

## What is the Future?

Acton voters may have a busy time in the poll booth come December if candidates are as plentiful as last year with the two plebiscites being considered for the coming election.

The question of voting on the future of the Public Utilities Commission is one that has been borne to the public light only within the past two weeks. No doubt it received considerable discussion prior to announcement of the plan. But before voters are prepared to vote on whether the P.U.C. should continue or its water and sewer operations revert to town council control, there will need to be some questions answered. What to date haven't been considered under public scrutiny. They may be answered when council considers the plebiscite by law which would be the most opportune time.

We might wonder why the sudden interest in revision of the municipal pattern first established in 1928 when the Public

Utilities Commission was formed, headed by E. J. Hassard.

We might wonder what greater efficiency there is to be under council control than P.U.C. under whose management it is to be operated? What qualifications will any new appointee require? and is this really a step to a later urging of a town manager system of government?

One of the most important requirements for voting is a knowledge or awareness of the events that lead to any specific matter. The decision to hold a plebiscite on the future of the Public Utilities Commission will be nothing but a token gesture that could be balanced either way unless the public is thoroughly familiarized with the events leading to the suggested change and the reasons for it.

It is well there is ample time for a thorough explanation of the idea in the interests of Acton's municipal administration.

## Business as Usual

The Saturday Evening Post, the largest magazine of its kind in the United States, announced recently that it will begin accepting alcoholic beverage advertising immediately. The announcement was made by Robert MacNeal, president of the Curtis Publishing Company.

Although it may be an unknown fact to many readers, there are still a number of large magazines, daily newspapers and weeklies that do not accept liquor advertising.

It may be obvious that the number who still refuse this type of advertising is dwindling as so many things do as time passes and one thinks conditions are changing.

The Post has always been a pretty good magazine to our way of thinking but subconsciously we can't help thinking it will be a little "cheaper".

However, we're not considering any change in our policy.

## Our Business

Does the average Canadian care how well or how badly his or her community is governed? If interest in local government elections over the years is any criterion, the answer must be a resounding no.

Hardly more than thirty per cent of those eligible to vote in such elections usually do so, against fifty to sixty per cent in municipal elections, and seventy to eighty per cent in federal ones. And yet, as has so often been observed, of all three levels of government, that of the municipality touches us most closely.

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## Other People's Views

Canadians have built up a large reserve of spending power, points out the *Saint John Telegraph-Journal*. Much of which will be channeled into goods and services in the foreseeable future.

Railway Passenger service will continue to shrink, points out the *Killarney (Man.) Guide*, which thinks out "It is quite apparent that we cannot have our cake and eat it, too. We cannot have highways and cars as well as passenger trains, and we doubt if anyone wants to give up the use of his car."

Brightest economic news for British Columbia's Centennial year, declares the *Vancouver Sun*, is that this is the greatest salmon year this province has ever seen. Best news of all is that this looks like only the beginning of a vastly expanded salmon industry. As James Sinclair, president of the Fisheries Association of B.C., says: "This is the only area in the world where the fish catch is going up. Everywhere else it is going down."

Concern over rising living costs, particularly foods, points out the *Winnipeg Tribune*, "should not be allowed to obscure the fact that the average Canadian is eating more and a greater variety of grade foods than ever before."

Steps to preserve old buildings are heartily endorsed by the *Kingson Whig-Standard*. "For a city whose attraction as a tourist centre is based on its historical associations, it would be silly to tear down buildings which are all part and parcel of that history. This does not mean to say that a building must

be of a certain age, or that it should be representative of an earlier, more spacious age when buildings were built to last."

Most important in Mr. Dielenbaker's air defence statement is that announcing production sharing with the United States, as sets the *Ottawa Journal*: "In this new mood of cooperation we will be disappointed if the Americans are not prepared to go the whole way, in facilitating the production and availability of all weapons, atomic and otherwise. Such absolute collaboration is the foundation of continental defence and on it the nations can build toward a security otherwise impossible."

No one can accuse the Canadian nation of being frivolous, says the *Peterborough Examiner*. "If anything Canadians are on the side of gravity and, we must sadly admit, a kind of pompous unbending to a wide country."

