

More, More, Give Us More

"Many Canadians take for granted the merits and blessings of the Canadian way of life and consider it as something which is static, which is here with us to stay, regardless of our attitude toward it. Many of us in our complacency do not seem to realize that our system of government is being threatened today as never before — threatened not only by the impact of other ideologies but by our own lethargy towards the inflationary forces which are undermining the purchasing power of our dollar and our ability to compete in the markets of the world."

These were some of the strong words Ontario Hydro Chairman James Duncan directed to members of the Ontario Good Roads convention recently in Toronto as he stressed the need for individual citizens to cultivate informed opinions on major aspects

of public affairs singling out inflation as a national problem which "dwarfs all others in its significance."

The speaker called on Canadians to show that we are prepared to make the necessary sacrifices and to impose upon ourselves the necessary discipline to safeguard the system of government we cherish.

He noted that "none of us is blameless, we are all standing in line asking for more — more social legislation, more bonuses, more wages, more holidays, more pensions, more good roads, more luxurious public buildings, more leisure, more security."

"It is this very asking for more which brings about rising costs and inflation, and tends to destroy the very security which we are asking for. Fundamentally the only security which a nation can have is the security which flows from a sound economy."

March is Here

It came in like a lamb and now it's supposed to go out like a lion. It's March.

March is a month of many things. The most widely observed March occasion is, of course, Easter. With Easter come thoughts of spring — spring fashions and spring clean-up and spring (car) tuneup. The 21st is the first day of Spring.

Of course, March is licence plate deadline time, too, with this year's last positive date for 1959 renewal set at the 18th. And then there's income tax time, with the returns expected in March.

And then there's St. Patrick's day on the 17th when the Irish brogue and the "wearing of the green" become prevalent.

March is the time to begin thinking of the coming trout season, too. And, as if all this wasn't enough, it just so happens that March is Red Cross month; its weeks include Na-

tional Children's Week, Jewish Youth Week; Save Your Vision Week, Smile Week, National Peanut Week, Dried Fruit Week, Secretary Week, National Rice Week, Canadian Education Week, and National Wildlife Week; and they've even set aside a day called Farm Day.

As well, March marks the anniversary of the date on which Joseph Stalin died, the anniversary of Canada's first newspaper in 1752, Queen Mary's date of death, the anniversary of Stephen Leacock's death, Newfoundland's tenth year in Confederation, the annual Ontario Educational Convention, and the Sportsmen's Show.

We hope we haven't missed any important occasions — such as National Kidney Pills Week or National Be Kind to Your Garbage Man Week.

Welcome March, busy March.

In Aid of Crippled Children

Local Rotarians have mailed their Easter Seals to everyone in the town and district asking for help in their crippled children's work.

The 13,599 crippled children in the province, living on farms or in city homes or in remote northern hamlets, know that the 1959 sale of Easter Seals means hope. To them the Easter Seals bring treatment and training, a possibility of independence and relief from the physical handicaps that birth, illness or accidents have left them.

Last year, the Ontario Society for Crippled Children, whose only annual appeal for funds is made in Easter Seal Campaigns by 221 service clubs, carried out its biggest programme in all its history. This year, the more than 13,500 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, February 26th to March 29th, is \$770,000.

The organization that cares for this number of children is amazingly small. A tightly-knit office staff at headquarters in Toronto, a score of highly trained nurses, a corps of volunteer doctors and an army of public spirited citizens who give freely of their time. The result is a volume of service out of all proportion to the money spent in the work.

This work takes several forms. There is a nursing service made up of twenty-two graduate nurses, each of whom has taken a special post-graduate course in orthopaedic nursing which qualifies them as orthopaedic nursing consultants. These nurses visit the homes of handicapped children, teach the parents how to administer therapy treatment or direct the child to medical attention.

The nurses function in specific divisions of the province ranging from the Lakehead to Eastern Ontario. Available for their use are qualified therapists whose value is indicated by the fact that the Ontario Government requested the assistance of two during a polio epidemic some years ago and which assistance was provided by the Society at no extra cost to the province or patients.

Five summer camps this year will give a

three-week holiday to more than 1,200 children, who would otherwise have no such holiday because of their inability to attend conventional camps. This is the biggest crippled children's camping programme of any single political area in the world and its importance is that it more than gives a holiday, it teaches children who are often embarrassed by handicaps to care for themselves and get along with other youngsters.

Year round, too, Woodedden, near London, is a crippled children's centre to provide special treatment for resident and out-patients.

Clinics for the examination in areas far from major hospital centres are also organized and attended by top medical specialists from Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa, and elsewhere giving their experienced advice. If children need hospitalization, this is provided on a specialist's advice and local doctors co-operate in providing treatment at home.

