holiday season. Municipal affairs were often a subject for discussion at the family holiday gatherings. That custom has been changed and now every municipality in Halton County holds the elections in early December. Even Toronto, where municipal voting was a tradition of New Year's Day, has finally come into the fold of getting the municipal fuss cleared away before the holiday season.

We doubt if any one would want to go back to the old plan again of year-end elections. True, the present system does make a sort of lame duck month of municipal activity in December but usually no new business is introduced in the last month of the year anyway. Custom changes are usually gradual and that is perhaps well. But having proven satisfactory the early election dates are likely to stick.

"Why do I dislike the term boom? To me it signifies past attitudes, a time when Canadians never really believed that their prosperity would last."—Morgan Reid, Robt. Simpson Co.

Greek Word for Nonvoters

If you trace the word "idiot" you'll find it comes from the Greek "idiotes." According to the Greeks, the "idiotes" were citizens who did not vote. This makes just as much sense today as it did in ancient Athens or Sparta. A Canadian citizen who does not use his right to vote is an idiot. In using the term we will not go quite so far as popular usage does, but rather turn to the original Greek which meant "an ignorant person."

Elections are over in our municipalities. You hear many names used by many people in the heat of an election. Perhaps it is just as well to save some of the words until after and get names for those who do not vote.

It is not unusual to hear citizens berating office holders and government policies, local and nation-wide. Upon enquiry one usually finds a great majority of the grouchers, the dissatisfied and discontented are non-voters.

In the last analysis, the fitness of our elected representatives and their ability to give us sound government on every level, depends on the rate-payers and all who have the privilege of casting a ballot. It is when the voters neglect to cast their ballot that, too often, the unsatisfactory and the subversive gain power.

Being First

It has been made apparent in North Halton High School District that for us educational frills are out. After five years of failing to agree on a proposal it was rather a shock to learn that when agreement had been reached by Board and municipalities the plan did not meet with approval by the Department of Education. Auditorium gymnasiums which have been the part of every new building in every village from 700 population upwards are not to be part of the present buildings proposed in any of the towns of North Halton District. It reminds us of a lot of stories that have been told about predicaments that folks find themselves in where several groups are involved and there are many opinions to be consolidated.

There is no point, however, in going into all these opinions and plans of the past. A proposal has been made to meet present day needs in the district. Let's get on with the plan now as it has been approved. It is to be hoped that buildings erected under the proposal will be flexible enough to allow for expansion to meet the needs of the future. We voted for acceptance of the proposal when the Board considered the matter last Thursday because we are of the opinion that a start must be made for expansion of all three schools.

It appears this district is the first in cities and towns to encounter the economy wave of educational expenditure, but it appears some place must be the first in every change.

Money is like manure, of very little use except it be spread.—Bacon.

A Time Table Must

The rush, rush of the busy Christmas season is with us and time is so quickly growing short. Time may be growing short for many in Halton County and in this district although they may be completely unaware of it. Tuberculosis strikes chiefly in individuals from high school age up, and is in many cases curable in its early stages. Time may be growing short for detection in some of us.

To provide a protection against this disease, that the World Health organization estimates as the cause of 15,000 deaths a day, the Halton County Tuberculosis and Health Association is staging a free chest x-ray clinic in this town and some surrounding centres during this month.

Time may be growing short until Christmas; time may be growing shorter if detection of tuberculosis is too late.

Every father and mother has a duty to themselves and to their children this month. Not just to fill children's stockings on Christmas eve, but to make a definite point of having a free chest x-ray as a protection to their health and their children's.

Christmas shopping, baking and all other activity should come to a halt if necessary to take advantage of the "insurance policy" being given away in the form of a free chest x-ray this month. The x-ray takes only brief seconds.

Make it a date for Mom, Dad, and high school children, and for grandpa and grandpa, too. It may be an important date and it will give you a feeling of safety. Don't miss the free chest x-ray clinic in this district. A time table and advertisements will explain the importance and plans more fully.

Six Days Enough

Sunday commercialized sports got a well deserved beating in many Ontario centres in recent municipal voting. Ottawa, Kingston, Ganagapque and other centres which voted on the question refused to sanction making Sunday an open day. There is absolutely no need for this commercializing of the Sabbath. Most workers now have a five day week and moderate working hours during the five days. There is plenty of opportunity for sport and attending places of entertainment without making Sunday an open day.

Surely we will soon begin to realize that the human frame will not withstand constant running any more than any other piece of mechanism. We need a day of rest. Of course, there is always the clamor of those who would make profits every day in the year and every one of the 24 hours of the day. Greed is never satisfied and never will be it appears.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Back in 1902

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, December 11, 1902

Ontario says, "Banish the bars." It is remarkable that out of 700,000 electors in Ontario, less than 60,000 were willing last Thursday to defend the liquor dealer in his business of the bar. Only six counties in Ontario gave majorities against; the majority in Halton for closing the bars was 1,001. Although the 212,723 votes necessary to put the Ontario Liquor Act of 1902 in force were not obtained, the opponents of the bar room won a very decided victory last Thursday. The temperance people are now in a position to demand much more restrictive legislation, such as the immediate reduction in number, the ultimate abolition and earlier closing, especially on Saturday.