Our proposed financial aid to the West Indies can hardly be considered munificent, thinks the *Montreal Star*. "Canadians have a distinct interest in seeing that the West Indies federation gets on its feet as quickly as possible. The problems, both economic and social, are many and not inconsiderable in size. And there is a good deal of nonsense being talked about the impossibility of their solution. But both from a traditional and geographical standpoint, Canada has a role to play in bringing the development of this latest member of the Commonwealth to complete fruition."

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—Photo by Esther Taylor

## "October Pattern"



**THE WORLD'S Series 1958** is now history, of course, but I couldn't help wondering where all the Yankee fans were during the seven game stretch. Seemed everywhere I heard express opinions favoring the Milwaukee club, just because the Yankees had won so many times.

**IT MUST BE** hard to get warmed up to the idea but, up in Wingham, they held a successful initial meeting in October to get plans underway for a municipal swimming pool.

**I'VE ALWAYS** admired one of my uncle's imitations of a dog's bark. This summer when he was visiting some members of the second generation, the young niece lined up her playmates when the uncle appeared and said "This is my uncle who barks like a dog. Bark, uncle." The event had almost a midday-like attraction and if his voice hadn't given out, there might have been an admission charge.

**JUST IN CASE** you're interested in the popularity of the World Series, a recent survey has established that three-quarters of a million Torontonians, 75 per cent, off all persons 16 and over, either watched the first game of the world series on television or listened to it on radio. The total listening to the game on car radios in the metro-Toronto area represented more than two and a half times the seated spectators at Milwaukee.

**RESULTS OF** another recent survey indicate, apparently, that people with TV sets less than a year old watched for four hours, 13 minutes on week days but in homes where TV sets had been established three years or more, this comparable figure was five hours, 24 minutes.

**EVER WONDER** what Canada has been doing abroad? Since the war Canada's financial assistance to other countries has exceeded \$3 billion, more than half of this amount has been in outright grants, the remainder in loans which have been partly repaid.

**SOMETIMES IT** appears that little boys in love get all dressed up just to get a girl to get dirty. *London Free Press*.

**THE TELEPHONE** has captured a pretty important spot for itself in this country. In 1946 Canada's 2,661 telephone systems handled 7,764,044,793 calls, 171 million of which were long distance. This meant 400 calls for every man, woman and child in the country or 1,726 per telephone.

**WATCH THE** lights, Pop! Some of you pedestrians act as if you owned the streets. "And some of you drivers act as if you owned your cars."

**THE THANKSGIVING** weekend had enough bright sunshine to really emphasize the beauty of the trees in their autumn colors. That Highway 25 between Milton and Acton seems to rival most other main roads these days because of the abundance of beautiful maples that border it.

**TO BE HONEST** to be kind, to earn a little and to spend a little less, to make upon the whole a family happier for his presence, to renounce which, that shall be necessary and not be embittered to keep a few friends that these with out capitulation—above all, on the same grain condition to keep friends with himself, here is a trick for all that a man has of fortitude and dignity. R. L. Stevenson.

**JOHNNY** Mother, I've just knocked over the ladder in the garden. Mother: Well, you'd better fill your father. Johnny: He knows. He's hanging from the bedroom window sill.

**ONE THING** about this time of the year is the fascination to catalogue hold for young ones. No where can they see so many times the toys that are exciting to them.



On October 6, 1954, a committee called, Bible Mission (Bible Mission was formed in Germany by the Bible Societies. Its function is to provide Scriptures among individuals and groups who are in physical or spiritual need today, as the result of what they have suffered.

The service of Bible distribution is primarily directed toward exiles and refugees in Western Germany, and in West Berlin. This 20th century has been called "The century of the homeless." Since August 1945, 18 million Germans have left their homeland.

**Evils and Refugees** In June 1948, every fifth inhabitant of Western Germany was an exile or refugee. During 1947, 26,000 people from Eastern Germany fled to Western Germany, most of them carrying only a cardboard box with a few sandwiches and some pieces of underwear. Anything else would make them suspect in the eyes of the police, where they cross the frontier. For most of them their future is absolutely unknown.

These people begin to ask about the meaning of their life and their relationship to God. Many find the answer in the Bible. Since 1947, the Bible Mission has provided over 307,000 scriptures.

