#### Weather Always News

There always seems to be one source of news that never fails. For the past weeks folks in these parts have been talking about the exceptionally fine weather we have enjoyed this fall. Flowers were still in bloom in the gardens. There were all kinds of predictions that the seasons were changing and even some that such weather was to continue until January.

Then last Saturday, quite unexpectedly, even to the weather forecasters, came a snow storm that in a few hours made travel difficult and if you were on the road made you wish you weren't We speak from experience because on Saturday morning it took two hours for us to get from Mil ton to Acton. The trip a couple of hours earlier in the morning had taken just half an hour. We weren't in the ditch and didn't have an accident but we just couldn't get enough traction under the wheels of the car to get up a short grade.

The sand truck that was on its way to put traction under the wheels of cars crashed with an other vehicle and both were piled in the ditch just at the top of the hill below Speyside. There wasn't much could be done until the snow plow came along and cleared the road and a few shovels of sand under the wheels and helping hands to push started us along the road again.

That day the weather made the headlines. Traffic was moving readily by mid-afternoon but those who made predictions about no winter until January weren't to be heard. The weather is always news and the toll of accidents which followed that change on Saturday, made many a news item and some fateful ones on the days following.

### No Short Cut

We appear to be on the mailing list for every plant document and plan that is claimed will give you more production, create better relationships, and in fact tell you just how your business will function super-smoothly. We won't deny that such a solution may be found in these multitude of books and magazines, because we have just never had the funds to buy them all or the time to read them if we had them.

We often wonder, however, if all the time taken to compile this information were to be made productive time, instead of theory, if business wouldn't get a more practical outlook and a better | example. We find that in doing a task the average thoughtful workman will find a better and more efficient way to meet production problems and welcomes the opportunity to discuss them if given an opportunity.

Maybe we are getting away from the old fashioned boss who did things himself and was a competent workman who could do the thing he asked of others. We doubt if all the answers to production problems are to be found in any form proach that seems so prevalent these days to our problems of production and management. We still think the best time study of doing a job is not by price is away up." stop watch and pencil but by doing the task yourself and discussing the problem with those doing a similar task.

# We Hate to Change

You who have lived in small fowns and are seeing them grow will appreciate this bit which appeared in the Times of Thomasville:

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'Naturally I am delighted that my home town is growing, but there are decided disadvantages. to rapid growth. Once upon a time i was able to walk down the street and speak to everybody. without getting an icy stare. They knew me and I know them I still sheak to everybeinly but the strange women give me a look that practically spens were the strange on a premary to be a am a politicam. I don't know while look to the more assuring in was from here in figuration of It is my home town and there a bunch or newcomers make me mange the facts I have termed over a period of 45 years.

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### White Man Warning

The first snowfall of the season it was said in other days was a warning to the Indians to prepare for winter and after that came a period of Indian summer in which the early inhabitants of North America laid in store their supplies for the winter months.

In the present day of much travel by automobile the first snowfall serves as a warning to motorists that their driving habits of dry summer roads must be altered to meet the conditions of winter. In spite of all the snow clearing and sanding equipment that can be supplied in our Canadian winter months there is always the hazard of small spots of slippery pavement. There is always the probability, whether forecast or not, that a sudden storm will paralyze traffic.

Put a fresh snow on the highways of the wet packing variety and a motor car is a very treacherous vehicle. It doesn't go where you steer it and it doesn't stop when you want it to stop. The winter weather demands changes in drivers to meet the changed conditions. Slower speeds are essential if accidents are to be averted. Yes, the first fall of snow in Canada carries a warning to the white man of today just as it did to the Indian of earlier years.

#### Free Soap

In spite of the fact that soap flakes and washing compounds are used in most households and are widely advertised, it is quite evident that the old fashioned bars of soap are still available. The yellow soap with a greenish tinge proves most popular of all makes on Hallowe'en. It can be used to write on windows or if the prankster is just a scribbler the soap can make all kinds of smears and, in fact, a coating that will entirely obscure the purpose of the window.

We have heard of many ways to clean the windows after Hallowe'en and they include using razor blades and other washing compounds. The result is always the same. All the stores along the: The storm swirled over the town paid out \$1,300 in farmers' claims main street have nice clean windows the day or so following Hallowe'en; a product in little demand is put into circulation again and boys and girls have had some Hallowe'en fun.

