What and Who

It didn't matter what town paper we perused the past week, the same pattern followed through. There was the need for greater services and improvements and a definite lack of funds or limitation of borrowing ability. The year end and nomination meetings are a great time for airing the views of citizens on all phases of municipal

There was another pattern too, and that was the acclamations which were accorded in municipal offices and the dearth of new candidates for the various posts. In many instances men wito felt they had given sufficient of their time to municipal work were brought back into public service.

The whole picture resolved into one big problem. Most everyone agreed that municipal services and expenditure were on the increase but few indeed relished the task of raising the funds. Municipal authorities feel that provincial governments should assume more of their costs. It appears that to date there has been an appearance of this by way of grants but in the final reckoning there are either more mills or more assessment added at the municipal level.

Of course, there is no way to spend more and pay less. In a country growing such as ours, every municipality must keep up with its neighbor in the matter of progress and facilities. There are many who are important and want to see a greater acceleration of municipal improvements and who urge them regardless of ability to pay. Just as Rome wasn't built in a day, neither will all the needs of this young country be met in a short span. But nomination days are great spurs to the discussion of public progress. Those who assume reponsibilities are adding to the progress of their generation.

All Together

Municipal elections are almost over for an other year and the majority of those who will serve in public office have been chosen. The early election dates have now proven most popular in Halton and most other counties. It is best to have this item over before the Christmas season is entered. Both require a lot of attention and it is better not divided.

Every contest, every time of choosing, leaves some disappointed and others pleased. All decisions are popular in some quarters and unpopular in others. But once the decision has been made, once the electors have made their choice in their own free way, it is best that the contest be forgotten and that citizens give support and encouragement to those who are to serve.

The filling of public office is an onerous one today. It means that these municipal duties are added in the hours after those in which one makes a living. It means that leisure hours are turned into public service hours-some times appreciated and more often ridiculed by those who refuse to take any part themselves. This isn't particularly typical of our town but is applicable to most every town.

Only by working together can the most be accomplished. We all want to see Acton progress in the way that is best for all of our citizens. The elections are for the most part over. Let's get on with our tasks, pulling together as one town.

Things Money Can't Buy

Money can't buy real friendship - friendship must be earned.

Money can't buy a clear conscience square dealing is the price tag.

Money can't buy the glow of good healthright living is the secret.

Money can't buy happiness happiness is a mental attitude and one may be as happy in a cottage as in a mansion.

"Money can't buy sunsets, songs of wild birds and the music of the wind in the trees these are

as free as the air we breathe. Money can't buy inward peace-peace is the result of a constructive philosophy of life.

"Oh, East is East and West is West and never the twain shall meet . . . But there is neither East nor West, Border or Breed nor Birth when two strong men stand face to face, tho' they come from the ends of the earth "-Kipling

None Alike

We don't like to admit it but while we've al ways advocated Christmas shopping early we are one of the those who just can't keep up that Christmas spirit from the first of November until December 25th. It's like the hockey season. The finals are the time for real excitement with us. We know it isn't orderly or right and maybe it's a sign of advancing years, but we just can't enthuse immediately after one Christmas to do our shopping for the next even if there are tremen dous savings offered.

Christmas has come to be a bigger thing today than in our boyhood. Those away from home came home on Christmas eve loaded with their shopping. It was hectic but it sure was exciting. The odors of Christmas baking never started in the house until a few days before Christmas but they weren't stale when Christmas day rolled around and the addition of roasting turkey smell from the kitchen was added to what the appetite for the big day.

Sure, do your Christmas shopping early. Get your cards out and mail them in plenty of time. With Christmas the size it is today everybody would be in an awful commotion if there were. many as dilatory as we are. We're starting in next week and we hope the biggest rush will be over because we do detest being in the Christmas rush and we're always very pleased that so many folks can get in the Christmas mood so easily.

Editors We Know

Our exchanges this week had many items concerning editors of weekly newspapers that we know. The most distressing item was the news that the wife of the editor of the Chesley Enterprise, Mrs. Clayton Schaus had died of injuries received in a motor accident. Mrs. Schaus had just recovered from a lengthy illness and returned home only a few months. Our sympathy goes to this well-known editor and an understanding of what the loss of this bright helpmate will mean in the days ahead.

Rixton Rafter, editor of the Arthur Enterprise Leslie. Georgetown, second vicehas sold the paper. Although handicapped by being totally blind, Rixton Rafter got out a newsy of the National Federation. The two years paper and was a speaker of some ability. Arthur is not going to lose its popular editor but we understand he is going to help his successor get started in the new field.

Seems hardly possible, but the Peel Gazette one of Brampton's newspapers, marked its twentieth anniversary during the week. We recall its predecessor, the Banner and Times. These days the Gazette is expanding and showing continued progress as it enters its third decade. J. O, Adams one of the founders of the Gazette is still one of the owners.

