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Halton Projects

With Warden Stan Allen playing host to county dignitaries and municipal representatives at the annual Warden's Dinner on Tuesday of this week perhaps it would not be out of place to look back on some of the activities the county has had this year, most of which indicate the progress that must accompany a rapidly developing area.

One of the most recent projects has been an effort to organize some group that could co-ordinate the various official plans of municipalities. There has been opposition to the engaging of a county planner and we feel this opposition will taken. Those concerned with planning have already engaged consultants to formulate the thinking of local representatives. But there is a need for the co-ordination or integration between bordering municipalities.

No doubt there will be further activity on the planning committee project in 1957 when municipalities are asked to appoint their representatives.

A report on the hospital needs has been called for, submitted, and reviewed by County Council. Like most reports it didn't please everyone but it does indicate that sooner or later the county will be contributing on a grant basis to the hospitals that may be established under the report. The provision of health services has always found leadership in Halton and it is not unlikely that Halton may again be giving leadership in contributing to the provision of adequate hospital facilities.

There have been many activities in the county this year. A road program that includes some hardtopping is being continued, a dental hygienist has been added to the Health Unit program, a jail addition is under planning, a new registry office has been completed and extensive work including construction of a staff house at Halton Centennial Manor has been completed.

As in any municipal year in Halton, the work of county administration is expanding to a degree that not too many years ago would seem impossible. Warden Allen can look back on an active year as County Warden.

Challenge Continues

As in any municipal year in Halton, the challenge is not by chance that former study of a concentrated type is given to the provision of additional or larger water supplies.

In Georgetown ratepayers were told at their nomination meeting of the need to find a third source of water so it would be available if and when needed. The committee chairman said that in the meantime the \$325,000 system just completed is adequate for any needs now or in the foreseeable future.

In Acton a five year search for water has located a source that appears to be adequate from preliminary tests, but still awaits the results of the complete study. A million gallon reservoir would also be considered as part of the project for bringing in the required provision of water.

In Milton reports from International Water Supply Co. indicate a good flow from the present source as well as a good potential with the increase of pumping facilities. Lack of an adequate reservoir is being investigated and already engineering detail is partially completed. No doubt this will receive further study and action in 1957 to maintain an adequate water supply.

In these days of suburban development the need for additional water sources and more adequate distribution systems has been emphasized usually in the summer months when a dry spell occurs.

A forecast on urban requirements from 1956 to 1980 indicates the daily demand for water will be 2 1/4 billion gallons, compared with today's 1 billion.

The provision of adequate water supplies will be a continuing challenge for municipal administrations as will be the need for expanded sewage treatment facilities.

Zonal Publicity

A new approach to travel publicity and advertising will be tried next year by the federal government. The Atlantic provinces, where the tourist business represents a large share of the economy, have been selected for the Canadian Government Travel Bureau's first zonal campaign designed to publicize the tourist attractions of a specific area.

Until now, the Bureau's ads in United States newspapers and magazines have been aimed at attracting tourists to Canada. Ads might contain photographs of tourist spots in various sections of the country, but they were not always identified.

Now, as a result of a federal-provincial tourist conference, the government has decided to appropriate \$300,000 to publicize the beauty spots of the four Atlantic provinces, thus increasing its annual publicity budget to about \$1,250,000.

It is the first time that such a zonal program has been undertaken by the Travel Bureau. Its campaign, along with the proposed expenditures by New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, will bring to about \$500,000 the amount to be spent on Atlantic travel publicity.

The bureau's campaign will be concentrated in newspapers and magazines in states nearest the Atlantic provinces because federal surveys show that's where the bulk of Atlantic travellers come from. They include the New England states, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and the Great Lakes area. None of the federal expenditures for the Maritimes will be spent in Canadian newspapers and magazines.

There's much in Canada that Canadians haven't seen and it is to be hoped this effort will encourage the "stay at home" attitude. One of the immediate benefits could be a better informed people in their own country.

