

# EDITORIAL

## Best of the Year

Spring is coming gradually. We haven't yet had any of those extra warm days that bring on growth too rapidly and make one shed garments too soon and later have to be put on again. But the ground is drying up, plowing is in progress and the land being made ready for seed.

In the towns the lawns are being raked, the spring flowers are in bloom and one can see the grass getting on a more vivid hue of fresh green. It's a busy time of year for the work of out-of-doors. Perhaps the busiest time of the year because when summer temperatures come they take some of the ardour and bring on more of a holiday spirit.

Roads which have had the ravages of winter are being groomed for better travel and cars are more gleaming in anticipation of less mud. Then, of course, we have the constant reminder of spring in the ever increasing number of grass fires that get out of control and spread so rapidly to damage property. Yes, all the signs of spring are with us these days and this is the most joyful of all the seasons of the year.

## Easier Travel

Last week we visited across the border during Easter tide and did not get back home in time to write these columns which were prepared by our associate editor. Don't believe we ever saw so many cars before with Ontario license plates which were travelling south of the border. There was a time when Canada was a tourist attraction for many citizens of the United States but the reciprocity in travel now seems to be working very equally.

Perhaps border regulations may have some bearing on the increased visiting. Many of the nuisances have been removed. No travel permit is necessary to enter the United States for a brief visit and inspections seem to be kept to a minimum in enforcing regulations.

Of course, the change in our money equality with the neighbors makes for easier travel. We even found places where we were assured that Canadian money would be accepted for purchases but it is still more simple to use the currency in the country in which one is visiting and with which service stations and shopkeepers are familiar. We think the visiting is good for both countries. It makes for better understanding of the common problems which confront all who reside on this continent of North America.

Longer evenings can be expected in the not too distant future with daylight saving time generally scheduled to go into effect at the end of the month. That always lengthens the hours of work for the amateur gardeners.

## Back to Grandpa's Day?

It took a lot of work for grandpa to make a job for himself.

He invested months, sometimes years of his life, in clearing the land so he could really start to "work" and put in a crop.

For grandpa made his own job. In years ahead, the Canadian worker will have to help provide his own job too, thinks The Financial Post. This country is going to need a lot more investment capital. And it will have to come from a lot of people who work in factories, and stores and shops, and who never called themselves investors.

Wealthy men used to be able to provide the funds for capital expansion. Even if the "little" man happened to know a Class "B" Common from a Participating Preferred he didn't have the cash to buy either.

But times have changed. The "little man" makes more. The "big man" makes relatively less.

And there are millions of "little men" for every "big man." Combined, they hold the country's future in their hands. For they have the capital, the savings out of their incomes.

Complications of modern finance may becloud the picture. But today's workingman's investment, though not as direct as grandpa's, is just as important, and has the same end.

More jobs, more goods, more Canada.

## You Set the Rate

Municipal tax rates are being announced these days and the figures give plenty of variety. In view of the fact that a change is gradually going on across Ontario in the manner of assessing the figures are not always indicative of the amount of money ratepayers contribute toward municipal expenditure. In most cases the trend is up with other centres holding the rate at the same figure as last year and a rare case of lower rates.

Walkerton has announced a rate of 86 mills, an increase of 10 mills over last year. Chesley will levy a rate of 69 mills which is five mills above last year's levy.

Coming to our own county of Halton, Milton and Georgetown have held their levy at the same rate as last year which is 56 mills in Milton and 43 in Georgetown. The rate in Burlington is up three mills at 38 mills and Oakville has a six mill increase to bring the rate to 41. In Bronte, the rate has nearly doubled at a figure in the seventies. Acton has reduced the rate by 13 mills for 51 mills this year.

Interesting, too, are the reasons given for the general increase in taxes and most common one put forth is increased costs of education. It is, however, well to remember that municipal services are just like every other commodity. The trend has been for more services expected from the municipalities and increased costs comparative with those in other lines of business have had to be faced.

There has been a common fallacy prevalent for many years that if the town provides the services it doesn't come out of the individual's pocket book. The same reasoning has been applied by many folks to the expenditures of provincial and dominion governments. Tax paying time provides the proof that this reasoning is not sound. It's the people of any community who set the rates of taxation that shall be levied for the services which are provided. Councils and public bodies try to interpret and guide in the over-all matter of expenditure.

## More Than the Law

Many people may not be aware of the fact that the Ontario law states that parents may not leave their children alone, or in improper hands while they visit beverage rooms. The wisdom of such a law comes to attention in a case of a Minnesota man who left his children in the car for several hours with the motor running while he was in a barroom. The children died of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Sometimes much of our so-called juvenile delinquency is improperly named and the delinquency is adult rather than juvenile. Besides the duties specified by law, parenthood carries an obligation which is sometimes overlooked.

## A Growing Province

Since 1939, Ontario's population has grown by 28.5 per cent., rising from 3,708,000 to 4,766,000 in 1952. Over this same period the number of live births rose from 64,100 to an all time high of 124,600 in 1952, an increase of 60,500 or 94.4 per cent. The natural increase (births less deaths) stood at 26,600 in 1939, rose to 67,200 in 1947 and climbed to a record 80,300 in 1952.

