

## Keeping Pace in Halton

The proposed addition to Halton Centennial Manor that will double its capacity, is another indication of the growing county and the necessity of increasing services to care for that population.

The County Council has given two readings to the necessary by-law for the \$900,000 addition and tenders will be called this month.

The present Manor was opened in July of 1952 by the Hon. W. A. Goodfellow who expressed the hope "that those who come through these doors will find comfort, security and contentment of mind."

The opening of the building at that time completed an agreement with Peel County by which the two counties had operated a joint home for the aged since 1909.

In the 10 years prior to the opening of the Manor the population of Halton County

had increased from 28,515 to 44,404. In the six years since the opening of the Manor the population has grown from the 44,000 figure to over 80,000.

It is not difficult to see from the population growth that a similar growth must take place in the county accommodation.

Present capacity of the Manor is 105 and when the addition is completed 220 of the county's senior citizens will find modern and comfortable accommodation there.

The plans for the addition to the Manor would seem to be in keeping with the comment of the Hon. W. A. Goodfellow in his opening remarks on that blistering July day in 1952 when he hoped those who came through the doors would find comfort, security and contentment of mind. The addition will simply increase the number of Halton's citizens who may enjoy the facilities of Halton Centennial Manor.

## Let's do it Now

It wasn't so long ago that many phases of business and industry in Canada had a tendency to hibernate, like the bear, until the cold weather was over. Seasonal unemployment was accepted as a natural by-product of the climate, as something no one could do anything about. It took the first sweet scent of spring to get these activities underway.

Now things are different. The number of jobs tackled in spite of the cold increases every winter. More and more houses are built, and it is no longer a strange sight to see bricklayers, carpenters, and roofers working in zero weather perhaps protected by a tarpaulin and plastic framework.

The construction industry is but one example of activity which no longer submits automatically to the onslaught of winter. In manufacturing while layoffs still occur to some extent in the winter period,

the practice of layoffs at this time on a traditional basis is becoming a thing of the past.

The answer to this seasonal problem is not to be found alone in manufacturing and construction however, for no one is more important in the attack on seasonal unemployment than the householder.

Any painting and decorating planned for next spring or summer could no doubt be carried out just as well right now, to advantage in fact when one considers the well-filled labor market available as it is at present. The little things too mean a job for someone, the building of a cupboard, remodelling at a house, finishing a recreation room, and sanding floors.

If industry, labor, employer, consumer and Government work together to reduce seasonal unemployment, the desired result will be achieved. "Old Man Winter" cannot be beaten but the difficulty he causes can be alleviated.

## Commandments

As women's organizations begin a new year perhaps these "10 Commandments" might be helpful as clipped from a Saskatchewan paper.

1. Thou shalt come to all meetings; be it on horseback, no matter how sore thy limbs the next day; be it on bike, which is really exceedingly good for reducing curves in the right places, or be it by the old Ford, after ever so great a squabble with thine old man over how much gas is left.
2. Thou shalt be liberal in offering thine home for meetings even though the house-cleaning shall not be done and the wallpaper cracketh.
3. Thou shalt load the car to capacity with neighbors and friends every meeting though the springs of thine car cracketh alarmingly and thy husband muttereth dire things under his breath.
4. Thou shalt bring lunch when it be thy turn, be the bread ever so sour.
5. Thou shalt not come late, even to ex-

hibit thy new hat which thou boughtest at the mail order house; nor thy newest print dress which thou picked up for a mere song at the local store.

6. Remember the roll call; keep it in mind lest thou shalt be caught napping and nobody waketh thee and thou missest the lunch, to say nothing of thy ride home.
7. Take part in the program whenever possible. Blushes become thee not and modesty is a past art belonging to the dark ages.
8. Thou shalt not interrupt the meeting to talk about thine operation, aches and pains, not even thy husband's.
9. Thou shalt speak thy mind at the meeting and not on the way home, lest thy words backfire and smite thee.
10. Thou shalt give thy husband a decent meal after the meeting and not let him clean up the left-over sandwiches or open a tin of soup. —The Touchwood Times, Punchnich, Sask.

## What Others Say

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What to do with loafers and trouble-makers in high schools is a problem about which there has been a good deal of talk. At least two local boards have decided that the matter shouldn't stop there and they are taking action to oust non-cooperative students who loaf and make trouble. A warning will be given for the first offence, but after that out they go.

It won't be surprising if other high school boards follow suit. Cost of operating our schools is getting to the place where it just isn't good business to permit students who just don't give a hoot to waste the time of teachers and other students who are making an effort to get along.