From Other Papers:

Wolfville (N.S.) Acadian: "If the pension scheme is so heavily in debt to general revenues in so short a time, there is no estimate possible of where a national health scheme, similar to Great Britain's would land the country's finances."

In Houston, Texas, a prospective juror, pleading that he couldn't serve because he had to stay with his job to operate a machine, was excused after he explained to the judge, who wanted to know whether anyone else couldn't operate the machine, "Sure, but I don't want my boss to find if out."

The teacher of a civics class, who asked her pupils to explain what was meant by "splitting a melon," was agreeably surprised to receive the following written answer from one of her pupils, whose father is a mine worker: "Splitting a melon i is a term used in corporation finance and means UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA dividing up the profits. In the old days when corporations split a melon, part of the money was left with the corporation to increase its plant and production and part went to the stockholders in i the form of a dividend. Nowadays when a l melon is split, the stockholders get the skin, the government gets the meat, and the seeds SUNDAY. DECEMBER 13th are left with the corporation so that it can raise more melons for the government later on." -Rhodesian Tobacco Grower

Reading Between The Lines

JUST SOME RANDOM THOUGHTS ON ELECTIONS AND OTHER THINGS

One of the comments on the recent election that appeared a little incredulous was "I don't think either of the candidates are any good so I'm not going to vote at all." Of course, the critic was eligible for office but hadn't bothered to attend the nominat-100 meeting

Complaints around election time this year are usually hushed by teminding the complainers that they still had a chance at the second nomination meeting.

It's rather strange that a major city like Toronto, capital of Ontario, should set such a poor example with only 29 per cent of the voters registering an op-The percentage here in Acton was about 42

Confusion was quite ey feet on the vote on the PHC quest ion. Only about half there who cust ballots on the mayord's reg dered an opinion on agreaing the number of Comma carcas. We beauth of one citizen who thought the question was on whether to perease the number of Dong Mison's hydro work men. Actually the que tion was whether the number of administrative commissioners should be increased from three to live It should be pointed out that the PUC, handles just slightly less money than the ning man counActon's Fire Brigade is now

completely outfitted in smart new uniforms. As we heard it, some citizen quizzed a town official on whether the uniforms were for wearing to fires. But the firemen do deserve credit for organizing the uniform fund with such good results. . . .

It's a sad tale and perhaps one that should be reported to Senator McCarthy A known Com munist candidate in Toronto polled 16,000 votes. The senator would have a busy time in Tor onto, let alone Canada, Or per haps the voters just don't read papers anyway Like the chap who complained last year of having to pay poll tax without a vote and this year when he was eligible, didn't bother to vote He'll show 'em

. . . Well Oakville is certainly in pickle. With \$458,000 spent there was no plan evidently for remaying it. The power of the Mumic pal Board series again brought to the front Oaky:lles unfortunate situation may serve well in warring other communication stee of the dang to present in rapid expansion. With a Ford plant in the vectors or rot you still have to go through the reg ular channels in spending someone else's money. It looks like someone guessed wrong that the debenture market would improve and instead it got worse, delay. ing is uing of debentures That's



North EAST



Plan Tournament The Halton county police association is planning a hockey tourna- | turned by acclamation for a third Provincial Constables James Me-Niven and Murray Allen, and game warden Dudley Hitchcox

Represents Halton Mrs Frank McNiven of Milton, president of the Halton Liberal Women's Association, and Mrs. Percy president, represented the county at | seat on the hydro commission the 25th anniversary of the meeting | against Donald Barrager. Term is meeting was held recently in the Chateau Laurier in Ottawa. They at ended a tea when Mme. Laurent was hostess, visited Mac-Lester Pearson spoke on the Gou- for the wolf bounty offered. zenko question, and visited Halton's member of parliament, Miss Sybil

Bennett, in her office Santa Claus on Tour Santa Claus arrived in Oakville Saturday. He comes north to Mil-Scots band was down in Oakville to welcome him.

Oakville Blasted The On:ario Municipal Board last

week rejected Oakville's applica- Len "Squirt" Arnold but that was tion for approval of local improve- the extent of the kill. Another ments worth \$452,568,2 and blasted the town councils from 1946 to 1950 for "unauthorized and illegal ex-

The board's criticism came after Oakville spent the money which was borrowed from a local bank, on new sewers, watermains, and sidewalks between November, 1946, and May, 1953, then applied to the board for approval last month.

