## **Monday** is Your Day

Monday is election day in Acton and whatever your decision it is a duty to get out and vote. True, the number of decisions will not be confusing by the ballots electors will be given on that day. The question of council will require a further nomination and public school Board and Utilities Commission have been decided by acclamation.

But there is the duty of choosing a mayor to give leadership to Acton through the year and the decision of whether a three man or five man Commission should look after the Public Utilities effairs. In view of the fact that this past year there have been two changes in Commission members it does look as if a five man Commission would carry more continuity than the three man Board. The fact must also be considered that more duties have been shouldered by the Commission since the days of formation when its sole responsibility was the affairs of Hydro alone. The question was up for voting last year but deferred because of acclamations in all offices.

The voting on election of mayor is an important one and requires the serious consideration of every elector. It is not a matter in which personalities should have any consideration. The man who will head the council next year or any year should be chosen only on his ability to represent you. Your taxes, the progress of your town, the representation of you where matters of Acton are under consideration in other centres for 1954 are. decided by you in the choice you make for your elected representatives. You have a duty on Monday to vote and decide your mayor and the Public Utilities question which you consider are best for you and your town.

## Fighting a Scourge

During the past week thousands of packets of Christmas seals have been sent to the residents of Halton County by the Halton County Tuberculosis Association. The money raised by the sale of these seals will fight tuberculosis throughout the county the year around with health education, clinics and chest x-rays.

It is, perhaps, unfortunate that many of these people who have suffered the disease are not able to tell their story to their community. It would tend to make everyone more conscious of the danger and the importance of early detection. Detection, of course, is but the indispensible first stage in the campaign to eradicate this disease. Treatment must be undertaken as a second step. and facilities provided as a third stage. Another, and important stage, is that of rehabilitation, after one has been treated for the disease at a sanatorium. Every stage is costly, and it is in the first and final stages of the above program that the association stresses its aid, although it aids in all four.

As each person received their Christmas Seals this year they should, as soon as possible, send in their donation. Too often it is put aside and unintentionally forgotten. This is one place where early Christmas buying should have top priority. Continued support of this worthy organization and its work is essential to the good health of our town and country. We should all give as much as we can, as soon as we can, to provided the aid that is needed.

## **Keep This Symbol**

More than Canadians will regret if if the musical ride troop of the Mounties is abandoned, says The Financial Post.

This is one of the very best advertisements for Canada. At the Coronation parade in London, at New York's Madison Square Gardens and at our own Royal Winter Fair and other exhibitions, these colorful precision squads of the RCMP. have brought Canada favorable attention that could not be purchased for millions and millions

of dollars. The musical ride is a spectacle and an excellent one. Moreover, it is a spectacle that means Canada to millions of people. We have all too few national symbols in Canada now, not even a flag that we can agree on. We will be poorer still if we let the musical ride disappear.

## South of the Border

It was refreshing to note the solidarity of all parties in Canada against the circus style investi gation of Harry Dexter White, being conducted in the United States, which could have swept Can adians into the same senseless hysteria that is making most every one distrustful of his fellow men. We're a bit confused on just what may constitute "Un-American activity" We are not get ting any, enlightenment from the charges and accusations that those in top places in the United States are hurling at each other. We don't think the exhibitions in newspapers, or radio and television are creating any confidence of the people in the elected governments of the day.

Canada and Canadians want no part of such sensationalism and if this is world affairs, the sooner we give more attention to our own affairs -even if only by example-the better for all. The time can come in any country when the menace from within is greater than the threats from with-

Canada's Minister of External Affairs and the Canadian government have shown a solid front that commends them to Canadians. Now if our various means of communication, such as newspapers, radio and television will use other news than the investigators across the border it will be more palatable to Canadians wito are very tired of reading even the headlines. It's nice to be neighborly and helpful but neighborliness can be spoiled when one party becomes too nosey in the up a number of subsidiary Muniaffairs next door. We wish our United States neighbors well in whatever they are trying to investigate and we hope Canada's answer about witnesses will suffice to keep the investigation south of the border.

## **A National Trend**

The announcement during the past week that banks would increase the interest rate on savings accounts is another indication of the changing picture in regard to money. During the past few years municipal debentures sold at three per cent. and lower interest rates and were readily disposed of. The issues which had sold 20 or 30 years ago bearing interest of six per cent. and some- 150 foot transmitter tower can times better seemed a bit ridiculous in the light of the three per cent. issues.--

Those days of lower interest rates were tough on the individuals who had small amounts to invest and must have safe investments. The everincreasing living costs and the lower income from week by E. F. Job, manager of the savings made a difficult situation for many folks 'hew broadcasting outlet in Brampwhose days of earning were past and who were is slated to begin test broadcasts dependent on the income from savings.