Serious Problem

One-tenth of the funds required by the Y.M.C.A. board of directors have been collected following a door-to-door canvass. The news report on the situation indicates "The lack of active interest was a surprise as well as a disappointment to the board members."

The campaign objective was set at \$5,000. The amount raised was \$500. Financial difficulty is not a new item on the agenda or in discussions of Y. Boards of the past or present. Few communities the size of Acton can boast a Y.M.C.A. But this is one of Acton's stand-out features. It's something none of the neighboring municipalities of comparable size can boast. Certainly the others have artificial ice arenas which are duly named community centres but no arena can match the true meaning of community centre better than Acton's Y.

One of the difficulties that might appear on the surface is the fact that few people are interested in participating in sports while many are interested in watching a few others do all the work. Thus the need for seating accommodation becomes greater than the need for gymnasium space.

The canvass was complete and citizens informed of the need. If the sum collected is representative of the community interest, the Y. Board of Directors is left facing a serious problem.

Brief Comment

What are we going to do with the time we are saving, asks the Prince Albert Herald? "We predict that should ever the four-day week come, there will be a lot of men trying to work in two jobs, just for something to do in their leisure time."

There is plenty of good work to be done for willing hands, points out the Sault Ste. Marie Star. Today, there are many outlets for those who wish to serve, by working for charities, churches or for their community efforts. In all cities there are people who can be helped, the old folk and the kiddies all need a little of your time, and there is a great sense of achievement in helping others."

The Oregon Supreme Court has upheld a state law banning women wrestlers. Critics of wrestling generally while submitting women should be allowed to adorn themselves with cauliflower ears if they wish, add that if male wrestlers were banned as well, TV might get on with providing entertainment. Vancouver Sun.

A newspaper editor, with some space to fill, set up the Ten Commandments and ran them without editorial comment. The next day he got a letter from a subscriber which said: "Cancel my subscription; you're getting too personal."—Montreal Star.

Initial steps have been taken to interest Lanark County Council in the establishment of a juvenile court. Lanark is one of four counties within the province that is without such a valuable service in the prevention of crime and the rehabilitation of wayward children.—Carleton Place (Ont.) Canadian.



Fun in Winter's Snow

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Only Cows Fully Contented

By Gwendoline P. Clarke

If it would do any good, I would turn all the calendars with their faces to the wall as I almost will when I think of how few days there are left before Christmas. And am I ready? Am I? I leave you to guess — and I started out with such good intentions. Oh well, you know how it is, you feel that way every year and somehow or other when Christmas Day dawns, you find your cards are all away, presents bought and wrapped, tree twinkling with colored lights and the Christmas dinner with all the trimmings appears on the table without undue delay.

So I think I'll remember that and forget what comes between now and that final hour. It helps to do one job at a time and not to think of the work as a whole. If one's intentions are good, the result is usually satisfactory.

When I feel rushed with what I have to do, I begin to think of how much more work is being done on other farms—the turkeys, chickens and geese that must be picked—and what a cold job that is. According to present market reports, turkey prices may be a little lower this year. They may be, but I hope not, even though we do have to buy a bird ourselves.

Look at it this way. Supposing the price is five cents a pound less, that only makes a difference of less than 2 dollars to each individual buyer, but it would mean a loss of \$200 to the farmer—more or less, according to the size of his flock. And that he can ill afford considering his small margin of profit. Raising turkeys is a terrific gamble. Even with the most careful

management they are delicate birds and subject to disease. They must be carefully watched at all times and the cost of feeding them is high.

And so, folks, if you are on the buying end, don't begrudge the turkey raiser his price. You wouldn't if you knew the work involved, believe me.

The same applies to eggs. The price is very low compared with what it was a year ago. Yet the cost of feed and the work in caring for them is just the same. We didn't buy any pullets this year but we still have a few yearling hens. They laid well until a few weeks ago, now they are having quite a time getting over the moult.

