

# EDITORIAL

## They Need Our Help

All citizens will welcome the news that a national Canadian organization has been set up for aiding the flood victims of Britain, Holland and Belgium. Local organizations and societies can, of course, give impetus and give the local attention which means so much but the committee set up under the chairmanship of the Governor General which includes the prime minister and leaders of all political parties can consolidate and make most effective the distribution of the funds made available.

Administration costs are being kept to a minimum. You can make your donation at any chartered bank and the sooner you make your contribution the sooner Canada can give its aid to those good friends across the ocean who have suffered so much from the ravages of floods. Many of these friends of Canadians have lost their homes, belongings, and in many cases, their land. To help re-establish them is a call we must heed. They have suffered much during the past few years through war and now the flood calamity has struck. Help them now in their time of need.

And please return this book. You may think this is a simple request, but I find that many of my friends are poor arithmeticians, they are nearly all good book-keepers.—Sir Walter Scott.

## Off Again, Back Again

For two days this week your editor will be in Ottawa attending the Directors' meetings of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association. Attending will be editors from every province in the Dominion. We write the editorials before we leave for the capital and hope to be home again the day the Free Press is issued. It will be a busy two days.

The agenda calls for discussion and business sessions both days. There will be a meeting with the prime minister and cabinet, luncheons and dinners at which prominent Canadians will be guests and speakers. It is very probable that next week's editorial columns will be devoted to comment on these two days spent in Ottawa. It's one of the cities we like very much and it always holds a new interest for us on every visit.

Barring older people from employment is something we simply cannot afford, warns the Vancouver Sun. "The average age of the population is increasing as life expectancy tables and Old Age pension rolls only too accurately tell us. If we go on adding more and more people to the unemployment list we'll soon have to be providing state pensions for half the population. Who'll pay for the pensions? The other half of the population—the working half, of course."

## Not In Our Town

Indications are that new home building for this year will top the high record of Canada as a whole over last year. There is no shortage of labor or materials. It is said that the most serious obstacle to check residential construction in Canada is the shortage of serviced land and the reluctance of municipalities to provide it.

Such is not the case in Acton. There are still plenty of good building sites within the municipality, where all services such as schools, water, sewers and hydro are easily available. If the demand for more areas is made there is plenty of fine building land which can easily be brought into the town boundaries and secure the services that are enjoyed by any city dweller.

Adequate highways and means of travel are available from here to larger centres. Building sites are reasonable in price and allow for everyone to have ample lot size about his home. There aren't any obstacles in building at all for those who choose such towns as Acton for their home. Serviced land may be scarce for those who build in the larger centres but such is not the case here.

Victoria Day will be observed on Monday May 18th this year. Now if Dominion Day could be accorded similar consideration progress would be marked.

## Sunshine Budget

The budget given on Thursday evening by Finance Minister Abbott was one that brought pleasure to most Canadians and it must have been one that was a pleasure to the minister to present. To the Minister of Finance comes all the calls for money and to him comes the unpleasant and often criticized task of levying the taxes to raise the funds that all departments of government spend and which are ever increasing. When congratulations are in order Mr. Abbott should therefore get the applause.

Income tax down 11%, lower prices on cigarettes, no more radio licenses or stamps on cheques, increased deductions for medical expenses, changes favorable to the small business man and cheaper books and benefits to farmers and business men are among the budget good news. There is the good news, too, that Canada has reduced her debt 30% per capita since 1946.

Of course, publishers are pleased to have the 10% sales tax taken off newsprint and ink used in printing newspapers. It will compensate for the raise in January of \$10 per ton in the cost of paper and help to maintain prices as they are. With this consideration any increase in our subscription prices will not be necessary in the foreseeable future.

But perhaps the greatest satisfaction comes in the fact that at last taxes are lower. For years budget time always seemed to bring more demand for more taxes. Perhaps we dare to hope that with the 1953 budget the trend has started the other way and individuals will get more of the money they earn and less levy of taxes. It might aptly be termed a Sunshine Budget for everyone since the tax cuts mean that Canadians will keep a million dollars a day as a result of it.