Rockwood voted 70 to close the bars and 30 against; Everton did even better and voted 72 to 10. Mr. W. Stark, accountant for Messrs. W. H. Storey and Son; has been the recipient of a very cordial and profuse thanks the past week. He succeeded in getting in the first car of anthracite coal that has reached Acton since the coal miner's strike, and very generously divided it among some thirty citizens. It is a splendid quality of Sermon nut and cost something over \$2 a ton.

At the meeting of the Free Library board on Friday, it was decided new shelves would be put up to accommodate new books. The membership is increasing. Present were: J. Cameron, Chairman, T. E. Moore, A. J. MacKinnon, Rev. A. E. Smith, B.D. and H. P. Moore. A missionary meeting will be held (D.V.) in St. Alban's church on Thursday evening, Dec. 10th, at which the Rev. I. O. Stringer who has been a missionary among the Eskimauks will give an address.

Mr. S. Z. Bennett arrived home last week from the North West. He is about to return to New Sweden to represent W. H. Storey and son in the east.

Mr. J. Kerr Brown of the School of Pharmacy is home on vacation. Mrs. John Brown went to Newmarket last Thursday to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Michael Hoize.

The zero weather of the first of the week has moderated considerably.

TV Won't Supplant Newspapers -- Post

Television isn't going to lessen the power of the written word, declares Nabier Moore in The Financial Post. Nothing will ever lessen the power of the written word. In the 1920's we were asked the same question about radio broadcasting, which was just starting, and we gave the same answer. A lot of people then thought that news for instance, would just fade away. But, year after year, magazine circulations have continued to show substantial gains.

The radio broadcasting of news hasn't affected the newspaper. No matter what people hear they want to read about it afterwards.

Television cannot begin to be a newspaperer for the simple reason that it cannot cope with the unexpected. It can do a good job when things are pre-arranged. It can cover a football game or a royal visit. But it cannot rush cameras, lights and equipment to a news event as fast as newspapers can get reporters there. Besides, there aren't as many TV cameras as there are newspaper reporters.

Back in 1932

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, December 8, 1932

The mild weather enabled a re-newing of fall ploughing operations by the farmers. Quite a number attended the shooting match at John Black's last Saturday afternoon.

The Fireman's Ball last Friday evening drew a big crowd and a good time is reported by all who attended.

F. McCutcheon has been awarded the contract for carrying the mail from the station to the Post Office in Acton. Dr. and Mrs. R. Gordon Agnew have been lauded by medical experts for the dental discovery they have made. The first 10 per cent. scientific proof of the specific diet which will preserve teeth namely phosphorus and Vitamin D was credited to them. Dr. Agnew is head of the department of pathology at West China Union University and Mrs. Agnew is a bio-chemist.

Last Sunday evening the pastor and choir of Knox Church, Guelph and Knox Church, Acton, exchanged services. A splendid service of song and praise was given and enjoyed by the congregation.

The Council for 1933 will be as follows: Reeve E. Thetford, Council, Jas. E. McMillan, Wallace A. Lasby, E. Jones, S. M. Lasby. The Daylight Saving By-law was defeated by 202.

DIED
GIBBENS—At the home, Acton, Ontario, on Friday, December 2, 1932, Elizabeth Delaney, widow of the late John P. Gibbens, in her 46th year.

SWITZER—At the home, Main Street, Acton, Ontario, on Sunday, December 4, 1932, George Herbert Switzer, beloved husband of Sadie Guinn.

SCARROW—At the home, Bower Ave., Acton, Ontario, on Saturday, December 3, 1932, Mary Ann Ward, beloved wife of John P. Scarrow, in her 65th year.

Carelessness Causes Of Many Bad Fires

Waste of life and property by fire in recent years has shown that the problem extends far beyond the insurance business. Fire Marshals and Fire Prevention organizations. It is a problem of national interest both economically and socially.

The tremendous loss of life and property every year commands the serious thought and attention of every citizen interested in the welfare of Canada.

Insurance can reimburse the insured for lost property values, but again, it has been shown from experience that only a small percentage of policy holders are insured up to full value—so that the policy holder is unable to be recompensed for his full loss.

Carelessness and recklessness are the principal enemies that we must constantly fight against. Careless use of matches and careless smoking habits rank first in the list of known causes of fire.

In 1930, the last year for which statistics were published, out of 59710 fires reported, 21,955 were caused by matches and smokers' carelessness. The match or tobacco are not to blame; the careless user is the offender.

One million Canadian men, women and children depend directly on the pulp and paper industry for their livelihood.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14th, 1932
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship in the Sacred Cantata, "The Christmas King," (Fred B. Holton) By the Senior Choir.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Colored motion picture, "The Kings Men."

