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Area Goes on Trial

Acton and district goes on trial next week. The test confronting the community will be that it remain completely free of traffic accidents for 168 hours.

This test is signalled by Safe Driving week that begins midnight, November 30, and continues to midnight, December 7. is being conducted simultaneously in all provinces in Canada and the United States. It is a week to demonstrate that traffic accidents can be reduced materially when all motorists and pedestrians do their part.

We are all expected to accept full personal responsibility for complete adherence to these basic safety principles:

- 1. Walk and drive safely.
- 2. Observe the letter and spirit of all traffic regulations.
- 3. Back the attack on traffic accidents.

4. Study and talk about our Canadian

highway traffic problems to your friends. The challenge is simple: until four out of five people in Canada are sincerely interested in driving and walking safely we need not look for any material reduction in our driving

In one year more than 3,000 lives are lost on Canadian highways and streets. This figures to eight deaths every day as a result of traffic accidents, or one every three hours. Officials offer the macabre but moving thought that if motorists and pedestrians made up their minds that one person would die only every four hours, instead of every three hours, 770 lives would be saved.

The traffic accident problem is a national one, a community one, and one that concerns every individual.

Will you and your driving and walking support this community and district in the trial it faces from December 1 to 7? Can this area report an accident-free safe driving

Grocers to Sell Beer?

There's a fresh battle brewing in Onfario to make legal the sale of beer in grocery stores, reports The Financial Post.

It's part of a save-ourseives bid by the province's corner grocers, fearing extinction at the hands of chains and supermarkets.

The first blow will be a petition presented to Premier Frost when the first session of the Legislature opens in 1957. The way things are shaping the petition will have 250,000 names on it. It will be launched

with a fusillade of telegrams to party leaders. Behind the campaign is a five-month-old organization known as the Retail Grocers Association of Ontario.

As most of our editorial readers may gather we're not the least bit happy about this suggestion. And we're especially appalled having just finished reading The Cup of Fury by Upton Sinclair. The author best sums up the theme of the book when he reports, "I compile a list of the drinking people I have known. Two score of them went to their "doom, 11 as suicides. This is their story."

One of the chapters that gave the greatest picture was in quotations from the Yale sponsared survey, Drinking in College. We quote a statement that parents might note, "When both parents drink, 83 per cent. of the female students are drinkers compared with a mere 23 per cent, when both parents abstain." - V

Of course, drinking is supposed to be "the thing to do". The survey, however, reveals that if the student abstains 54 per cent. of his fellow students will have feelings of admiration, approval and respect for him. Forty per cent, will be indifferent to his position. Four per cent: will feel resentment, scorn, disapproval or derogation. Two per cent. will feel pity."

We earnestly hope the provincial government will have the intestinal fortitude to pigeon-hole any legislation to allow beer sale philosophy as an attraction, its usefulness has been terminated.

None of Our Business?

Interest continues among municipalities seeking new industries. Recently, the Fergus News-Record told of Markdale securing a new shoe factory. Local capital, it appears, provided \$15,000 to have a building renovated and made suitable for the industry. Continuing its comments the Fergus paper adds this item concerning Acton which concludes with one sound sentence.

"And speaking of new industries going to northern towns, last week's Alliston Herald had a picture of the steel framework of the new Baxter Laboratories factory that is going up in Alliston. This company, a branch of a chemical firm in the United States, has been in Acton. For some reason, which has never been made public, the company decided to pull out of Acton and move to Alliston. (Maybe it will arrive in Zurich eventually:) The Acton Council made some attempt to hold the company, but to outsiders it seemed weak and ineffectual. There was some suggestion that it was a matter of pure water, but that didn't seem to hold water, if a tepid pun may be allowed. Somebody, who drove through Acton on a midnight ride recently, ---suggested that the air from the chemicals and that from the tannery would not mix. Oh well, it is not the business of anybody up this

way, anyway." The company did make a statement regarding the reason for its removal from Acton. For some reason the Fergus paper did not see it although it was headlined in the Free Press. It did not suggest anything regarding Acton's water or the smell from the tannery. Council did make an effort that wasn't feeble to retain the firm here. It was backed by the Chamber of Commerce. The negotiations have been going on for some years and Acton delegations were met with courteously. There were many towns (Fergus among them) that were investigated before Alliston was chosen. It wouldn't be fair to say that the Fergus over-size septic tank used for a disposal system was the reason Fergus was not chosen because we have never discussed that point with the Baxter firm. Acton has pure water and one of the most modern sewage disposal plants in Canada.

