

# EDITORIAL

## No New Way

When you, dear reader, have this edition of The Free Press in your hands, the Christmas festivities and the culminating joys of many weeks of anticipation and preparation will be at their height. For several years your editor has wished you who help make and read the home town paper a Merry Christmas. The phraseology may have been different each year but always the thought and sincerity of our wish for a merry Christmas has been the same.

It's always a pleasant interlude in the routine of the year to pause and think of the many pleasant associations and kindly folk one has encountered through the years and Christmas seems to provide the opportunity of giving that greeting of good will which might otherwise go unexpressed. We like the Christmas and New Year expression of good will because they seem so all inclusive and can be put in so many ways.

What we started out to say was just Merry Christmas and before we get further involved we are going to put it in capitals and conclude.

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

*An era in human history is the life of Jesus, and its immense influence for good leaves all the perversion and superstition that has accrued almost harmless.*

—R. W. Emerson

## Not Newsworthy

Sometime ago a magazine of wide circulation published an article entitled, "I Quit Smoking." It caused quite a comment and one chap is supposed to have countered by remarking that he would have to quit reading. A little more than two years ago under no decision based on our own reading habits we ceased smoking. After this lapse of time we still do not say we have quit smoking but the desire for smoking evil smelling cigars, that were getting higher in price and not improving in odor, is not as strong as it was back when the cease-fire edict was given.

During that time we have thought that some day we would write an article such as "I quit smoking" and as we toyed with the idea we noticed that several men whom we knew well were not smoking. We enquired and found out they too had ceased firing. We have found they quit for a number of reasons and their duration of self-imposed abstinence from smoking has in many cases been longer than ours. In other words, the strange procedure of stopping smoking is no longer strange or newsworthy. We don't advocate that anyone cease if they get pleasure and sociability from it and they get a cleaner taste in their mouth and they are particularly throat-easy after providing the draft for some rolled up or packed down tobacco.

We just say we are not going to write an article laying bare to the public all our mental anguish, irritability and uneasiness that might have been noticed as a result of ceasing the smoking habit. We have found our experience is not unique or newsworthy and, in fact, it was months before anyone noticed that we didn't smoke any more. Get your own experience at you will and if everybody quit who would pay the taxes? We notice that Finance Minister Abbott doesn't smoke and it's no harm to have ambitions even if a little late for high finance circles.

*The nature of Christ's existence is mysterious. I admit, but this mystery, which is the very heart of his being, is not a hindrance to his work. His life is not a mere outward display of power and glory. It is a life of love and sacrifice.*

—Venetian

## An Old Truth

John Ruskin wrote the following advice many years ago, but it is just as applicable today. It is unwise to pay too much, but it is worse to pay too little. When you pay too much you lose a little money, that is all. When you pay too little you sometimes lose everything because the thing you bought was incapable of doing the thing it was bought to do. The common law of business balance prohibits paying a little and getting a lot. It can't be done. If you deal with the lowest bidder, it is well to add some for the risk you run.

## A January Date

Expression of opinion very often gets one into positions that are to say the least far-reaching. Some months ago we wrote regarding the composition of the material given on "Neighborhood News" over CBL every Sunday morning. Our good friend Don Fairbairn, who scans the Ontario and Quebec weeklies, of course found the item in our editorial column. You who listen to this broadcast heard his invitation for the editor to take over some Sunday morning when he has to be away.

You who read these columns noticed that we accepted his offer with the reservation that some week he would write our editorial columns. Since that time we might tell you that there has been some correspondence and a couple of telephone calls when we were in the city.

One of the dates for the exchange of work has been set. Don will be away the week of January 25th and either the editor or a member of the staff of the Free Press will attempt to put on the broadcast. We've been mixed up on various occasions in arranging for broadcasts but up to the present we haven't actually participated. But on January 25th there'll likely be a pinch hitter for Don Fairbairn from those important places which lie outside the city.

The only part of the deal which remains to be concluded is the date Don Fairbairn is to write the editorials. We have given him a choice of almost any date. We have told him how much material is required and we have given him the deadline for editorial material for any week.

When we receive definite assurance from him that he will take on our broadcast for one week we will be specific about January 25. In the meantime we are holding that week-end open because we wouldn't want to disappoint Don in his travelling arrangements for either holidays or business and we know when he gets around to it the editorial columns of the Free Press will have a guest writer and that our readers will enjoy the change of diet. In the meantime, the correspondence is still continuing and we are getting details from officials of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation regarding the January 25 date and the assurance of co-operation which we assure all that we will need.

