

# EDITORIAL

## When They Get Together

Heard a comment on Saturday night as a fellow citizen watched the children at the Hallowe'en party. "Now I know why we need so much more school room." That's just it. We don't realize until we see big groups such as on Hallowe'en just how many children there are in town who require school accommodation.

Not many citizens have the time to go to our schools at the noon hour or any of the periods when classes are going into school or are being dismissed. Many of us do not realize the growth of the school population in town since the days when we attended school. It just hasn't confronted us until we see the group of school age children all in one place at the same time. They come from all parts of the town. We see only the few that come along the same way that we travel each day.

But on Hallowe'en or any day on the school grounds one can see why the demand for more school accommodation never seems to get caught up.

## Another Autumn Delight

Many of us can remember when turkey was on the menu only at Christmas and often a good goose had to provide the substitute for the supply of turkeys that was limited. That was before the days when turkeys were raised by the thousands and the present day methods permitted smaller space for raising turkeys.

Turkey suppers are now a weekly and sometimes more often occurrence in town and district and with the turkey suppers that are provided by church and other groups go all the trimmings that any festive occasion would require. Never can understand how the ladies provide so much at such a nominal cost. But we are just like other folks and it is not for us to reason how or why but to take in just as many as the digestive apparatus and the figure will tolerate.

Even with all the turkey suppers that are crowded in the months from October to December, the turkey at Christmas loses none of its appeal. Autumn glory and coloring are wonderful but so also are the turkey suppers which are so popular each autumn. It's wonderful that fine turkeys have become more plentiful than in earlier years when a few farmers raised only a few birds.

## No Competition?

One of the pronouncements of the Department of Education according to the Wingham Advance is that the time-honored practice of publishing school children's reports is not a good idea. And the Department has suggested that no reports be published in future. The Wingham paper gives this question argument on school competition in academic matters which apparently does not apply on the field of sports.

"We have no information as to how the evils of published school reports were discovered so suddenly. The practice has been going on for as long as we can remember without, as far as we know, any particular outcry from pupils, parents or teachers. Possibly there has been a smouldering resentment against the thing all these years, of which we have been unaware. But to the untutored eye it sometimes seems that the authorities work on the principle that the less parents know about education, the better. Maybe, they're right.

"The idea nowadays seems to be to eliminate all trace of competition in the child's education. We aren't say that Johnny Jones is smarter, or applies himself more, or earns higher grades. It might offend Johnny Smith, who isn't as bright, or doesn't apply himself as successfully.

"While sympathizing with the Johnny Smiths of this world, we doubt if all this secrecy is of much value. If the publishing of competitive figures offends those at the lower end of the class you might say with equal justice that not publishing the figures will offend those at the top of the class.

"In its present state the world is a pretty competitive place. And it would seem to us that the sooner children get used to the idea, the better."

A man must stand erect, not be kept erect by others. - Marcus Aurelius

## The Game Season

Talked with some neighboring farmers during the week and we are told that not all the shooting of farm animals is done by careless hunters. We are told that trucks drive along the roads and use a searchlight to spot out cattle and sheep. The light shows up the animals and they are shot and the carcass loaded in the truck and taken away.

We've had quite a call for signs that are being posted on farms forbidding trespassing and shooting. It seems that so often that shooting of farm animals can so easily be blamed on careless hunters that the only protection for the farmer is to close his property for all trespassing.

The hunting season is now on. Many have gone north to enjoy an outing and hope to bring back some venison. Unfortunately, there are those who are over-anxious to get their quota. Unfortunately, too, there are many with little or no experience who venture on a hunting trip at this season. The woods these days can be dangerous for all men and for farm animals. It's a time for caution for all and for a real consideration of the property of other people.

## Courage Needed--Not Profits

A perusal of the daily news any day does not make pleasant reading and we often wonder how it is interpreted by countries which we would like to give the impression that our way of life and a free world are the best. Motor car fatalities, murders, broken homes, cruelty to children are so often in the headlines that one is apt to be depressed if there was not a realization that these portray a small portion of our people.