Such a ruling could have a good moral effect, too. If young people are taught to apply themselves in school they are more apt to give a good day's work when they get into industry or business. This would be beneficial both to themselves and to their employers.

## Brief Comment

The need for a Spring tree planting program is again re-emphasized this week as the stately poplar trees are being removed at the local tennis courts. Long a symbol of beauty in an ideal location the trees are being felled. Widening of Mill St has removed all trees there and a plan to replace trees in other sections of town should be economically possible in the Spring.



"Melancholy Winter" —Photo by Esther Taylor

## Jim's JOTTINGS

BY JIM DILLS

● FINALLY MANAGED to get those Christmas decorations down over the weekend. It always seems to be one of those jobs that I keep putting off. Decorations inside were down well ahead of my removal of the outdoor lights but it really doesn't take as long to remove them as I had anticipated and now they're in the boxes for another year. That holiday season, like most days, just seemed to slip by in an awful hurry.

● IF YOU'VE been following the Cuban revolt, perhaps you can tell me which side to cheer for. Batista was a dictator and there seems to be no argument about that. Castro led the revolt pledging a democracy but so far his operation has a lot of earmarks of another dictatorship. Perhaps it will be necessary for the smoke to clear to learn the real outcome.

● EVERY TIME I write about the weather I get crossed up before the paper appears but we haven't had a January thaw yet, have we?

● EVEN THE Eskimos are running into problems of civilization. A special label is necessary now to designate true Eskimo art pieces from that being produced on a production basis as far away as Hong Kong. Incidentally the foreign produced material is being shipped into Canada for resale as Eskimo items.

● ARE SLEIGH rides still popular? This year has been an excellent one for the old-time sleigh ride with rural roads in many sections ideal for sleighing. Drive over some of the roads on Sunday and there was no need to deter a good sleigh I guess the arrival of

sleighs in town is a thing of the past, though, with sanding operations geared to automobile traffic.

● THE FOLLOWING poem entitled "The Sunday Dinner," I unearthed from an old scrap book but it seemed to have a present day application. Before his meal he walks the floor, A wild, impatient grouch, But afterward he wants to snore On yonder cushioned couch. Though dietitians may expound A wiser eating scale, No happy medium is found In Sunday's loafing gale. To hurried wife it often seems To be a proven fact That man matures to two extremes One starved, the other packed. —William W. Pratt

● MOST CIVIC groups have held their inaugural meetings by now with officials named for the present year's activity. County Council is yet to meet with its inaugural scheduled for January 20. There's a possibility that Messrs. Gageway's reeve may be named warden although nothing definite can be counted on.

● I'D BE GLAD to see some letters to the editor on the educational subject discussed in the submission of a high school trustee and published last week. He outlined the importance of limiting the school work fields. Any comments on the subject?

● WITH ALL the reports of rabid foxes coming in, it's almost necessary to have a Rabid Fox Editor. Keep the reports coming, though it helps a great deal in being able to report factually on the

appearance of the rabid animals in the district.

● IT'S BEEN A good winter for outdoor skating rinks this year and skating on the pond. Not too many winters lately have been suitable for promoting the sport outdoors.

● A CANADIAN tourist in Switzerland was somewhat disturbed by the aesthetic enthusiasm of a local guide who took him mountain climbing. "Be especially careful not to fall here," the guide cautioned him, "because this is a highly dangerous place. But if you do fall, remember to look to the right. The view is extraordinary."

## Greenway Crusade In Baptist Church

Beginning on the evening of January 22, Evangelists Reginald and Mrs. Greenway, nationally known team, will conduct a special series of services in Acton Baptist church. The meetings continue from January 22 to February 1 with meetings on the week nights (except Saturdays) at 8 o'clock and on Sundays at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Greenway are talented musicians and are using these talents in conducting "victorious living campaigns" in Canadian towns and cities. For the past 16 years, Mr. and Mrs. Greenway have been on evangelistic tours across Canada.

Not least among the accomplishments of this evangelistic team is their use of music in their services. Mrs. Greenway is a gifted pianist, organist and harp player, while Mr. Greenway plays the violin with the skill and touch of a professional artist.

The most interesting instrument which Mr. Greenway plays is the theremin. There are only 12 such instruments in North America, three of which are in Canada. The instrument is played without being touched. Radio waves flow around the instrument and sound is produced by the movement of the hands within the electronic field.

## Mrs. A. J. Buchanan Hostess for W.M.S.

The membership meeting of the Acton Auxiliary W.M.S. of Knox church was held at the home of the president Mrs. A. J. Buchanan, who opened the meeting with an inspirational message for the New Year.