So what happens? We don't want a lot of boarders around so if they don't get back to laying within a reasonable time, we eat 'em! Partner says if we keep up the present rate, we shall soon start cackling. But we haven't got tired of them yet. Cooked in the pressure cooker, each hen comes to the table tender and sweet. One meal here, two meals cold, and the pickings make one meal "chicken a la king." The broth goes into a pot of chicken noodle soup. Mitchie-White has the lumps and neck. Rusty the bones and the rendered fat makes the grandest oatmeal cookies.

The rest? Oh, that's strictly for the birds! Of course if the family drops in for a meal, our buddy doesn't last so long. In fact, it disappears at one sitting.

You know, it is possible to get quite a lot of fun out of heating the high cost of living. The other day, for instance, I was looking over a dress at a smock that were

long past praying for, although parts of both were still good. So I ripped them to pieces. The dress made two aprons, the smock one, using the sleeves for making the band and the strings.

As I worked on them, I wondered if the art of "making-over" has become almost lost. I wondered still more when Babs and the children were here, as one day they came back from town with a new dress for Carol's doll. It was just blown together and it cost 75c. Shades of the depression... what would have happened if we had bought dresses for dolls in the grim "Thirties"?

Thank goodness the weather is at last a little more like winter—clear, frosty, but not too cold. Much nicer for working and getting around than in the mild, muggy weather. Perhaps if this keeps up, we might even have a white Christmas. But not too white, let us hope. We have to think of the young folk driving home to spend Christmas with Mother and Dad, who may live on a back concession where roads fall in and are the last to be cleared by snow-banking plows.

But we won't anticipate trouble. It so often happens that although storms may threaten, they usually hold off until after Christmas Day. Between Christmas and New Year's seems to be a favorite storm period with the weatherman. We are beginning to wonder how our late visitors will make out on their long trip north. They are still in the London district but "Daddy" is supposed to be coming down December 18 and taking them back to Elliot Lake.

Imagine stepping into a new house the week before Christmas. It is my guess they will change their plans and stay with the grandparents until the holidays are over. We were trying to talk them into going by train—far easier for mother and the children. But I suppose they will travel by car and think nothing of it. Oh well!

Four Assistants At Post Office

With more and more Christmas cards and Christmas parcels coming in to the post office each day, this week the regular staff of five is now being assisted by four extra holiday assistants. Postmaster Frank Terry and staff members Mrs. John Chapman, Mrs. Chris Britton, Gordon McKeown and Cyril Ryan are joined by Mrs. Terry's Mrs. McKeown, Mrs. Bob Brassshaw and Cam Lushman.

Mr. Terry says that a few Christmas parcels are still being mailed to go out of the country. If they reach their destinations in time, he points out, it will be due to the many people who mailed before the deadline.

Christmas cards are coming in a steadily increasing flow. Not a great many two-cent stamps have been sold here yet but by the end of the month thousands will have been bought.

Official deadline for local delivery—that means right here in town—is December 17.

EMPLOYING LEISURE

There's a lot of living in this life and the application of a little more leisure could very well mean a fuller and more purposeful existence.—Armstrong (B.C.) Advertiser.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

BACK IN 1906 BACK IN 1936

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, December 13, 1906

A special meeting of the municipal council was called for Thursday evening to consider Revue Swackhamer's report of the meeting he attended at Berlin on Niagara Power under the auspices of the Hydro Electric Power Commission. The Revue explained the matter as presented by Hon. Mr. Beck and spoke unqualifiedly in favor of the proposition. He was sure that it was in Acton's interest to have the proposed municipal power line pass through the town.

The commission states that they can deliver power at Acton from Niagara Falls at \$21.12 to \$22.22 per h.p. per annum for constant power. If the power will be available every hour of the 24 hours of the day, this is about 50 or 60 per cent of the present cost.