The displays in the shop windows will be more attractive and with Christmas shopping just lieve that's the first person we've. Employee: "I wasn't working. at hand the offerings will look real attractive reported having one of the medals just whistling." through the spotless store windows. The lesson for other years is to leave your window cleaning

# Other Papers Say:

Brooks, Alta., Bulletin: The manufacturer of whiskey put grain through a distillery, call it a still. It comes out as firewater. The consumer pays \$4 to \$6.50 for 26 ounces without complaint. The farmer puts grain through a distillery called a of reading. In fact, we doubt the theoretical ap- i row. The consumer pays around 20c to 22c for 40 ounces. Pop takes a drink, sets his glass on the . Trafalgar township pheasant hunt Blenheim Junior Farmers put their table and says, "go easy on the milk folks, the hunters took part and the total re- changes in champ, whip form

> The Ridgetown Ont, Dominion: Saw in the papers the other day that some wise guy at Ottowa had stated that the piping-of-natural gas from Alberta to Ontario "is not economically sound." That means, we suppose that such gas could not be marketed in the East at a price to compete with existing fuel supplies. The thought crops up that considering its annual deticit, the operation of the CBC is not economically sound. UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA either. But the taxing or has to put up for and with a lit ages not timed to as as economically solved in the topping of a tenth specific to. in the togeth depart can so that he will have to that more the what we don't see the spool for a of the first of the state of the same of the A see with a training of the see the service of the service of the service of The terms of the same of the s

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#### Reading Between The Lines

# NAMING OF SMALL COMMUNITIES OFTEN HAD NOSTALGIC TWIST

by Hartley Coles

In this column recently, Jim Dills delved into place names, giving the meaning of many township names with emphasis on their Indian origin. He aroused our interest and since that time we have done a little research into records of the small farming communities in this district with a view to finding out why they

bear the names they do. The early settlers in this end of Halton county were, of course, largely of British extraction. Land in these parts was said to bear a marked resemblance to that of Scotland and probably accounts for the preponderance of Scots immigrating to our district. They brought with them besides the Presbyterian church a deep, abiding love for their native heath. This they chose to bequeath to posterity by naming the districts they settled after their homes in the old land

Whether these particular districts bore any more than a remole similarity to their name-sake in Scotland we aren't prepared to say. This may have been so in a case like Bannockburn

Bannockburn is a village in Scotland, two miles south-east of Stirling, on the Bannock Rivulet. It is famous for a decisive battle in 1314, between Robert the Bruce with 30,000 men and Edward II of England with 100,000. Despite the numerical superiority of the English, the Scots put them to route, and to this day Bannockburn has been a great word with the Scots. Bannockburn school on No. 7 highway, north-east of Acton, has

-a stream not unlike Bannock Riv-

ulet running close by. The land

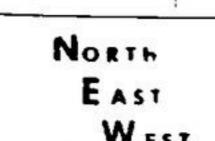
is similar Did that influence the selectors in their choice of names? We think it probably did. And how about Greenock and Lorn school? It must have taken some of the ache away from the home sickness the settlers felt to feel the accustomed words on their

The Scotch Block is another district where the Gaelic was spoken. It is famous throughout Ontario for its illustrious sons.

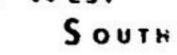
Unlike the Scotch, the English have a knack for calling a spade a spade and their names for the districts they settled were apt to be more descriptive. It must have been pioneers of English stock was named Churchill. A church on a hill; what name could be simpler or prettier to describe the little farming community north of Acton The church is there today on the elevation, still flourishing.

To the south of Acton is Dublin. The Irish, of course Fleeing Nelson, from their English persecutors, Irish families settled on the green ed it Dublin. They built a church of the community. sent St Joseph's in Acton. The cemetery is still in use

Not many of the original settlers' descendants live on the land now. Families moved into the cities and towns, homesteads were sold to newcomers, often people of different extractions. But the pioneer families left us a heritage of names; names which aren't likely to change with the passage of time







Frosted Flowers The late-blooming flowers of which we have heard so much the

past several weeks had a cruel joit back into the normal nature of things Saturday, when the sweet peas and pussy willows and strawberries were blanketed in snow.

shoes Saturday morning had decid- es. I'm going to get a drive organedy wet feet at noon. Another Medal A Coronation medal has also been awarded to the Trafalgar; Boss: "I wish you wouldn't police chief Fred Oliver. We be- whistle while you're working."

Fordites by Studebaker until after Hallowe'en and you'll get the soap free ang homes in Nelson township that discussed? We have since been ask. Corner of Willow and River Sts. builders are hoping to go to work ed just what that is and we found soon on 200 more homes. Accord- the answer in the latest assue of ing to H G Schre,ber, real estate Junior Farmer News. broker, all but 15 of 143 defense

plant in Trafalgar!

