

# EDITORIAL

## Goodbye 1952

1952 which was so new just 366 days ago is nearing its close. It has been a good year in most respects and we would be remiss indeed if we did not take the opportunity to say our thank you to so many who have made its days and each issue of the Free Press so pleasant and helpful. Like every year and like every individual the road has not always been clear—but the brighter times surpassed the strenuous passages by many times.

As 1952 closes we want to thank all who have helped make the Free Press a greater service to the community. There are so many who participate in so many ways in getting out the home town paper that the family can hardly be counted—and then there is always the danger of omissions. And so to one and all our appreciation of your support not only during the past year but down through the years it has been our privilege to serve Acton and district.

*Good resolutions are a pleasant crop to sow.—The seed springs up so readily, and the blossoms open so soon with such a breeze show, especially at first. But when the time of flowers have passed, what as to the fruit?*  
—L. Malet.

## Welcome 1953

Tomorrow will be another year with its new and greater opportunities and it would appear that this district is bound to share in the greater Canada which is predicted in the next year and the years to come. It's great to have lived and witnessed the progress of the years past. Indications are that the years of the future will see even greater progress.

The industrial development which is taking place now in the County of Halton will have far reaching effects on the present farm lands and communities of this county. Some of the changes and the growth we will rejoice in and some may be distasteful and make for radical changes in the things to which we have become accustomed. Three busy highways now cross the southern portion of the county linking big industrial centres. Another is on the planning boards and occupying the attention of surveyors and gradually making its way in this direction. Pipelines carry oils and other products through this district. This upheaval and changing pattern brings many problems in maintaining services which are so essential. The villages have gone, many of the towns are nearing city status and townships that were once farm land are building up and becoming factory development.

It would be interesting indeed to be able to gaze in a crystal ball and see our town and county in the next five years. But such is not possible and perhaps not so desirable. We can, however, wish one and all Happiness and Health for the New Year and the best of everything for 1953 as we each in our own way welcome it.

*Money was made not to command our will, but all our lawful pleasures to fulfill; shame and woe to us, if we our wealth obey—the horse dath with the horseman run away.*  
—Covley.

## How Was Your Christmas?

News headlines of over 90 fatalities over the holiday in Canada, and over 500 in the United States, may convey the wrong impressions of our holiday celebrating on the North American continent. Arrests for drinking and dangerous driving are too often in the headlines. It seems driving and drinking are on the increase and they don't mix well.

But the headlines and the news stories don't tell all the story of our Christmas. In thousands of homes there was a joyous Christmas that was not marred by the stories which make the headlines. There joyous and pleasant Christmas home gatherings were so commonplace that they do not make the news and are often overlooked. News is often defined as the things which are unusual.

So when you read the headlines and the news of the day or week remember all the good things, all the delightful family gatherings that were marked only with joy. The balance is largely in favor of the kind of time Christmas is supposed to be. We hope yours was a joyous Christmas this year and will continue to be down through the years so that none will ever want to change it.

## Both Sides Agree

We were relieved on Sunday morning when Don Fairbairn on his Neighborly News time gave the assurance that he would write our editorial columns for some week. Up until then he had never given any indication that his part of the exchange plans would carry on. He didn't give a date but any date will be agreeable to us. Our chief concern (believe it or not) was that our readers would get a change of editorial opinion for one issue and we know you will all anticipate keenly the week that Don Fairbairn takes over these columns.

Of course, we feel we should be compensated for some holiday when on the week of January 25th we are called on for double duty. We don't know that we anticipate the broadcast too keenly and we aren't expecting any deluge of fan mail after our work at the broadcasting station. It's one thing to write and another kind of something or other to speak. We haven't any desire to change our lifetime habits at this stage of the game—or forsake the pen for the air.

But, for better or worse, the exchange is on and on January 25th the Neighborly News will be broadcast by one who comes from those important places that lie outside the cities of Ontario and Quebec and in the not too distant future one who lives in the city will editorialize in a town weekly newspaper.

*The block of granite which is an obstacle in the pathway of the weak, becomes a stepping-stone in the pathway of the strong.*  
—Carlyle.

## It Can Be Done

It is quite evident that with strict enforcement of our present laws the drinking driver of automobiles can be eliminated from our highways. The enforcement of the law is strictly in the hands of the provincial authorities. Local enforcement has practically been taken out of the hands of the municipalities. Provincial police are placed and governed from Queen's Park in a great number of Ontario's municipalities. Magistrates and court officials are the appointees and under the jurisdiction of the Ontario government.

