

EDITORIAL

Do it Now

In co-operation with Acton shops and business places we are able to present to our readers a special shopping issue—designed, of course, to give pre-Christmas reading and a presentation of why you can shop best in Acton. Incidentally, it's the biggest paper we have ever produced and we think you will find all its pages most helpful in doing your Christmas shopping at home.

Recently we had the rather unhappy experience of trying to get into Toronto between 4.30 and 5.00 o'clock. Getting in was bad enough but those lines of traffic coming out must be a nightmare. Shopping in your home town can avoid all this fuss and be just as well done. We suggest you look over the Christmas gift offerings that are made by local merchants in this issue. Then go down town and browse around, window shop, or go in and inquire from the merchants you know and there isn't a doubt your gift problems will be solved.

If you are the kind who change your mind about gifts you will find it also a lot more convenient to have done your buying at home. But early shopping is best while stocks are complete and early shopping is right now with Christmas only 23 days away.

We hope this pre-Christmas edition of The Free Press will be helpful in making your shopping more enjoyable and profitable. We know you will find it such in doing it with your friendly local merchants.

Still an Agricultural County

In spite of the fact that industrial expansion in Halton County has been extensive in the past few years it is still quite evident that Halton is very much an agricultural county and one of the tops at that. This fact was brought to the attention of everyone by the honors which came here at the Royal Winter Fair.

Halton has the Wheat King of the World in its W. E. Breckon and following close on this was the winning of the Queen's Guineas by a Halton girl, Katherine Merry, with her steer entry, "Louie." It is interesting to note that Halton 4H Club had four other entries in this group which came well up in the showing. A perusal of the farm column news which appears each week in this paper will show that Halton County has made a good showing in exhibits at the Royal Winter Fair in many classes. A trip through the exhibits found entries from Halton in farm products in most every field. Not all of them were prize winners, but Halton does have consistent exhibitors who prove that this fine county is still very much agricultural.

Much of the credit for maintaining interest on Halton's farms among the young and the old is without doubt due to the untiring enthusiasm and good guidance given by Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitelock. Appreciation of his work and encouragement is shared not only by residents of Halton but we found when recently meeting with the Minister of Agriculture and officials of that Department the high regard in which he is held throughout the province.

Halton has winners and some fine coaching as well in keeping its place in agriculture and expanding industrially.

Other Canadians Helped

Ottawa was quite right in refusing federal grants for proposed extensions to the Toronto subway, thinks The Financial Post.

Whether they ride or not, every Canadian has contributed substantially to the cost of the present subway and undoubtedly will continue to contribute to the cost of any extension.

It works this way: The Toronto Transportation Commission which operates the Toronto subway is a publicly owned organization and therefore escapes corporation income tax. During the war when privately owned companies were paying at least 50 per cent. of their profits to Ottawa, the T.T.C. was salting its profits away. It was those wartime profits, which formed the kitty that got Canada's first subway started. Had the T.T.C. been an ordinary

private corporation, at least half of those profits and quite possibly nearly all would have gone into the public treasury at Ottawa and the general taxpayer in Hamilton, Halifax, Port Credit and Port Moody would not have had to dig down quite so deep.

The Toronto subway is an excellent and needed improvement. Toronto and Torontonians deserve credit for creating it. But let's not forget the general taxpayer of Canada. His contribution helped, too, whether he realized it or not.

Flouting the Public

The attitude of many of the provincial boards in Ontario would indicate that little attempt is being made to the desires of the people of this province. In spite of the fact that 76.6 per cent. of the residents of Alderwood made an expressed plea that a liquor dispensing license be denied a proposed hotel their wishes are ignored. The hotel is under construction and its license assured.

Since 1946 there have been 4,622 outlets established in Ontario. There are now 564 in Toronto and 208 in Hamilton. The Ontario Temperance Federation is quite justified in its demand for the resignation of the Liquor Board Chairman, Judge W. T. Robb.

Another ridiculous situation created by Judge Robb will make it illegal for a child to eat in a railway dining car under the Ontario law. Minors are not allowed to eat on licensed premises. A few months ago the railways succeeded in getting the ageing judge to grant them permission to sell liquor on transcontinental trains.

In making this decision the wise judge reasoned that since the public is drinking on trains now, he should license the trains to make the boozing legal.

In short, this erstwhile watch-dog of public morality has rewarded the violators of the law by making it legal for them to drink.

Many of us have heard France held as a grand example of the uninhibited drinking policy, with a further urge that we follow their lead. It is believable that France will no longer be quoted as the shining example of the benefit of creating more outlets to curtail alcoholism. Premier Pierre Mendes-France has announced a crack-down on booze consumption in France for the physical, social and moral health of the nation.

We wonder how long before Judge Robb and the Ontario government will do something for the physical, social and moral health of this province instead of showing chief interest with the brewers and distillers and getting as many outlets as possible.