*It is easy enough to obtain money for products, which will produce a better airplane or a bigger computing machine, but it has become increasingly difficult to find support for the training of learned men as such.*

—Dean Barnaby Keeney, Brown University

## They Were All Wrong

For a number of years, many people, in all walks of life, have been crying the blues. The world is rapidly approaching, a state of chaos, war is inevitable, universal peace can never be attained, a really another depression is inevitable.

A contemporary, William Pitt said, "Tragic is anything around us for fear and despair."

Wilberforce, in the early 1800's said, "I dare not marry, for the future is so dark and unsettled."

The Duke of Wellington, on the eve of his death in 1851, mused God he would be spared from seeing the consummation of ruin that is gathering about us.

Darwin in 1849. "In industry, commerce and agriculture, there is no hope.

Lord Shaftesbury, in 1848, "Nothing can save the British Empire from shipwreck.

They were all wrong. The world has improved in many ways, but there is still room for more improvement. We do not believe that war is inevitable. We do not believe that the Empire is doomed. We do not believe that we are due for a depression.

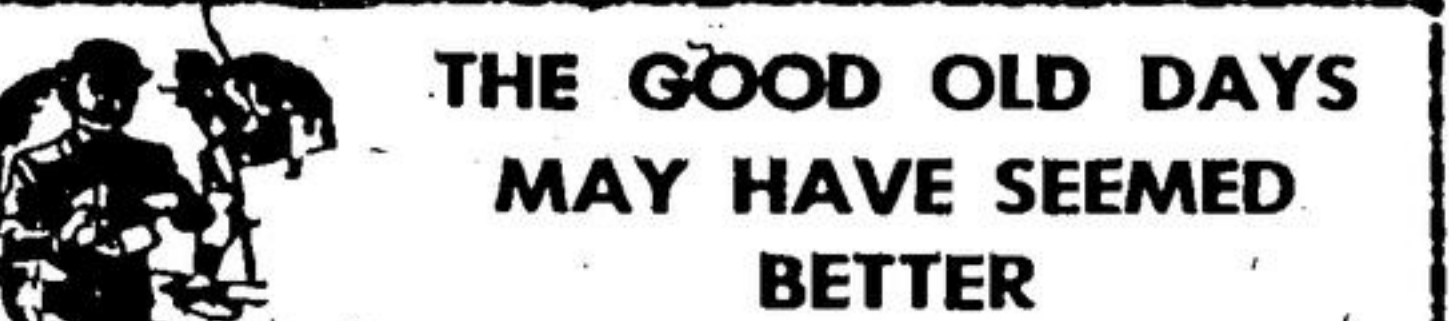
But we do believe that we have to change our thinking, take stock of ourselves, practice more tolerance, even in small things. If we do that, as individuals, our community and the world in general will benefit. The Neepawa (Man.) Press.

*Christians did not merely receive their burdens, they accepted them. They carried them as a crown of glory and a diadem of power. They were not oppressed, they were not victims, they were conquerors.*

—Ambrose Burnes

*Money is not required to buy one's best interests. It is only required to buy one's necessities.*

—Theodore Roosevelt



## THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

### Back in 1902

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday morning, December 25, 1902

Christmas is the festival of the year, and churchly indeed are they who do not find pleasure in the glow and brightness of its manifold enjoyments. Let joy reign everywhere.

The merry Christmas entertainment of St. Alban's S.S. in the town hall passed off with eclat.

Miss Agnew had a little joke for friends at a distance. Fifty pounds of anthracite coal arrived for each with a neat little card bearing the compliments of the donor.

The new teacher engaged to take charge of the high school department comes with very high recommendations. The removal of Miss Flah is much regretted, but the board felt that at the present juncture they would not be justified in paying the salary which Miss Flah felt her services to be worth.

Miss A. St. Oyth Cole is an honor graduate of Toronto University and Toronto Normal school. She is to be paid a salary of \$400 per annum.

The membership of Knox church is now in the neighborhood of 400, beside a large list of adherents. The S.S. under the superintendency of Mr. Geo. Hynds is practicing for the cantata to be given in the town hall on New Year's night.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Methodist Sunday school will be held in the church this evening. The flag drill will be itself worth the price of admission.

Mr. Wm. Waldie, son of Mr. Alex. Waldie, returned from Manitoba last Monday. He speaks very highly in praise of that country. He says that everything is booming in Manitoba.

It may be a green Christmas but it will be a happy one nevertheless. "Consumption can be cured! Send for these four preparations for a free trial."

