

# EDITORIAL

## Nothing to Give

The budget presented last week for Ontario by Premier Frost was the most colorless budget in this year of otherwise favorable budgets. Mr. Frost said there would be no new taxes and no increase in present taxes and there would be tax reductions.

But what are the reductions? Corporations will get a net saving of 2.6 per cent. on Ontario income. Provision is made in line with federal allowance to allow corporations to deduct former special payments made to pension funds in respect to past services of employees. If your estate is under \$50,000 your widow will be relieved on succession duties. The race tracks tax has been reduced to a straight eight per cent. The mortgage tax now applicable in Toronto, York County and Hamilton will be repealed. If you can find anything to cheer about and even make you feel cheerful about in those changes, you are in a very preferred class.

A surplus of \$185,000 is estimated and Mr. Frost proudly points to the fact that this is the government's 11th consecutive surplus. With current high earnings and consequent higher revenues it might have been expected that some tax reduction would have been made from which the average man and woman of Ontario would benefit. The budget of Ontario is certainly a marked contrast to the budget Mr. Abbott presented a month ago and which is being criticized by Mr. Drew and his followers in the Federal House.

With high gasoline tax and ever increasing revenue from the sales of liquor flowing into the provincial coffers, the average individual had every reason to expect some consideration from the Ontario government.

A good way to lose friends and make enemies is to have your mail come with "postage due" on it. If your postage isn't sufficient the receiver pays double the amount required.

## Just an Old Photograph

Looking over some old photographs the other day we came across one of the old Sydney Smith house which is now incorporated into the present high school and it's remarkable how little change there is in the old stone house structure from the present building. The fine old home was built nearly 90 years ago and 25 years ago the property of the Smith estate was acquired and the building converted into a Continuation School. Five years ago another room was added to the building to house the growing school population.

The building is among the oldest in Acton and it's a tribute to early builders that when it ceases to be used as a high school in Acton its rooms will be utilized for pupils in the Acton Public School. The new section added a year ago to the public school is nearing its capacity and will have reached that point by the time the new high school is ready.

What recollections that old picture brought back of old Col. Allan standing at the gate as we came out of school and the high board fence along the school lane. It's all part of a changing and growing Acton.

It's predicted that Samia will be the scene of the greatest future refining expansion in Canada and probably the greatest refining centre in Canada.

## In Wrong Places

There used to be an old saying among printers that "All display is no display" and the reasoning was that if printing material was all set in display faces there was nothing to attract attention. We thought of this recently when we noticed some of the big highway warning signs that are so large and badly placed. Often the warning is not heeded.

Placing of the sign also has an effect for good or bad. We noticed one the other day that simply added to the already dangerous condition created by a hedge which cut off much of the view as motorists approached the highway. Placing the sign at a point a few feet further along the highway would have been much more effective. Safety depends on more than signs. It depends on judgment of those who drive and those who have the care of making our highways safe for all.

## Double on Some

Motorists who have a record for safe driving are at least to receive some benefit for their care. The new auto insurance rates give the driver who has no accidents in the past three years a better rate.

One man called in the office recently and wanted our opinion on compulsory insurance. Frankly we don't like compulsion of any kind but in one form we already have compulsory insurance. It doesn't matter whether you carry adequate insurance or not, when you buy your driver's license those who live in Ontario are compelled to pay a dollar towards a fund to provide for those who carry no insurance. We dislike that kind of unfair compulsion and double assessment.

We believe that no one should be issued a driver's permit until he or she can show that the vehicle to be driven is adequately covered by insurance. Failing such failure to show fully paid up insurance we would go for compulsion in collecting an adequate fee of up to \$25 before the driver's permit was issued with the extra fee turned into the unsatisfied judgment fund.

We, of course, do not know all the hardships or entanglements such a system would involve, but apparently there has been no curtailment in the number of driver's licenses issued when the fee for the unsatisfied judgment fund was doubled this year. It seems unfair that drivers who carry adequate insurance should be called up for any payment to the unsatisfied judgment fund.

Official arrival of spring is scheduled for Saturday but this winter the weather has been so moderate that the change in seasons is not as noticeable as usual. There was scarcely enough snow for the January thaw and the spring break-up should not cause any flooded conditions this year. It seems the birds that usually go south have been around all year, too.

## A Nice Surplus

CBC's total income from public sources is placed by the corporation in its annual report at \$12,091,317, made up of \$5,841,317 in licence fees, and \$6,250,000 from a special annual grant authorized last year. An operating surplus of \$3,691,000 was listed.

The special grant was approved on the definite understanding that there would be a decrease in advertising over the national networks. The annual report indicates that this condition has not been met, since advertising revenue has remained virtually constant.

The surplus is the unexpended portion of the special grant. The amount is more than a million dollars greater than the reported revenue from advertising. This would indicate that advertising could not only be decreased, but eliminated altogether.

