

EDITORIAL

We're Doing It Now

We can never just fathom how it happens. Every year we start getting Christmas conscious in November. We plan to do all the shopping early, get our greetings away in ample time to facilitate the work of the post office. In fact, we get ready to do all the Christmas chores just as we urge other folks to do them—early.

Then something happens in those mid-weeks between late November and Christmas and those weeks have disappeared and we are right smack up a week or ten days before Christmas with precious few of our plans carried out and into those final hectic days when decisions cannot be forestalled and the facts of Christmas have to be faced or New Year's will be here before we know it.

It wasn't always thus. We can readily recall when those weeks from November to December 25th seemed the slowest of all the year. If you are over 50 you will have similar recollections of those tedious days that had to expire before Christmas came.

We hope others are in the dilemma with us. We've got a hundred and one things to do in the next week. We know exactly how many shopping days there are. We know today is the 16th of December and we know how to subtract 16 from 25. Our New Year's resolution will be the same as those of past years that in 1955 it won't happen this way.

City Mud

The headlines of Toronto dailies last week were really the laughing stock of most other centres. In view of the fact that Royalty has visited that city and a great many other celebrities have on invitation been guests of Toronto, the "scandal" of public expenditure on entertainment is to say the least, comical. Most people will realize that city hall expenditures were a mere drop in the bucket and that most of the entertainment must have been provided by funds not included in the municipal tax bills.

There was another shameful furore only last summer when a royal visitor was invited to open the C.N.E. and then a great cry arose over the share of the expenses to be incurred. It is a bit significant that the C.N.E. turned over a cosy surplus to the city treasury after this year's event. Those who visit Toronto know full well that any entertainment there is paid for out of one's own pocket. The recent Grey Cup game added a nice fat amount to the coffers of city business places from the pockets of visitors.

Wonder to us is that so many people visit Toronto when the city provides so little and makes such a fuss over the meagre hospitality provided. Hurricane Hazel cannot be held entirely responsible for the surplus of mud that has been thrown around Toronto this year.

Revenue or Health

Whether you are a farmer or engaged in some other occupation in Canada, the plight of our surplus of wheat, butter, cheese, milk, meat, etc. and other food products is of vital concern to all of us. The products of the farm are all good nourishing food. Things that our bodies require. We as a small population in Canada cannot begin to eat all that the land produces. For years we've been faithful eating each day a whole wheat biscuit each morning. The surplus of wheat is bigger than when we started. We enjoy butter and cheese, but we haven't made a dent in the surplus stocks ahead of us.

Thinking of the example set by Premier Mendes-France of France in using milk as a beverage instead of liquor we believe real progress could be made in assisting the dairy industry if milk were substituted for intoxicating beverages at all functions. It would be a lot cheaper (we believe) and leave no bad effects from over-indulgence. It would build a fine manhood and womanhood if the homes had more milk bottles and fewer beer bottles. There would be no motor accidents from drinking if our beverage was milk.

To change the drinking habits of a people will take time. Milk wouldn't be palatable if serv-

ed under the same conditions that exist in many beverage rooms. But then going to a milk bar would enable the drinkers to eliminate the cost of a baby sitter. The whole family could go along.

The possibilities are so numerous for the good of all Canadians we wonder why the idea originated in France and not in Canada. Here's an opportunity for Canadian government leaders to set a new trend in better drinking habits for Canadians. Of course, there won't be any tax revenue from the sale of milk as a beverage.

Perhaps Canadians haven't reached the stage where France is now with its problem of drinking wines and liquor. But we are coming along rapidly and education of our social drinking habits is long overdue.

Who Wants to Manage?

The other day we read an expressed opinion from one of the odd million "authorities" that management should provide security for all workers and relieve them of any anxiety from sickness loss or other causes. In so doing the worker would be able to concentrate more on his work and society would benefit.

Recently, the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada officers put before the St. Laurent cabinet 48 pages of requests, demands and deplorings. Summarized it appears that the Congress wants more government spending and a reduction of taxes. It's a nice package.

We've just heard recently of municipal affairs in several centres. Taxes are high and still fail to satisfy public demands. Members of council and boards spend many hours in an effort to solve the problem of how to spend more and collect less taxes.