Perhaps you have noticed that so often in the stabbing and shooting cases, the broken homes and the cruelty to children over-indulgence in intoxicants is part of the story. Our free access to liquor is always giving trouble to law enforcement and makes crowds hard to handle. Here is one place where something could be done to make Canada a better country in which to live and work.

The big easy profit from the sale of intoxicants, the revenue that accrues to the treasury of all governments are the things that cause everyone to wink and pass by the crimes that can be laid at the door of whisky and such brews. The revenues are used up many times in attempts to make right the ruin that liquor invariably brings.

We have had a trial of the free sale of intoxicating beverages. It has brought on the biggest crop of drinkers that any system has ever produced. It's time that steps were taken to stop drunkenness. The road back to the days of prohibition of the sale will be long and hard but the sooner we start on that road the sooner Canada and Canadians will become a strong nation in the world.

## Another Man to Satisfy

There's a "third man" sitting in on union-management talks now.

He wasn't there a year ago. But he'll be there from now on.

When Studebaker's president D. C. Gaskin told this to his union representatives last week they thought he was talking about the stockholders. Gaskin quickly informed them he was talking about the customer.

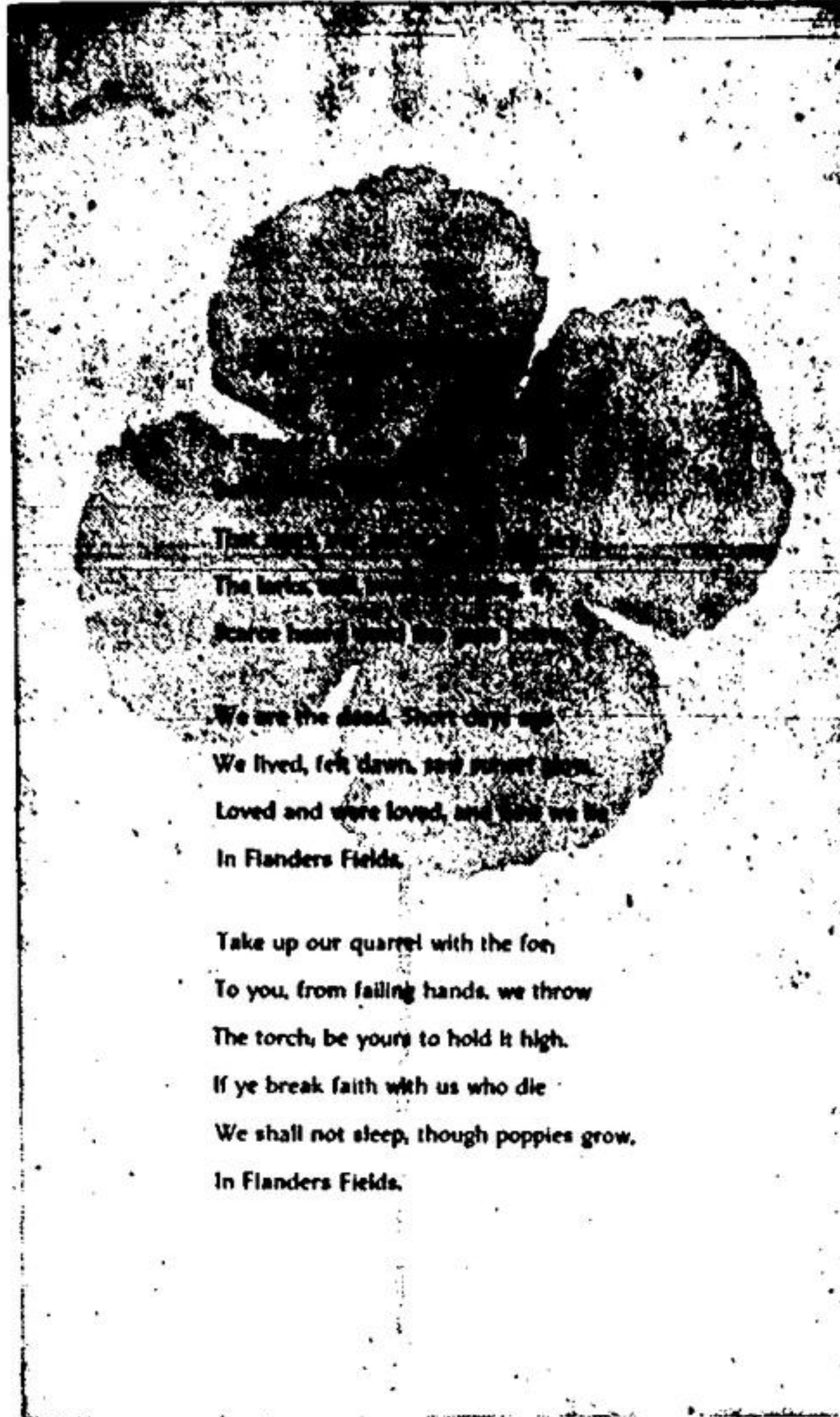
Take a look at auto production and you'll see how this statement applies, there, as well as in a lot of other places.

