On March 1, the county representative will-officially retire after more than 24 years of service to the urban and rural groups of Halton. Friday night of last week hundreds gathered to reflect their appreciation of his service.

During that quarter century of service in Halton Mr. Whitelock has been responsible for the organization of 45 groups and has served as the secretary-treasurer of many of them.

The changes that have taken place in the county during that 25 years are astonishing when reviewed. The population of Halton then was just about 25,000, having since grown to the present day total of 94,601.

This remarkable growth has made its effects felt in what was then essentially an agricultural county. But the county progress during that quarter century has not been reflected in sheer weight of population figures

As the retiring representative recalled on Frienight, the progress in agriculture here fton has\_been as, significant. Halton had the first County Soil and Crop Improvement Association, the first three DHIA groups, enrollment in the 4-H Club work has more than doubled, and Halton has cattle equal to the the best in the world.

While Mr. Whitefock has suggested he can bask in the reflected glory of the accomplishments of Halton farm people we feel sincerely that a good measure of the accomplishment has been encouraged by the Halton Ag. Rep. And urban citizens have known, too, of his untiring work in Victory Loan campaigns and other community service groups.

Undoubtedly the people of Halton will continue to remember the accomplishments of the past 25 years and the work of Earl

# St. Valentine's Day

historians to explain how a Christian saint became identified with a pagan custom of exchanging tokens of love.

The answer may be simply that somebody got his ABC's mixed up.

The research department of an encyclopedia points out that at one time the letters "v" and "q" frequently were interchangeable in popular speech.

Among the Normans, the word "galantin" referred to a lover of the fair sex . . probably a wolf, according to present-day terminology. But the word often was written and pronounced "valentin."

By a natural confusion of names, the Christian martyr was established as the pat-

SI. Valentine's Day has long challenged -- ron saint of sweethearts, and his name given to the Roman festival at which young men and women chose partners for the coming

> Some historians argue, however, that there is another explanation for giving the name St. Valentine's Day to the Roman holi-

> The early Christian fathers often had difficulty wiping out pagan festivals. Sometimes they simply, appropriated the festivals . . . and gave them a Christian meaning.

The Church fathers may have taken over the Roman holiday, which was celebrated on Feb. 15, and named it after three saints named Valentine; whose feast day fell on Feb.

#### Crisis at Dinner

Being too lowly a politician to rate a speech out of the party speech mill, a young fellow recently wrote his own address for a large banquet. Not having much time, he wrote a very short speech and told his typist that he hoped to think of something to say to fill in at the beginning. The typist thoughtfully inserted four blank sheets of paper at the top, so her hero could make jottings during the meal or while others were, speaking. She got a free ticket to the banquet and hopefully awaited her boss's turn to speak.

Looking at the typed speech for the first time as he stood up to speak, her boss examed the first page and then the second and

then the third - all blank. With a terror known to all who have

looked at an audience, he stared around the room, blankly, (Cicero used to be ill). Then the young fellow looked down and turned another page - blank.

In a faltering voice he said, "I've been

As he started to sink back into his chair, he observed that the typed speech started on page five, so he pulled himself up and went on to say that he'd been betrayed into accepting the invitation to speak without foreseeing the rare, critical quality of the audience, and so on. It was quite a good speech, according to the typist, who had started to sneak out of the hall, but stayed on " and still has her job, having promised to be less inventive in future.

# Brotherhood Week

In the small communities, such as ours, the observance of Brotherhood Week, next week probably will be of a rather limited extent, and not nearly so great as the interest attached to it in many of the larger centres.

No doubt, many will read about the observance of Brotherhood Week and immedrately commend it in their thoughts as something the world urgently needs that is, the world that is far away from them and not that part of the world in which they themselves live...

The world needs a Brotherhood Week in its fullest observance to take away the "iron curtains" and the threats to peace, and which will turn men away from the using of materials for the making of weapons to destroy mankind, towards the using of those same materials for the ways of peace and the establishing of a brotherhood among all the people of every nation

But before a Brotherhood Week can be truly observed around the world, it first must be observed in little places. The world, bigand mighty though it appears, is really only

made up of people who live in big and little places - and more people live in the little places of the world than in the big places.

Every community would be a better one for the observance of Brotherhood Week The little places often have small counterparts of the big trouble-makers on the world scene, and the same grasping for power, so obvious on the world front, is found frequently in the little places of the world, where the same kind of selfishness causes the seeking of individual power.