"Any army which uses rifle fire when it should be using artillery will lose the battle, if not the war, and any merchant who depends upon some lesser medium of advertising when he should be using newspapers will lose sales, if not his shirt." This remark was made by Howard Mark advertising manager of Robert Simpson Co. in addressing the annual meeting of the National Retail Dry Goods Association.

## What is V.O.N. Week?

In these days when we hear so much of the shortage of hospital accommodation in spite of great building programs, it is refreshing to have a week — this week — known as Victorian Order Nurses Week, or V.O.N. for short. The primary purpose of the Victorian Order of Nurses is to care for the sick, the aged and maternity patients in the homes.

Convalescent patients often occupy hospital space which is needed for those requiring hospital treatment. The attention which convalescent patients receive in a hospital can frequently be provided at home by a graduate registered V.O.N. nurse at moderate cost.

Both the patient and the Victorian Order of Nurses are helping to ease the country's acute shortage of hospital beds under the Order's home nursing service plan.

Two general categories of services are supplied by the V.O.N. for patients at home:

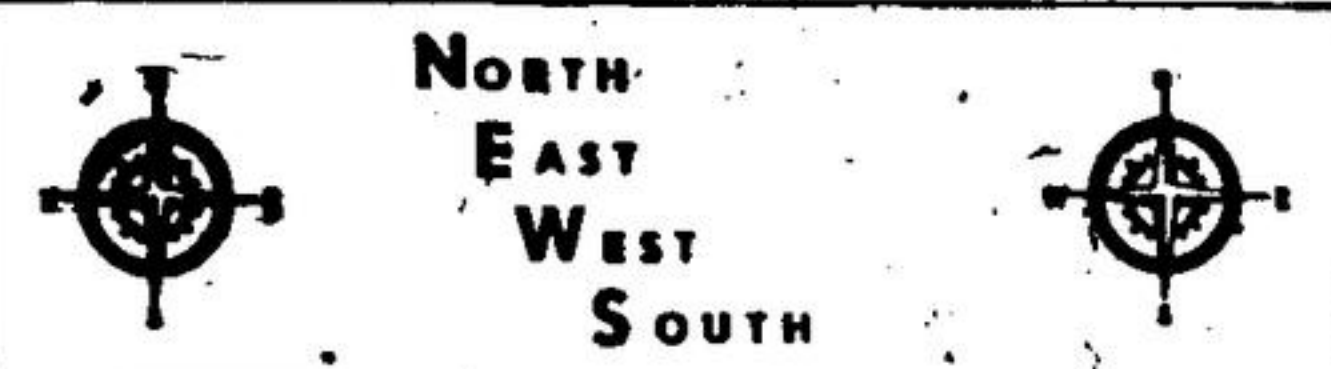
1. Care of patients requiring general nursing services, special treatments, dressings, compresses, or irrigations. Visits are made daily if necessary.

2. Part-time care of persons suffering from long-term illnesses or the infirmities of old age.

These V.O.N. services are in addition to many others, which include instruction to the expectant mother on the proper care of a baby, attendance at delivery if requested, demonstrations on the correct way to bathe a baby, assistance with the baby's schedule and help in preparation of the formula if the baby is not breast fed.

A V.O.N. nurse will call at the home of any sick person, and minister care under the direction of a physician. All of the Order's services are available to all Canadians in every walk of life, regardless of race, color, creed or financial status. The cost to the patient of each visit by a nurse is based on ability to pay.

There is no appeal for funds during V.O.N. Week. The purpose of the week is merely to focus attention on the great service being performed by the Order. There are 113 branches and the nursing staff is now 534.



## More Flood Victims

A Georgetown mother and her child were drowned in the floods in Holland, you will recall. Now there is a possibility that a former Georgetown family are also counted among the victims of the disaster. It was heard by someone over the radio that a Dutch family and their daughter who had lived in Georgetown were among the dead. The description fitted Mr. and Mrs. Ouke Mulder and their daughter Frances, who had moved to England.