It should be a comparatively simple matter to issue the necessary instructions to a group so centralized that would make the driver who drinks very willing to swear off. We know it may seem difficult for the one hand to dispense the stuff and the other hand to administer punishment for consuming alcoholic beverages. But folks who obey the law have some privileges too and one of them should be our highways free of drinking drivers. It can be done and it's up to the Ontario government to see that it is done. Warnings must be backed up by fearless prosecution of those who break the law. We don't need more laws but we do need more enforcement of our laws in this province.

*"We do not think the worst emergency with which we might be faced has approached any nearer to us." — Prime Minister Churchill in announcing defense cuts.*

## What You Think's Important

There are too many shy people in our community. Every week when the paper hits the street a number of readers side up to the editor or other members of the staff and express a few different views pro and con on various subjects. The trouble is they fail to sit down and pen a letter to the newspaper where other readers may have the benefit of their views.

Many of our friends in this community have exceptional stores of knowledge on certain subjects which would be highly educational and informative to others. Their suggestions and advice would be of great benefit and mock modesty should not prevent publication.

In our view a newspaper is a truly community affair. The more people who participate actively in the dissemination of news and views, the greater the service to the community. Our letters to the editor column could be akin to a forum for an exchange of ideas and thoughts and we invite our readers to take wide advantage of its facilities. We welcome discussion of public affairs and especially when they are concise and varied on topics of general interest.



## THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

### Back in 1903

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday Morning, January 1, 1903

If the interest of the ratepayers in Acton's municipal matters is to be judged by the number who attended the annual nominations, it is certainly meagre. Hardly a banker's dozen of the electors attended the nomination meeting in the town hall Monday evening. Reeve Williams adhered to his resolution of resigning and councillors Hiram Swackhamer and John A. Henderson were nominated for the reeve's honor. Led for councillors were Robert Holmes, James Brown, John Agnew, George Hynds, A. T. Brown, H. Swackhamer and T. H. Rolston.

Nominated for school trustees were Henry Grindell, S. A. McKeague M.D., John Clarke, R. B. Johnson, Wm. Johnstone and W. R. Kenney.

The vacancy caused by the resignation of electrician P. Malatz has been filled in response to council's advertisement, 18 applications were received. At a special meeting of council, the application of H. R. Carruthers of Millbrook, at a salary of \$600 per annum, was accepted.

For many years the Methodist Sunday School has provided special entertainment on Christmas night. The program, including the cantata, "Mine Host Santa Claus" and the fancy flag drill, last Thursday evening was in every respect enjoyable. The first section of the program included choruses, prayer, a brief address and the annual report. The report showed a total Sunday school enrollment of 336. The parts in the cantata were well taken. Mr. C. Mason and Miss Edith Wilson making a splendid Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Mr. Lawrence Williams was the ideal master of ceremonies.

The piece de resistance of the whole evening was the fancy flag drill by Misses Edith Melkin, Bertha Williams, Jessie Stevenson, Annie Oram, Lottie Moore, Bertha Speight, Myrtle Matthews, Tena McArthur, Pearl Stewart, Ethel Thomas, Maggie Holden, Mary Goodlove, Bertie Smith, Lillian Blanche Dills, Clara Ebbage and Frank Smith.

At a meeting Monday, it was decided to form an Esqueving Literary Society. George Leslie was elected president, John Leslie first vice-president, Miss Gertrude Leslie second vice-president and T. A. Arthurs secretary - treasurer. The first meeting will be held in Waterloo schoolhouse with the subject, "Resolved that a clean, ill-natured woman is better than a dirty, good natured one." The affirmative will be upheld by Miss Mary Campbell and Mr. Wm. Hampshire and the negative by Miss Lillie McDowell and Mr. T. A. Arthurs.

The good sleighing will make New Year's lively.

### STOCK MARKER

A new high-speed manual marking device prints letters or code names on stock of any kind in far less time than is required to paint or stencil the material. The marker automatically re-inks the type on the die wheel at each revolution with a uniform inking system. Durable type held to the die wheel on a grooved base can be quickly and easily removed to change the copy or legend up to eight inches in length. It is easily rolled onto metal, plastic, glass, wood, rubber or composition. The device comes in a ready-to-use kit, including a supply of type and inks.

