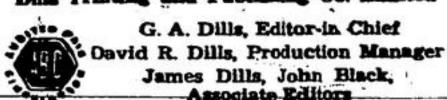
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Wreckers And Builders

So Acton is going to have another open forum on the Maria Street bridge. The same plat form that many an individual aspiring for municipal office in Acton has used in desperation when all other issues failed, to attain his election for the past 40 years. After listening to council proceedings for over 35 years, we hope that the hearing on February 21st will finish the argument and get rid of an item which in the minds of some looms bigger than the bridges over the Niagara River or the Skyway at Burlington.

Our only regret is that a previous engagement in Ottawa will not permit us to hear the final phase of a question which so few understand and many have no cause for concern. However, we've heard plenty over the years.

This gigantic (?) wooden structure carries traffic over a single line of railway track. It is built on a street allowance belonging to the town and serves several hundred ratepayers of Acton who pay taxes for all services here just as any other ratepayer. If it collapsed, these ratepayers would be isolated from the rest of the town as far as fire fighting purposes, garbage collection, snow tlearing, etc. It is quite feasible that the railway company would in that event clear away the debris and continue its usual service on the spur line. Those citizens on the Crescent won't be able to shop downtown or get to the town roads.

It is quite true the structure was built in the first instance by what was Ithen known as the Acton Tanning Co. and Beardmore Co. For those of us who have lived in Acton many years, this is not unusual. The Beardmore Co. supplied Acton with its tennis courts, lawn bowling greens and club house. They sand the town street in winter leading from their plant to Mill Street. I memory serves us correctly, they assisted in laying stone road on Church Street when traffic was horse drawn, from the railway to the plant. They provided land for Acton's sewage disposal. The tannery has been here long before Acton became an incorporated village. We couldn't begin to enumerate the assistance this industry, which is still today Acton's largest, has played in the town's growth.

If when we return after the hearing, we learn this local political football has been kicked out to Dolly Varden, we will be just as happy as we were when the last truckload of asphalt was dumped and rolled and No. 25 from Acton to Milton was a paved roadway. Let's quit our bickering and assume our rightful responsibilities. The wrecking crew is overworked and there is a crying need for builders if Acton is to continue to progress.

Ontario Drinks More Too

There are many interesting statistics being given out these days as federal and provincial governments are in session.

Ontario's liquor sales during the year ending March 31, 1955, hit \$258,750,000, a \$603,-000 increase over the previous year.

Drinkers consumed 82,000,000 gallons of beer compared to 4,315,000 gallons of spirits and 2,000,000 gallons of wine.

The figures, contained in the annual report of the Liquor Control Board of Ontario, showed 40 suspensions and 11 cancellations of liquor outlet licenses.

Twenty-three suspensions were for such infractions of the Liquor License Act as selling to minors, non-observance of hours of sale or days of sale, over-crowding, and permitting intoxicated persons on the premises.

Twelve suspensions were for unsatisfactory operation, four for serving liquor without food in . -a dining lounge, and another for serving spirits | Brief Comment in an unlicensed room.

There is apparently no record of the number of bootleggers caught and still at large or of the crime that followed in the wake of this consumption and expenditure on alcoholic beverages. It would seem, however, that a traffic with an increase in the year of \$603,000 needed no assistance by advertising to spread its path of destruction.

Halton's Place In Industry

While the latest report on manufacturing industries in Canada gives the figures for 1952, it has always been found of interest to our readers, especially the figures in our own County of Halton. There are in those years between 1952 and 1956, many changes in Halton County as a manufacturing centre. The figures, the most recent of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, will be found enlightening and if you happen to have the figures we gave for 1951, it will reflect something of the industrial expansion that even four years ago was taking shape in Halton.

Total selling value of factory shipments was \$52,722,633. There are listed 148 establishments with 4913 salaried employees and wage earners earning \$12,975,502.

Acton had in that year 19 establishments, turning out shipments with a selling value of \$9,717,743. There were 902 on the payrolls, earning a total of \$2,082.617.