They lived at Limehouse before coming to Georgetown. Mrs. Mulder was an English girl.

**Good Sign**  
"Signs of a growing town!" says the weekly paper in Georgetown. "Georgetown will have street numbering this year."

**Valuable Course**  
A bit north of Halton in Erin, the Business Men's Association is planning a different kind of public service — a St. John's ambulance course. "Considerable discussion among certain circles in Erin regarding first aid," says the Erin Advocate, "has prompted the Erin Business Men's Association to take action in this regard." The divisional superintendent of the ambulance division has already addressed a group and helped plan for the course. The boy scouts, firemen and citizens in general will benefit, it's felt.

**Local Woman Juror**  
Serving as a member of the Grand Jury in Milton last week was the first Georgetown lady, Mrs.

## Waller Pock

It is the first year, of course, that ladies have been eligible to serve.

## Coronation Plans

Acton's committee to plan for a coronation celebration was chosen this week but the group can't make plans until they know how much money is at their disposal. In Oakville, a second attempt is being made to form a coronation committee. Very few representatives showed up at the first meeting. One of the two Oakville newspapers reports that it is hoped Trafalgar township, Brant and Oakville will unite to plan how the coronation will be marked in the south of the county.

**Grudge Against Scouts**  
A former Scoutmaster, Hugh David Walker of Hamilton, a member of the Canadian Army Provost Corps at Camp Borden, who dynamited and set fire to the Boy Scout camp at Mount Nemo in revenge for being dismissed from the movement, was remanded in court at Milton for a mental examination. In a statement read by Crown Attorney Lloyd D. Dingle, Q.C., Walker said he had a grudge against the Boy Scouts. It was the second time he had carried out a revengeful action against the Boy Scouts, said Walker. In October of 1952 he said he broke into one of the sleeping huts at the camp and smashed the furniture.

## Invitation to Coronation

The mayor of Guelph has received an invitation to attend the coronation. Mayor Worlan of "The Royal City" hasn't made up his mind yet.

## Reading Between The Lines

## SWIMMING POOL STARTED IN 1947; WHAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE THEN?

by Jim Dills

Reeve F. McCutcheon and the 1947 Acton council called a public meeting in September, 1947, at which no one voiced disapproval of the construction of swimming pool in Acton. Since then there have been two other public meetings and 28 committee meetings.

None of the money has been spent and during the period that has elapsed interest has been added to the committee funds. In a close survey of the committee minutes I found that the committee faced canvassing problems, steel and cement shortages, and engineer difficulties.

It is quite evident that a public meeting June 2, 1948, consisting of A. Macdonald, chairman, J. Royston, vice-chairman, J. McGeachie, secretary and J. Creighton, treasurer, as well as the sub-committees, were well aware of the thoughts of some, that the money should be returned, at a bogging-down point in the campaign.

The minutes make several references to discussion on the possibility of returning funds, and whether the committee had the power to spend them. Complication on refunds pushed progress and the committee carefully checked, finding they had power to go ahead.

Meetings were held in 1948 with industry, organizations and business men when all pledged support. One contest for the kids in the early stage of the campaign offered as a prize the chance for the first dive. I was rather amused, wondering just who it was and if he or she would still welcome

the opportunity, being six years older. In September 24, 1948, J. Royston was put in charge of the business men's canvass and Dr. Garrett in charge of the industrial campaign.

An engineering committee was set up May 28, 1949, and met with council to stake out the area in the park. The location of the pool in Prospect Park was approved by a citizens' meeting in June of 1949.

According to the minutes there appeared to be a break-down in the canvassing of business and industry in July, 1949. By August 3, 1950, the total cost of the pools was estimated at \$20,000 without both houses and the treasurer reported about \$9,000 in the bank. In the same month, at a later meeting with a complete break-down of costs, the total reached \$21,150 and steel and cement were reported hard to get.