**Suggested Readings** Suggested readings for next week: Sunday, Jan. 3 1:25, Monday, Jan. 9 1:26, Tuesday, Jan. 12 1:17, Wednesday, Jan. 31 15:40, Thursday, Jan. 31 1:16, Friday, Jan. 7 1:22, Sunday, Dec. 31 1:41.

**Thanksgiving Dinner On 49th Anniversary** Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Griffin, R.R. 2, Acton, celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary on Sunday with a Thanksgiving dinner. Present at the celebration were Mr. and Mrs. Howard McArthur of Erin, Mr. S. E. Griffin Sr., Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thompson. A special wedding cake was very beautifully decorated.

In early 1958 it was forecast that a principal increase in construction during the year would be in the engineering category, which includes highways, electric power, pipe lines and many buildings.

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS

### BACK IN 1908

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, October 15, 1908.

Mr. George Super experienced a painful accident on Friday evening. He was replacing groceries in a farmer's wagon when the team started suddenly and the wheel ran over the top of his right foot. The nail of the great toe was torn off and the others were painfully bruised. He has been about during the week on crutches.

Mr. John R. Kennedy and Master Angus arrived home from their trip to Oatton, Utah, last Saturday morning. Mr. Kennedy was a way for a month, ascending one of the highest of the Utah mountain ranges and visiting Salt Lake City and other attractions.

Sunday night's very heavy frost brought down the leaves in great quantities.

Nassagaweya's annual fall fair at Campville on Tuesday like nearly all the late ones, fell well favored with the most delightful autumn weather. The entries of horses were unusually numerous and many fine animals were brought into the rings in both light and heavy classes.

Turkeys are being shipped here quite freely. The crop is not up to the average. The price paid this week is 11 cents.

Residents from the townships of Erin today report that actual work has commenced upon the rural free mail delivery in South Wellington. Inspector Riddell has been through gathering data as to the route and he has at once set men at work to dig the post holes for the posts upon which the mail receptacles are to be placed.

The flat rate current users will have to get their meters installed or it will be lights out on November 15.

Mr. Neil Gilhes and his committee may well feel gratified upon the crowning success of the fair night concert. For years Mr. Gilhes has been chairman of that committee and he has had the happy faculty of engaging each year a galaxy of most popular and acceptable entertainers.

Mr. Asa Gordon, K.C. and Mrs. Gordon of Ottawa will reach Acton to assist the pastor in the special services to commence in the Methodist church on Sunday. Mr. Gordon is a Christian lawyer who is rising in fame, gratefully to evangelistic work for God.

### BACK IN 1938

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, October 20, 1938.

A much needed protection for both young and old has been provided at the Post Office in Acton this week. Wrought iron railings have been put in the centre of each of the front entrances to the building and also on the steps at the side to the letter box for mailing after the office is closed. The work was done by Mr. Joe Herzog and Mr. How. Bentley, Acton.

Acton Fair Board faced the biggest amount of prize money to meet this year that has been paid out in several years. Over \$1,400 is required to pay the prize list. Fortunately receipts in all departments were increased this year, although the rain the evening and the cool weather of the second day were not as conducive to attendance as some of the later fairs enjoyed.

Voters in full bloom in the town in October? Rural mail carrier S. H. Webster picked a nice one that he saw along his route yesterday. It has been on view in the Free Press window.

Formal education examinations for attendance in high school have been drastically reduced according to the Department of Education. Exams will only be held in English, spelling, writing and mathematics.

The Free Press, in contemplating floodlighting the front of their factory in Acton and the new sign erected, a letter from the council obtained if brought cars were left on other sidings about the yard.

The leaves are off nearly all the trees.

Knock church 90th anniversary on Sunday and Monday were marked with splendid services and good congregations. On Monday, the annual food, supper, drew large crowds. Those participating in the concert included Misses Margaret Brown, Park, McMillan, Dora Hansen, Margaret Somerville, Norman and Gene Branda, and Norman Wright.

The Thanksgiving thanksgiving meeting of the Mission Band of the United Church was held in the church on Thursday. Thanksgiving prayers were read by Jean Harris, John Agor, Betty Gibson, Irene Feyer and James Davis.

Mr. Hughes Gilhes, M.P. addressed the Acton Legion last week on the new Housing Act and gave details of the plan.

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