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Now is the Time
It isn't a morbid thought nor is it a sudden fear of the future that prompts us to write on the subject of Civil Defense, rather it is a thought of the important role people trained might play in natural as well as man-made disasters.

The term civil defense is by no means a new one for there has been squabbling between the various levels of government regarding whose responsibility it is.

The value of a civil population organized to care for itself when disaster strikes was never more clear than during the Second World War.

As we understand it, Civil Defense must be built through a network of organizations. The services required are similar to those presently required such as police, fire, health and medical, welfare, ambulance, warden, engineer and public utility, transportation, communications and information.

Halton county has made initial starts on at least two of these essential services. In the fire departments, brigades in several parts of the county have participated in Civil Defense exercises in other parts of Ontario.

Over 80 volunteers are presently taking a series of courses which will prepare them to serve as auxiliary police in the event of natural or man-made disaster.

Living in small towns away from what would be more likely target areas - the big cities - we might be inclined to scrap any thought of civil defense. It does seem difficult to attach any urgency to its consideration.

But the fact we are away from target areas makes it more important that we be prepared to take care of those who would be evacuated from such districts.

The first point in Canada's civil defence policy, as outlined in this week's article, is evacuation of non-essential persons to outlying towns and villages when intelligence reports indicate an impending attack. This likely would be about 12 hours before the bombers were expected to arrive and would involve about 35 per cent. of a city's population.

Federal Civil Defence Co-ordinator F. E. Worthington says the ultimate aim of civil defense is "to reduce the effects of enemy attack in order that people maintain their will to win, public utilities are restored, essential production can continue and the government can continue to govern."

A trained population able to understand and work in the huge effort wars and disasters required is everyone's responsibility.

Small Print or Big Print

There was a time when people were warned to read all the small print before signing documents. Often there was a clause inserted in fine-type that was overlooked and nullified what the signer felt was the intent of the agreement.

Times haven't changed a great deal. Folks read the headings and often overlook the text of an article. But big print can be misleading too. Take, for instance, the recent strike of General Motors. The headlines invariably conveyed the impression that great benefits had resulted directly from strike action. Down in the text of the articles, it was found that the great majority of the so-called strike gains had been available to the workers before the strike was called. Down in the text (or small print) the gains were found to be very meagre in relation to strike demands. The biggest issue of the Company paying full cost of hospital services remained the same and was not settled.

It is always interesting to note also that immediately officials arrange terms they are accepted in due formality by the works. It works both ways - in calling a strike or calling it off. All of which leads one to ponder if we have as much freedom of action and free thinking in our democracy as we think we have.

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

Let's Investigate This One

Magistrate K. M. Langdon made the daily headlines the other day when he proposed that young people wanting to get married should be given \$5,000 to start up a home. We have to admit that we didn't read the article to its conclusion to find out where the \$5,000 per couple was going to come from.

We did read that it was proposed to be a 20-year debenture procedure at low interest rate. Whether payments start after the instalments on household equipment are met will be decided, we presume, in due course by the experts who arrange the taxes and pay deductions. But without a doubt, the proposal, coupled with the baby bonus and other government helps is a sure way to populate Canada.

Having lived through the days when one had to manage without so much government assistance in living and forced to pay a radio license fee for government entertainment, we might add to the worthy magistrate's suggestion that his proposed endowment be considered geographically in Canada.

The far north of Canada requires population and is denied government subsidized television and radio. The marriage proposal might be upgraded to assist colonization where population is needed. If we as a nation require \$5,000 to help start a home in southern Ontario, the folks in Labrador and the far north, now unsettled parts of Canada, ought to be given more to build their igloo and equip their ice hut.

The subject does open up a great field for tea-party discussion, public forums, and a means of raiding the public treasury and increasing the need for collection of more from the payrolls. Looks like another investigation is needed.

Building for the Future

This week time is set apart to remember the work of the founders and leaders in the World Brotherhood known as the Scouting movement and embracing Girl Guides, Boy Scouts, Wolf Cubs and Brownies.

Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, founder of the Scout and Guide movement, was born in England on February 22, 1857 and died January 8, 1941.

He conducted the first experimental Scout Camp of 25 boys in England in 1907. Today there are some 6,500,000 members of this World Brotherhood of Scouts.