· We're glad Fergus and Markdale have secured new industries. We are sorry to lose any of Acton's industries and glad to welcome new ones. We would not go into the reasons why the Baxter Company or any other company came to Acton. That is the company's business and while we may disagree with their reasoning we have no guarrel in their final decision.

There's a little booklet issued each year by the Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. It costs about 50 cents and is entitled Manufacturing Industries of Canada. Out of curiosity we referred to it to see where Fergus stood industrially among the towns of Canada. Wellingron County has such villages as Clifford, Elora, Erin, Drayton and the City of Guelph listed with industrial statistics but no Fergus. We were disappointed but as the man said, it's none of our business anyway.

Forward or Backward

For years in towns and cities the effort to regulate the closing of retail stores or outlets has been a bothersome one.

In Ottawa recently six Ottawa stores were fined \$2,000 each for having broken a city by-law on closing hours. The large retail stores in Toronto, particularly the two big departmental stores, had very fine hours for the employees. One of them started night shopping to meet other competition and it appears now that Eaton's is about to make night shopping available to its customers.

The supermarkets and shopping centres have long given the customers an open night. Out here the switch-overfrom Saturday to Friday nights is just about completed. Many small communities still adhere to the open hours Saturday in preference to Friday.

It seems doubtful if hours satisfactory to all concerned can ever be fixed. The field is such a wide one. In these days of shorter working hours those who serve can at least expect hours of service comparable with the customers they serve. The years have shown that customers like a wide variety of hours to suit their diversified conveniences.

Many can recall when merchants in towns kept open three nights a week and on Saturdays until midnight. Deliveries -were made at any time orders came in. There's been quite a change since those days which has been beneficial to all. If more hours are given the cost of service will be reflected in the selling prices.

Just at present some of the progress seems to be endangered for those who serve. Uniform thinking will never be accomplished. In the meantime, it might be well for each side to give some consideration to the other fellow's position. Municipal councils can anticipate for the future the necessity of new or revised regulations to meet the commun-

Brief Comment

Concerned about a general apathy to municipal affairs in Kitimat, an interested cross-section of residents has formed a Nonin grocery stores. If the corner store has to Partisan Association and are presenting a sely on beer sales instead of cracker barrel salate of candidates for the December municipal council and school board elections.-Kifimat (B.C.) Northern Sentinel.



Winter's Bleak Patterns

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Gale, Gravity and Grey Cup

By Gwendoline P. Clarke

It would seem that early winter finally caught up with us-and in no uncertain way. Gale force winds battered on the doors and windows last week, in many cases protected only by screens, which, until the day before, had been necessary to keep the flies out, so suddenly does our weather change One day you couldn't keep the furnace low enough for comfort: the next day it was inadequate against the cold winds.

There was no serious damage done around here except to knock our entire telephone line out of commission. It was two days before it was working again-which raises an interesting sidelight. The last two or three years there has been a lot of work done on telephone lines in this district. The old party lines disappeared. We were changed over to a dial system which was a great improvement. New poles were crected and miles and miles of wires and cables strung. We noticed these cables were hung very loosely, not taut from pole to pole the way the old single lines had been. This was meant to be an improvemnt of course-and ap parently is - until something goes

When that happens, the trouble takes longer to find and entails more work. As one man put it, "It was easier to work on 50 miles of the old lines than five miles of this." There must be factors in favor of this new type of wiring but if it takes two days to fix one short. line, what then? What will happen in real bad weather-in ice storms for instance? How long will it take

THIS SUNDAY'S

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2nd, 1956

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2nd, 1956

(1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT)

8.30 a.m.—Corporate Communion

9.45 a.m.—Church School and

Senior Bible Class.

