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**For Responsible Democracy**

On June 10th last year 74 per cent of the eligible Canadians cast ballots. That left 2,200,000 Canadians eligible to vote who failed to take the trouble to mark a ballot. Conceivably one could find excuses for some Canadians who, because of illness or because they were away from their ridings, or for one reason or another could not possibly mark their ballots. But for the vast majority for more than 2,000,000 Canadians the only possible reason is that they did not care enough to vote.

The measure of our appreciation of our democratic form of government is to be found in the percentage of eligible voters who cast their ballots on election day. If the rights and privileges of democracy are not exercised they will wither away and die. This is the challenge which faces us today as we approach another general election on March 31. Here will be counted once again those who recognize the rights of democracy and accept the responsibility of exercising that right.

But it is not merely enough to mark a ballot. Canadian men and women should take this opportunity to inform themselves on the issues of the personalities involved. In this age of vast communication media there is little if any excuse for not knowing a great deal about the issues and the policies that are advocated.

Ignorance of political matters in this day and age is strictly unnecessary. Just as Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce in many communities are stressing, we urge that Canadians be informed concerning the issues and the candidates, be sure your name is on the list of eligible electors and be sure to vote on March 31.

**Help for Crippled Children**

This month Easter Seals are being mailed to hundreds of families in this town and district. It's an annual appeal and a worthy cause. Its worthiness can be best explained by those who may come in contact with one of the many Crippled Children who have been assisted by the proceeds. In this area the local Rotary Club organizes the campaign and throughout the year assists those who need help in purchase of braces, sponsorship for summer camp and other help.

Last year, the Ontario Society for Crippled Children, whose only appeal for funds is made in the annual Easter Seal Campaign by service clubs, carried out its biggest program in all its history. This year the more than 12,500 youngsters who are listed on the Society's rolls as active cases will have increased because Ontario's swiftly growing population means hundreds of new cases each year. The provincial objective of this year's Easter Seal campaign is \$750,000.

The work for the crippled children takes several forms. Included is a nursing service of 22 graduate nurses; five summer camps that give a three week holiday to 1,200 children; and clinics for examination of children in areas far from major hospital centres. In many other programs the Easter Seals provide the means for alleviating suffering and providing training such as that in the unique Variety Village. As thousands of service club members go to bat in organizing the annual Easter Seal campaign across the province prepare to do what you can in furthering the work through your purchase and use of Easter Seals.

**Stretching It**

Fifty years ago people who talked about the man in the moon as though he were the fellow next door were regarded as candidates for a mental institution. But their clairvoyance is today nearer reality, what with Sputniks, rockets and the like. And they're doing things in lower scientific realms that would make a modern Rip Van Winkle gasp.

Before long, compilers of dictionaries will be printing the word "stretch" in capital letters. Ladies long ago learned all about

stretch from the zephyr-like figures floating through foundation-garment advertisements. Then there are the socks given Granddad for his birthday. He's found out they're just the thing for seven-year-old Butch in an emergency. Grandma's "stretch" gloves will fit Baby Snooks too. Yes, sir, socks and gloves are good from seven to 70.

We don't know whether the expanding of markets into super-markets had anything to do with the latest "stretch," but food merchandisers are mighty happy about it. In future Dad is going to emerge from his wife's favorite super-market hidden behind the week's food supply bundled in one bag instead of half a dozen.

A paper firm in the United States has just put out a new product, tough paper that stretches without ripping. It is said the stretch of up to 13 per cent in the new paper compares with two per cent of elasticity in conventional heavy paper.

The potentialities of the new paper are immense. It can be used in everything from bags for shopping to bags for cement. Research to develop the product cost \$2,500,000.

Now Dad is wondering whether the new paper will be used for his weekly cheque. He's speculating too on the stretchability of those all-important digits that appear on the cheque.

**A Fortunate Situation**

Going about the countryside around Acton it would seem that this community is in the outer rim of the snowbelt. Go north for 10 or 12 miles and you find the drifts piled high. Go south a similar distance and you'll find there just aren't any deep cuts of snow or evidence of heavy snow lying in the fields. Toronto is practically free of snow but travel east to Ottawa and there's plenty of evidence of heavy snowfalls.