Indications of the present day point to a bet- duled by mid-December at the latter balance for those living on limited incomes with an improvement in interest rates on savings. True, there yet remains a disadvantage with increased living costs but the gap is narrowing a backs which delayed erection little. There might be another sign in the increased cost of borrowing money. Credit and the doing things in the present on the future ability to pay is going to cost more. Government regulations failed to curb credits and spending but the said. old law of supply and demand will bring about in time what regulations failed to accomplish.

## Other Papers Say:

The worst thing a boy can be taught is that the world owes him a living, says the Shawinigan Falls (Que.) Standard Imbue him with this notion, and it will be a wonder if he does not drift; into a life of crime

Stettler (Aita.) Independent In these days we depreciate large families and prefer more tractors, more combines more autos instead of more ; children. There is so much to do now to keep up with the social whirl ... we extend our sympathy to any young couple who have more than two children

"Beware of marketing boards lest they dupli cate the evils of existing institutions is the headline of an editorial in the Camrose, Alta, Canadian. We believe in scientific marketing of vital products but so far the science has been applied against the unfortunate consumer "

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#### Reading Between The Lines

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT ON WAY OUT WILL SET UP BOARD OF EXPERTS

by Jim Dills

Two thoughts have been running through my mind lately in connection with municipal government. This last week for some reason they both presented themselves in one solution.

The first thought has to do with the autonomy of local municipal government and the increasing roll that Queen's Park and the Ontario Municipal Board are taking in this field. Towns and municipalities are expanding particularly in this area and we can't help but come into contact with the Municipal Board on numerous occasions since they must approve any capital expenditure any Ontario municipality might deem it wise to make. To build a school the Department of Education must approve since they pay a large percentage in grants. To issue the debentures the Municipal Board must approve, despite already gained approval of the Department of Education. Municipal government, while it is recognized as being closest to the people it represents, is allowed very little freedom.

The second thought made itself apparent at nomination meetings where very few new names were added to the slates for various offices. Sure, before the nominations we heard some remarks that would lead one to believe the people in office were all scoundrels. But no new names were added. All of which means, as municipal tasks grow increasingly more difficult, and more timeconsuming the more difficult it is

to secure men for public offices. Municipal government as it now is known, is on the way out. Soon the solution to the whole problem will be that Queen's Park will set cipal Boards that will visit the municipalities a few hours every other week or every week as required and legislate on the various municipal problems. They will listen to the arguments of various ratepayers and make

their very judicial decisions based on their legal background. Of course, they will set up a pattern. Like problems in differ-

ent places will be treated similarly to follow consistently. Taxpayers will not meet their councillors or officials on the street. Complaints will be received only at the meeting, and no telephone calls could possibly be accepted. If the citizens of one town did something to displease the board it might not be well for that

There would be no bother or

expense of nominations and elections. The officials would be appointed because of their qualifications. The Board would consist of probably an engineer to deem the advisability of extending services; a lawyer to rule on the method of procedure and the legal problems that face the Board; a chairman who would be an all-round good fellow to eliminate the stormy sessions and keep the other members from being too blunt with the taxpayers; a financial expert or economist who could say what taxes the people could pay based on the earning power, and average wage rates; a contractor or construction expert who could quickly provide the estimates called for on the engineer's plans. That would be a board of five with a majority vote necessary on each motion. Right now you're probably say-

ing "That's a lot of rubbish." It is. But it could quite possibly happen because what are you doing to stop it from happening. Did you nominate anyone for municipal office? Did you ever fill a municipal office? Did you ever do anything to eliminate Provincial rule on municipal ground?

Yes, it's a lot of rubbish but all the sitting at home doing nothing will never prevent it. Cries of bureaucracy, fascism, communism and others wouldn't stop it, either.



New Radio Station

Peel county's radio station is al most completed! The red glow the peak of CFJB's newly-erected, on false pretenses and his case seen for miles at night. During the daylight hours, the skeleton Isteel on the First Line West can be seen from almost any part Brampton and its signal will soon be heard in a huge circle of some 1.500 square miles.

Announcement was made this ton, that CFJB, 1090 on your dial, within the next few days. Regular programs, he said, would be scheest unless there was some unfore-

Mr. Job reported that the "engineers are busy and results are quite evident." Despite early sethe transmitter, the station's tower and buildings are taking shape.