7.00 p.m.-Evensong.

11.00 am-Beginners' Class

11.00 a.m.-Choral Communion.

and breakfast for men and

boys of the parish. Bishop's

Advent address will be heard

9.00 a.m.-Morning Prayer.

11.15 a.m.-Morning Worship.

10.00 a.m.-Junior

Church School

Minister

to fix lines under such conditions? Could it be that cables are not satisfactory for the wide open spaces? Naturally, this is a matter that concerns everyone, telephone being such a vital necessity in this day

And here is another sidelight on present day problems. An old age lady pensioner, living alone, needed new firebricks in her kitchen stove. Four years ago she had a similar job done and it cost her \$12. Last week, the same job, on the same stove, cost her \$20. In other words, half one month's pension gone to pay for one small job. And not a thing she could do about it. It wouldn't have been safe not to have the stove fixed: she naturally couldn't do it herself and there was no hope of getting it

small incomes ever get along at Well, I suppose we all have our problems, wherever we live. On some farms, for instance, it is lack of water. On our farm, we now have too much. That is because we have one overflowing well without a pump, the water flowing by natural gravity through a pipe to a tank in the stable and then to another tank in the barnyard and from thence through an

done cheaper elsewhere. Doesn't it

make you wonder how people with

overflow pipe to the outside. When we had 25 head of cattle, the odds were even. Now we have more water than our few head of cattle can use. However, Partner thinks he has thought of a way of dealing with the situation to prevent the formation of a lake at the back of the barn. Well do I remember what happened some

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Corners

al Cook St., Telephone 640w.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2nd, 1956

Wednesday, 8 p.m.-Cottage Prayer

meeting and Bible study.

10.00 a.m.—Sunday School. 11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.

7.30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.

Pactor: Rev. K. J. Reid.

Service (children and adults).

1.00 a.m.—Christmas White

7.00 p.m.-Evening Worship.

session cancelled.

ship at the Manse

10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.

8.15 p.m.-B.Y.P.U.

11.00 a.m.-Morning Worship

7.00 p.m.-Evening Service.

froze solid and Partner was crawland knees until he had the pipe thawed out.

One problem we didn't have last week was how to get tickets for the Grey Cup game' You don't need tickets to follow the game on radio or television: But it was really funny. I was busy making pyjamas and Partner was putting on storm windows when I turned on the TV Partner would come in, go down cellar for a window, bring it up. set it against a wall and then sit down and watch the game until there was another score. That would keep him satisfied little while so away he would go. put on his window, come back and repeat the proceedings. I, too. was dodging back and forth from the sewing machine to the living

That is, until the last quarter. Then we stayed with it. I don't understand a thing about football. but it didn't take long to catch the spirit of the game. Bob and Jov got here in the middle of the play. No one said, "Hullo, how are you?" The salutation was, "Hullo, what's the score?" And in how many homes, stores, farms and offices was the same thing happen ing? To say nothing of the 27,000 who actually attended the game.

And now to close, here is a hint for those who do their own sewign. As I said, I was making pyjamas-for a man who falls through the jacket long before the rest of the garment is worn out! So here is what someone told me to do and I am passing the tip along to you. Make the back with double material from the neck to the waist. It makes a neat job and should surely prolong the life of the jacket. And much less work than patching afterwards.

St. Joseph's Bazaar Has Christmas Theme

Baking, candy and fancy goods were selling briskly Saturday afternoon in St. Joseph's church hall when the parish bazaar was held under the auspices of the Catholic & Women's League. Christmas was the theme of the attractive decorations which had been arranged by Mrs. Hartley Coles and Mrs. Jean Marcoux, assisted by Miss Katherine Kenny

Mrs. Coles and Mrs. Marcoux were also in charge of the baking table. Mrs. Pat Kenny was in charge of the candy and Miss Kenny of the touch and take table. Knitting, aprons and specialty articles such as dolls' cribs were sold at the fancy goods table. Mrs. Archie Papillon and Mrs. W. Duval

Delicious tea was served to the shoppers, under the direction of Mrs. John Smith and Mrs. Colin McColl.