Other Papers Say:

Most inventions turn out to be failures, but, points out the Picton (Ont.) Times: "Any person who cares to compare his present mode of life with that of, say, 50 years ago, will soon discover how easily the benefits of the successful two per cent. of inventions can outweigh the 98 per cent. of failures."

If every child could know the fellowship that comes through an intimate knowledge of nature as taught by Scouting, or other similar organizations, there would be no need for abolishing comic books from our news-stands by law. They would disappear of their own free will because there would be none to buy them. — Stanstead (Que.) Journal.

A tax strike like that of a group of Saskatchewan farmers, thinks the Windsor Star, "is not even a good way to highlight a disturbing situation, because it also is an abuse. . . . These tax-strikers and any tax-strikers are misdirecting the force of their conviction. They have no chance of prevailing against the taxing authority by a refusal to pay part of their rates. . . . Their only effective attack can be made at the legislative level.

The 11 should nominate one or more of their number to stand for office and attack rising taxes from the inside. It would be a beneficial example to set for a thousand and one other communities with similar grievances across the country."



"First I would recommend your wife learn to make lighter biscuits."



Trying for Settlement
In Oakville, Ford of Canada and the United Automobile Workers have stopped hurling insults and ultimatums at each other and are trying to work out a settlement. The Record-Star reports last week, of the 45-day old strike which has paralyzed Canada's second largest automobile manufacturer. A series of meetings is continuing.

Estimate for Bronte Sewers
In Bronte an estimate of \$300,000 for a sewage system, not including a disposal plant, was placed before council by the village's engineers. A disposal plant isn't included because of a recommendation from Queen's Park that village sewage be processed at the Coronation Park disposal plant, to be built by Trafalgar.

Safety Group Plans
In Burlington, a newly formed organization, the Burlington Safety Council, met last week to outline plans for a Christmas safety campaign. A large part of the group's work, reportedly, will deal with schools' safety patrol system but will also include co-operation with local police in reducing the hazard of over-the-limit car drivers.

New House Breakers
In Georgetown last week somebody had a lot of daring and more gall. Thieves broke into the new house, so new it's still under construction, of Mayor Jack Armstrong and lifted a number of tools and a sanding machine belonging to contractor Wm. McNally. The partially completed house is on Parkview Blvd.

Minister Squeezes Rumor
In Oakville some assurance was offered citizens who recently have been disturbed over rumors attributed to a high government official, that the new federal building will be built in Trafalgar. Minister of Public Works Robert H. Winters publicly stated that the rumors are groundless and no site outside town is being considered for the proposed building.

Escape Coal Gas Fumes
In Bronte last week a woman and three small children escaped coal gas fumes, but not before two sisters, seven and five years old, became ill. Alarmed about the conditions, fire brigade members following the accident decided to check draughts on all other houses in the area and found several defective.

Hockey in Georgetown
In Georgetown, plenty of hockey is reported in store for younger and older participants and all spectators this year. Beside Intermediate and Junior C.O.H.A. series, the industrial league is back in action Sunday afternoons and the Legion-sponsored little NHL will play Saturdays. In the first game, the local Raiders thumped Milton 11-4.

Erin Merchants' Plan
In Erin 20 members of the local Business Men's Association met at a dinner meeting recently to continue with plans for a big Christmas parade, collection of money for Christmas treats and arrangements for decorations on the main street for the holiday season.

Town Surplus for Milton
In Milton last week, council learned with all due satisfaction that an anticipated surplus of \$2,877.11 shows on the books for the year's municipal operations. The auditors said there had been "wide variations from the original budget, but the over-all result had been satisfactory."

Purchase School Site
In Milton, at a special meeting of the Public School Board, members approved a resolution to purchase a site in the north section of town for a future school. A letter was to be directed to Milton council asking for \$10,500 to cover the purchase price of the land.

Expect Two Billion Cards To Be Sent

Christmas cards have already begun arriving at the post office—soon there will be thousands of them. But can you believe it: the custom of sending Christmas cards is less than 100 years old!

The first publicly accepted card was sent out in 1862 by Charles Goodall & Sons, London publishers. And, to show how rapidly the custom has grown, this year the post offices of the land will be flooded by two billion or more greetings.

The first known card of its kind was designed in 1842 in London by William May Egle, a sixteen-year-old engraving apprentice. Illustrations on this card were scenes of a formal banquet, a party dance, and skaters. Underneath the illustrations appeared the legend: "A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Happy New Year to You," still the most popular Yuletide Greeting of all.

In 1874 in Boston, Louis Prang printed his first cards from his lithograph shop. Famous for their beauty and fine craftsmanship, they were sold all over the United States. Since that time, the custom of sending Christmas cards has become a fundamental popular holiday tradition on this continent.