Delegates were named in March 1951 to meet the Halton M.P., Hughes Cleaver, in an attempt to get steel. None was forthcoming. In October 1951, the engineers had failed to provide plans and the contract with R. V. Anderson was cancelled. On Jan. 16, 1952, another engineer was interviewed without satisfaction. The committee engaged Barnett and Reider to draw plans for junior and senior pools and working drawings for the junior pool and dressing rooms at a meeting on June 23, 1952.

At that meeting it was reported that all money was still on deposit and would probably provide (Continued on Page Three)

## AT THE Churches

**UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**  
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Miss O. M. Lampard, A.T.C.M.  
Organist and Choir Leader  
SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 1953  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School lesson period begins at 10 minutes to ten.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Typical summer experiences of student missionary.

Thought for the Week  
The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith, and the beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety (George Muller)

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**  
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON  
REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG  
M.A., B.D., Minister  
SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 1953  
10:00 a.m.—Church School  
11:00 a.m.—Morning 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, February 26, 8 p.m.  
Prayer meeting  
SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 1953  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service  
"Naaman the Leper"  
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship  
8:30 p.m.—Young Peoples

**ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH**  
(Anglican)  
Rev. Ralph E. Price, B.A., B.D.  
Rector  
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
March 1, 1953  
9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m.—Church School  
11:00 a.m.—Beggings' Class  
11:00 a.m.—Choral Communion  
7:00 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon  
8:00 p.m.—Wednesday March 4  
Litanies and Address  
6:30 p.m.—Friday, March 6—Fathers and Son Nite in the Parish Hall. Food, fun, fellowship.  
"Render your heart and not your payments and turn unto the Lord your God."  
Joel 2:13  
ALL ARE WELCOME

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

### Back in 1903

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, February 26, 1903

Any desire the municipal council may have for the introduction of municipal reforms calculated to uplift the community entrusted to their government the present year, must have been materially strengthened by the presence and requests of a strong deputation of leading citizens at the meeting on Monday evening. The deputation was introduced by H. P. Moore, J.P., who stated that they felt as citizens that the time had come when concerted action should be taken by the council and those interested in the moral welfare of the community, for the removal of unnecessary temptations from the path of the rising generation, and the enforcement of the law. To this end the deputation would especially impress upon the Council the desirability of passing a cigarette-by-law with a prohibitive license fee, and a Commissioner to include in their regulations all bar-rooms to be closed at 9 p.m. instead of 11 as at present.

Dr. J. M. Macdonald thought the pernicious habit of smoking cigarettes was injurious to all who indulged in it. Dr. McKeague and Dr. Macdonald both agree that they know of cases, professionally where cigarettes have made work mentally or physically of some of the young men in town. A by-law was prepared and read a first time, and allowed to stand for two weeks. The license fee, proposed is \$100, and the penalties for violation \$10 to \$50 or in default one to three months imprisonment. Johnstone and Co., undertakers, have charged their fifth funeral this week today.

### Back in 1933

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, February 23, 1933

February has lived up to its nick-name of Windy this year. Erin hockey team, which won the group in the Northern Hockey League, will now play Durham. With the attractions of this week the arena may well be termed the community centre of Acton during the winter months.

For taking clothes off a clothes line by other than the approved method a man in Oakville received 30 days at the hands of acting Magistrate W. A. Ferrah.

One hundred criminals insane, were transferred from the Ontario Reformatory at Guelph to a new building specially designed for their accommodation at Penetanguishene Ontario. The transfer was carried through without a hitch.

At the annual meeting of Acton Free Library Board Mr. A. T. Brown was re-elected chairman and H. N. Farmer, Secretary-Treasurer for another year. It was decided to loan the public school certain books not in frequent circulation with the same arrangements as the continuation school.

The Beardmore Welters defeated Havelock "Shoris" in a hockey game on Saturday by 4-1. The intermediate team played a good exhibition game Monday when A. R. Clarke's Toronto won by 4-3.

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