It always seems a time, too, to offer congratulations and continued support to the leaders who each week meet with the local groups, go to camp with them and work on paper drives, cookie days, apple days and generally guide the junior citizens to many good turns.

The effect of this great movement can never be truly measured for its results are spread over dozens of different walks of life in which men and women are working in the interests of their fellow men and overcoming purely selfish motives.

"Good Scouting."

Planning For What?

Planning in municipalities, the end result of which is usually zoning, has had a rough ride in many Ontario centres. It is a difficult thing to provide over-all plans of any given area that will be satisfactory to everyone.

We noticed recently the account of deliberations of Georgetown council on the pros and cons of establishing a planning board. A field liaison officer for the Department of Planning and Development explained the process involved in setting up the board.

From the report of the meeting we quote, "A planning area must be defined, he said, and it can be either a town or a combination of town and surrounding township. . . . He considers that a strictly local board would be best for Georgetown at the present time, with informal discussions on mutual questions with township officials when the need arises."

In all planning of urban municipalities, it would seem impossible not to have joint boards with the surrounding townships, if the planning done by these boards is to be effective.

In the northern municipalities, Acton has a town planning board, as has Milton, but the Department of Planning and Development agreed to allowing formation of a town planning board in Milton only if that municipality would agree it would not preclude the possibility of a joint board.

Now Georgetown is getting advice on the establishment of a Planning Board and it is told it should only be a town board.

We have wondered, after many planning board meetings, what the Boards are planning. They indicate decisions on the use of some areas and if council approves this designation, it is not permanent, since amendments can be made both to the land use map and the zoning.

It would seem if planning is to be effective, it must have access to the economic possibilities of the area and some indication of the best uses to which areas can be put.

Perhaps some guidance from the Department of Planning and Development, who of necessity have the entire province in focus, would be an advantage to the laymen presented with the problems of planning.



SNOWY VANTAGE POINT is provided for this young collier who seems to have dashed up the snowy knoll for the better to see what's going on. The patch of grass broken through does not necessarily mean spring's on the way, although at this time of year it's a hopeful thought.

The Bible Today
REV. G. P. PARSON, District Secretary.
Upper Canada Bible Society

Fifty million adults have learned to read since 1945 through the world literacy movement. This is an unprecedented opportunity for the Bible Society.

Each year, 15 million more literates are added to this number. They look to us - are asking us - for the Word of God.

The Communists are grasping at this obvious opportunity and are attempting to flood the world with their literature. More of the works of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin have been translated since 1917 than all the Bibles by the Bible Societies backed by all the Churches and all the Christians in all the world.

A shortage of missionaries and a change in concept of missionary work gives emphasis to the importance of the native church. To speak with authority to his own people, the national Christian must have the Bible in his own language, and copies available for distribution.

In places where missionaries may not be able to remain long, the Bible must be published in the language of the people that it might be the backbone and basic tool of the indigenous church, and the Holy Spirit, as in China today.

Hosts of refugees all over the world whose only help is coming from the church, are asking for the Church's book. Regardless of a person's language, education, race or nation, the Bible speaks HOPE to him.

This need of refugees and of new literates presents to Christians everywhere the greatest challenge in history.

Suggested readings for the week: Sunday, Isaiah 53: 1-12; Monday, Isaiah 58: 1-14; Tuesday, Isaiah 60: 1-22; Wednesday, Isaiah 65: 1-25; Thursday, 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-28; Friday, 2 Thessalonians 3: 1-18; Saturday, James 1: 1-27.

SITTING MARKSMAN
Greenwood, B.C. (C.P.) - Bob Seddon, confined to a wheelchair by injuries suffered in a car accident, shot and killed a running deer while his companions were scouring the woods unsuccessfully for game.

AT THE Catarinas

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26th, 1956
9:50 a.m. - Junior Church.
9:55 a.m. - Church School.
11:15 a.m. - Morning Worship. Admission and Ordination of Elders.
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. Rector

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26th, 1956
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
9:00 a.m. - Holy Communion.
9:45 a.m. - Church School.
11:00 a.m. - Beginner's Class.
11:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer. Rev. R. P. E. Jeffares, B.A., L.Th., rector, St. George's church, Lowville.
7:00 p.m. - Evening Prayer. Lenten Service, Wednesday, February 22nd, 8:00 p.m. - The Litany. Address, "Envy."