Ontario's birth rate per 1,000 population rose from 17.3 in 1939 to a high of 26.1 in 1947 and, after a moderate decline, again equalled the previous high of 26.1 in 1952. Ontario's natural increase rate has followed a pattern similar to that of the birth rate. In 1939, Ontario's rate of natural increase was 7.2 per thousand population. By 1943 it had reached 10.2 and in 1947 rose to 16.1. In the next two years the rate of natural increase declined, but in 1950 it took an upswing and in 1952 established a new high of 16.9.

In 1952, Ontario's birth registrations were 5.2 per cent. above those of a year ago; Quebec registered an increase of 3.5 per cent. and Canada 3.9 per cent. Ontario's natural increase totalled over 80,000, about 9,500 more than the previous year high in 1951. Both the rates of births and natural increase approximated the highest level this Province has experienced since 1900.

## Reading Between The Lines

# FEDERAL CHARITY IS COSTING YOU MONEY, LET'S HAVE INDIVIDUALISM

by Jim Dills

It may not be a purely local question but it concerns all areas in Canada greatly and that is "What about charity?"

Considering the charitable drives that are made on a national scale, I recently heard a point advanced that 95 per cent. of national or provincial charity was collected and administered by the government with more than 200 individual organizations collecting the remaining five per cent.

Charity under the government side consists of family allowances, old age pensions, mothers' allowances and similar forms of welfare.

The Hanover Post commented recently, "One of the human rights that is threatened by the modern craze for having the state provide for all our needs, with equal shares for all, regardless of our contributions to the production of them, is our right as individuals or as families to live within our means and do without the things we can't afford. . . . The man of independent mind wants his children brought up in the belief that in this world, they are entitled to only what they can earn and should pride themselves on giving value for everything they get."

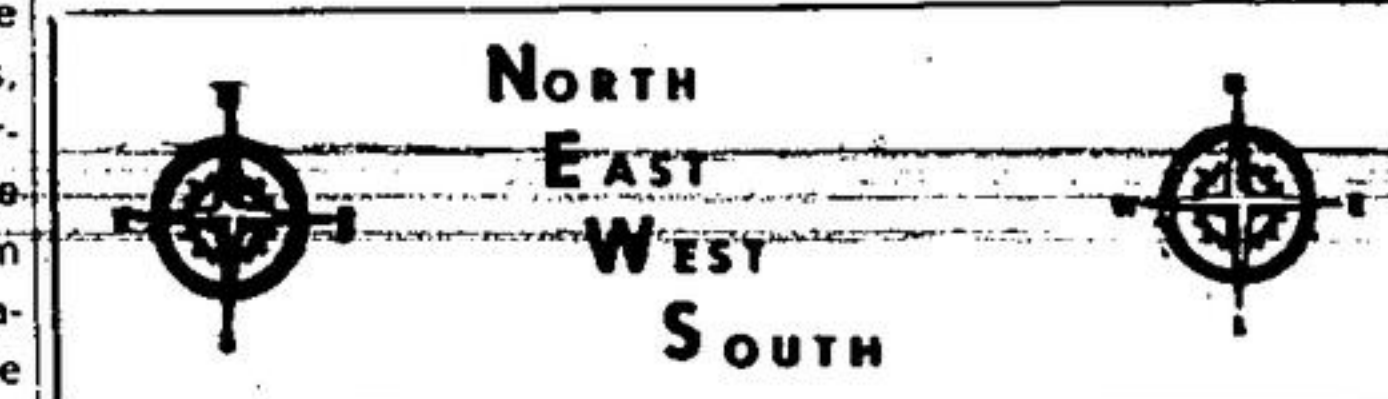
The Barrie, Ontario Examiner

points out that the federal social security package works out in direct and indirect taxes at \$284 for the average family of four.

The Camrose Canadian (Alberta) comments "We don't want anyone from Saskatchewan or B.C. to try and tell us that they get it (health insurance) free, except for direct charge of \$30 per family. For every dollar collected in this manner in 1952 the province of Saskatchewan had to lay out an additional dollar and a half from public funds." The Camrose editor in conclusion points to a \$1 1/4 million loss in Saskatchewan's government auto insurance business.

If you happen to be filling out your income tax form you'll notice there are two columns of figures before you arrive at your total. You should notice that the one column is titled "old age security tax." In a moderate income range this year it costs you \$12 to \$16 for the old age pension.

The indication of costs of these welfare measures on the form is indeed a wise one in the interests of a more informed public that may eventually not ask governments to provide everything. Perhaps there will soon be a general awakening to a little more individualism.



**100 Years Old**  
George Hemstreet of Milton celebrated his 100th birthday on Saturday, April 4. Mr. Hemstreet can remember when Milton was lit with oil lamps. If the moon shone brightly, the lamps were left off. When the municipal electric system was installed in 1908, he did the accounting work and read the meters. He was formerly a member of council, assessor, town clerk and treasurer and tax collector. Many years of service to the town are behind him.

