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### Evening Shopping

In view of the shifting of store hours in many towns of Ontario the results of a recent survey are very interesting. In the city of Kitchener, Gruneau Research found 75 per cent. favored evening shopping. The Ontario survey covered rural areas, towns under 10,000 population and cities.

Of those who said they would like to have the stores open one evening of the week, the largest percentage was recorded in the towns where 78.8 per cent. of those questioned were in favor, compared with 64.4 per cent. in cities and 74.8 per cent. in rural areas. Rural areas comprise 26.9 per cent. of Ontario's population, towns 12.4 per cent. and cities 60.7 per cent.

It's rather interesting to note that in the Ontario survey 56.5% would like the stores open one evening a week while only 1.1% of those questioned wanted two open evenings. In this district apparently the open night for shopping is on Friday since the swing has gradually been along that line. This change enables clerks to enjoy a longer week-end and apparently adequately serves the public shopping needs.

### Vision of 1980?

The increase of population during the coming quarter of a century will take place almost entirely in urban areas and will make this predominately a land of city-dwellers, predicts a brief of Central Mortgage and Housing Corp. to the Gordon Commission and reported in The Financial Post. Between now and 1980, the extent of our cities will more than double.

It is estimated that the number of new dwellings to be built in the next quarter of a century will be about 3.4 million. The annual rate of house-building will not rise greatly during the next ten years, but after 1965 there will be an acceleration of building in response to the higher rate of family formation that will take place.

The expansion of Canada's housing stock over the next 25 years will, at current costs, require the investment of some \$35 billions, or more than the total value of residential real estate at the present time.

With that growth it would seem possible that cities are going to be mighty close together in this part of southern Ontario or are we just going to be all metropolitan areas.

### On Writing Terms Again

For a long time news was scarce from Russia and we lived in a vague field of doubt. Within the past week or two there has been coming to our desk and other newspapers in Canada a new series of information entitled "Soviet News Bulletin". It's published by the press office of the U.S.S.R. embassy in Canada. Strange as it may seem the news it contains doesn't seem as interesting as when such a source was out of reach. Wouldn't be a bit surprised if in a few weeks we would be tossing it along with the information we get from India, Japan and numerous other countries. The first releases would indicate the same pattern.

It is very difficult to get deeply interested in the problems of folks so far away when there are so many topics here-at-home with which we are more familiar. It's nice, however, to know that we are again becoming intimate enough to hear from a source which has been silent so long. We trust it is the beginning of better understanding.

### Brief Comment

More evidence of spring is to be noted every day as the longer hours of sunshine eat away the remains of winter.

Sometimes the shorter work week for which we strive isn't always so welcome when it arrives with accompanying shorter pay.

It's the time of year when slow driving through built-up areas should be the rule. Road slush can be thrown high and wide and some time you may be a pedestrian yourself.

### Let's Share the Wealth

Last week the Ontario government announced a most encouraging budget and showed revenues well in excess of expenditures. However, there were no tax changes. The week following Premier Frost and all the provincial premiers went to Ottawa for a very brief conference. It was briefer than anticipated and terminated when the provinces were told the federal offer was final on the division of taxes.

We've read comments that have been reported following the brief conference. It seems that everybody's wrong, they were wrong before and they'll be wrong in the future.

The part that is interesting us and hundreds of other ordinary folks who work to produce commodities rather than jockey them from the public purse; that we who have deducted at the source or some other place along the line these moneys handled by all levels of government, do not benefit from surpluses in Ontario or Ottawa and are unimportant and forgotten in these conferences.

The emphasis seems to be put on the level that will spend the tax funds. Seems to us if governments would call a halt to extending their services and leave more in the pay envelopes it would be an appreciated trend. Right now we have a half-baked health scheme being tossed about between federal and provincial governments. If it can be judged in the light of past experiences the folks who pay the costs will be so wound up in government red tape that they really will be sick. In the meantime, a new set of offices and officials, inspectors and examiners will have been established that will increase the wage deductions. Let's get some of those surpluses back where they belong—in the pay envelope.

### As We Go Along

With all our Commissions and Boards making enquiry and forecasts for the future, one sometimes wonders if we are enjoying the present as much as we ought. The fear of atomic bombs has given place to the predicted power to change weather and conditions in various countries by the diversion of bodies of water.

The shifting of world populations and especially the changes that will affect Canadians have become so enormous that it is difficult to keep pace with the present. Certainly the future needs some planning. It must be kept in mind, however, that patterns for the future are often side-tracked. When one looks at old photographs of places in town it is readily realized that each generation has deviated far from the original plan envisioned by their forefathers.

The automobile has changed greatly the type of roads we need today in contrast to the horse and buggy days. It may be that our present day road building program will be rendered obsolete by advances made in air travel. What 1980 will bring can be dreamed about and plans made. But it is well to recall that even weather forecasts of big storms are not always predictable. Today the sun shines. Why not enjoy it as we go along.

