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## Old in Years-Young in Spirit

The Young Men's Christian Association of the United States and Canada is now celebrating National YMCA Week-to mark the observance this year of its 106th year of service.

If an attitude of creative optimism, an ability to adjust constructively to changing times, and a willingness to experiment on the side of progress are the characteristics of youth, the "Y" then still lives up to its name and is truly young as it forges ahead in its second century.

Though founded in London in 1844 originally "for the improvement of the spiritual and mental condition of young men engaged in houses of business," the Y.M.C.A. shortly after its -transplanting here in 1851 broadened its aims to improve the minds, bodies, spirit and social outlook on youth on all levels.

Since those early years when it found root in Montreal and Boston, site of the first American Association, the "Y" has never let down in its, search for better ways to better youth.

Yes, the Y.M.C.A. has remained young over the years. As we salute it and its millions of members in Acton and throughout the world, we feel certain it will continue to manifest its youth in the years ahead.

For over 20 years, the Y.M.C.A. in Acton has been an influence for good. Fortunate indeed was this town that the beneficence of the late J. Albert Murray made possible the establishment of this institution in a town of our size. The program, while experimental in towns the size of Acton, has been found adaptable to larger centres in which over a century has tried and tested its good work.

## In the Near Future

Automobiles next year, predicts The Financial Post, will feature some revolutionary accessories. At least one manufacturer is planning wing-like doors that hinge in the middle of the roof, opening outward and upward instead of forward, allowing passengers to enter without bending over. Radar brakes will also be introduced. Hidden behind the grills, these devices will bounce signals off vehicles ahead, applying brakes automatically when the gap between cars gets dangerously small. A fuel-injection engine, eliminating the more costly type of carburetor will be offered for the first time. Wings and automatic brakes ought to be quite appropriate contraptions provided the brakes work fine.

## Replacement Entertainment

We are not one to sigh over the good old days and wish for a return of conditions in the early part of the century. Radio and televisjon and the inventions that provide entertainment right at home with the flick of a button have ousted many of the things in which the community shared as a whole. It is much easier to sit at home and watch hockey games than it used to be to travel miles in all kinds of weather to follow the team and lend support, but does it give the downright

Some of you will recall the old medicine traupes which used to brighten the long winters when travel wasn't easy. Then there was Marks Bros. that used to play the favorite plays for a week in the villages and towns across Ontario and pack the town hall at a quarter a head.

Gone, too, are the amateur plays; and minstrel shows which took from January to March to prepare and provided local enjoyment in-presenting. and capacity crowds for two or three nights. In these too was often found a means of raising funds for some worthwhile local organization and the elevation of some local person to the realm of stardom for a week following the show.

There's no place for all these in the present day community. But we sometimes wonder if the push-button entertainment we get at home develops, as much pleasure and as much initiative among the young people of today as the homemade kind did in earlier years.

Entertainment comes easier today for the majority of folks but is it making any more enjoyment for more people than that which was provided with more community participation. We don't sigh for what was, but we often wonder at what is entertainment

### Ten Kinds in One

In view of the fact that 22 of Canada's newsprint mills are located in Quebec and roughly 25 per cent, of the world's supply of newsprint comes from that province, the threats and actions of Premier Duplessis take on more than passing interest. Over 30,000 people of Quebec are employed permanently in the pulp and paper indus try of that province and 100,000 seasonally in woods operations.

It appears that under the proposals the Quebec government will establish a Board with wide powers that can govern most everything concerning the distribution of paper. One section of the bill states Board decisions shall be without appeal and cannot be reviewed by the Courts.

Just what will be the effect on the industry can scarcely be visualized. One thing seems certain that those who refuse dictation from the Quebec government can very easily be throttled. When the legislation goes into effect it makes one province very powerful and an opportunity to control freedom of thought and expression by the press. It is claimed in defense of the action that the forests from which raw materials are secured belong to the province. Gone apparently are the days in which Canadians boasted of their great natural resources, We-may yet become Quebec-Canadians, Ontario-Canadians and so on from Newfoundland to British Columbia, from sea to sea with ten provinces of invisible bar

If it is proper for a provincial government to control the price of newsprint why not other prices, too, asks the Victoria Times. "Mr. Duplessis is so concerned about the big consumers of newsprint is he not equally obligated to concern himself with the little consumers of food, fuel and all the articles that make up the ordinary household budget? Once the state undertakes to repeal the price mechanism in one field it is not easy to halt the process."

### The Fire Menace

from Nov. 1 until late in January 180 persons had died in fires across the country, possibly the greatest toll of any winter in Canada's history. Most of the victims perished in blazes which ichi Shimbun" and sponsored by To my sorrow by getting my finswept their homes and more than half of them were children.

This is a grim total. But even more grim is the statement of fire experts that many of these lives might have been saved had proper precautions as "The Best Book of the Year" against fire been taken. Defective wiring and heating equipment and careless smoking are listed as the main causes of the fires.