In town our streets give evidence of heavy clearing of snow. Seems as if the days are a bit cooler here and warm spring sunshine is not as effective on the snowbanks as it is just a few short miles south. In a winter such as the one just experienced this difference is more noticeable.

In these days of heavy motor travel the year round, the location in a heavy snow belt has its disadvantages, but Acton has been free of travel hiccups and bad highway travel has had no serious interruptions. It's a pleasant situation to be in, in winter.

**Improving News**

There is a little hopeful news from the traffic accident front. A definite indication that highway safety campaigns are beginning to pay some modest dividends, says The Financial Post.

Total road traffic deaths were down over 1,000 in the United States last year and while there were still a slight increase in this country, "the upward trend of the last four years," as the Canadian Highway Safety Conference points out, "appears to be definitely halted."

There were over 3,200 highway fatalities in Canada last year. This compares with just under 3,200 the year before. Prior to 1956, however, there was a substantial rise each year.

This is only part of the picture. It has been achieved, it should be noted, in the face of far more traffic and far more cars.

**Brief Comment**

**BALMY CLIMATES.**  
The Coast, Florida and other widely publicized havens for winter months do not seem to have too much on Manitoba. Only a small amount of snow has been recorded to date and most of it turned to water and slush, all of which makes for truly balmy climate with the thermometers recording above 40 degrees. Grandview (Man.) Express.

**CHANGED ERA**

When it comes to the raw materials that are the sinews of modern industrial might, Canada clearly enjoys no monopoly. Surely, if this country is to prosper, and if Canada is to move toward industrial maturity, more attention must be devoted to the creation of a climate favorable to the development of advanced manufacturing. -Barrie (Ont.) Examiner.

**MAKING WORK**

This "Do It Now" campaign can only be successful if everyone who knows of work that can be started, either in store, office, factory or in the home, decides to have it done now and call the employment office for help they need. -Gananoque (Ont.) Reporter.

**WISE PRECAUTION**

Argenteuil county farm forums unanimously agreed with Arundel group No. 1 that it is better and cheaper in the end for farmers to seek legal advice, whether they are buying or selling a farm, arranging for a mortgage or making a will. -Lachute (Que.) Watchman.



Photo by Father Taylor

**"Can Spring Be Far Behind?"**

**G.A.D. About...  
Far Away Fields No Lure**

I trust that my readers are not becoming bored with reading about incidents that are being revealed these days arising from the fact that after 40 years as a printer and editor, I am still active in the field. I am convinced that people still like to look at the days that are past as well as the marvels of the future.

Evidence of this fact came last week when I had a call from Toronto and a request to take time for an interview for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. The interview was to be tape recorded and sent out over the Dominion network at a future date as set unknown.

On Wednesday the interviewer arrived with his recorder and a photographer. I suppose I should have spent more time and study on what I was to say but I didn't because the flu had reduced the staff and I was busy trying to help out, and then again I was, totally ignorant of what was expected in such an interview.

Well, to make a long story short, it was sort of a Mike Wallace affair with a probing into one's thoughts, only as I said, I hadn't been thinking too long on the event. For the life of me, I couldn't recall any particularly amusing things from my years of serving my home communities in the newspaper field. I did stick strictly to the admonition of my wife to put on my coat before I had my picture taken.

In the days which have followed, some of the incidents have come back to me. It has been ever thus. I could write a better speech or talk than I could produce at the time it was required.

**THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR**

**THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA**  
St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont.  
Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th.  
Rector, 185 Jeffrey St., Tel. 265

**SUNDAY, MARCH 16th, 1958**  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
8:30 a.m. - Holy Communion  
9:45 a.m. - Church School and Bible Class  
11:00 a.m. - Choral Communion  
11:00 a.m. - Beginners' Classes  
4:15 p.m. - Holy Baptism

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19**  
8:00 p.m. - Mid-week Lenten Service, Evensong

**ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE**  
33 Churchill Road  
P.A. Op.  
Rev. Kenneth J. Reid, Pastor  
75 Cook St., phone 649-W  
Services for

**SUNDAY, MARCH 16th, 1958**  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship  
7:30 p.m. - Evangelistic Service, Wednesday, 9 p.m. - Prayer and Bible Study  
Friday, 8 p.m. - Christ Ambassador  
A Friendly Welcome to All

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Acton, Ontario  
Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., B.D.  
Pastor  
Parsonage, 29 Bower Avenue  
Phone 60

