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### Many Better Ways

Headlined in red, the Advertiser says that a "tax strike" is being considered in Long Branch where a ten mill tax increase is predicted for this year. The strike method has entered a new phase. Its success in this field will be watched with interest, but it would seem probable that force here will not be as great as in industry.

It appears to be difficult for the average citizen to understand that rising taxes are a problem of their own making. Better roads, more municipal services, bigger schools, higher salaries are demanded. In many cases spending is voted on and carried by large majorities. There is only one place to meet these rising costs and that is from the taxes collected, whether it be at the municipal, provincial or federal level.

For years we have been living under the assumption that more services demanded were being provided by Santa Claus. The tax strike is not the solution. A more effective means would be to lower our demands on the public purse and the realization that we are the folks who put the funds in the public purse.

It's interesting to note too how loudly a tax increase is protested but what little praise is given to public bodies when a rate is maintained or lowered. Maybe that is the reason that it becomes more and more difficult to find public-spirited citizens so reluctant to accept public office.

Recently we talked with a man who has served the public for many years. He was very pleased that a citizen had taken the effort to write a letter thanking him for attention that had been given a condition that required attention on a public street. A letter of appreciation was so unusual that he was once more encouraged in his public service.

There are so many ways to get better public service than by striking against ourselves that it's a wonder more consideration is not given them.

### Watch From a Distance

In these days when regulations of store hours is such a changing and contentious matter among business men and customers, it is rather interesting to note that in Calgary the city council has decided that the regulating of store hours was no concern of theirs. After more than 40 years of more or less successful operation the municipal restrictions have been lifted.

Actual hours are now up to the good sense of the store owner himself and subject, of course, to provincial and federal regulations concerning Sundays, statutory holidays, and hours of labor.

The trouble seems to be in most communities that regulations are never kept in step with changing trends of the shoppers. Today much shopping is done after the husband is home from work. Modern methods of keeping perishables allow buying in larger quantities.

With all our attempts at regulations, municipal by-laws are far from uniform. Perhaps Calgary has the answer to the problem in tossing out all regulations. It will be interesting to observe from a great distance just what the move will mean. The experiment will at least relieve municipal officials at Calgary of a bothersome question.

### Others Have It

A despatch appeared recently in the press stating that the Queen's University Arts Society had elected a non-existent candidate as assistant treasurer. The defeated candidate was an equally non-existent rival. News of the prank leaked out as election officials finished counting ballots from the society election.

When election officials sought to congratulate Donald Curtis on his election they found he did not exist, nor did Murray Thistle. The group that organized the prank said it was designed to show "student political irresponsibility".

Many of us who have watched elections over the years know that such pranks are not confined to college students but carry on into the conduct of affairs where those of mature years are concerned. "Political irresponsibility" is not something that is confined to students in college.

### What Makes the Stars?

We've often wondered as we watched television, radio or movies, how many celebrities or stars would be popular if they quit patting themselves on the back. A big part of most every production is used solely to tell what or who took part. One sometimes wonders if the production is as important as the producers.

We could well imagine how monotonous a printed article or story would be to the readers if in the introduction of the article a review would precede it telling who performed each part in the production.

For instance, we might tell you that the wood from which this newsprint was made was grown in Quebec province, and produced at Grand Mere, shipped by C.N.R., delivered by a well-known cartage company. The ink was made in Oakville and a story was reported by our Campbellville correspondent, and edited by one of the staff; the type was set on a certain model Linotype and by a star operator on the staff; proof reading was by so and so and corrections were by another well-known corrector. Page make-up and press make-ready was by Jim —; folding was done by another star and mailing by someone else on the team and delivery by the local post office staff, etc.

By the time we get through all that quite likely our readers would be in the same sort of relaxation as are the folks who have it presented before or after each production of radio, television or movie. It's the story that counts for more than the folks who bring it to you. Who cares who made the costumes, who did the photography or who was the foreman in charge of the works?

But then where would the stars be born or the Oscars thrown or where would one find out who was a good dressmaker and who was good at make-up?

### "What They Don't Know"

"So long as the momentum of growth of the Canadian economy is maintained," says the Bank of Montreal, "it is possible that, as in 1949 and 1953-53, recessions in this country might be both shorter and less severe than those occurring below the border."

That seems to be a good forecast, comments The Financial Post. More evidence might be quoted as confirmation. Even back before the last war there were several occasions when business eased off in the United States with but minor repercussions here.

Part of the explanation for this relatively greater stability in Canada, lies in the fact that there has been less fluctuation in consumer spending here than in the United States.

Another big advantage for Canada lies in timing. Almost invariably, these slowdowns start somewhere in the United States. If they are short they will probably have run most of their course before the average Canadian hears much about them. In that case there will be little or no shock to the timid and pessimistic on this side of the line, who otherwise might have immediately clamped down on buying.