Auto production hit a record 435,000 last year. This year 450,000 cars are expected. Competition is a lot keener, with output increasing faster than customers with dollars in their hands. Something has to give.

That something is the price-tag. But if unions keep asking for more money and thereby keep production costs climbing, prices can't fall.

And who will be hurt? Perhaps among the victims will be the union members who ask for higher pay instead of waiting until present wages could buy them and the customers a better car because of lower prices. - The Financial Post

Clipped from an exchange "The true way to a classless society is to make all workers property owners and all property owners workers"



The birds are flying  
The leaves are falling  
We are the dead, some say  
We lived, felt pain, and loved  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe  
To you, from falling hands, we throw  
The torch, be yours to hold it high  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow,  
In Flanders Fields.



### No Luck With Ducks

Plenty have been trying their luck, judging by the shots we hear in the distance, but duck hunting is still not up to much this year. The weather's too good; ducks like it pastier.

It's an ill wind, as they say.

### Good News

For the many from this district who holiday around Bracebridge, it is good news that a start is soon to be made on a new highway link which will open up a large section of Ontario's summer resort area to through traffic and also speed up traffic between Toronto and Sudbury.

### Tenders have already been called for clearing more than 25 miles of highway right-of-way from Port Severn on Highway 103 to MacTier on Highway No. 69.

Remember those hold-ups at the Severn bridge? Should be a thing of the past after '55. The new highway will eliminate the need of travelling along highways 11 and 69 between Orillia and MacTier.

### Night School Pays

Anyone who took the Halton night school course in metal work last winter may remember Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Tipping of Oakville. They've kept right on with their hobby, we read in the Oakville Record-Star, and are now making money with it. They spend evenings and week-ends making articles for the Christmas market, including cream and sugar trays, cocktail trays and small coasters.

### At first, after their lessons were over, they bought new designs for metal articles from hobby stores, but now they make their own. "The gives the finished product a personal touch," they explained.

The aluminum is bought in sheets, and the design is traced on it. Two acid baths in the basement, not the bathtub follow. Then the tray or coaster or whatever is shaped. How? Well, to make an African violet flower pot holder the metal is wrapped around an African violet flower pot. That's easy! They add that the metal doesn't have to meet, and in making these decorative flower pot holders as much as an inch may be left between the two ends.

### To flute a tray, the article is pressed around dozens of little pegs. If you're watching, they call their products Gretton, a combination of their names, Greta and Ronald.

### Women I Have Known?

A survey of women leaders from Cleopatra to Mamie Eisenhower was the subject of an address by Main Johnston to the semi-annual dinner meeting of the Halton Deaneery Laymen's Association at St. George's church, Lovellville. Local delegates attended.

### Some Tall

"I came in to see about your ad for a man to retail canaries."

"Do you want to apply for the job?"

"No, I just wanted to find out how they lost their tails."

### Got Cold Feet?

Beaumont Knitting Mills of Glen Williams was broken into last week and thieves escaped with \$4,000 worth of socks. Entrance was gained through a window.

### Bridge Finished

The construction of a new bridge over the Luttrell Creek a mile or so north of Osprings has been completed. The bridge is now open to full length. During the summer a hot mix surface was laid on the unpaved portion of the road from Guelph, to past Osprings. Driving is pleasantly smooth.