In Ottawa alone, house fires wiped out nine all Japanese committee. This emlives in January in two days and eight of the vic- phasizes the fact that the Japanese tims were children. A few days later a mother Bible is no longer an imported book. and six children lost their lives at Marmora in the but our own now", said a Japan Peterborough area. This brought to 63 the number of persons who died in Ontario fires since

Thirty-two of the deaths were in the Ottawa district and residents of the capital bombarded the electrical inspection of Ontario Hydro with some 50 calls a day, compared with two or three a day previously.

Nov. 1, the highest provincial total in Canada.

What can be done about it?

Fire authorities say fire prevention must be. "the book of the people". gin at home They advise family discussion about steps to be taken in an emergency. There should be regular inspection of heating and wiring facilities, an absolute ban on smoking in bed or while lying down to rest. No one should try to be an amateur electrician.

Gordon Shorter, chief of fire research for the 16: 1-28; Wednesday, Matt. 17: 1-27; National Research Council, says the home owner's greatest menace is the "it can't happen here" 1-15. attitude or the "I would know what to do" atti-

He warns that persons-especially childrenawakened by fire are drugged with sleep and their thinking is foggy. Children are especially prone and will open any door in efforts to escape. That explains why many little bodies have been found in burned-out cupboards.

Panicky, thoughtless action is disastrous when fire strikes and no one knows when or where it may strike!

Being prepared may save your life.

## Brief Comment

Easter comes in March, this year. Some folks use this as a basis for predicting an early spring

One thing that the \$64,000 question program has done is bring in the limelight the fact that income taxes really are laid on the rich. Many have found out it's better to be half safe at a \$32,000

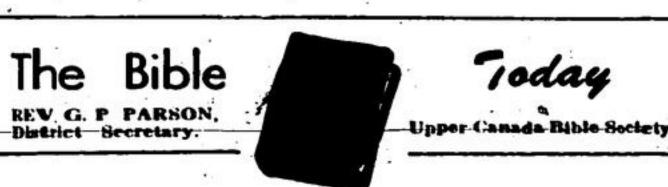
Exhorted by his friends to make a will, a citizen of a certain town did so. On his demise recently the will was opened. All it said was: "Be-10.00 a.m. -Church School. ing of a sound mind, I have spent all my money. 11.00 am -Beginners' Class. No trouble with that ohe.

United Electrical Workers was badly beaten in the 107-day Canadian Wire & Cable strike, settled this week. The defeat comes at a crucial time for this small community on the Britthe Communist-led union-just as negotiations ar asked a Whitehorse chartered bank .10.00 a.m -- Sunday School reaching a climax at Canadian Westinghouse and to provide banking facilities here. 11.00 a.m -Morning Worship at CGE... Influence of the UE has suffered an ir-They say they now have to travel rough roads for 100 miles to Whiteretrievable loss says The Financial Post. horse to make deposits:



Photo by Esther Taylo

NO MIRRORS HERE, although there could be, but merely one camera looking into another camera. Picture taking has traversed far beyond the hobby stage. Today the photographic process, in its multiple applications, is used in commerce, in dustry, education and nearly all sciences.



The front pages of newspapers all . over Japan recently featured the choice of the new translation of the Bible in colloquial Japanese as the

best publication of the year Each time for the past nine years a celebration known as Japan's 'Day of Culture" has been organized by a leading newspaper "Mainprominent citizens in every walk of life The Judges are men distiguished in science, the arts, drama, university life and literary criticism

From a list of 20,000 books submitted, the new version was chosen. It goes for things of long ago special category had to be created to allow its admittance but the decision was unanimous.

For the first time in Japan, the translation work was done by an Church has fully matured. "The Bible Society official, commenting on the significance of the work.

After the Japanese government made an official decision, "to simplify the language by dimiting the number of Chinese characters to be used, and the use of the Japanese alphabetic letters in strict accordance with these phonetic sounds", became necessary to produce the new translation of the Bible. Many of the younger generation could not read the former versions. Only thus would the Bible retain its place as

Ninety-hire per cent of the people of Japan are literate. This is the highest literacy rate of any country in the world. Last year a total of 1,669,884 copies of the Scriptures were circulated in Japan by Bible

Suggested Bible readings for the week: Sunday, Matt. 14: 1-36; Monday, Matt. 15: 1-39; Tuesday, Matt Thursday, Matt. 18: 1-14; Friday,

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8.30 a.m.-Brotherhood of Angli-

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ALTIN, B.C. (CP)-Residents of

Columbia-Yukon border have

11.00 a.m.-Morning Prayer.

7.00 p.m.-Evening Prayer

9.50 a.m.-Junior Church.

9.55 a.m -Church School

11.15 a.m -Morning Worship.