If you doubt it, just ask anyone on the post office staff in town.

The potential power available from the falls and rapids on the numerous rivers, large and small, which are distributed across Canada, constitutes one of the country's great natural resources.

AT THE Cataractes

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5th, 1954
9:45 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service

BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON
Ray H. Coster, Pastor
Parsonage 115 Bower Ave
Phone 206w

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5th, 1954
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
8:15 p.m.—B.Y.P.U.
Wednesday—4:00, Mission Band,
8:00, Prayer meeting

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Acton, Ontario
A FRIENDLY CHURCH
Rev. E. A. Curry, B.A., B.D., Minister
Parsonage—28 Bower Avenue
Phone 60
Miss O. M. Lampard, A.T.C.M., Organist and Choir Leader

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5th, 1954
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School. Bring the children and stay for church.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Infant baptisms.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Good fellowship, restful atmosphere.
A Warm Welcome Awaits You.
"The soul of all improvement is the improvement of the soul."

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH (Anglican)
Rev. Ewan H. Jones, B.A., L.T., Rector

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5th, 1954
Second Sunday in Advent
10:00 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class
11:00 a.m.—Choral Communion and Sermon.
7:00 p.m.—Girl's Auxiliary Service. Installation of officers.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1934

Taken from the issue of The Free Press, Thursday, November 29, 1934

Municipal nominations in Acton last Friday evening created quite a lively interest. It was one of the largest lists of nominations put forth in years and found every office with ample provision of nominees. Four names were put in for the reevehip, 14 names for the four positions of councillors, nine names for the three vacancies on the school board, and three names for the one place on the Public Utilities Commission.

Those who qualified and whose names will appear on the ballot are: for reeve, C. M. Hansen, E. Theford; for council, George Cowle, Amos Mason, F. McCutcheon, J. E. McMillan, Dr. E. J. Nelson, P.U.C., B. G. Arnold, R. J. Kerr; for schools trustees, the following were elected by acclamation, H. E. G. Fraser, W. K. Graham, F. E. McLeary.

The annual meeting of Acton Citizens' Band was held on Monday night. Officers were elected as follows: honorary president, Amos Mason; president, Kirby Williams; vice-president, R. Spielvogel; secretary-treasurer, N. Gibson; librarian, C. Byrne; property custodian, George Simpson.

At the November meeting of the Halton county council, members of the Halton Women's Institute interviewed council in regard to obtaining a room, preferably in the county buildings, for the purpose of starting a county museum. "I heard, just today," said Mrs. William Gowdy, district president, "of a direct descendant of Laura Secord, living in the county, who would, I believe, be glad to contribute valuable documents to a museum, if we had one." There is to be a report at the next meeting.

Breeders of hackney horses from Acton and district swept the class at the Royal Winter Fair. Lovely mild weather.

SETS EXAMPLE
London, Ont. (CP) — Alderman Ray Dennis started a fire prevention program here by having fire inspectors check his own home first. They found, naked joists in the basement and said it was "a fine start for a good blaze." Alderman Dennis had them covered with asbestos.

BACK IN 1904

Taken from the issue of The Free Press, Thursday, December 1, 1904

There is evidence that the great treat in store for Acton and vicinity next Monday night is appreciated, and the Victoria College Glee Club will no doubt be favored with a full house. The company will arrive by their special car on Monday afternoon and may visit the manufacturing establishments of the town as a body. If they do, their college yells will let everybody know they are in town.

This is a 50c concert, but the management have fixed the popular rates in Acton at 25c and 35c. Tickets at Brown's Drug Store.

Madame Lewinski, the psychic palmist, is at the Campbell house. If you are in trouble, disoriented, unhappy, having domestic troubles, you will be told how to overcome them all. Here one week only.

Nearly a score of citizens met in the Free Library on Monday to consider the feasibility of opening a room where young men profitably and enjoyably may spend their evenings. The lack of a suitable buildings is the greatest obstacle.

Miss Bella Stephenson returned from St. Louis last week, having enjoyed a delightful trip. Her descriptions of the great fair are highly entertaining.

Mrs. D. D. Mann and a couple of friends were the guests of Hugh Mann, Esq., last Friday. They came up from Toronto in their automobile.

Mr. F. J. Mutrie, who occupied the cage at the Merchants' Bank for the past year and a half, has been transferred to Elora.

Oakville people are complaining of very high taxes.

Mrs. Luther Lusby has died at one hundred years of age. Early settlers at Ballinafad will remember her.

TO KEEP POINSETTIAS
When a poinsettia plant ceases to bloom, place it in a dry, dark place away from frost. Let the soil dry. Next May, cut stems back two thirds, repot in new soil and handle like any potted plant. Soft-wood cutting, rooted will bloom by next Christmas.

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