## AT THE Churches

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**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8th 1953**  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9th 1953**  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Subject: Danger of Indifference to Spiritual Things  
7:00 p.m. Evening fellowship in the S.S. room. An informal, pleasant and helpful service.

Thought for the Week  
"The world knows nothing of its greatest men." (St. Henry Taylor)

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

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
November 8th 1953  
9:00 a.m. Corporate Communion for young people followed by breakfast in the Parish Hall  
10:00 a.m. Church School  
11:00 a.m. Beginners' Class  
7:00 p.m. Evensong and Sermon A: Welcome

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9:45 a.m.—Church School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

**Monday November 9th 1953**  
November 15th the Preaching Mission conducted by Rev. Stanley W. Vance 7:45 each evening.

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength  
A Warm Welcome Awaits You

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Parsonage 115 Bower Ave  
Phone 206A

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8th 1953**  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
7:30 p.m. Evening Service  
8:30 p.m. BY P.U.  
Monday 8 p.m. First meeting of inter-denominational prayer and mission.

Wednesday 8 p.m. Church of the Holy Spirit

Paper dollars worth \$400,000 are made in Canada each year.

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

### BACK IN 1903

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, November 5, 1902

The regular fortnightly meeting of council was held Monday. The docket was the smallest of the year and occupied but 12 minutes in passing it through the regular stages.

The 19th annual meeting of the Guelph Presbyterian Women's Foreign Missionary Society is being held in Knox church, Acton. The people of Acton extend to the delegates of the convention a cordial welcome to the town, our homes and hearts. Rev. Wilson will address the meeting tonight.

Mr. John Taylor, who for nearly 20 years has conducted the business of the Wellington Fire Insurance Co. here, is leaving. This company will from this date have for its representative our townsman Mr. W. H. Denny, whose reputation for prompt and careful attention to business is well known. Mr. Denny is already experienced in Fire Insurance business.

Upon the earnest solicitation of a number of Rockwood people, Mr. A. H. Devell, manager of the Merchants' Bank here, recommended the head office to open a branch there. An office was secured and the bank was announced to be open three days a week. Within two days the Traders Bank, Guelph, opened a bank with daily service. The dog-in-the-manger policy of the Traders' Bank is not admired by the people of the community.

Hallowe'en decorations are likely to have to go to court for smashing a cart on Saturday night.

Some fences were demolished and sundry gates missing.

In 1951 Canada's slaughtering and meat packing industry produced goods to the value of \$892,090,641, a new high.

### BACK IN 1933

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, November 2, 1933

It was a merry, jostling, good-natured crowd that, bedecked in a wide variety of costumes and outfits, assembled on Wilbur St. on Tuesday night and were cajoled and entreated and threatened into some semblance of order for Acton's 10th annual Hallowe'en Frolic. Acton Citizens' Band was in the lead and the Countdown Band brought up the rear of the procession, which was fully two blocks long. About 1,000 were in attendance at the arena.

It is just 10 years since this event was inaugurated in Acton, and it was held then on Willow St. and sponsored by the Acton Citizens' Band. It was snowed out, and the conclusion of the judging was held in the town hall.

Among the children winning prizes for comic and fancy costumes this year were Warren Wood, Hartley Coles, Joan Rumley, Lorne Masales, Herbert Cook, Frank Holmes, Albert Loutlet, Vernon Agnew, Percy Elliott and Lawrence Cross.

At the regular meeting of Acton branch, Canadian Legion, the Duke of Devonshire Chapter, T.O.D.E. marched in as a body and were welcomed by president J. M. McDonald. They presented the Legion with a beautiful flag.

The exterior of the plant of the Mason Knitting company received a coat of stucco this week.

Mr. H. N. Farmer's fine new law office on Mill Street has been completed and he removed to the new quarters yesterday.

Harold Wiles' constructionery and lurch rooms are being redecorated. While out hunting on Friday afternoon, Mr. Gordon Atkins of Osprings shot a Canadian Wild Cat in the bush on his father's farm.

About 63,000,000 paper plates are made each year in Canada.

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