Milton listed 15 establishments with products of a selling value of \$6,403,769. There were 667 receiving salaries and wages amounting in total to \$1,765,479.

Georgetown had 16 establishments, with selling value of products of \$8,691,236. There were 833 persons employed, receiving a total of \$2,522,729 in salaries and wages:

There has been a big change in the industrial aspect of Halton County, with the towns of Oakville and Burlington leading in growth in this phase. Oakville led the Halton municipalities with \$14,991,388 in value of factory shipments from 54 establishments. There were 1760 in industry earning a total of \$3,859,124.

Burlington had 24 establishments producing a total of \$10,986,44477. There were 870 salaried employees and wage earners earning a total of \$2,389,5277.

It will be interesting to watch the figures for succeeding years in this rapidly developing industrial county. The 1952 figures are the latest published. We find this booklet giving the in dustrial standing of most municipalities very informative and have had numerous enquiries from time to time seeking this information. you desire copies, they are very reasonably priced and procurable from the Dominion Bur- day, around the world. eau of Statistics. It will be noted by the enquiring mind that the totals may not correspond. This is accounted for by the fact that the figures for rural Halton are not included in any total for of which the Upper Canada Bible Corsair" after five years research the county but in Halton's case are given in the booklet

The Same Old Source

Last week was National Health Week and the problem that appears to be of vital interest to Canadians this week is what will emerge as the much heralded National Health Insurance Plan after it comes from the Federal government and the many viewpoints of the provincial government. It's liable to be different in all ten provinces.

There is one thing that is sure. Whatever you get you will pay for. If the federal government makes grants, the one source of money is taxes. If Ontario contributes, it can only give from a levy extracted from its citizens. The payment of health insurance will be compulsory if the coverage is all-inclusive. The method of payment may be different but also compulsory.

Out in British Columbia, we found last fall stamps sent in from around the that five per cent, was added on retail purchases. In this way the visitor to the province paid but secured nothing in return. Down in Quebec for work. many years, all meals served in restaurants and hotels have had a hospital tax...

It's rather interesting to note that in Saskatchewan where the C.C.F. leads the way, the cit izens were given a vote in two districts on an over-all insurance. Both districts voted overwhelmingly against the plan offered. The referendum-was to determine whether the residents there wanted to enlarge their program along the lines now in effect in Swift Current. They didn't. Chief reason given in the defeat is in the extra cost which the beneficiaries would have to bear.

The Swift. Current medical program costs about half a million dollars a year. The district's share is raised on a 2.2 mill property tax plus a direct tax of \$18 a year for a single person, \$29 a year for a family of two, \$37 for a family of three and \$44 for a family of four or more. In addition, there is a payment to doctors of one dollar for an office visit and \$2 for a house call, with the latter raised to \$3 after 8 p.m. and on week-ends.

No doubt we are going to have National Health insurance. In time we'll know whether it is an improvement. But you can rest assured the money will not be a hand-out but just another way of handling your money.

Twenty-five years from now the Canadian automobile industry hopes to sell a million vehicles a year. "Hand me down my walking cane."

W. J. Fleuty, once publisher of the Oakville Record, died last week at his home in Wingham in his 91st year. Many Haltonians will remember this veteran publisher and learn with regret of his passing.



- Photo by Esther Tay

VALENTINE'S DAY, it is said, has no actual connection with St. Valentine, a Third Century Christian martyr. Whether it has or not, next Tuesday as February 14 will see all kinds of love takens, from mushy cards to blooming roses, exchanged between the sexes. Even the young get the idea young, as the above picture suggests.



Society is the local auxiliary.

of Christian service to almost all

From home to home, where Bibles

are not readily available, "Colpor-

teurs" call carrying the Book of

Philip Wambua in Kenya, are sup-

hundreds of pounds are provided

each year through the sale of

and desire it may secure it.

denominations.