"If you didn't have a deg you could be man-cuvred in saci a were out of luck." Mr. Hitcheox small area.

explained, "and a good many of the hunters didn't have a dog." Cry "Wolf"!

The county game warden has revealed he intends to organize a drive against wolves in Nassagaweya. Mr. Hitchcox says, "The Nassagaweya township council has and countryside so quickly many for cattle and sheep this year. Most who went to work without over- of the damage is blamed on wolvized and see if we can't knock off a few of them.

No Complaints

Latest Dance Crate? Did you notice in last week's account of the fall fair board meeting

"Something new in the firm of a homes being completed across the tractor driving demonstration was road from the Studebaker plant featured at the Drumbs and Par's north of Burlington have been our- fairs this fall," an article said chased by workers at the Ford "This time it was a tractor square dance, which was widely acclaimed by the large crowds and local press. "Just fair to poor" was how "Driving skill precision timing Halten game warden Dudley Hitch- and perfect teamwork wer, comcox described the bag in the annual bined as eight members of the held two weeks ago. About 200 tractors, through the familiar duction in pheasant population Many of the spectators expressed was also estimated at about fisty- astonishment that the eight farm tract is each of the different make

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# THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

#### **BACK IN 1903** Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, November

On Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock the union in bonds of holy wedlock of two of Acton's most highly esteemed, useful young people was celebrated. The principals were Mr. John R. Kennedy and Amelia Evelyn (Meda) Nelson. Rev. Smith, assisted by Rev. Wilson, performed the ceremony. The bride entered the parlor leaning on the arm of her brother, ex-Mayor R. E. Nelson, Guelph. She looked charming and stately in her gown

of the Methodist Sunday school in John Flint, the moneyed villain, sod south of us, finding refuge succession during the present sup- Louis Brownlow; Fanny Flint, his properly in a British possession, recintendency to be married. Both wife, Aileen Clarridge; Harry The land reminded them of Ire- 'Mr. and Mrs Kennedy have set Flint, his son Jack Skilling; Kathland and the whimsical Celts call- thigh ideals for the young people erine Flint, his niece from the

> ton and Scotch Block football Victor Rumley, the three Brown teams was played Saturday in sisters. Marguetite Ryder, Margar-Georgetown and resulted in a w.n. . 1 Brown and Bernice Bracken. for Acton 1-0. The referee acted | The first sleighs made their apbe regretted that a picasant season been called on for duty early this ended thus.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stewart. principal of the High-School Department, are now comfortably settled on Bower Ave. Mrs. Stewart's calling days are the first and third Fridays.

Mr. James Snyder of Church.ll has purchased the frame residence and lot at the corner of Mill and Wellington Sts from Mrs. W. H Denny, Consideration, \$1,000. The skating rink is again a live

There's not a flower on all the hills! The frost is on the pane.

### **BACK IN 1933**

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, November 9th, 1933

The regular meeting of Actors Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. T. Leatham with the president, Mrs. E. J. Gamble, in the chair. A quartette, Mesdames Hall, Davidson, McCutcheon and Folster rendered selections. Mrs. Clark, president of Scotch Block W. ., writer of "Chronicles of Ginger Farm," spoke briefly.

The play by Knox Presbylerian players presented last night in the of dark green basket cloth trimmed town hall was well received. The with Parisian applique over a parts were well taken and the white Parisian silk waist with hat play, "The Sunset Trail," proved to match and carrying a bouquet pleasing. The cast was as follows: of white chrysanthemums. She was Peter West, war veteran, James attended by her niece, Miss Reta Ross; Stumpy Smith, his pal of war days, Joe Hurst; Sally West, Miss Nelson is the fifth organist his granddaughter. Flora Sayers, Lexty. Marguerite Currie; Fatty Mcthere, the forerunner of the pre- The final game between the Ac. Cullough, the village policeman,

continually under the direction of pearance to-day and sleighing the boys from the Block. It is to seemed fair. Snow shovels have

> Thursday aller punic officer wood girls' basketball team visited Acton for the first game on the schedule. For the benefit of those who do not know the game, a goal is counted when the ball is tossed up into and through a net or hoop which is secured horizontally to a back board at a height of 10 feet. Final score wa- Acton 33, Rock-

Don't forget the Remembrance Day service at 10 o'clock Saturday

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