### Brief Comment

Even the makers of automobiles are affected by weather conditions and it is said the present slowdown of sales is traceable to the weather. The farmer is not alone any more in his combat of the elements and his crops.

Half loads are in effect for many roads for trucks these days. Might be well for car drivers in their own interest to observe half usual speeds and save car damage until the holes are filled and roads are graded.

In modern society the life of the public servant is seldom a happy one. Due to the changing processes of democracy, his responsibility now seems extended from the elected representatives who hire him to the public at large. — Grenfell (Sask.) Sun.

Several Carleton Place stores report a busy Friday night shopping. Last week-end marked the first time stores were closed on Saturday evening. The closing is now almost unanimous. — Carleton Place (Ont.) Canadian.

Sunday or Funday? Is it Lord's Day or Lost Day? This heading appeared in a recent issue of the Yorkton (Sask.) Enterprise. . . Such conditions are not confined to Yorkton, but have become common practice across the Dominion — people building houses and doing other manual work, as well as sports activities, which if carried on in years gone by would have been considered a downright sin. — Campbellton (N.B.) Tribune.

Complete uniformity in municipal assessment may not be possible, admits the Orillia Packet and Times, but "the municipalities can come a lot closer to it than they are at the moment. The time may well have arrived when the whole matter of assessment should be taken out of the hands of the municipalities." A few more years of experimenting will be required before a satisfactory manual has been found satisfactory even to the experts.



Photo by Esther Taylor

### The Bible Today

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

No one would read any other book as many people read the Bible. Skipping from one unrelated passage to another, "dipping" here and there, reading only snippets of stories characterizes what is too often called "Bible Reading".

In a day when fewer Bibles are left to dust collectors some suggestions for reading the Bible are in order. Among the first requisites is a book of convenient size and weight, with clear, readable type. A definite period or amount of time each day helps to form a pattern that eventually provides an indispensable background knowledge. A prayer for illumination before reading gives purpose and leads to personal spiritual development.

What to read is often a problem. The word Bible comes from the Greek word "Byblos" meaning a library of books. The New Testament is a good place to start. The Book of Mark is suggested because of its vivid direct style and rapid action. Following the story of the life of Christ with the establishment and exploits of the early Christians are Acts leads to an interest in the growth of the early church. This is further portrayed in the letters of Paul and others.

In the Old Testament human interest stories of people with religious problems, not unlike our own, are found. There is a wealth of material in the Psalms and of working is found in the historical books and prophetic writing.

Two important points in Bible reading should be noted. One is reading by units of thought rather than by chapters. One of the most beautiful stories ever written in the Book of Ruth it takes about 18 minutes to read the four chapters. This should be read in its entirety. When started, the story of Joseph (Genesis, chapters 37-50) and of Moses (Exodus, chapters 2-14) require about an hour each 10 to 45 minutes is all that is needed by the average reader for each of 33 of the 66 Books of the Bible. Many of them take 20 minutes or less.

Another important point in Bible reading is "read the passages that mean most to you", such as the 23rd Psalm. A search for such passages becomes a pleasant pastime. Regular reading with an open mind, with imagination, unhurriedly, without being disturbed when some isolated section is not immediately understood, using Standard Bible dictionaries, making notes along the way, all these "rules" point the way to getting more out of reading the Bible.

Suggested readings for the week: Sunday, Acts 16; 25-40; Monday, Acts 17; 1-15; Tuesday, Acts 18; 1-28; Wednesday, Acts 19; 1-41; Thursday, Acts 20; 1-38; Friday, Acts 21; 1-17; Saturday, Aest 21; 18-30.

### Lawn Bowlers Name Officers

At the annual meeting of the Acton Lawn Bowling Club held on April 5, W. H. Rogers was elected president. Other officers are: J. Wood, secretary - treasurer; Miss Barbara Wood, tournament secretary; Mrs. C. Holmes, ladies' president; Mrs. M. Bell, secretary-treasurer.

On April 12 (today) delegates from Acton, Milton, Georgetown, Rockwood and Guelph, are meeting in Acton to draw up a schedule of inter-club games of mixed doubles for the coming season. These promise to be very pleasant tournaments.

The Acton club would welcome any old bowlers or prospective ones who wish to become members. The fee is only \$5.00.

Weather permitting, the club hopes to start bowling on or before May 24.

More than 48,000,000 trees have been planted on unoccupied crown lands in six Canadian provinces since 1951 under reforestation agreements.