Brotherhood around the world can come only when the ideals of Brotherhood-Week are observed in all the little places of the World The Canadian Council of Christians and Jews helps many smaller communities plan programs for the week. The churches, the lodges, the service clubs, and all the numerous organizations are working to establish a world brotherhood, but the actual achievement of that goal must wait until each individual member and every citizen thinks as Jane Wyman does "The opportunity to practice brotherhood presents itself every time you meet a human being

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Sinister Outlook"

 JOINED ABOUT 100 other Ontario editors over the weekend to "talk shop". I'm always amazed at one of these sessions about the number of mutual problems weekly editors share and undoubtedly it would be the same in every field. The business of writing editorials, taking pictures, establishing good business procedures and preparing effective advertising is just about the same every place in

. HAD THE privilege of seeing part of the new addition to the Royal York Hotel, I tried not to be over-awed but it really is terrific. Canada from sea to sea, its atmosphere, history, traditions and people are vividly portrayed in the new 400 room \$10,000,000 addition. Private dining rooms represent the provinces. The size of each is in direct proportion to the geographical size of the actual province. Theremblems are included in the room. British Columbia has totem poles. The paneling in the Alberta room is full grain leather with the cattle brands tooled into the surface. Something of the size can be - understood when you realize the Canadian room will seat 3,000.

 MOST OF the newspaper people that attend meetings of this kind that was held by the Ontario Weekly Newspapers Association, take dozens of pictures annually. Yet the convention photographers had just as much trouble bring up the trophy winners as was pos-

• GREGORY Clark, well known feature writer, was one of the speakers and he can tell as interesting a situation story vocally as writing He presented a trophy

THIS SUNDAY'S

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MID-WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Wednesday, 18 February 1959

8.30 am - Holy Eucharist.

945 am -Church School.

11 00 a.m.—Beginners' Class.

10 00 a.m.-Holy Eucharist

8.00 p.m.-Lenten Evensong.

1100 am -Choral Eucharist.

Th. STB

1000 am Sunday School,

7.30 pm Evangelistic

that honors his father, to a weekly publisher from Winchester, as he urged more "good humor".

tainly left a layer of ice on windshields. Sidewalks and steps also got their coating. Reminds us that winter with its multitude of hazards is still with us.

boxes get opened at the breakfast table. Then the other day, low and behold, a box of cereal with a built in opener that really works, and brightened my whole day. er seem to come off right.

mouth of August.

birds this winter.

· WHEN WILL Smith applied · MONDAY'S ice storm cerfor a driver's license in Detroit's

I DIDN'T think anyone was, worrying about the multitude of crude methods by which cereal found its way to the breakfast table. It was as simple as they say always hate to be defeated by those "simple" openers that nev-

. IF YOU'RE thinking that February is a short month, you can blame the vanity of two ancient Romans February had 30 days until Julius Caesar took off one day to add to the month of July named after him. The emperor Augustus took off another day from February to lengthen his namesake, the

 WHILE WE continue to moan about the weather as the snow remains, the ice comes down and more snow piles up, don't forget that a few crumbs of bread, grain or suct will keep the birds alive until the easier spring we're all looking forward to. One reliable naturalist has figured that from now on man can expect the disapfearance of at least one form of life every year In the balance of nature, this can be exceedingly dangerous since every form of

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7.00 p.m.-Evening Worship con-

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Gestrie, Toronto.

11 00 am -Morning Worship.

Night of the Shipwreck"

945 am - Sunday School

1100 am - "Love Revealed

Rev Gordon M Holmes, BA. BTh.

900 am - Morning Prayer

Church School

at all services

10 00 am - Junior Church

11.15 a.m. Morning Worship

HURCH CALENDAR

life contributes something to other living creatures, Remember the

crowded license bureau, an officer hastily thrust a paper across the desk. "Write your last name first and your first name last," he said hurriedly. "How's that again, sir?"

Smith, somewhat confused "Like I said," replied the co

"Backwards." Smith shrugged his shoulders After all, he thought, they knew what they wanted. Laboriously he wrote: "lliW htimS."

. THEN THERE was the gentle Quaker, hearing a strange noise in his house one night, who got up and discovered a burglar busily at work. So he went and got his gun, then came back and stood quietly in the doorway, "Friend," he said, "I would do thee no harm for the world, but thee standest where .--I am about to shoot."

· A NEW kind of lighting fixture--virtually unbreakable plastic panels which glow when an electric current goes through them could be ready for the general market in as little as two years. according to a research scientist. Among other uses, the panels can be made flexible and hung- as drapes, or produced in rolls to be cut and pasted up as wallpaper.

