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Two Days After

We never were much good at poetry but we've often wondered why so many pretty jingles were written about the days before Christmas, and the days after Christmas are left with so much blank verse. There's so much enthusiasm about the Christmas make-ready and such a letdown in the days after. A Christmas tree that will sell for two dollars on December 23 goes to the garbage as a nuisance a few days later.

Like a sneeze, we feel it coming on. To all of you who put pen to paper and revel in writing, let this be a warning never to toy long with the idea of putting words or thoughts into the form of a poem.

'Twas two days after Christmas,
And all through the house,
The mess and the litter
Are too much for our spouse.

The wrappings and tinsel
From loving gifts torn,
Are down in the basement
Which they do not adorn.

The turkey and left-overs
Fill pails, shelves and nooks,
And those over-worked stomachs,
Can't forget all they took.

We throw the door open wide,
And the things that were brought,
After hours of discussion,
To brighten our thought.

In these days with the past
And when the future's in view,
All the crises are bad dreams,
And the outlook bright and new.

We throw the door open wide,
Sing out with renewed zest,
1956 has been real good,
May 1957 be your best.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL

Beware

Evidence is at hand right now that indicates the role of the salesman in the year ahead will be greatly curtailed. Many have felt for some time that the part of the salesman in many lines of business was over-emphasized. In our own small business the calls of many fine fellows are nothing but bothersome and unproductive as well as wasteful of our own time and energy.

In a day when prices are uniform, when quality is pretty well standardized by reputable manufacturers and when new products to the market are not appearing very often, it would appear that many regular calls were unnecessary. Then too, the telephone has brought change in this district in keeping stocks adequate. There can be for business institutions be a big saving in costs to offer better consumer prices.

The release of many salesmen on city staffs is bound to have an effect in this district. Trained in the technique of selling, they are not likely to leave that vocation. Merchants and housewives may well anticipate more frequent and persistent callers in places not too far from the city. Some of their offerings may be good. Many of them will be bad. It's a time when all should be cautious and in the words of the Better Business Bureau, "Investigate before you invest".

Brief Comment

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."

Changing Position

We find particular interest in several phases of a municipal survey covering 1956-1976.

The two year term that was approved in Trafalgar and that has found favor in other municipalities has support in the survey.

The following is a quotation from the report dealing with administrative organization.

"Neither the organizational structure nor the climate in which civic administration is carried on alter very rapidly; nor is there much likelihood of any sudden shift in conditions.

"On the average, populations served are small and jurisdiction is within various geographical limits. This arrangement has the advantage of making it easy for elected representatives to determine needs and desires of their citizens. But local government pays a heavy price for operating through a multiplicity of small units. Many untrained part-time employees; many are prevented from taking advantage of expensive but cost-saving and time-saving mechanical equipment.

"Still another problem is that of overlapping and sometimes conflicting jurisdictions of local government authority within urban areas. The problem has been tackled seriously in at least half a dozen large Canadian cities (notably Metro Toronto) and in several smaller ones, but there is a great need for further consolidation of local units of government into more workable and efficient administrative organization.

"There is also need," particularly in larger towns and cities, to reorganize internal departmental organizations—the council-manager technique is one way; another is placing a senior official in control of a group of departments.

"Another need is lengthening the term of office for council from one to two or three years."

The problems of rapidly developing areas leading to amalgamation or annexation is one to be considered. The number of approvals necessary before a locally elected body can move is also something for consideration.

Looking Ahead

Whether your business year ends with the calendar year or not, it is still a favorite topic for a year end to review the past and indulge in crystal ball gazing for the next 12 months.

Every day is a new day. Every week brings an opportunity to review seven days. Every year presents 12 opportunities for summarizing. So we suppose it is only fitting to have a grand tabulation every 12 months. The summarizing of each period can be quite clear and definite because they are of the past. It's comparatively routine to look backward.

Forecasting the future is another venture in which few can claim accuracy. What's the outlook for the New Year? Querying 150 executives across the country The Financial Post sums up their answers as follows:

The majority look for higher sales, higher wage rates and employment, steady-to-higher prices of the products they sell and higher costs for the materials they must buy.

Although it's going to cost more to do business in 1957, there's a 50-50 chance of an improvement in profits, they indicate. And a still further increase in capital expenditures by business is evidently in the making.

On the Map

Want to put your town on the map? Attract famous visitors from all over the world? Reap hundreds of thousands in tourist dollars?

Brooks, Alberta, found one way—by raising ring-necked pheasants—McKenzie Porter writes in Maclean's Magazine.

"Brooks to sportsmen is like Mecca to Mohammedans," says Porter. "Thirty years ago there wasn't a pheasant within a hundred miles. Today, within half an hour's drive there are 250,000." Most are descended from 60 eggs imported from California in 1923 by a railroader, E. R. Jones.