### AT THE Churches

- UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**  
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Mr. George Elliott, Organist and Choir Leader, 76 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 6
- SUNDAY, APRIL 15th, 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. Rector
- SUNDAY, APRIL 15th, 1956**  
(EASTER II)  
9.00 a.m.—Holy Communion.  
9.45 a.m.—Church School.  
11.00 a.m.—Beginners' Class  
11.00 a.m.—Choral Communion.  
7.00 p.m.—Evening.  
Monday, April 16, 6.30 p.m.—Lads and Dads Banquet.
- DISTINCTIVE MARK**  
LANARK, Ont. (CP)—A one-year-old Holstein owned by Herb Jones and Son of Lanark, Ont., has a number 7 right in the middle of its forehead.
- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**  
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON  
REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG M.A., B.D., Minister  
**SUNDAY—APRIL—15th, 1956**  
9.45 a.m.—Church School.  
11.00 a.m.—Morning Service.  
7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship.  
"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."  
A warm welcome awaits you.
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**SUNDAY, APRIL 15th, 1956**  
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship.  
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Mid-week Service.
- ACTON, PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY**  
Meeting in L.O.L. Club, Grosvenor's Corners.  
Pastor: Rev. K.J. Reid.  
81 Cook St.—Telephone 649.
- SUNDAY, APRIL 15th, 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**  
Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, April 16, 1936.  
In spite of anything but fine weather, the parade of Easter Finery went on. Its truly remarkable what will be endured to maintain traditions that really don't mean much.  
Detroit finally won the Stanley Cup. Well, somebody has to win, and again it looked like the best team.  
Reports of a romance which may lead to marriage between Major Edward Bowes, king of the radio, and Mary Garden, queen of the opera, are sweeping through the theatrical and operatic circles of New York. The major, 6000,000 a year man of the Gong and microphone, has been seen repeatedly in the company of the diva.  
It was exactly 23 years ago that a number of Austrians came to Acton from Braebury to work in the tannery but were not received with very kindly feelings. Several hundred citizens proceeded to the Crescent, where the Austrians were quartered, and demanded they leave town within 24 hours. Windows were smashed but no serious outrages were committed.  
If winter would only let go, spring would get a chance to come.  
Norman Brada of Acton was one of the musicians in the 125-piece orchestra at Massey Hall last night.  
A very pleasant event took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Spence when the residents of school section No. 5, Nassagaweya, and the young people of the Presbyterian church gathered to do honor to the teacher, Mr. W. E. Bridle, on the occasion of his approaching marriage. Mr. W. McLennan was chairman for a short program. Messrs J. Gilbertson and D. Lawrie presented Mr. Bridle with two occasional chairs and two fancy cushions.  
A Father and Son banquet was held at Rockwood United church when an earnest address was given by Mr. Roy Austin of Guelph.  
Sunday evening an Easter pageant, "The Easter Guest" was presented at Knox church by the pastor and choir.  
Mr. E. H. G. Worden, formerly of Acton, has been appointed to the principalship of Weston High and Vocational school.

**Fifty Years Ago**  
Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, April 12, 1906.  
The orchestra of the Methodist Sunday school has arranged for an attractive entertainment for May Day evening—May 1st next. It is to be a grand exhibition and concert by the Corey Boys, and their cinematograph and stereopticon, giving a splendid collection of sacred and popular moving pictures and illustrated songs. This is a pure, up-to-date entertainment highly recommended by educationists and ministers.  
Ex-reeve Williams has a family cow of which he is very proud, and the accomplishments of this village bovine justify his kindly feelings toward it. She gives an average of nearly 45 pounds a day of fresh milk. The family of nine are well supplied with milk and over 80 quarts a week are sold to neighbors. That cow earns as much as some men and makes far less fuss about it.  
D.D.G.M. Dr. McGregor of Waterdown paid his official visit to Walker Lodge, A.F. and A.M., on Monday evening. A recherche banquet was served at the Acton House, Walker Lodge is enjoying an era of gratifying prosperity.  
The last meeting of the band of literary ladies known as the Termyon club was held at the Manse on Monday evening. The meetings during the winter have all been held at the Manse and in recognition of Mrs. Wilson's hospitality, the members presented her with a beautifully-bound copy of Mrs. Browning's poems. Mrs. Principal Stewart made the presentation in a few choice and witty phrases.  
The annual meeting of the Acton Gun Club was held last Thursday evening at C. C. Speight's store. Officers elected were as follows: president, W. S. Chisholm; vice-president, Dr. Gray; secretary-treasurer, W. Stark; field captain, C. C. Speight; referee, J. Bauer. The first shoot will be held on Good Friday afternoon. A series of merchandise shoots will be held during the summer.  
Hot X buns in the morning. Bell's saw mill will commence the season's cuts in a few days.

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p.m.; 5:08 p.m.; 6:33 p.m.; 8:33  
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.; 11:2 a.m. (Fri., Sat., Sun.  
and Hol.)
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10:00 a.m.; 1:15 p.m.; Sunday  
only 8:01 p.m.; Daily except Sun-  
day, Flyer at Georgetown 9:02 a.m.;  
8:37 p.m.; Daily Flyer at George-  
town 10:11 p.m.  
Westbound  
Daily 11:44 p.m.; Daily except  
Sunday 8:48 a.m.; 8:55 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  
8:40 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and  
Sun. Flyer at Guelph 6:36 p.m.