Today

Upper Canada Bible Society

The "Letters to Editors" column of weekly newspapers often offer interesting sidelights on life in rural communities. Problems people are often presented. A recent letter to a Muskoka Weekly revealed the difficulty of securing a

Bible in out-of-the-way places. This eine Fabiola Kent has written difficulty is experienced, even to-To help solve this problem handto-hand distribution of Scriptures

The purpose of the Society is to Lafitte. place a Bible without note or com-Lafitte earned a place in Americment, within reach of everyone, at a price he can pay, and in his own

> pict him as a near-pirate who fought for the best-paying side. Mrs. Kent, 45, sees the privateersmuggler more as a Robin Hood. "The Corsair" was published in the United States and earned favorable

Most editions are sold at, or below, cost price and all missionary translations are heavily subsidized. band, member of the Cuban diplo-Canada has required the Bible in matic service. over 100 different languages. On-

She is descended on her mother's tario in over 45. Colporteurs can side from Abraham Martin, after provide it in most of these languagwhom Quebec City's historic plains Four "Colporteurs", Enrique Baof Abraham are named. zan in Bolivia, Raul Campos in

EDMONTON (CP)-The fire deported by funds raised through "Stamp Corner", a department in partment answered three false alarms on the same day. All three the Bible House, London, Many

One girls' school, "Bromley High", Psalms 115: 1-18; Tuesday, Jererecently contributed 400,000 stamps mish 1: 4-19; Wednesday, Jonah 1: to their department for colportage 1-17; Thursday, Jonah 2: 1-10; Friday, Jonah 3: 1-10; Saturday, Jonah Suggested readings for the week: 4: 1-11.

Tells Story

MONTREAL (CP)-Mrs. Madel novel defending a controversial marine figure of the American

Mrs. Kent, member of a well by 1,000 "Colporteurs" throughout known Montreal family and sparethe world is undertaken by the time author of magazine articles British and Foreign Bible Society and detective stories, wrote "The into the life of Haitian-born Jean

an history by helping defeat the British in the battle of New Orllanguage. This purpose has been eans. But history has tended to deadhered to throughout its 150 years

Books. Thus people who need it newspaper reviews. She became interested in Lafitte's life while living in New Orleans several years ago with her late hus-

> She is best known here as a former swimming and diving star.

came from the same alarm box. Sunday, Psalms 95: 1-11; Monday

AT THE .-

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Mr. George Elliott. Organist and Choir Leader 76 Bower Aye., Acton, phone 6

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, 1956 9.50 a.m.—Junior Church. 9.55 a.m.-Church School. 11.15 a.m.-Morning Worship. 7.00 p.m.-Evening Prayer.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA... St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont

Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, 195 (Quinquagesima Sunday) 9.00 a.m.—Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m.-Church School. 1.00 a.m. + Beginners' Class. 11.60 a.m.-Morning Prayer Installation of Church Wardens. No Evening Service on second Sunday of the month.

Wednesday, February 15th, 1956

Ash Wednesday

9.00 a.m.—Holy Communion

SAFE SHOOTING

MOOSE JAW, Sask. (CP) - A 11.00 a.m.-Morning Worship. . safe-shooting course for teen-age 7.30 p.m.-Evangelistic Service. boys will be held here by the Saskatchewan Fish and Game League.

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, 1956 11.00 a.m.-Morning Service. 9.45 a.m.-Church School. 7.00 p.m.-Evening Service. 8.15 p.m.-Inter - church Young

People's Fireside. A Warm Welcome Awaits You They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, 1956 10.00 a.m.—Sunday School. 11.00 a.m.-Morning Worship. 7.00 p.m.-Evening Service Wednesday, 8 p.m.-Mid-week Ser-

ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY

Meeting in L.O.L. Hall, Crewson's Corners. Pastor: Rev. K. J. Reid. 81 Cook St. Telephone 649w.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, 1956 10.00 a.m. - Sunday School. Wednesday, 8 p.m.-Cottage prayer meeting and Bible study



REMEMBER THOSE Good Old Days

BACK IN

Thursday, February 8, 1906 At a meeting of the Trustee Board of the Methodist Church last Friday formed the Public Utilities Comevening a resolution was unani- mission that 90,000 gallons of water mously passed instructing the was pumped for the fire at the Ken-Treasurer to pay the mortgage in- nedy Block on Wednesday night of debtedness on the church, \$526.60, last week. That equals one and a and secure a discharge. The board half times the quantity in the overthen rose and unanimously sang, head tank. Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow."