7.00 p.m.-Evening Prayer.

Minister

### GIVE TO THE 'Y' By Edgar Guest

"This money goes to the Y" said he "For the man I should like my son

This money goes for the things I've learned gers burned

"This money goes for the things I've a 5-0 score wish I had known in my early

Which I've said I wanted my boy

"A drive for the Y' You may call it that As you collect the pledges and

pass the hat . It's a drive for our flag and fair renown, drive for our state and a drive for our town

"A drive for the race, for if this be-Five billion of dollars won't pay Give the money and some day when :.

The crisis comes, they will give us "I'm teaching my boy as best I can The truths which are needed to shape a man.

But whether I live, or whether I I'll have no fear, if he'll follow the

"In a pleasure mad world the Y is

Manly and honest, and strong and Failing sometimes to reach its goal But striving ever to serve the soul Teaching the things for a man's

Raising, not dragging, his morals So this money goes to the Y," said

Matt. 18: 15-35; Saturday, Matt. 19: "For the man I should like my son

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7.30 p.m.-Evangelistic Service

Wednesday, 8 p.m.-Cottage pray-

er meeting and Bible study.

10.00 a.m.-Sunday School

can Churchmen Corporate Wednesday, 8 p.m.-Mid-week Ser-

11.00 a.m.-Morning Worship

7.00 p.m -Evening Service

11.00 a.m.-Morning Service

945 a.m.-Church School

700 pm-YMCA Service

shall renew their strength.

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THE GOOD OLD DAYS

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### **BACK IN 1936**

Thursday, January 30, 1936 Acton and district joined with

closed . A precedent was created at the The county council did a generous late King.

warden. Mr. Currie has been reeve of 160 of Esquesing for the past five years: Mr Robert Sprowl of the third

ture of the 1935 council Commission at their meeting this live one has been added to the numweek The motion was made by C | ber The fine house effected for M Hansen and seconded by C H Mrs G C Clark on Bower Ave.

Miss Etta Swackhamer read the last message of King George Others Dorothy Phillips and Alice Taylor for 36 years. She has been a Valued lively as if it was midsummer.

the University of Toronto for the was observed plowing in Nassaga-

From the Issue of the Free Press of From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, January 25, 1906 .The tifth anniversary of the ac other parts of the British Empire on cession of King Edward to the Tuesday in a day of mourning for throne was celebrated, throughout King George V Church betts toll- the United Kingdom on Monday ed. All places of business were with salutes, flags flying and bells ringing God Save the King.

inaugural meeting of Halton county thing when they elected Mr. R. D council by the meeting being called | Warren of the Georgetown Herald for Wednesday rather than the last to the wardenship on Tuesday. This Tuesday of January. The change of honor had not previously been givdate was of course by reason of the en to Georgetown for 22 years, proclamation in respect to the while every other municipality has enjoyed that distinction - in the Interest ran high as to the Warden | meantime, some, of them repeatedly for 1936 . As Mr. John Irving, reeve At the half-yearly examination at of Milton, declined the nomination; Normal College, Toronto, Miss Dainy Mr. George Currie was declared the Nicklin won second place in a class

and deputy reeve two years and a line. Esquesing, is rapidly winning member, of Esquesing township for himself an enviable reputation council for three years. Mr Harold for producing superior grain. Re-Cleave, the retiring warden, pre- cently he received a diploma for sented the council with a group pic- wheat at the World's Fair at St

Mr. B G Arnold was selected as Acton is noted for her many fine hairman of the Public Utilities residences and another very attrac next the residence of D Henderson Rev E M Morrow was the guest MP, by contractor John Cameron, speaker at the high school literary is about completed. Mrs Clark may society meeting on Friday afternoon, reasonably he proud of her new

With a temperature of 59 degrees taking part were Jean Beattle, on Monday unusual happenings have been reported Mrs. Robert Miss Bella Stephenson retired Agnew brought in a blac branch from the Storey Glove Co last Sat- fully budded. Mr. J. A. Carnochan urday after being in their employ reported two frogs on Main St. as

member of the office staff since | Barrister Mackinnon heard spring 1900 An address was read and she birds outside his open window; Mr was presented with a travelling bag | D. M. Henderson saw a flock of Mr Ted Hansen was home from wild geese, Mr Duncan Robertson weya Crosuses and daffodils peep-Residents of Ospringe were indeed ed through the brown 'earth at glad to see the county snow plow | Most ecroft fully half an inch.

The roads had been blocked and The new home of the Glasgow there were no deliveries of bread or House (now Hinton's) is about completed and Messis Henderson and In the rural hockey games on Co now have one of the most hand-Thursday, York Road tied-1-1 with some, commedious and conveniently Rockwood In the second tilt the arranged mercantile houses in the Jones boys, all dolled up in new county On the second floor the miluniforms outclassed Brookville by linery and household furniture are given commodious quarters

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