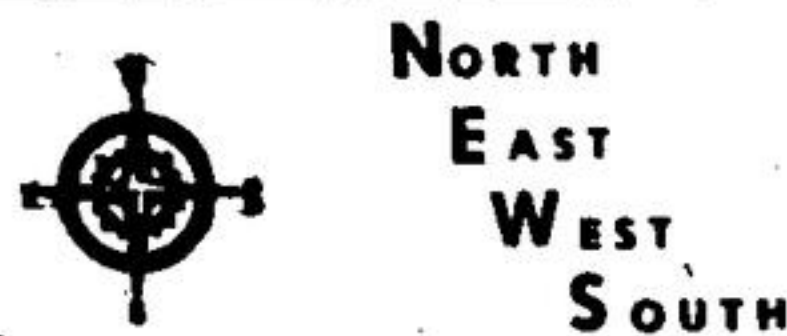
There were so many other things of more local importance last week that we neglected to add our editorial comment on the death of Joseph Stalin. A week later we feel it would be just as well to refrain from any comment but it's not from lack of opinion.

## The Most For Your Money

A month-long drive to raise funds for the Ontario Society for Crippled Children is now in progress. The objective is for \$475,000 and in Acton the campaign for Easter Seals sale is conducted by the Rotary Club. To every one has been mailed an envelope of Easter Seals and your contribution is solicited and you are urged to use the seals in this pre-Easter season.

Over 6,000 handicapped youngsters are cared for by the Crippled Children's Society. It operates three summer camps and carries out its major work of clinical investigation and treatment of children all over Ontario. Many a child has been assisted in getting an even start in life through the work carried on every day by the Crippled Children's Society and the Rotary Club.

You don't have to seek far to learn of the splendid help. Many a child right in our own district has received and is being helped to rise above his physical handicaps because of your donation to the fund. You will want to share in this work of bringing sunshine to the lives of Crippled Children. Your contribution can do the most when you give it to the Crippled Children's Society through the Acton Rotary Club.



### Relatives in Halton

You'll remember reading about 17-year-old Bob Gilles, young Collingwood hockey player, who died of injuries received in a hockey game recently.

The Georgetown Herald reveals that both his parents are natives of Halton. His father, Humphrey Gilles, is a brother of Goldie Gilles who lives near Georgetown and his mother is the daughter of Mrs. Robert English of Glen Williams.

### 50th Anniversary

We note in the Georgetown Herald that Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Burt celebrated their 50th anniversary recently on their farm on the seventh line, Mrs. William Johnston of Acton is one of their daughters. They had six children. The others are George, Roy and Elmer of Georgetown, Mrs. Kenneth Hamilton of Erin and Lloyd Burt of Acton district.

Over a hundred visitors brought congratulations when they held open house.

### Centre for Burlington

"Green light" has been given to a proposed \$15,000,000 regional shopping centre for Campbell's corners, near Burlington, by the Burlington Suburban Area planning board. The new centre will include about 80 acres, and is expected to serve 500,000 people. The centre will provide its own sewage system.

### Reading Between The Lines

Started thinking this week about the changes in Acton's business section and wondering just how many friends an earlier Actonian would meet if he returned to his former homestead in the little village.

Going back as far as I can remember which might be about 15 years, I have travelled down the business section and looked in at the stores to see just who was operating them, trying to remember who used to be there.

After the trip I found I could list 51 changes or new businesses in the 72 businesses on my list. That was rather surprising over my short span but the changes are very gradual.

Let's walk along Main St. coming into town from the Guelph direction. Frank Toth Jr. added a new Shell service station just inside the town in a settlement of houses that spread in that direction. Bilton and Perry have built a fine new brick store and walk shop with an apartment above for their plumbing and heating headquarters. Just across the road and on a little further Sandy McIsaac is still operating the Highway Garage, one of the few busi-

### Suggestion re Ford

The Oakville Record Star has an off-the-record suggestion, "Look for Ford of Canada." It says, "to have its Oakville plant classed as a defense industry by the government so that 10 per cent. down housing for workers may become a possibility around here."

### Tangle in Bronte

What a mix-up Bronte is in! Just 24 hours after 53 members of the Bronte ratepayers' association voted to rejoin Trafalgar the village council at a special session asked the municipal board for permission to annex 487 acres of Trafalgar township land. Bewildered ratepayers were wondering what was the use of annexing part of Trafalgar if they were going to rejoin the township anyway.

Report from the municipal board should be out now as to whether the village may rejoin Trafalgar, but we haven't seen it yet.

The village also applied to have rent controls retained — but their application arrived too late, and controls are off.

### Broom in Industry

There's another new industry in Halton, and since so many commute miles to work these days, some farther north may be interested. It's the Beaver Brush Co. of Montreal, manufacturers of quality paint brushes, which will establish a plant in Oakville. It expects to swing into operation in early April and employ from 50 to 60 men and women.