**Indicates Price Upswing?**  
The highest average at a dispersal sale of Holsteins in Canada since 1950 was realized when the Romandale herd of S. B. Brown, King, was sold at Oakville on March 31, the 64 head bringing a total of \$50,225 for a general average of \$784. The highest individual price since the fall of 1951 were paid with the top figure of \$9,000 being reached twice.

**Birthday for Ford**  
Ford Motor Company of Canada celebrates a birthday this year. It was just 50 years ago that a little "horseless carriage" factory started up in Detroit, doing business under the name of Ford Motor Company.

The anniversary year finds Ford of Canada well into the biggest expansion of its history, and one of the largest industrial expansion programs Canada has ever seen. In May cars will begin coming off the line in the giant new assembly plant at Oakville. To celebrate its 50th Anniversary, Ford of Canada is planning a big nationwide "birthday party."

**For Friday**  
Fergus shoppers were asked whether they would rather the

stores remained open on Friday or Saturday evening recently. The vote was sponsored by the Retail Merchants Association there, with boxes for ballots placed in the stores.

The result? 364 for Friday night open; 220 for Saturday.

**Clunk for Spring**  
Different people think spring is here for different reasons. Last week in the section of the Georgetown Herald devoted to news from the high school, one of the students reported how anyone around the school knows spring has arrived. "The school has broken out in a rash of baseball," she says. "It isn't safe to walk across the field for fear of being clonked on the noggin."

**Xavier Xampbell?**  
You likely have heard by now of Oakville residents' complaints about their water—the "wormwood flavor" and "town dump aroma." Not only did Ross E. Campbell of the Seventh Line down there have to drink the water like everyone else, he had to take the brunt of a lot of other people's complaints, too. In the telephone directory he is listed right above Ross M. Campbell, the county's sanitary inspector.

As you see by now, he is called by mistake when the town's water tastes "fishy." From Oakville comes the report that Ross E. does not know whether to have his phone taken out, or whether he should change his name to Xavier.

**Bachelor Gals Spared**  
Oakville's bachelor girls won't have to pay \$10 poll tax for this year, at least. The council wanted to tax unmarried girls as well as men, but minister of municipal affairs George Dunbar explained that only new legislation which could not be enacted until the next session could O.K. such a move. So gals farther north are quite safe, too.

# AT THE Churches

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 19th, 1953**  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School For God-guided citizenship  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Repeating the Easter Cantata, "The Thorn-Crowned King"

7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship Special service, S. S. scholars and C.G.I.T. assisting. Chorus and scripture readings. Colored moving picture, Nakamia Thought for the Week  
First lesson: The first lesson of Religion is. The things that are seen are temporal; the unseen, eternal.

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Parsonage - 115 Bower Ave.  
Phone 208

Thursday, April 16, 8 p.m.—Mission Circle Thro' offering Speaker, Mrs. J. B. McLaurin.  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 19th, 1953**  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service  
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service  
8:30 p.m.—Young Peoples'

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

Saturday, April 18, 2:30—Leadership Training School  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 19th, 1953**  
10:00 a.m.—Church School  
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship  
2:00 p.m.—Leadership Training School  
7:00 p.m.—Young Peoples' service  
A Warm Welcome Awaits You

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

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER**  
April 19, 1953  
9:00 a.m.—No service.  
10:00 a.m.—Church School  
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class  
11:00 a.m.—Choral Communion  
7:00 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon  
ALL WELCOME

Hammocks are becoming a thing of the past in the Royal Canadian Navy. As new warships are constructed and older ships modified and refitted, folding steel bunks are installed in messdecks.

# THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER



## Back in 1903

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 16, 1903

The Easter register of friends who spent Easter at Acton and citizens who visited elsewhere includes: Mr. James Coleman and Miss Ethel at London; Mrs. Ed. Nicklin and Miss Jessie Nicklin, at Guelph; Mr. John Kerr Brown, College of Pharmacy, Toronto; Mrs. John Lambert and children of Toronto at Mr. W. H. Speight's; Miss Minnie Bennett of Clay Hill, at her father's home; Miss Brankley has returned from Montreal; Mr. D. Henderson, M.P., from Ottawa; Mr. John McCann of Bracebridge; Mr. George Oram, at Toronto; Miss Minnie Holmes, at Owen Sound; Miss Bena Wallace, from London to her home; Ex-Mayor R. E. Nelson and Master Elford of Guelph.

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## Back in 1933

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 13, 1933

Don't cut across the boulevards and lawns at this time of year. The thunderstorms of Monday morning were quite heavy for this time of year. The baseball club has been organized for the year again and it looks as if Acton would have a good entry this year. The sixtieth anniversary of the storming of Clay Hill, at her father's home; Miss Brankley has returned from Montreal; Mr. D. Henderson, M.P., from Ottawa; Mr. John McCann of Bracebridge; Mr. George Oram, at Toronto; Miss Minnie Holmes, at Owen Sound; Miss Bena Wallace, from London to her home; Ex-Mayor R. E. Nelson and Master Elford of Guelph.

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