Sr. were conveners.

Winner of a hostess chair was Mrs. Ed Laronde; of the blanket. Mrs. John Turkosz and of the cake, Mrs. Jennie Sayers. The annual event-was again con-

sidered most successful. For a century, cotton manufacture has been an industry of major importance in Canada and today

is still the largest segment of the

Canadian primary textiles indust

THE GOOD OLD DAYS -

BACK IN 1906

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, November 29, 1966 Local municipal elections are in a quiescent state so far. It is rumored that Reeve Swackhamer is already pursuing a quiet canvas for support for a second_iterm. Free Press has not, however, been enlightened as to his intentions.

Other names mentioned for the

Chief Magistracy are Councillor

Warren, Dr. Gray and Ex-reeve

Williams. As to the council, noth-

ing has been said. The joint committee of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches will meet in Toronto to consider church union.

The streetcar strike in Hamilton assumed an aggravated form last week. Mob rule prevailed on Friday and the militia was called out and the Riot Act read. A number of heads were broken by police bat-

Several boys have been amusing themselves recently with removing the cellar window grating in the pavement on Mill St. at Stovel's shoe store and then watching the predicament of the unfortunate citzens who have fallen into the window area below.

"Shouldn't we apply for incorporation as a town, sometime soon?" was a guery made of his fellow councillors at Monday evening's meeting by Dr. Gray. The suggestion seemed to be very favorably considered but no action was taken. Acton has the population to warrant the taking of the status, but would it be advantage or not, who sayeth?

It does not improve the reputation of the hotels to have drunken men prowling about the streets and disturbing the peaceful citizens long after midnight as they have been doing with much frequency The members of the Young

Men's Association elected their officers: hon, president, Rev. G. W. Barker; president, Harold S. Nicklin: vice-president, G. P. Hayman; secretary, Chas. A. Matthews; treasurer, A. T. Brown; executive. H. P. Moore, Dr. Hore and W. Holden. They have about 50 members.

The new smoke stack at the sole leather tannery has exceeded the 100 foot mark. It will contain about

BACK IN 1936

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, December 3, 1938. Acton will have no municipal el ection for 1937. When the time for filing qualifications papers had elapsed on Saturday evening, all the offices were filled, with just sufficient members. The following are those who will fill the positions: reeve, F. McCutcheon; council, A. Mason, J. E. McMullen, Thos. Gibbons and E. Jones; public utilities commission, R. J. Kerr; school board, W. K. Graham, H. I. G. Fra-

ser, F. S. Blow. You can mark it in your diary that the first skating in Acton arena for the season was on November 30. This seems early but it is not a record. In 1933, skating was available on November 23.

Mr. and Mrs. James MacIntosh are to observe their 60th wedding anniversary. They recall that three score years ago, December brought no such snowdrifts as we have seen this year. The ground was frozen and rang to the beat of horses' hoofs. They have lived in Acton for the past 50 years and have two sons, Frank and Roy.

Frank "King" Clancy, dynami defense veteran of the National Hockey League who was bought by the Maple Leafs for \$50,000, startl ed the pro ranks by suddenly an nouncing his retirement. He will continue in a non-active capacity with the Leafs.

At the Gregory Theatre, Swing Time presents Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers in the sixth of their series of pictures that have estab lished an all-time record for starteam success.

At a meeting last Thursday of the Y.M.C.A. board, Mr. Jack Reid tendered his resignation from the board. He left the following day for South Porcupine, where he has secured a position. Mr. Albert Mills was elected to the board for the unexpired part of the time.

Citizens' Band on Monday evening was well attended. Officers were elected as follows: hon, president, A. Mason; president, R. Spielvogel first vice-president, J. Alger; sec ond vice-president, R. Agnew; sec retary-treasurer, N. Gibson, librar ian, G. Simpson; caretaker and properties, G. R. Agnew

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