. IN THE interests of safe driving, the prevince has produced a . . . Driver's Handbook that reviews some of the essentials of safe driving It notes that the law requires that you use your directional light, stop light, or your arm to signal your intention to turn, change direction or stop It's a good point to remember

#### Report Measles Whooping Cough Dr Archie Bull of the Halton

County Health Unit reported 75 cases of communicable diseases in the county for the month of January with Acton's share totalling

In Acton reported communicable diseases indicated one case of Gérman measles and 17 cases of

Other diseases reported in the county were chicken-pax, mumps, scarlet fever and whooping cough Georgetown registered the highest count with 24 cases and Acton a riose serind with 18

### H.K. Porter Has New Division in States

H K Porter Company, Inc is continuing its expansion in the electrical equipment industry with the announcement by T M Evans, thairman, of the acquisition of the business of National Electric Produc's Corporation, Ambridge, Pa-In 1951, East coast facilities were

expanded by the purchase of a plant in Eurabeth, New Jersey A Canadian subsidiary. Nepro of Canada, Ltd., Woodstock, Ontario, was formed in 1958.

The Disston saw division of H K. Parter Lid. began their operations Knox. Speaker, Mrs. William in Acton last year.

# THE GOOD OLD DAYS

#### **BACK IN 1909**

Press, February 18, 1909.

Actua Skuting Rink Co will hold n fancy dress carnival in the cink next Monday night A series of nine contests have been arranged, far which diffractive prizes are offixed Judging c mmences at eight

Mr Jeremish Bell, Nassagaweya. has purchased from Mr James I con, he lot on Chu ch St. nest the corner of Frederick Street and will erect herein a two-storey brick vencer residence, 29x21, with large veranda

Contractor Mackenzie will construct the building and work will commence as so in as spring de us

John Alderson of Carlisle reports seeing a robin on January 24th during the bnaw Joseph's Crowe's son killed a garter snake on the same

On Thursday of last week the Rovers went to Georgetown Vi play the Red Sox of that town a return game. From the ring of the bell it was very fast and the Georgetown team, playing better hockey on their home ice, tried to hold Acton but Acton scored again and the game ended in a tie 2-2

The Macdonald Policy of not to carry goods from one season to another -final clearance of ladies' Tur coats, I only Ladies' seal cost, size 34, regular \$46.00 Lr sale \$29.00. I only Ladies Muskrat, size 36. regularly \$50.00, for sale \$22.50

The campaign for Local Option has commenced in Georgetown and Esquesting township, and public meetings are being held in both municipalities to discuss the question. Milton and Oakville are also considering the matter A representative of the Dominion Alliance was in Acton last week and a campaign Sunday will shortly be held here with a v.ew to interesting the people in the desirability of banishing the bar. Only one township in this county, Esquesing, remains under licence

have secured the services of a of Mr George Edwards, satisfaction, G A Black,

#### **BACK IN 1939**

Press, February 16, 1939 Acton climinated Elora in two bockey games, as those old time

Taken from the lawe of the Free

rivals, Ac on and E ma clashed in the first round of the playoffs The first period gave the upporters of beta teams plenty to be jugery about as the teams had dif-I colly h ling in to their steks Elora had the first year as Brush and Kenimer that from well out

The second period had her started when I Marin Jok a nie pass from a s brother Paul to make the

but with no effect

Marzo was close again in the third period. The period slowed up and Ac an in. sed some glangage scuring chances but the game ended 4-2 for Arum

About the crick in the afternorm of Yetsquary 13 r. a pair of men simpled at the garage of I Wastham of Young 5' Good Cook wie serving them and work the pump registered five galloris they drove off Police were contacted in Gue ph and officer Howell had left Bookwood and coming towards Arton he was told a car had the abandoned and that he nen rud fled up the second line

Officer Howell gave made on fort and did not we one car zoing in the northerly direction to neigh in the chase. Near Oppringe he caught up with his quarry and placed them under arrest and brought inem back to Action

The car had been stolen in Toronto and they were lodged in Milton tail and charges of vagrancy laid by G A Dias JP .

Last Friday evening the Duhlin Literary Society had a very mecessful box social President, Mr. Steel presided and the meeting

opened with the Maple Lend The boxes were sold by Mr. Somerville and the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing Miss Sylvia Morrow was hostess for the Friendly Circle group of the United Church last Tuesday evening as Miss M Z Bennett. teacher led in prayer to open the meeting. Mrs. Caldwell told of some of the experiences of her daughter in China and displayed many of the treasures sent from

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