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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 4th, 1953**  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
A mighty agency for good citizenship  
11:00 a.m.—Holy Communion  
7:00 p.m.—Sacred Cantata, "The Christmas King"  
Thought for the Week  
May 1953 be for you an exceptional year in every good regard  
Happy New Year to all

**ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH**  
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Rector

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**  
January 4, 1953  
8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m.—Church School  
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class  
11:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist  
7:00 p.m.—Evening and Sermon  
All welcome  
A Happy and Peaceful New Year  
To All

### Back in 1932

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, December 29th, 1932

It was a decidedly green Christmas after all. Ploughing was the occupation noted on several farms in this district on Monday.

The community Christmas tree with its bright lights, has been real attractive during the Christmas season. Nominations were held in many municipalities last Friday. In the neighboring townships acclamations have been accorded.

The hockey season didn't get away to the early start that was expected this year due to a change in the weather. Fans were disappointed on Tuesday evening when the ice was classed as unfit for play. The same condition applied on every arena in the loop. The many friends of Mrs. William Ramshaw were sorry to learn of her sudden death last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Johnston, where she made her home for some years.

**DIED**  
**HUFFMAN**—At Pontiac, Michigan, on Monday, December 26, 1932, John Edward Huffman, eldest son of Elizabeth and the late Lafayette Huffman, in his 29th year.

The Canadian papermaking industry has developed into four main branches each making a variety of papers under the general heading of Newsprint, Fine Papers, Wrapping Papers and Boards.

## Well-Known Editor Dies at Midland

Veteran of 58 years in Canadian journalism in the daily, week-end and weekly fields, James Herbert Cranston died at Midland last Thursday. He was 72.

Starting as printer's devil with the Galt Reformer in 1894, Mr. Cranston became sports editor of the Woodstock Daily Sentinel-Review prior to entering McMaster University in 1901. After graduation he served as parliamentary correspondent at Ottawa for the Toronto Daily Star, became its assistant managing editor in 1909 and from 1911 to 1933 was editor of the Toronto Star Weekly.

In 1935 Mr. Cranston and his eldest son Bill acquired the Midland Free Press with which they later merged the Midland Argus and the Penetanguishene Herald. Under the editorship of Herbert Cranston, the Free Press Herald was recognized as Canada's leading weekly newspaper by the award of the Mason trophy.

Mr. Cranston, in 1947, sold W. H. Cranston his interests in the expanding publishing company which now prints six newspapers and magazines. He continued, however, to contribute weekly columns to the Free Press-Herald and the County Herald up until a short time before his death.

He leaves his wife, the former Eva Wilkins; two sons, William of Midland, and Thomas of R.R. Markham; four brothers, Don and Fred of Toronto, and Harry and Russell of Alameda, California.

Last year the approximate average spending of every man, woman and child in Canada for personal and medical care was \$59; for shelter \$108; for clothing and personal furnishing \$118; for food \$245; for tax payments \$430.

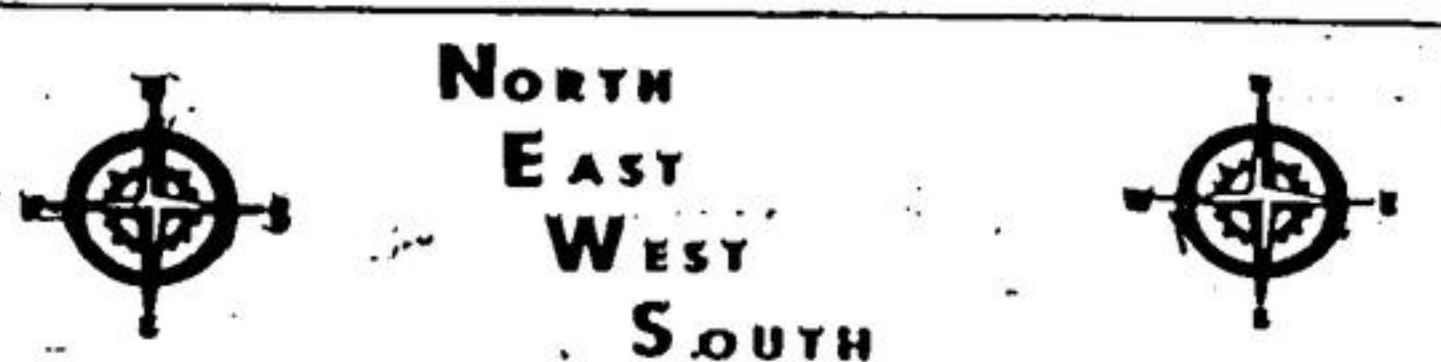
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**  
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Friday, 8 p.m.—Preparatory service  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 4th, 1953**  
10:00 a.m.—Church School  
11:00 a.m.—"The Lord's Supper"  
12:15 p.m.—Bible Class  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship  
"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength"  
A warm welcome awaits you