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG M.A., B.D., Minister
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26th, 1956
9:45 a.m. - Church School.
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m. - Evening Service.
"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON
Ray H. Cooter, Pastor
Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave. Phone 206
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26th, 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 Service.

ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY
Meeting in L.O.L. Hall, Crewson's Corners.
Pastor: Rev. K. J. Reid.
81 Cook St., Telephone 649w.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26th, 1956
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School.
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship.
7:30 p.m. - Evangelistic Service
Wednesday, 8 p.m. - Cottage prayer meeting and Bible study.

REMEMBER THOSE Good Old Days

Twenty Years Ago
From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, February 27, 1936

Final details were completed during the week and Ajax Engineers Limited, will occupy the factory building erected by Creber Bros. and remove their plant from Toronto to Acton by April 1. It is the intention of the company to have the superintendent and some of his assistants move from Toronto. The remainder of the help will be hired in Acton.

Chris Swackhamer had the misfortune to have his nose broken in a hockey game in the arena on Saturday afternoon.

The grand Old-Tyme carnival, presented by Acton Legion in the arena, was a colorful affair upon which all but the weatherman smiled.

The arena was gay with colors and the Citizens' Band was on hand. So keen were the entries in the races some of them had to be run in groups.

The Legion (Old Sweats) and the Town (Never Sweats) broom ball teams took the ice. The Legion won. Perhaps because they had Santa Claus on their side. Both teams showed lack of coaching and poor condition.

Playing were W. Middleton, R. P. Wilson, F. Roney, Dr. P. W. Pearson, J. Alger, George Benton, George Musselle, R. Agar, A. Robinson, J. Morton, H. I. G. Fraser, Ben Bayliss, E. J. Hassard, T. Seynuck, J. Chalmers, J. M. McDonald, J. C. Matthews and one last entry, Dr. E. J. Nelson.

Bud McDonald got the only penalty. At least, he was the only one who took what referee Joe Kentner handed out.

The shortage of water on the farms was partially amended when the thaw came on Monday. It had been quite serious. The walls of the burned Kennedy Block got free of their coating of ice and fell down this week. Only the rear is now left standing.

At the base line and near Hornby drifts at the sides of the roads are higher than the cars. At Lowville it was reported the drifts were over 15 feet in height. Main roads were plowed out but others were barely passable.

Fifty Years Ago
From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, February 22, 1906

The Eckardt family of Swiss bell ringers have always been a favorite with Acton audiences and each succeeding appearance brings more attractive features. Their concert in the town hall on Tuesday evening was one of the most chaste, meritorious and enjoyable ever given in Acton and the audience was delighted. Every member of the company is a genius in his or her own sphere. They produced the sweetest music not only with the Swiss bells, aluminum chimes, violin, guitars, musical glasses, but also with tomato cans, rattles, etc.

Milton council has appointed Mr. G. A. Hemstreet assessor and collector and bookkeeper of electric light accounts at a salary of \$215 per annum.

Referring to the Trades and Labor Congress in Guelph last week the Mercury says, "The Misses Sialker, two delightful little ladies from Acton, gave a pretty and finished exhibition of Highland dancing, and Piper Ross stirred the Scottish sensibilities with stirring martial strains."

At the meeting of Nassawewa township council, a petition was presented requesting the council to erect horse sheds near the town hall.

The old pupils throughout the country are enquiring every week concerning a reunion this coming summer.

A game of hockey was played in the Acton rink last Friday night between junior teams of Acton and Georgetown. The game was hot throughout, hindered a little by soft ice. The Georgetown combination wouldn't work. The only goal was scored by Malone for Acton.

Acton players were, goal, M. McCaughern, point, J. Saunders, cover point, H. Nicklin, rover, P. Holmes, forwards, W. Saunders, W. Malone, C. Ramshaw.

R. B. Scott sale—three days only. White quilts, regular \$1.25, 69c. nutria, seal or cone caps, \$1. bonc and muff sets, regular \$25, \$11. We have new coats, priced, bought to sell at \$25. We are marking them now at \$11.65, but the first man to get one Thursday gets his for a TEN DOLLAR BILL.

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