Mr. John Cole, who has so successfully conducted Dublin school the past two years, has been re-engaged for 1903.

"We wish you a Merry Christmas, R. B. Scott. (N.B.—All lines of holiday goods at reduced prices during the coming week.)"

Back in 1932

Merry Christmas to all! Turkey and fowl are very reasonable in price and of good quality this year.

The Junior hockey team started off with a bang-up win on Tuesday but that isn't a game in the O.H.A. grouping.

Today has been a busy one at the town hall, when the Christmas baskets have been distributed to the needy of the community.

The Churchill Orchestra gathered at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Kerr the other evening and spent a social time. During the evening a presentation was made.

Christmas entertainments at the various Sunday Schools were held during the past week. Of course, the arrival of Santa Claus was an event enjoyed by all.

Some members of county council did think it necessary to remove snow from the highways or at least leave two or three inches so that farmers could make use of their sleighs. The engineer explained it was impossible to leave snow because of poor traction for the plow. One suggestion was to use a hand roller immediately after snowfall but this would not be practical either.

J. B. Mackenzie, druggist of Milton, is the appointee as Registrar of the Surrogate Court to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late W. J. McClellan.

**DIED**  
GIBBONS—At Acton, Ontario, on Tuesday, December 20, 1932, Francis Albert Gibbons in his 83rd year.

## Poet's Corner

A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

by Mary Ellen Varley

Rudolph, Pookinhead and Pando, bear, The gift of musical rocking chair— All for a blue-eyed baby boy Who fills our home with Christmas joy. A dress with smoking a doll that walks, Is all of what our daughter talks!

Cowboys and Indians and peace-ship too (How many chores are there left to do?) Yellow Pinto for him, too, 'When can I ever go outside?' While our young lady almost too young, flaunts coleslaw and potatoe do!

Rudolph, Pookinhead and Pando, bear, While Grandma smiles on grandpa's face, Think of not doing with crumpled head. And potatoe quilt on grandma's bed.

Oh, all these children hold their dear, Any of the gifts, waiting here!

Tribunals of the world, first world-hydrogenation plant in West Virginia expect to extract more than 200 chemical from coal, reports a Reader's Digest article. Engineers have come up with a process that saves the technical part of the German method used to produce motor fuels for the Nazis in World War II.

## Welcome Guests To Turkey Dinner

A 34 pound turkey formed the main course of dinner when the Acton Y.S. Men held their regular meeting last Thursday evening. This annual turkey dinner was followed by a program put on by members of the club.

Guests welcomed at the meeting were: Orval Brown, Jim Cuthbert, son of the high school staff, and Hank Bender of Timingo, who is a teacher at the Mason Knit.

Ben Allen was named to plan for swimming in Guelph.

President, Foreign Language was in charge of the meeting held in the Y.

In the early days of Ontario, industry in the 1770's was largely confined to hand made goods. By the late 1800's the machinery of the textile mills had replaced the hand loom. The factory system had replaced the home industry. The factory system had replaced the home industry.

## AT THE Churches

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 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  
8:15 p.m. Bible Society Fellowship  
"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength"  
A warm welcome awaits you.