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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 4th, 1953**  
8:00 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. The pastor will speak on the subject, "The Upholded Christ."  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship, beginning with a song service and studies in the Book of Genesis.  
8:15 p.m.—Regular weekly meeting of the Young Peoples' Union.



## Lacrosse Veteran

Samuel McCleure, a veteran of the famous Excelsior lacrosse team of the 1890s, celebrated his 80th birthday at his home in Brantford recently. The Georgetown Herald recalls that Mr. McCleure participated in all branches of athletics in his youth. "His first game of lacrosse under the Excelsior banner was played in 1890 with the Brantford juniors in Milton. He played senior in the early 90's and was a member of the championship team of 1894 which was sprinkled with famous lacrosse names, such as the Peaker brothers, J. R. Fallis and W. H. Kelly."

**Hazardous Hobby**  
In the Georgetown paper we read that two of three Yellow Jacket Motorcycle club members injured in motorcycle accidents last fall are back at home in Brantford—each with one leg amputated. The other injured club member, "Lah" Hill of Georgetown, died in Peel Memorial Hospital two weeks ago.

**Lost One Industry**  
"No-truth in report!" headlines the Burlington Gazette, quenching a rumor of another huge plant in Halton. "Last week an article appeared in a Toronto evening paper that a large industrial concern had purchased 1,500 acres of land just north and east of the town for industrial purposes and would erect one of the largest plants in Canada. The report was entirely without foundation and Mayor E. W. Smith was just as much at a loss regarding the report as was the chairman of the Chamber of Commerce industrial committee, E. W. Lucas," the Gazette states.

A few weeks ago it was reported a Toronto real estate firm was taking option on 150 acres. "That story must have grown and taken on an extra zero mark," the Mayor says.

**Girl Pucksters**  
Burlington has a girls' hockey team! A number of girls of high school age are practicing faithfully twice a week and will be in formal action in '53.

**Late Hint**  
A little too late to be useful this year, but a good Christmas hint for

the young folk is this item from the Oakville-Trafalgar Journal.

From his list of Christmas wants, young George read: "A drum, a pair of roller skates, a loud tin horn and a cap pistol." His friend Willie asked, "What's the idea of asking for all that junk?"  
"To make money," George replied.  
"With that stuff?" Willie scoffed.  
"Sure thing," replied George. "Mother will pay me not to beat the drum and Dad not to leave the skates on the upstairs landing. Sister's beau will bribe me not to blow the horn behind the living room sofa and Grandmother will make it worth my while not to shoot off the cap pistol. What do you think of that?"  
Willie tore up his list and tossed it away, exclaiming, "Lend me your pencil!"

**Another Halton M.P.**  
Halton's member of parliament at the Ontario Older Boys' parliament is Clayton McDuffie of Oakville. The 32nd session opened at Whitby on Boxing Day.

## GLASS DRILLS

A tool for drilling holes in glass and plastic is on the market. It can either be manually operated by itself or without the handle used in power-drilling machines. The drill comes in all sizes from 1/32 of an inch to one inch. In manual operation it is held in the hand and rotated back and forth on the glass until the hole is drilled. The drill is said to be excellent for drilling glass, ceramics, masonry, and slate, as well as house partitions for installing telephones and the like.

The fine paper industry occupies an important place in the economy of Canada. Prior to the turn of the century much fine paper was imported from England and the U.S. Today Canada's fine paper mills export to almost all parts of the world.

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2:08 p.m.; 5:08 p.m.; 6:33 p.m.; 8:33 p.m.; 9:58 p.m.  
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10:27 a.m.; 12:52 p.m.; 2:57 p.m.;  
5:27 p.m.; 7:27 p.m.; 9:12 p.m.; 11:33 p.m.; 1:12 a.m. (Sun to Kitchener only).  
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