Mr. George Wright, Organist and Choir Leader  
70 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 6

**SUNDAY, MARCH 16th, 1958**  
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. Custer, Pastor  
Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave.  
Phone 206-W

**SUNDAY, MARCH 16th, 1958**  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship  
7:00 p.m. - Evening Service combined with Knox  
8:15 p.m. - B.Y.P.U.  
Thursday, 7 p.m. - Mid-week service

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

**SUNDAY, MARCH 16th, 1958**  
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship  
7:00 p.m. - Evening Service  
8:30 p.m. - Senior High Fellowship at manse.

for future reference. I've been wondering ever since what I did talk about but whatever it was, it will be no more delaying it. I'll get it done by publishing the printed word.

I do recall one of the reports for radio was that I never had the nerve to go to the city on a wide field of journalism. My reply was that I had tried the city and after a brief period to live my life in the home town, which reminds me of an incident I can tell you about now.

And all even younger folks remember these days after Germany had surrendered in World War II and Japan was still carrying on the war, I belonged to the Canadian Press weekly news service and I had agreed to telephone me when the news came that the war was over. It was expected to be a six day story.

Well, one morning the house phone rang about three o'clock and I was given the first of a dispatch that told of the surrender of the Japanese. I went back to bed but not to sleep. Here was the news all the world was waiting for! The war was over. It had come too late for the morning paper, but I would be spared from the radio. Here was a chance to contribute to the field with world-chattering news.

I dressed and went to the office and set up in type and printed a small handbill giving the information. I printed a couple of handbills each for Acton and Milton. These were distributed at shop doors, along the streets and prominently in our front windows. For the trip to Milton with the news, Jim the connected son, went with me and we distributed to the men going to work as well as along the street. David and Frances were still in the city.

The man laughed and tossed them aside. We were a bit disappointed. What I didn't know was that all other news sources had been asked not to give out this information. It had been agreed that the release was to come simultaneously from seven outlets that evening only.

But nobody bothered to tell a weekly newspaper of this later arrangement. So I left the little sheet on our windows and all day long the local laughs and jeers that accompany a mistake in news reporting and Jim's faith in his dad was badly shaken.

My supposition I was about to give in that no information was interest and the facts printed in the early morning were perhaps premature. An hour or so later, I printed with the throngs in jubilation. Every means of communication was telling of the wars end.

Nature's single could never come to mind and you're right, the morning of the war is over. I got some of the little sheets among my newspapers in a drawer in my desk and then, and there I decided to stick to the news of my own, do not and leave world events to other media. What was news in one station was not another and differs out here for the next.

Before and since I've never had any desire to go to the wide field of journalism. Maybe I've lacked selection in my field. But my field of work in town has been a busy and satisfying life.

Saturday evening the staff of the Free Press and the Milton Canadian Champion arranged a dinner party for Mrs. Dilla and myself at Harry's. The staff and their husbands and wives had grown to over 30 from the days 40 years ago when it had four in the payroll. Mrs. Dilla was presented with a beautiful bouquet of spring flowers and I was the recipient of an engraved silver tray from the staff. The people I work with enjoy.

To look with city journalism and the United field of world events. When could you find such loyalty and fastidious as is shown in a small town and in a small town weekly newspaper.

This isn't what I intended to write about last week but, in the newspaper field, one never knows what will fill the news column next week. That will be the headlines for the front page. What I don't believe are, perhaps, but certainly no more personal ones in which to spend one's life.

**Public School Board Approves Annual Trip**

Approval was given for grade eight students to hold their annual trip to the Parliament Buildings in Toronto when the School Board held their regular meeting on Thursday March 6 at the Robert Little public school.

The board authorized purchase of a sewing machine for the home economics room and approved a requisition for books and supplies. A donation of \$25 to the Halton Music Festival was authorized and the financial statement amounting to \$2316.07 was approved.

The secretary reported receipt of \$120 for February non-resident fees. Board members congratulated Principal G. W. McKenzie on his recent appointment as District Governor of the Y's Men's Club.

**THE GOOD OLD DAYS**

**BACK IN 1908**

Twenty-five of the ladies in town gathered in the parlors of Mrs. G. Havill, Agnes Street, last Friday, to enjoy the proceedings of the afternoon provided by the Women's Institute. Following the presentation of piano solos and readings the ladies enjoyed a social hour of tea before retiring for home.