Shooting cock pheasants in this bumper crop attracts 12,000 men and hundreds of women to Brooks each fall from every corner of the earth. One visitor last fall came from New Zealand. Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, Lauritz Melchior, along with tycoons and millionaires, are first-name acquaintances to many Brooks people.

And the net cash result? Anywhere up to \$200,000 a year for Brooks, according to the Maclean's article. Hotels and lodges can't accommodate all the visitors; townspeople and farmers rent spare rooms, attics, basements and barns for five dollars a day, plus five dollars more for meals. And nimble-fingered housewives cash in on pheasant-feather hats at \$25 apiece.

It seems that Stratford has developed something unique, too, but it took some leadership and investment on the part of the doers of that community. Anybody got any good ideas for this town?



A New Look at an Old World

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

365 Unlived Days Ahead

By Gwendolyn P. Clarke

Don't you think a brand new year is the most exciting thing that ever was? Just think of it—three hundred and sixty-five unlived days—and every one of those days can be a new beginning, as it were. The old year has passed... gone... taken with it all the hope, fears, joys and disappointments that belonged to it. All we can do now is review the past twelve months; throw into the discard the trivial things; the grudge that they have felt against this person or that; the hurt that grew and grew in our imagination, although the reason for it didn't really amount to anything anyway.

Far more important things belong to our memories of the old year—world affairs, unrest among nations, our national economy, the agricultural situation, spreading inflation and our own very special family affairs. All these matters we can now regard with a detached point of view—they belong to Yesterday—what concerns us now is Today.

In that regard, Sir William Osler once said, "The chief worries of life arise from the foolish habit of looking before and after... I urge you to live 'day-tight compartments' to ensure safety... shut out the yesterdays, bury them deep in the oblivion of each night. The load of tomorrow, added to that of yesterday, if carried today, makes the strongest feller. Shut out the future as tightly as the past. Waste of energy, mental distress, nervous worries, dog the steps of the man who is too anxious about the future."

That was Dr. Osler's advice as it concerned his day and age. If he

were alive today, I think he would repeat that advice. But definitely.

Bring that same philosophy into our own everyday lives and what a difference it might make. I was speaking to a woman the other day whose doctor had advised her she must prepare for a major operation somewhere around next April. The idea is to build up her strength but, from present indications, that same person is undermining her constitution by worrying about the operation to be. Her worry is understandable, but it certainly cannot do any good. Planning to meet an emergency is one thing; useless worry is something else again.

We can all cite instances of events that have happened in our past—of things we worried about that never happened. I well remember one time when our family doctor called me into his office and warned me that in all probability Partner had only six months to live. That was ten years ago and Partner is with us yet.

But you can imagine the needless worry I went through until further tests proved the first diagnosis to be wrong. And last spring, if you recall, we were very concerned about Daughter before the second baby was born. But the baby arrived on schedule. Daughter got along fine and the baby was the best ever.

More recently I was in a dither about Christmas... who wasn't... we were sure nothing would be ready. Well, you know what happened. If anything was missing nobody knew it. There may have been a chair or two that didn't get dusted—but who noticed? Everyone was well and happy; the home-comers arrived and also got back

again safely—and wasn't that all that really mattered?

As for world affairs and what may happen in the Middle East and in Hungary, I couldn't hazard a guess. History is being made so rapidly that anything I might say could be sadly out of date by the time it got into print. So I'll leave it at that. You know, and I know, that we are all greatly disturbed about the dark war clouds that are gathering, so I know you will not take my lack of comment as lack of interest. That being understood, I will confine my remarks to matters nearer home.

Now it is after Christmas, we find more or less of a relaxed feeling in almost every home. We have time now to think and talk about all that happened during the Christmas season. And while we are putting our house in order, it would really be a good idea to put some of the children's toys away in a box—reserve them as a special treat for wet days and sickness. The same thing might apply to what is left of the pastries, cakes and candies. A dose of magnesia might be more welcome than a continuation of Christmas. And how about answering some of those letters while the home news is fresh in our minds. I am really hoping to take my own advice on that one—not only to answer family letters but also those received from kind readers of this column. You don't know how I appreciate those letters.

Well, I think all that remains for me now is to wish you all a very Happy New Year. I sincerely hope that 1957 will bring happiness, good health and good fortune to each one of you. It may be a difficult year, but remember, the Good Book says, "As thy day so, shall thy strength be."

THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY
Meeting in L.O.L. Hall, Crewson's Corners.
Pastor: Rev. K. J. Reid,
81 Cook St., Telephone 649w.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30th, 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.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA
St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont.
Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th.
Rector

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30th, 1956 (FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS)
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.—Matins.
4:15 p.m.—Holy Baptism of Infants.
7:00 p.m.—Evensong.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie,
R.A., B.D.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30th, 1956
9:45 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and reception of new members.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship.
Sunday, January 1—The celebration of Holy Communion.