### Just Catching Up

To the casual observer who has seen houses, apartments, factories and office buildings literally sprouting out of the ground in the last 10 years, it might appear that we were beginning to catch up with construction in Canada, observes The Financial Post. But he forgets the enormous backlog for housing created during the war, the thousands of families still doubled up. He forgets also that a very large percentage of our buildings are old, still sound and in good central locations, but 20 to 40 years behind the times in plumbing, heating and lighting equipment. There is a tremendous field for major repairs and modernization here which we are only beginning to tap.

This casual observer forgets too, that in public buildings, roads, schools, hospitals, churches, court houses, city halls, armories and such we have only started to begin catching up with needs.

Above all, however, he forgets that Canada is growing bigger and faster than ever before, that Canadians are more prosperous than ever before, and that what may look like a record volume of building for 14 million people a year or two ago is much too small for the almost 16 million we have today.

### An-Ancient Policy

Some recent remarks of Mr. Donald Kaberry, parliamentary secretary to the United-Kingdom Board of Trade are interesting in view of recent increases in British wool cloth exports to Canada. Mr. Kaberry told the British Wool Federation that it had always been the concern of the Board of Trade to promote the export of wool and wool products.

He recalled a resolution of the House of Commons in January 1698 which declared: "That the Woollen Manufacture of this Kingdom will receive the greatest encouragement by a due Consumption of it at home, the largest Vent of it abroad, and hindering, as much as is possible, the growth and increase of it elsewhere."

Canadian wool cloth producers can testify to the fact that United Kingdom producers have followed this advice with a great deal of vigor and success ever since.



CAT VS. CAMERA provides an encounter that's likely to lead to nowhere. At least the cat has the right idea for if the unmindful tabby should chew through the shutter release cable the camera could be easily hors de combat. Perhaps the cat's after the birdie said to be inside cameras.

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

An amazing discovery made by some flibbertigibbet G.I.'s during the tough and bloody struggle for Okinawa is told by Clarence W. Hall, a war correspondent who went with them to one of the island's obscure villages known as Shimabake.

Directly in the path of the American army, this little community took shape of severe shelling. As the advance patrols swept up to the village compound, the G.I.'s, their guns levelled, stopped dead in their tracks as two little old men stepped forth, bowed low and began to speak, writes Mr. Hall. These men, sorrow-wearing the Americans as fellow Christians, an interpreter explained.

The G.I.'s soon found the reason for this rolling out of the red carpet. Thirty years earlier, an American missionary on route to Japan had stopped there. He had stayed just long enough to make a couple of converts, leave them a Bible and pass on. These two converts were the brothers who were happy to see the armed-to-the-teeth G.I.'s, whom they accepted as Christians, since they too came from America. The

approach of these Americans seemed strangely different from their missionary predecessors, however. Shei Kina and his brother had seen no other missionary in nearly 30 years, nor had they any contact with outside Christian groups. To them, however, the Bible had "come alive" and they made it do so to others. One had become head man of the village, the other, its teacher. Clarence Hall reports that "under the impact of that Book pagan things had fallen away. In their place in 30 years had developed a Christian democracy at its purest. Every person in the village had become a Christian.

A seasoned army sergeant remarked in a hoarse whisper to the war correspondent, "I can't figure it out. All this from one Bible. Maybe we've been using the wrong kind of weapons."

Suggested Bible readings for the week: Sunday, Psalms 97: 1-12; Monday, Psalms 125: 1-5 and 126: 1-6; Tuesday, Romans 14: 1-23; Wednesday, Romans 15: 1-13; Thursday, 2 Peter 1: 1-11; Friday, 2 Peter 2: 1-22; Saturday, 2 Peter 3: 1-18.

### Winter Critical Time For Deer Can Not Reach Necessary Food

In many parts of Ontario, this winter has seen more than the average depth of snow. There is speculation on how this will affect the province's deer herd. For them winter is a critical time, especially where food supply is concerned. Then, fewer and less nutritious foods are available. Continued cold and high winds lower their body temperatures and place added strain on energy.

Most damaging of all, rangers say, is the fact that deep snow hampers movement and deer concentrate in yarding areas of limited size and compelled to subsist as best they can. In severe conditions the herd may be decimated by starvation and next year's crop of fawns further reduced because of extraordinary drain of vitality on the surviving does before fawning.

After weeks of slim pickings, a few deer near Sioux Lookout are suddenly having their food literally placed at their feet. Fish and Wildlife Division personnel of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests are going into the swamps with long-handled tree pruners to cut down cedar branches for them.

District Forester G. A. Hamilton says no cedar trees are being cut down but only a few high branches are taken from each tree. Even branches four feet above a deer's head are potential natural food, for in many places it had been noted that hungry deer had jumped up and broken off branches with their fore feet.

## AT THE Churches

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 18th, 1966**  
9:50 a.m.—Junior Church.  
9:55 a.m.—Church School.  
11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7:00 p.m.—Bible Society—Service, followed by a film and social hour.

**THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA**  
St Alban's Church, Acton, Ont.  
Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th., Rector.  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 18th, 1966**  
5th SUNDAY IN LENT  
Passion Sunday  
9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion.  
9:45 a.m.—Church School.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer. Rev. K. G. Richardson, B.A., L.Th., Rector, St. George's Church, Georgetown.

**7:00 p.m.—Bible Society Service in the United Church.**  
Wednesday, March 21, 8 p.m.—Lenten service. Sermon: "Covetousness."

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**  
**KNOX CHURCH, ACTON**  
REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG, M.A., B.D., Minister  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 18th, 1966**  
9:45 a.m.—Church School.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7:00 p.m.—Bible Society Rally in United Church.  
"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 18th, 1966**  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7:00 p.m.—Bible Society Rally in United Church.  
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Mid-week Service.

**ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY**  
Meeting in L.O.L. Hall, Crewson's Corner.  
Pastor: Rev. K. J. Reid.  
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**SUNDAY, MARCH 18th, 1966**  
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**

### BACK IN 1936

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, March 19, 1936.

At a meeting of the Acton Public Utilities Commission the 13th power bill was received. The surplus this year was \$2,538.24 and accrued interest of \$18,833. This was the largest rebate that the local commission had ever enjoyed.

The boys and their marbles are in evidence but the skipping ropes are a bit tardy in appearance.

Acton Radio Club held a meeting last week which was addressed by Mr. J. Lawson of Toronto. He led in a discussion during the evening on technical points concerning the radio. It is hoped that the club will have a short wave transmitting station soon.

Owing to the bad roads and wet night on Wednesday evening last the Ebenezer Ladies' Aid hot meal picnic supper was postponed.

A local play, featuring all local characters, has an appeal to all and consequently the presentation of "The Arizona Cowboy" last Thursday and Friday evening had good audiences. The presentation was under the auspices of the Acton Lawn Bowling and Tennis Club and the four-act comedy proved a real entertainment for those attending.

The St. Joseph Players presented a three-act comedy drama in the town hall on Tuesday evening. A large crowd was in attendance despite the inclement weather. Before the play started, Mr. Norman Brada, accompanied by Mrs. Byrne, favored with vocal selections. Between the acts a trio, consisting of Norman Brada, violin, Joseph Wilcox, cornet, Roma Brada, violin, accompanied by Mrs. Byrne, gave several selections which were enjoyed by all.

Irish food, with potatoes, pork and beans, featured the supper, and green predominating in the decorative arrangements featured the St. Patrick's Supper in the United Church on Tuesday evening. It was well attended and the Irish hospitality of plenty and substantial food was upheld.

### BACK IN 1906

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, March 15, 1906.

"All the Jackasses are not in the County Council, as some deputations would have you think," said Warden Warren last Friday when the members came down to Main St. Milton, from the court house and met a procession of a hundred or so of mules being driven by a railway contractor through town to some western point.

The second moving picture company which has defied engagement at the town hall within a week, failed to put in an appearance on Monday evening.

Robert Campbell, Esquire, has sold his farm, lot 6, con. 3, to John Elliott, son of our townsman John T. Elliott, for \$5,000 and has purchased the Donald Mann farm, adjacent to Fairy Lake, from George Mann for \$5,000. Alex McGregor has a lease on the farm for another year, so that Mr. Campbell will reside for the year in Acton.

For years it has been felt in County Council that the attempt to equalize the assessment of the various municipalities so as to arrive at a basis for fixing the county rate, has not been equitable. It certainly has not been generally satisfactory to the respective municipalities. A proposal has been made to appoint special valuers who would go through the county and fix a value per acre for each of the townships after critically examining the farm lands in each. If the valuations secured were possessing the necessary qualifications, they might be all right for the farm lands. There would, however, still be the towns and villages to deal with and there is great inequality in the assessments here as in the townships. The by-law introduced does not provide for the special valuation to embrace the civic municipalities.

The many friends of Mr. James Clarke, who was scalded at Beard's Tannery a couple of weeks ago, will be glad to learn that he is able to be out again.

In the first nine months of last year there were 1,708 business failures in Canada, compared to 1,705 in the same period of 1904.

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**GRAY COACH LINES**  
COACHES LEAVE ACTON  
Eastbound  
6:32 a.m.; 8:58 a.m.; 11:33 a.m.; 2:08 p.m.; 5:06 p.m.; 6:33 p.m.; 8:23 p.m.; 10:46 p.m.—Sun. and Holydays

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., Sun. and Holydays)

**CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS**  
Standard Time  
Eastbound  
Daily 6:40 a.m.—Daily except Sunday 10:00 a.m.—7:15 p.m.; Sunday only 8:01 p.m.; Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown 9:02 a.m.; 6:37 p.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown 10:11 p.m.

Westbound  
Daily 11:44 p.m.—Daily except Sunday 8:48 a.m.; 6:55 p.m. flag-stop; 7:49 p.m.; Saturday only 2:22 p.m.; Sunday only 9:43 a.m. (flag-stop); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph 7:05 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. to detain passengers from West Toronto and beyond 6:10 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. Flyer at Guelph 6:36 p.m.