The question is, how long will we be able to secure leaders and folks who will strive to meet all the demands. Up in Hespeler a strike has been averted by offering employees a share of profits. Perhaps that will be the new approach—share of profits and losses—sharing in happiness and troubles. Management would also share in the security program too and be allowed to concentrate on its job.

More public expenditure with less taxation is nice to ponder, whether it be at the federal, provincial or municipal level. A good education to see both viewpoints on this question is to accept public office. A few years in such a position of responsibility gives a very changed idea of management. Maybe we have too many inexperienced "authorities" expressing opinions.

Year Around Work

Don't imagine we are going to completely solve the problem of seasonal unemployment this winter. But, says The Financial Post, don't write off the long-term effects of present planning either. A start has been made and with the necessary co-operation Ottawa is confident that substantial progress can be made in relieving this national headache.

We could, of course, insist, if we were to disregard the cost entirely, that all government construction be restricted to the winter months. The cost would be vastly more than that of similar work done in the summer and we could also be sure that some of it would have to be done over again. It just isn't possible to carry out economically certain types of construction everywhere in Canada when the temperature is well below zero.

On the other hand, there are jobs, including interior construction, that can be carried out just as well in the winter time as in summer. There are purchases, which mean employment at the point of production, that can be made just as easily in December as in June.

Ottawa has made a start in planning and allocating such work and buying in its various government departments. Provincial governments and private industry have been asked to follow a similar policy.

But this is something that will take time. It cannot be planned and carried out overnight and if we are realistic we will not expect it to be carried out overnight and regardless of expense



TONS OF PLUM PUDDING—A treat in store for travellers on Canadian National Railways trains during the Christmas and New Year holiday is being prepared (above) by Chef Romeo Charest. The plum pudding, made from a famous, century old recipe, will be served in all CNR dining cars between December 18 and January 3 to top off turkey dinners dressed with cranberry sauce and all the trimmings. Chef Charest spends more than a week just preparing the tremendous quantities of plum pudding needed.



A One-Vote Victory
In Oakville last week Mayor Lachlan McArthur retained his office for 1955 by one, just one, vote when electors cast 1,111 ballots for him and 1,110 for his opponent, William Anderson. The defeated candidate is undecided about asking for a recount on basis of a claim three declared supporters of his were refused votes, although properly entered on the voters' list.

The Hospital Question
In Bronte last week voters turned down the question put to them dealing with the expense of a \$40,000 share in the proposed Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. In Oakville and Trafalgar township, however, there was a big margin of agreement with the need for the addition from ratepayers. Over \$2,000,000 from levy and to be raised by subscription, is needed for the expansion.

Hockey in Milton
In Milton the increasing number of youngsters anxious to play minor hockey this winter necessitated council granting added free ice time. Last year the Rotary Club sponsored 10 teams, P. L. Robertson Ltd. sponsored a juvenile team and it was noted by the Champion these same groups are prepared to contribute again this year toward minor hockey.

"Little Interest" in Burlington
In Burlington "little interest" was taken by the voters in the municipal election last week. Only 778 votes were cast out of a possible 4575, the Gazette reports. In listing the names of six out of seven candidates elected, the same paper neglected to say what offices they were running to fill, but presumably it is for council.

Strike Goes On
In Oakville Ford of Canada's two month-old strike goes doggedly on. While the company workers, suppliers and dealers are suffering mounting losses not to mention certain retail establishments in centers heavily populated by Ford families, Christmas is moving nearer and the outlook for a lot of children is getting bleaker.

AT THE Churches

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19th, 1954
10:00 a.m. Sunday School "As the twig is bent, so is the tree inclined."
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Subject: In the Same Country.
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship. Film strip: The Nativity of Christ. Christmas music.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
"The kindness of Christmas is the kindness of Christ."
"Gloria to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19th, 1954
Christmas Sunday
9:45 a.m. Church School and White G.F. Service
11:00 a.m. Christmas Service
7:00 p.m. The Young People's Society will conduct the service.
Gloria to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
A Warm Welcome Awaits You.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19th, 1954
9:45 a.m. Church School and White G.F. Service
11:00 a.m. Christmas Service
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship.
8:15 p.m.—B.Y.P.U.
Wednesday—4:00. Mission Band; 8:00. Prayer meeting.