## MANY CHANGES WOULD GREET FORMER ACTONIAN IN BUSINESS

by Jim Dills

nesses that haven't changed hands or location within my recollection. Next door to the garage is C. K. Browne with his confectionery that was moved in recent years from next to the Dominion Hotel. There are a good many new homes on the west side of Main St. too that have been added only recently.

A house was moved from the corner across from the Presbyterian Church to accommodate the newly built Lorne-Garner Motors garage. The Dominion Hotel was sold by Harry Holmes to Jack Royston and then to the present owner, Harold Dedels.

Ed Jenning's Acton Garage was transferred, not too long ago to a bowling alley on the second floor with living accommodation downstairs. Plastonics, makers of molded plastic products, and operated by Tony Ironsides is also located in this building and we understand that another new business may open here soon.

Just back up the street to the Lantz home where the Bell Telephone exchange was for so many years we find that the Acton Branch, Canadian Legion, has established headquarters there.

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# AT THE Churches

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**  
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON  
REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG  
M.A., B.D., Minister

SUNDAY, MARCH 22nd, 1933  
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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SUNDAY, MARCH 22nd, 1933  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School class for all ages  
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship "Tempted but Not Defeated"  
7:30 p.m. - Combined Evening Service and Young Peoples, with special music and ministry of "The Word" by Quartette from College Street Baptist Church, Toronto.  
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Organist and Choir Leader

SUNDAY, MARCH 22nd, 1933  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School. The lesson period commences at ten o'clock.  
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship, subject, "The Resoluteness of Jesus"  
7:00 p.m. - Evening Worship. Moving pictures. Films with a message.

Thought for the Week  
"The first act of religion is to know what is true of God; the second act is to express it in our lives."  
Whitcheate 1610-1683 A.D.

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

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
Palm Sunday  
March 22nd, 1933  
9:00 a.m. - Holy Communion.  
10:00 a.m. - Church School.  
11:00 a.m. - Beginners' Class  
11:00 a.m. - Matins and Sermon  
7:00 p.m. - Evensong and Sermon (Adult Confirmation Class in the Rectory after Evensong.)  
Wednesday, March 25 - Mid-week Lenten service, 8 p.m. - Litany and Address.

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."  
Isaiah 53: 6  
ALL WELCOME



## THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

### Back in 1903

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 19, 1903

The well known Gordon Hall property, lot 28, concession 5, Esqueping, has been sold to A. G. Claridge of Glen Williams. James Andrews, the present tenant, will remain on the property until next year when Mr. Claridge himself will go on the place. He has secured a fine property. Robert Bliton of Crewe's Corners, purchased last week from John Walters his farm, lot 27, Con. 1, Esqueping for \$2,800. John Ritchie has sold his farm of 150 acres, lot 20, con. 1, Esqueping, to John Franks for \$5,000. Messrs. W. Hemstreet and R. J. McHabb effected the sale of the latter two.

A score or more of the ladies in town, who revel in fancy work have been taking special lessons in embroidery from a professional lady from Toronto the past week. Cold lunches have been in order in numerous homes as a result of this unusual attraction.

The Firstbrook fish hatchery and ponds, which have been managed by Anthony Mason since they were opened half a dozen years ago, will now be in charge of John Arthurs. The prices of horses are higher than for years. From \$100 to \$200 now is being paid for horses which five years ago would have been bought for half the money.

Mr. Paul S. Kennedy reports that 32 wild geese were seen feeding in his fall wheat fields last Sunday.

Citizens were obliged to wade over a good many crossings imbedded in mud last week. Very bad roads prevail now.

St. Patrick's day was marked by a number of citizens wearing the dear little shamrock.

### Back in 1933

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 19, 1933

Won't be long now until baseball will be the feature at the park. A team from Acton hockey club lost to Georgetown on Saturday night by a 3-3 score.

The roadways were rather treacherous on Monday and Tuesday and many minor accidents were reported.

Miss Olive Rokes has been awarded the Matriculation Scholarship, the gift of Dr. T. D. J. Farmer to Acton Continuation School.

About 30 members of the Perth United Church Young Men's Bible class and choir journeyed to Acton on Saturday evening and spent a very pleasant time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson.

On Monday the Widgots played their two final games of the season. The Parkies clashed with the Three Stars and won 7-1. This decided the winners of the Patterson trophy. Some fine hockey material has been developed among these boys.

Acton council appointed members of council to the Cemetery Board making five members on the Board rather than four. Hereafter, the reeve will be ex-officio a member of the Cemetery Board.

**BORN**  
BESSEY - At Hillsburg, on Sunday, March 12, 1933, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bessey, a son.

**DIED**  
GRAHAM - At the home of her son, W. K. Graham, Knox Avenue, Acton, on Saturday, March 11, 1933, Sarah P. Maudens, widow of the late John Knox Graham.

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