Thought for the Week
"Friend, there is a welcome in the Church for thee.
Come in and rest, and think, and kneel and pray.
What men have builded for God's glory, give thanks and so in peace go on thy way."

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14th, 1932
10:00 a.m.—Church 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.

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Thursday, December 11, 8:00 Church practice, 8:30 Prayer Meeting
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14th, 1932
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service of Worship "Why Christ Came"
The evening worship and Young Peoples' meeting have been postponed to coincide with Georgetown.

Monday, December 15, 8 p.m.—Annual Christmas program.

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH
(Anglican)
Rev. Ralph E. Price, B.A., B.D.
Rector

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 14, 1932
8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class
7:00 p.m.—Evening Song and Sermon.
"Repent ye, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."
All Are Welcome

Each mile of railway track in Quebec has more than 800 people to support it; in Saskatchewan there are fewer than 100 persons per mile of track.



Crafty Exhibit
Any ladies who have taken courses in crafts will be interested in the annual exhibit and sale of the Georgetown Arts and Crafts group held. Some from this district attended. Demonstrations of craft work drew much attention. The Georgetown Herald said, "Miss Lucy Moleworth showed the art of pottery painting. Mr. H. J. Newman demonstrated line block printing and Mrs. Cyril Bradford leather work. Mrs. D. W. Buxton, Mrs. Arnold-Early and Mrs. Ken Hatkin were weaving demonstrators and Mrs. John Glyn and Mrs. Leonard Bell, spinning."
"A grand variety of craft work was offered for sale. Merchandise ranged from aprons, handbags, woven slates and place mats to metal and leather costume jewelry and pottery. On exhibition was an attractive suit and hat which Mrs. C. V. Williams had tailored from material she had herself woven."

Hg X-ray Total
When the T.B. mobile clinic took X-rays in Palermo this year, 130 took advantage of the service. The last time the mobile clinic was here, in 1947, there were only 70 X-rayed. Bronte clinic numbers were far ahead of the 1947 records, too. Let's hope the same trend continues up here.

Uncharitable Joke
Although all the news in all the Halton county newspapers is already tinged with Christmas gaiety one of them isn't as completely charitable as it could be, seeing Christmas is only two weeks away. It has a mother-in-law joke.
Chairman: You say you have to leave the board meeting early?
Member: Yes, my mother-in-law is arriving on the four o'clock broom.

Christmas Present
Note in the Oakville Record-Star that the Angela Bruce Chapter of the I.O.D.E. has decided to donate a television set to the Women's lounge in the Halton Centennial Manor at Milton. "Would he be if it were there in time for Christmas?"

Skure School Opens
"A burnt out transformer which kept lights out for an hour and a half didn't dampen the spirits of over 400 children and parents who witnessed the official opening of the Lorne Skure public school," said the Oakville Record-Star. Mr. Skure is well known all over Halton as a school inspector.
Evidently a speech from Stanley Hall, M.P.P. was on the schedule which continued after the lights went on, but school chairman E. J. James, coming to that place in the program, said, "I saw him before the lights went out but he seems to have disappeared!"
"Trafalgar deputy-reeve Emerson Ford said, "I don't believe there is anyone in the county who has done more for education than Lorne Skure."
In his address, Mr. Skure said he felt sorry for the principal who would have to say "Lorne Skure School" over the phone!
The speaker, the assistant superintendent of elementary education for Ontario, C. H. Routley, said, "The department we have the highest regard for Mr. Skure, and we feel the board has made an excellent choice of name (for the school). He is an educationist of the first rank and has served with much distinction wherever he has been located. He also paid tribute to Mrs. Skure, complimenting her on her interest in children."

Keep Santa Busy
Santa Claus came to Oakville last Saturday in a big \$1,000 parade on an invitation of the Oakville-Trafalgar Chamber of Commerce. After a week's rest, he has a big day ahead of him this Saturday when he'll visit youngsters in both Erin and Milton.

CRIMATED
Mrs. A.—"That fancy vase on the mantle? That's my husband's ashes."
Mrs. Z.—"Oh, I'm so sorry. How long has he been dead?"
Mrs. A.—"He's not dead just too lazy to reach for an ash tray."

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Eastbound
6:30 a.m., 8:50 a.m., 11:15 a.m.,
2:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8:30
p.m., 9:50 p.m.
Westbound
10:27 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
—Saturday, Sunday and holidays

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Standard Time
Eastbound
Daily 6:40 a.m.; Daily except Sunday 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 2:22 a.m.; Daily except Sunday 8:48 a.m.; 6:50 p.m.; (Flagstop) 7:44 p.m.; Daily except Saturday and Sunday 6:10 p.m.; Saturday only 2:36 p.m.; Sunday only 9:43 a.m. (Flagstop); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph 7:05 p.m.

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