"Ajax Engineering of Acton did the erection of the 146-foot high tower, building it from the ground up in just four days," the manager

Tripping Chief Going just about as far "to get

his man" as the famous Mounties go. Trafalgar police chief Fred Oliver has recently flown to Winmpeg and Vancouver to bring tate-blooming pansies. Million isn't back prisoners' Waiting in Van- much further south than Acton couver for him was a Brente man aren't there any pansies out here?

charged with theft from Ford Motor Co. The Manitoban was charged with obtaining a car in Bronte was dismissed before magistrate Langdon in Milton. Well, chief Oliver had a good trip.

Another School

Maple Grove public school, on the ninth line of Trafalgar, with a new \$210,000 addition, was officially opened recently by Dr. Cannon. deputy - minister of education for Ontario. Reeve Emmerson Ford spoke, declaring that the cost of education now proved a serious tax burden, especially on real estate. With increased school registration, he thought part of the cost should be borne by the federal government. L. L. Skuce and R. Bornholdt were other speakers.

Winter Weather Predictions and prophecies about the weather are pretty common these days! Some say winter won't arrive until the swamps are full: others are telling about snakes, indicating a green winter. But we read another one this week in the Oakville Record-Star, when Indians at Port Hope reported seeing geese flying north. Ontario forest rangers interpret this as meaning there'll be an open winter,

Paging Pansies . Both last week and this week the Milton paper has items about

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## THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

#### **BACK IN 1933**

From the lasue of the Free Press of Thursday, November 30, 1933

The nominating meeting last Friday evening in the town hall was not largely attended but plenty of candidates were put for all the offices. All the offices have been filled by acclamation. Next year's council will be the same as this year, viz., E. Thetford, reeve; E. Jones, W. A. Lasby, J. E. McMillan and S. M.

of them new this year, are Dr. P. W. Speight. Pearen, H. I. G. Fraser, W. K. Graham, W. R. Norton, Dr. A. J. Buchanan, J. M. McDonald.

E Thetford, R. J. Kerr and I. G. county.

The council chamber was hardly large enough for the crowd that assembled for the annual meeting of Acton Hockey Club last Thursday. President J. M. McDonald presided and the following officers were elected-president, J. M. McDonald: first vice-president, W. D. Talbot; second vice-president, H. I. G. members are all eligible for re-elec-Fraser; executive committee, Dr. E. | tion and other eligible names men-J. Nelson, J. W. Jones and Joseph Kentner; secretary, Neil Gibbons; George Soper, James McIntosh, A. treasurer, W. K. Graham. It was unanimously decided to enter both Junior and Intermediate teams in the O.H.A. this year, and there seems to be plenty of material to make a good showing in both de-

At the fourly-fifth annual conventeams engage in lengthy overtime. Ten minutes' overtime only will be played by teams in all series.

partments.

The Indestructible Milk Crate Co. are remodelling the monument plant | succeed Mr. George Vincent. and moving in machinery. The company, owned and operated by Monday assisting at an operation. Messrs. Phillips, will be a welcome asset to Acton's industrial activities.

### **BACK IN 1903**

rom the Imue of the Free Press of Thursday, December 3, 1963

The annual meeting of the Ladies Aid of the Methodist church was held in the vestry Tuesday. The past year showed very encouraging results. The officers for the coming year were elected as follows: president, Miss Lottie E. Speight; vicepresident, Mrs. W. J. Oram; secretary, Mrs. H. P. Moore; treasurer. Mrs. Anna Maddock; parsonage committee, Mrs. John Stephenson, The school board members, two Mrs. I. Francis and Mrs. C. C.

The Halton Old Boys and Girls of Toronto held their monthly meeting at the King Edward Hotel. They The Public Utilities Commission say that nothing is too good for foris unchanged and comprises Reeve mer residents of the glorious

The new open rink between Clark's and and the Dominion Hotel will be ready for skating early next

Citizens are turning over in their minds the names of men whom they consider desirable for election to the Municipal Council. The present tioned are Messrs. John Harvey A. Secord, Dr. Gray, Dr. MacDonald, W. A. Storey, D. S. McDonald, H. Ramshaw, A. T. Brown, Thos. Gamble and J. G. Chapman. From this formidable list a very superior council may be chosen.

The annual ball and supper of Acton Fire Brigade held last Friday tion of the O.H.A. last Saturday, was the most successful yet, 225 sitseveral changes were made in rules ling down to the supper provided in of the game, and no longer will Clark's Hotel. In order to avoid confusion the company left the town hall in relays of 40.

Mr. A. T. Brown has been elected president of the Epworth League to Dr. McKeague was in Toronto on

The sleighing keeps things lively.

Santa Claus is in the stores.

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