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.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30th, 1956
9:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
10:00 a.m.—Junior Church and Church School.
11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship.

BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON
Rev. Ray H. Costerus, Pastor
Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave.
Phone 206w

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30th, 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.

Less Insect Damage To Crop in Alberta

LETHBRIDGE, Alta. (CP)—Alberta escaped with little insect damage to crops in 1956, reports entomologist A. M. Harper of the science service laboratory here.

In southern Alberta, grasshopper infestation was light and confined chiefly to roadsides, and it was light and scattered in the Peace River region.

For a third successive year, no damage was observed from the pale western cutworm. The only damage from the red-backed cutworm was reported from a sugar-beet field near Lethbridge, where less than five per cent of plants were destroyed.

Unlike 1955, aphids caused little damage to grain crops. Populations of all aphids commonly found on cereals were low this year. Wire worm damage to crops was very light, with dry spring weather at least partly responsible.

There were exceptions to the reduced insect damage rule in the province. Mr. Harper reports. Moths of the imported cabbage worm were abundant in August and control on late cabbage became necessary. The sugar-beet maggot caused serious damage at Taber and Cranford in the southeast. For the most part, however, insects infesting crops and ornamentals have not been a serious problem in Alberta during 1956.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

BACK IN 1906

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, December 27, 1906

Happy New Year. Turn over a new leaf.

Nominations next Monday at noon. Election matters are fairly quiet. Go to the nomination meeting and learn what the Maria St. bridge cost.

The Christmas railway traffic was unusually heavy. For several days before and after Christmas, most of the trains were made up of one or two special trains.

Christmas Day was ideal, as far as weather was concerned. Not for years has there been such a clear, bracing and delightful day. It was cold, to be sure, but it was the kind of cold one enjoys, the kind that makes your blood run and makes you walk faster. The town was full of visitors. The rink was exceedingly well patronized in the afternoon. In the evening, the S.S. entertainment at the Methodist church attracted many citizens. Regular Christmas services were held at St. Alban's and St. Joseph's.

For all their patient and courteous attention during the Christmas rush, with its numerous bustling mail bags from every train, the post office deserves the most appreciative thanks of all citizens. They gave a splendid service under the circumstances.

Teachers of Acton and vicinity home for the holidays include Misses Daisy Nicklin of Burlington and Edith Nicklin, Sault Ste. Marie; Myrtle Matthews, Caledon East; Minnie Bennett, Hornby; John McMurphy, Trafalgar; Miss M. McDonald, Leslie's school.

Mr. John Firstbrook, an old Acton boy, has been chosen chairman of a group of Toronto's leading businessmen who will offer counsel to civic representatives of 1907.

Lehman's hotel was the scene of a jovial gathering last Thursday when about 50 of the brethren of the local I.O.O.F. lodge enjoyed a bountiful spread provided by mine host Lehman.

A very fine lot of elm and oak square timber is being delivered at the G.T.R. station for shipment to the Old Country shipyards.

Keep 1907 bright. Don't be an old Scrooge.

BACK IN 1936

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, December 31, 1936

Attended by all the pomp and ceremony customary on such occasions, Minister of Highways T. B. McQueen cut a silken cord spanning the new Middle Road bridge over the Sixteen Mile creek at three o'clock yesterday afternoon, thereby officially opening the \$250,000 link in the new four-lane Toronto-Hamilton highway to traffic.

Monday was nomination day in a number of nearby municipalities and the following were nominated for the various offices: Milton: For Mayor, Carl Martin and E. Syer were nominated, while John Irving was acclaimed for the reeve'ship.

In Trafalgar, Victor Hall and Norman Gilbert were acclaimed for the reeve and deputy-reeveships respectively.

Esqueping township accorded an acclamation to George Currie for reeve and N. A. Robinson deputy-reeve.

A regular surprise party was the Junior game that opened the hockey season in Acton on Tuesday night. The crowd wasn't gigantic but we've seen bigger ones receive a whole lot less for their money. The Acton lads, under Duke Lindsay's persuasion, romped home with their first victory of the season, over Orangeville. We said it wrong, it should have been nosed out a decision to the tune of 8-6.

Recollections of 1886 were recalled on Tuesday when friends from Acton and many other points called on Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Brown, who were celebrating their golden wedding anniversary.

Knox Sunday school presented a splendid play last night at the Christmas concert in the church. The warehouse equipment and stock of the Acton Machine Co. is being transferred this week from the building in Acton to the new quarters in Toronto. It is expected that the company will be ready to operate from the new premises after this week.

Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed a house owned by Mrs. John Lilliecrop in Kilbride on Tuesday.

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