Acton is on the list for 800 horse power of current. Of this, the Messrs. Beardmore and Co. will take 600 h.p. for their works and the remaining 200 h.p. will be used for the electric plant and other works where power is used. A contract is to be entered into.

It is gone on record that sleighing commenced this winter on December 6.

Present indications are that the seats for 1907 council will go to begging. Aspiring candidates are few indeed.

The public and high school teachers and principal extend a very cordial invitation to citizens generally to attend the closing examinations on Friday, 21st inst.

The annual report of the Postmaster General indicates that total revenue at Acton for the year was \$2,899.33; money orders issued \$19,186; postmasters' salary, commission, etc. \$1,067.71.

Jacob Masales and Ann Ryder spent 55 years together in wedlock and when the faithful and beloved wife was called home last Wednesday, the lonely husband lingered afterward but five days when his spirit took its flight and today he will sleep beside her in the family plot in Fairview cemetery.

J. P. Worden, who has returned from the west, has opened a barber shop in the Second Block.

Cheap fares to the winter fair at Guelph this week.

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, December 17, 1936

The suggestion that the municipal council "Christmas trees" in front of their business places and have them illuminated seems to have been taken hold. (New lighted trees are being added to the street each day.)

The United Church Mission Band has a special treat on Thursday afternoon when Mrs. Caldwell, who was the guest speaker, brought with her many interesting articles from China. She told some of the experiences of her daughter who for some years has been a missionary in China.

The fiancée of Mary Pickford, petite Canadian born Sweetheart of America, who is in her screen heyday, is orchestra leader Charles "Buddy" Rogers.

Apparently Edward "Preferred" letting George do it" when he abdicated last week.

Those new red license plates seem to have sufficient attraction to get the fee just before Christmas.

Estimates for relief in many municipalities will be somewhat lower this year due to a general improvement in business conditions.

Dr. Franz Sargus of Budapest, Hungary, maintains his honor was impugned by enemies who asserted he married for money and not for love. He challenged 13 opponents to duels. Heavy cavalry sabres are the weapons. Either he or his opponents must die according to the strict Hungarian duelling code.

Randolph Churchill, son of the British statesman, declares that "Charlie" Chaplin and Paulette Goddard have been secretly married for over a year. They maintain their silence in the matter.

Half a dozen citizens have been summoned to police court for failure to secure a radio license.

A group of men are at work completing the road to the second line with the road at Dublin cemetery and filling in part of the swamp on the second line.

An amateur contest sponsored by Ospringe Ladies Aid was held in the Presbyterian church there Wednesday.

The roads are very slippery and rough.

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THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA Acton, Ontario Rev. Gordon Adams M.A. B.D. Minister. Parsonage—29 Bower Avenue Phone 60 Mr. George Elliott, Organist and Choir Leader, 76 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 6	PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH, ACTON Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A. B.D. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16th, 1956 9:45 a.m.—Church School 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship 7:00 p.m.—C.G.I.T. National Christmas Vesper Service 8:15 p.m.—Senior-High Christmas meeting at the manse.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16th, 1956 9:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m.—Junior Church and Church School 11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship 6:30 p.m.—White Gift Service by the Church School	BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON Rev. Ray H. Costerus, Pastor Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave. Phone 206w
THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont. Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th. Rector	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16th, 1956 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship 7:00 p.m.—Evening Service 8:15 p.m.—B.Y.P.U. Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer meeting
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16th, 1956 9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion 9:45 a.m.—Church School and Bible Class 11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class 11:00 a.m.—Holy Communion 7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer Friday, December 14, 7 p.m.—Church School Christmas party—beginners and primary departments Monday, December 17, 7 p.m.—Church School Christmas party—Junior and Senior departments	ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY Meeting in L.O.L. Hall Crewson's Corners Pastor: Rev. R. J. Reid, 81 Cook St., Telephone 649w.
	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16th, 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