The bonds of holy wedlock were ed with the storm that the trip to entered into in St. Alban's church the bockey game in Oakville toby Miss Mary Abraham, oldest night would be impossible. From all daughter of Mr. James Abraham, directions the report is the same. and Mr. Joseph B. Lake, foreman The snow plow has been partly of the Free Press. The bride was through on the second line. Reports pretty as a picture in her wedding are that the roads are filling in as gown of white organdie, trimmed quickly as they are plowed. It with chiffon and ribbons. She wore shows no sign of abating. a white chiffon hat and carried white carnations. The young couple left by the evening train for a short player of the Acton Intermediate honeymoon to Toronto and other hockey team, collided with another

The business at the G.T.R. depot here for the first month of 1906 largest in the history of Acton. Agent Holmes informs us that dur- by Fred Packer near Limehouse. ing January he handled 500 cars of general merchandise. The cash receipts for the month exceed \$500

will proceed at once to have eight jed. or ten supplied with wide tires. This will be of great benefit to the roadways.

People generally have stopped The ice crop has been harvested the summer and are now turning ity. anxious glances at the coal bin. The young gentlemen of Acton Watson, Gilbert Rompfh and Bev-

have sent out notices for an assemb- erley Arnold have completed their y to be held on St. Valentine's

much-needed sleighing. R. B. Scott sale - ladies' tweed Monday. It stars Charles Laughton, skirts, \$1.95, 4-string brooms, 20c, Clark Gable and Franchot Tone and Men's tweed pants, 60c, long lace is incomparable, lar is full of potatoes which you Customs building took place there may now have for 70c per bag.

BACK IN 1936

From the Issue of the Free Press of From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, February 13, 1938

Superintendent Wilson has in-

At the time of going to press it would seem the roads are so block-

When Keith Scott, star defense player on Saturday he suffered a fractured jaw and bad cut.

Damage estimated at over \$4000 broke all previous records. It is the resulted on Friday when fire broke out in the large frame house owned

Ex-Warden A. Mason and G. A freight including hemlock bark, hid- Dills were chosen to represent Aces, leather, live stock, turnips and ton Y.M.C.A. on the National Council of the Y.M.C.A.

Seven players were injured in the rural hockey game. Friday night Beardmore and Co. have put on was blood and thunder at Acton two new wide-tired waggons and arena when three games were play-

The keeping of the lobby of the post office open until eight-thirty or later is appreciated by all.

fretting about their supply of ice for on Fairy Lake and is of good qual-Three more Acton scouts, Ton

second class tests. A superb achievement in motion A little more snow would give pictures, "Mutiny on the Bounty" comes to the Gregory Theatre on

curtains 95c pair, bedrooms lengths | The formal opening of Georgeof Japanese matting 10c. Our cel- town's splendid new Post Office and

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and Hol.).

p.m.; 10.08 p.m. (Sun.\and Hol.). Westbound 10.27 a.m.; 12.52 p.m.; 2.57 p.m.; 5.27 p.m.; 7.27 p.m.; 9.12 p.m.; 11.32 p.m.; 1.12 a.m. (Fri., Sat., Sum.

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RANWAYS Standard Time

Eastbound Daily 6.40 a.m.; Daily except Sundays 10.00 a.m.; 7.13 p.m.; Sunday only 8.01 p.m.; Daily except Sumday Flyer, at Georgetown 9.02 a.m.; 637 p.m.; Daily Flyer at George-

town 10,11 p.m. Westbound

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