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH
(Anglican)
Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th., Rector

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19th, 1954
10:00 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m.—Benevolent's Class
11:00 a.m.—Choral Communion and Service.
7:00 p.m.—ANNUAL CANDLE-LIGHTING and CAROL SERVICE. The story of Christmas in word and song amid soft and glowing candlelight.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1934
From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, December 13, 1934

This week the Free Press presents its annual shopping edition of 12 pages. It contains special advertisements, a Christmas story by Mrs. Clarke whose "Chronicles of Ginger Farm" appears each week, the letters written to Santa Claus and other features.

The making of ice at the arena set a record for speed. Thursday morning last the ground was not quite frozen hard. On Monday night there was a perfect sheet of ice for the practice, thanks to Municipal Officers MacPherson and Mills.

Monday saw the faithful shivering on the sidelines watching the first turnout for the year. Trying for the position of goalkeeper are Jack Greer, Fred Kentner, Roy Denny and Carney Byrne. Looks like a choice between the first two with Jack having the heavy end of the choice.

To raise some club funds, a group of old-time shabby players have agreed to play a benefit game to-morrow night, wind and weather permitting. The managers of the opposing sides are Joe Kentner and J. M. McDonald and here is the list of prospects who think they can still handle a hockey stick and stand up on skates—Harry Statham, Dr. E. J. Nelson, Harry Holmes, James Smith, Frank McIntosh, E. Ryder, Lawrence Williams, V. E. Rumley, W. D. Talbot, Cam Leishman, Ben Bayliss, John Morton, George King, Dr. A. J. Buchanan, Dr. P. W. Pearen, Jack Chapman, Eli Masters, Al Kirkness and H. I. G. Fraser.

Reeve Thetford will face off the puck and "Minute" Walters will chase the bad actors to the penalty box. The editor of the Free Press was honored by being asked to play on the team but was thankful it was the same night as the Warden's Dinner in Burlington.

The usual splendid attendance was accorded the 34th annual Ball and Supper of Acton Fire Brigade held in the Town Hall last Friday evening. Music was supplied by the Sod Buster's orchestra with E. Paeker as floor manager.

The Curlers are looking about for brooms. The housewives may be missing this article any day now.

BACK IN 1904
From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, December 15, 1904

It is expected the rink will be open in about a week. The Firemen flooded it on Monday evening. Sleighs and cutters were out on Monday for the first time.

An unusual romantic marriage united a couple of Nasagaweya young people last week. A blushing maiden had promised her hand and heart to a prosperous young yeoman, and the nuptial bonds were to be sealed this week. The bridegroom was well advanced and one of Acton's stylish tailors had the order for the groom's wedding outfit. Last Wednesday another enterprising swain came along and made love to the betrothed, and on the principle that "A bird in hand is worth two in the bush" when the question was popped, she said yes again. The pair immediately hid themselves to Guelph, ostensibly to visit the big winter fair but in reality to take upon themselves the vows which bind for life. They are the talk of the township now.

At midnight on December 8, one of the pioneers of Erin township, in the person of Thomas McCutcheon, passed to his reward. Deceased was born in Erin township in 1830. He and his wife were members of the Disciples church at Everton.

A case of diphtheria developed in the home of Mr. W. Thompson last week. The youngest child died on Monday and a couple of others are now suffering.

The public library board has decided to make an addition to the library of new and popular books the present month—special attention being given to the selection of the latest books on nature studies, science and art and general literature. The books will be stamped with a rubber stamp showing them to be government property.

Goodeve and Co. is waiting for you to come and see Christmas goods! The best time is early in the morning or directly after dinner. Waist goods by the yard, a nice present for sister, mother or lady friend. Bed spreads—beauties at \$2 each, pillow-shams, Doyles, neckties—no old and shoddy goods but the latest creations. Candles from ordinary mixed to the most expensive bon-bons, 10c to 25c box.

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