Convener of the program, Mrs. H. L. Bonnie presented the missionary study topic, Our Church and the People of Canada, taking as the theme for the month, The French-Canadians.

It was shown that as Christians we must witness to our fellow Canadians through our contacts day by day, through our attitudes, our sympathetic attempts to understand and appreciate the varying qualities of those who with us are the people of Canada.

Assisting Mrs. Bonnie in the service of worship were Mrs. H. Allison, Mrs. F. Anderson, Mrs. D. Kennedy and Mrs. H. Mamprize. Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. C. G. Jones reported on the Guelph Presbyterian meeting which they had attended recently.

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS

### BACK IN 1909

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, January 21, 1909.

Mr. William Johnstone has decided to add another store to his fine block on Mill Street. It will be an extension to the west side of the block and will be of brick, two stories, 25 x 60, and will be built to conform to the architectural lines of the block erected two years ago.

The first floor will make a commodious store and the second floor will be utilized as a society hall. The long timbers are now being gotten out for the new structure.

A debate will be held in Georgetown by the Epworth League on Monday evening with Messrs. Biely and Reed of Georgetown taking the affirmative and Messrs. E. A. Robertson and C. A. G. Matthews the negative.

The Acton Juniors and Seniors played a hard fought match last Thursday with the Seniors coming out of the match with a 9-8 victory over their opponents. It was a foregone conclusion by many that the game would be an easy one for the Seniors but it proved to be far from a picnic for anyone. From the ring of the bell, play was hard and fast with both teams playing to win with each team leading at times.

Holmes, right wing for the Seniors, was struck in the eye and Phant of the Juniors was laid off with him to balance the teams, each playing with six men.

In spite of expectations, the game was comparatively clean and no ill feelings are felt over the incidents of the game, though the checking was stiff and at times heavy. Ten minutes overtime was given at the end of the hour's time with the Juniors scoring once and the Seniors twice to win the game. R. M. McDonald as referee kept the game clean.

A septet of hockeyists from Georgetown went down to defeat at the hands of the "Rovers", a junior squad from Acton on Tuesday night in Acton by the score of 8-4. Play was fast with Acton carrying the edge throughout the game and McEachern in the Acton nets doing a fine job.

### BACK IN 1939

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, January 19, 1939.

Chief R. M. McDonald and members of the Fire Brigade were present at council last week to request consideration to purchase a fire pumper for the brigade, replacing the present fire truck and obviating the necessity of putting pressure on the whole system.

Cost of this equipment was from \$2,500 to \$4,000 according to the machine purchased. The council acknowledged the necessity of the equipment but deferred action until a later meeting when the whole matter could be considered carefully and the entire brigade notified of the meeting.

Acton Tanners received their first setback of the year last Thursday night when Elora Rocks downed the local lads 5-3 after a rather rough and hectic game. Elora deserved the win as they undoubtedly played better hockey throughout the game. In the second period, a total of 10 penalties were handed out with Acton receiving four and Elora six. A total of 26 minutes was handed out.

At the meeting Monday night of the Acton Library Board, the resignation of Mr. A. T. Brown was presented. Mr. Brown has been a member of the Board for nine years and the chairman for the past seven years.

An outstanding event at the annual meeting of the Acton Fair Board last week was the presentation to Mr. C. Woodhall of the Service Diploma of the Ontario Fairs Association, in recognition of the meritorious service which Mr. Woodhall has rendered to agriculture.

The curling rinks are now in good condition and several evenings of the game have been enjoyed at Acton arena by the local club. The club is still short of curling stones and would enjoy hearing from anyone who could loan stones.

Acton Band has been providing music for skating in the arena on Saturday evenings, which makes the sport more popular than ever. While at play at school yesterday, Norman Fryer suffered a rather badly injured leg.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 18th, 1959 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship 7:30 p.m.—Eucharistic Tuesday 8 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study Friday 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors "Christ is Your Answer" A Friendly Welcome To All	SUNDAY, JANUARY 18th, 1959 9:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer 11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.—Junior Church and Church School. Children under 5 will be cared for at all services
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 18th, 1959 THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY 8:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist 9:45 a.m.—Church School 11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class 11:00 a.m.—Choral Eucharist Reminder: 26 January, 1959, 8:00 p.m.—Annual Vestry Meeting	SUNDAY, JANUARY 18th, 1959 9:45 a.m.—Church School 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Sacrament of Baptism 7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship

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