W. Hemstreet has negotiated for the sale of J. R. Watson's house on Bower Ave. to Mrs. Taylor of Crewman's Corner for \$1000. Mrs. Taylor takes possession this week.

Why will people persist in calling this busy little town "Acton West"? Acton is our registered name. The C.T.R. for their shipping convenience, have appended "west". All true Actonians will disown and refuse to use the railway's nickname.

Ex-Reeve Williams is first on deck with a new brood of spring chicks. They were hatched the first of the month. Mr. Williams is quite a chicken fancier.

A few suits of conical and well-appointed offices is being constructed at the Acton Tanning Company works. A new vault has been put in and other improvements have been made.

It is recommended that dog tags be adopted by the town this year. However, the assessor, Harvey, is preparing the largest list the town has had for many a year. He seems to know where every dog is. "At Home."

The Acton Seniors went to Georgetown to play the Seniors of that town on Tuesday night. The ice was too soft for good hockey and the game turned out rather rough. The game resulted in a score of 3-0 for Georgetown.

There was quite a war dance at the corner of Mill and Main Streets last Friday night at half past ten. The dancing was quite Indian-like but the drunken antics of the performers would have disgraced the reputation of any Indian.

Few of the concession roads and side lines are open for continuous traffic along the highway. Farms are traversed in all directions to avoid the drifts.

The season at the skating rink was closed last Wednesday night. The closing was somewhat hasty but everyone was intent on having fun.

**BACK IN 1938**

Three men created suspicion by their activities among local merchants last Friday but whatever their plan was it apparently failed to click before. Chief McPherson was checking up on them.

They purchased small articles in several stores, tendering ten dollar bills in payment. Shortly afterward they returned and asked that they be given large bills for smaller ones. Their car was parked off the main street.

In some stores, they made three visits changing bills. When Chief McPherson started checking up on their movements, they beat a hasty retreat from town.

Sometime Monday night or early Tuesday morning, thieves entered the railway station owned by H. M. Mill and Agat at the corner of Mill and Young Streets, and cleared the cases of candy and tobacco. Entrance was gained by the front door, which was jammed open. The window was opened and it is thought the loot was passed out this window.

The robbery was discovered by night constable Harrop on his rounds about three o'clock Tuesday morning. Police are investigating.

The second game of the Harris Cup series in Georgetown last Friday evening, ended the series with almost everyone disgusted. Georgetown defeated Acton 8-4. With the local bats turning in the poorest game of the season.

There was no interest by fans of that town on Tuesday night and the game turned out rather poor in numbers.

A most enjoyable St. Patrick's party was given by the Lakeside chapter I.O.O.F. Monday evening in the social room of the Y.M.C.A.

Potatoes, shamrocks, Irish hats and a huge thimble stone, were all featured in the evening's fun and games. 12 tables of court prizes were enjoyed. Many lovely prizes were given and a dainty lunch brought the evening to a close.

The regular monthly meeting of the Scout Mother's Auxiliary was held on Monday at the home of Mrs. Hollinger. Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Hollinger were delegates to attend the Provincial Scout Mothers Auxiliary Conference to be held in Toronto.

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**TRAVELLERS' GUIDE**

**COACHES LEAVE ACTON**  
GRAY COACH LINES

Standard Time  
Eastbound  
6:33 a.m. (Daily except Sun. and Hol.)  
8:58 a.m. 11:33 a.m. 2:08 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. 11:57 p.m. 1:57 p.m. 3:27 p.m. 5:27 p.m. 8:12 p.m. 11:25 p.m. 11:25 a.m. (Fr., Sat., Sun. and Hol.)

**CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS**

Standard Time  
Eastbound  
Daily 6:40 a.m. Daily except Sunday 10:00 a.m. 1:13 p.m. Every day only 8:01 p.m. Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown 8:22 a.m. 4:37 p.m. Daily Flyer at Georgetown 10:11 p.m.

Westbound  
Daily 11:46 p.m. Daily except Sunday 6:39 a.m. 6:55 p.m. 7:49 p.m. Saturday only 6:55 p.m. Sunday only 8:45 a.m. (Halton); Sunday only Flyer at Guilford 7:45 p.m. Daily except Sat. and Sun. 6:10 p.m.