The town council gave first and Friends of the late Dr. A. G local improvement by-laws cover-, to honor his memory in a practical completed and without the required | nished in his memory "Few people

Mayor Returned at Georgelown Mayor Jack Armstrong was re-

ment in Milton after the new year. term at close of qualifications on The tournament is to be confined to December 3 Conneillor Stanley a midget grouping. A trophy was Allen won an acclamation for reeve donated by the Police Association and Councillor Allan Norton receivlast year. On the committee are cd an acclamation for deputy reeve Eight candidates are contesting six council seats, including incumbents Garfield McGillyray, Douglas Sargent and Harry Hate. They are

opposed by Walter Gray, Irwin Noble, Del Wallace, Thomas L. Lyons and William O. Brownridge, E W Binkley is defending his

No Wolves Shot

We read in the Oakville Record-Star that altogether 75 to 80 hunters were up hun'ing in Nassagaweya kenzie King's home, heard the the week-end before last but didn't prime minister address their dinner shoot a single wolf Clerk McMillan meeting, attended parliament when has told us that no one had applied

Game warden Dudley Hitchcox, reporting on the hunt, said "The boys were all well-organized and well-behaved, but we just couldn't turn any out of the thick woods in that neck of the country. The ton next week-end. The Lorne wolves probably stayed in the dense undergrowth and then slinked back behind us. It was a good trip though.

> One fox was shot on the hunt by hunter reported seeing about five or six deer on the trip but unfortunately couldn't shoot any of them. Mr. Hitchcox says that there have been many cases of men jackighting deer reported but as yet hasn't caught any offenders. "I'm out on the prowl though,"

said the game warden. Plan Memorial

second readings to each of three: Bremner of Palermo are planning ing the expenditures, but not until way. A patients room in the Oaklast month, long after the work was ville-Trafalgar hospital will be furapproval of the Ontario municipal know of all the good he did in the district," one of the planners said.

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Story-illustrated Thought for the Week Some defeats are only instal-

nents to victory" Jacob A Ris

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Did you know that since 1949 July has displaced June as the most, popular month for marriages " A Warm Welcome Awa to You Conda.



THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1933

From the Issue of the Free Press of From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, December 7, 1933

On Saturday a house to house ennyass was carried on by the Parkview Athletic club for the gollection of old and broken tays. These will help to brighten Christnas morn in some needly home,

Fair has been attracting splendid College" This year it had the largcrowds. Mr. W. A. Lasby, a well- est attendance in the history of the

prizes help to find a better market bound of brain on the farm was Acting on the suggestion of Pro. worth a ton of muscles be said work in the troop. Lilliah Woods tracker hall and Marjorn Near are taking the place of the former heutenants. Monday to take a greation in one Lillian Perry and Isobel Bruce, who, of Menteral's best drug stores. Kerr have left town. Esther Taylor is as one of our finest coong men and Company Leader of pages contests, will make a mark for biggself in the ete. A There are need to be reager the being refrequence have been appainted

The Company is very grateful to Mr. (Dr.) Buchanan fer for kind offer of help, which they immed-

ately accepted On Tuesday exeming Acton 100 F gave a supper dance and entertainment in the Parish Half (in behalf of the officers, Mr. E. Coles. welcomed all. Taking part in the program were ex-warden A Mason, vocal trios by Messis R Spielvogel, V. B. Rumley and J. Smith: Miss Bessle Rawlings, Mr r. Cofes, Mr Chas Landsborough, Mrs Worden and Miss Velma Blair; Mr. M. Locker. The accompaniments were by Mrs. L. Worden, Miss J. Young, Miss. Brown and Mr Landsborough

J. B. McKenzie, for three years scarcity of weather. The prognostiacclaimed mayor of Georgetown, cations of the weather-wise that a was Monday defeated by Mr. Jos , haw last week would take away

nesday afternoons

BACK IN 1903

Thursday, December 10, 1963

Thousands of farmers and stock tusers have gathered at Guelph this week to attend the Provincial Winter Fair and listen to the practical and instructive addresses. Prof G E Day spoke on The Pro-The Guelph Provinctal Winter gress of the On'ario Agricultural known local breeder of Shorthorns, college. There were 250 students in was successful in capturing several the regular course. Mr. J. J. Spillman of the Department of Agricul-Shooting matches seem to be ture said that farmers thought too oute popular now and the poultry little and worked too much. One

emeral Headquarters, the Girl Miss Josse McKinnon of Swansea Guide troop has re-distributed the has been hired as the new entrance

Mr. Kerr Brown, Phm. B. Jeft on

The fact are, at At Home Cat the albed fares of Beardonne and Cr. and Acon Tarting Co. ga Leld Throday and all perturpants declared the chief spent a most enjoyable committee the entertainment supper was served in selavs at the Deminion Hotel and Campto Il House and these hostelines provided excellent menus of fowls and Christmas delicacies - Dancing was indulged in by the youngest memburs of the computer until a Inthhour. In all probability this in future will become an annual event Many home comings are being

Farmers are complaining of the the sleighing failed to connect

Skating at the arena ceased with i. He wants little but he wants it the advent of milder weather the 'good'. Fleece lined underwear, \$1; Tooke Bros shirts, \$1, fancy win-Acton stores are now open Wed- ter dotted waistroats, \$1.50; perfectly tailored overcoats, \$7.50.

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