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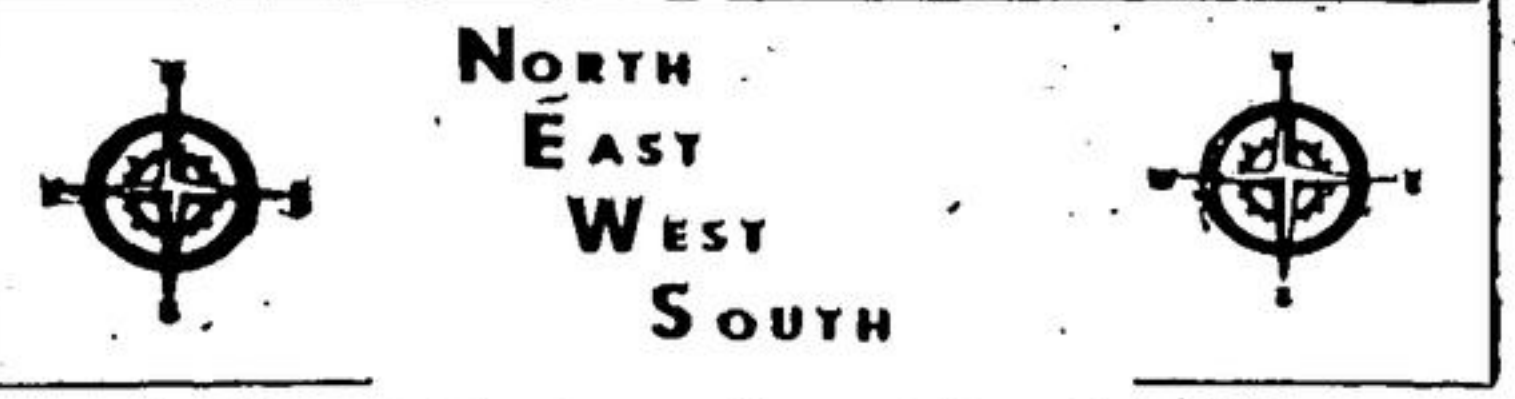
Christmas Eve  
7:30 p.m. Festive Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Day  
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion  
11:00 a.m. Christmas Church School  
12:00 a.m. Christmas Church School  
1:00 a.m. Christmas Church School  
2:00 a.m. Matins and Sermon  
7:00 p.m. Evening Service and Sermon  
"Joy to the world, the Lord is come, O come, let us adore Him!"  
Saturday, December 27, 8 p.m. Young People's service in the Parish Hall.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1952  
10:00 a.m. The regular Sunday School with classes for all ages  
11:00 a.m. The morning worship service  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
8:30 p.m. Bible Society Service in Knox Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, December 31, 11 p.m. Watchnight Service  
Monday, December 29, Guelph Association BYPU Christmas Party at Kitchener



## Old Woman in Shoe?

Soaring enrolments in Georgetown indicate there will soon be an urgent need for an addition to the brand new public school there, the Georgetown Herald indicates. Next year's enrolment is estimated at 507—and all the available space will be used.

By 1955, it is expected that 601 pupils will be enrolling for teaching in the Halton town; and in 1957, 676. This increased enrolment is typical all over Halton, Inspector Skuce has said.

Last week's Burlington Gazette reported too that by 1954 at least nine additional rooms would be needed to "accommodate public school pupils."

**Horse Sense**  
Horses are intelligent—and this story proves it.

Ten years ago Percy Leslie of the eighth line, Esquimes, bought a second farm in Chinguacousy and transferred two of his horses to the new farm.

Recently the farm was bought by George L. Sims, and as Mr. Sims did not want the horses they were returned to the home farm. To Mr. Leslie's amazement, when the horses were released at the barn door, they did not hesitate in returning to their old stalls—which they hadn't seen in a decade!

**School Daze**  
Bronte school teachers aren't sure whether they'll have a merry Christmas or not, according to reports from the Oakville papers. At the last meeting of Bronte council, the school board asked for \$9,501 to pay outstanding bills—including the teachers' salaries! Trustee John Wakely said Trafalgar Township was to blame for withdrawing 120 pupils, altering the school finance picture completely.

And the school board has a deadline of January 4 for the installation of a new school sewage disposal system, set by the Department of Health.

**Council on Television**  
Radio would replace television with top listening attraction overnight of the month at least if this

town follows Oakville's example! Reported the Record-Star in its last Thursday's issue, "Oakville council meetings will be broadcast over radio station CKFH, station manager Councilor Howard Craime said at a Council session Monday, in an effort to arouse interest in civic affairs. Mayor Black was for anything to arouse interest."

That sounds like the "anything" that could do it—unless they consider television!

**Not Only Santa**  
When Mr. Santa Claus arrived in Milton on Saturday before last he wasn't alone. Not just with the reindeer! A parade-full of story-book characters delighted the Milton youngsters, and many from this area, too. Old King Cole and his fiddler, three little pigs, three little kittens, clowns, the old woman in the shoe completed with children, the Yokums, Snow White and the seven dwarfs and many others came along to see everyone had a good time.

Santa helped up the reindeer again last Saturday to arrive in Georgetown in style.

## Christmas Eve

On the thresholds of our homes, Be they mansion or a cot, At this hush of Christmas Eve, Let us give a moment's thought.

For these few fortunate that we, Who, faced with war and pain, and strife, Will miss the joy Of this most Holy Night.

Let us pause a moment here— And in prayer reverence pray That tomorrow, life will bring to them, A brighter, happier day.

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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., 11:22 p.m., 11:2 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 9:04 a.m., 7:30 p.m., Sunday 9:25 a.m., 6:16 p.m. Daily except Sunday  
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Daily except Sunday and Monday 2:22 a.m., Sunday and Monday 5:55 a.m., 3:30 a.m. Daily except Sunday 9:48 a.m., 6:50 p.m. (Georgetown)  
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