With the opening of the thirteenth annual Easter Seal Campaign today, there will be thousands of service club men and women working for a better future for Timmy and all his pals. Your contribution to the Easter Seal Campaign is needed on behalf of Crippled Children in this area and in the province.

Spring Sign

When the seed catalogues come can spring be far behind? A sure harbinger of spring, the annual seed catalogue is the promise of an abundance of blooms and a rich yield of vegetables.

Scores of homes receive a wide variety of seed catalogues richly and profusely illustrated with a big choice of things for the home garden — from the traditional old annuals such as zinnias, marigolds and petunias, to the new introductions of each year — new colors, new strains and some completely new varieties.

Poring over the catalogues becomes a family pastime — fun and planning for the entire household, for gardening is becoming more and more of a family hobby.

When the mail brings the seed catalogues, it's the kick off for planning the complete garden. And it's just about time for those fresh bright spring days. The season officially opens this month you know.



"Winter's Harvest"

Jim's JOTTINGS

BY JIM DILLS

● I REALLY DIDN'T think that fire could get away with a big new building, but it did in Oakville and a more complete job I've never seen. The Trafalgar Building burned and with it one of the town's newspapers. Talking with the publisher by phone on Friday with an offer to help out if necessary and he said the damage "was 100 per cent complete." It was hard to believe. My curiosity was aroused and I drove to Oakville Saturday just to see it. Seeing is believing. The beautiful brick and steel three storey building was nothing but a pile of twisted debris.

● GET YOUR Easter Seals yet? Don't forget to use them and forward my donation possible. There's little publicity given to the crippled children that are helped in this area because it just isn't human but there are many of those dollars used to assist crippled children who might not otherwise be able to receive necessary surgery or braces.

● IT'S DIFFICULT to even imagine the problem of finding a new newspaper plant and getting into production again as quickly as possible. I have no doubt there will be an issue of that paper this week. It won't be easy and it may not be as large as usual but there'll be one. The first offer of help had come from that paper's toughest competitor, the Oakville Trafalgar Journal, and as publisher commented to me, "It's pretty nice to know in this business you can compete as hard as possible and still help each other out when a disaster hits."

● BESIDES BEING steady, long and old-fashioned, this winter can also be described as one of the most beautiful for many years. There have been more of nature's displays with ice crusted trees, snow covered bushes and sparkling bright days. I'm now looking forward to as beautiful and steady a spring.

● PERHAPS CEREAL manufacturers haven't thought of it yet but for families of more than one child this business of one premium

in each box is slightly disconcerting. One child is always without the treasure. Almost have to keep a ledger on whose turn it is to have the prize. Couldn't cereal manufacturers produce packages for one, two, three and four child families?

● ROADS HAVE certainly been suffering this winter. Even the best seem to be suffering some damage from the heavy frost and pot holes in pavement or country road are far more plentiful than other years. Road budgets in the municipalities will be running light, too, with the heavy winter clearance drain on funds.

● I'M SURE more people tell me they were going to write a letter to the editor about such and such a subject but just didn't get around to do it, than anything else. It seems people are dissatisfied with a variety of things but they aren't really too perturbed beyond talking about it. If you do write please keep it brief as possible. Space limitations often make it necessary to delay publication of long letters, until space is available. Your signature on the letter is another essential although a pen name can be used for publication.

● ARE YOU thrilled by the old stories of prospecting days? A

new oil rush is reported cooking up for next spring in Canada's remote Arctic archipelago. Ten U.S. and Canadian companies have already applied for development permits covering 60 billion acres in the area from Banks Island east to Baffin Island and north to Ellesmere Island. Meanwhile companies are reported lining up men and equipment for a rush in the spring when the permits are expected to be issued on a first-come first-served basis.

● ONE SMART fellow recently commented "Before I got married I had six theories about bringing up children. Now I have six children and no theories."

● IF YOU'VE been overawed by the cost of producing the Arrow, you can get your own kit and do it for \$1.98. The result may not be quite the same of course.

● EXPANSION REFLECTED in Acton Exchange. Record net income of \$38,059,209 for the year ended December 31, a steadily increasing number of telephones and shareholders, and a "notable increase in productivity" are revealed in the 79th annual report of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada issued this week.

The report states that net income was \$2,862,120 higher than in 1957. Earnings per share amounted to \$2.15, the same as in the previous year, as there were more shares outstanding. The regular dividend of \$2 a share was paid and surplus was increased by \$2,718,866.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Back in 1939

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, March 9, 1959.

The Acton Tannery's first game in the first round of the play-offs certainly wasn't a brilliant affair in Bolton last Friday. As a matter of fact, it was one of the most listless games of shabby ever witnessed for some time.

The rink surface at the Bolton arena is small and last Friday the ice was slushy. Reminds us of the episode on the Durham rink which was played under the same circumstances. Bolton now hold a three goal margin over Acton as they enter the second game of the series in Acton tonight.

Honey Kuntz refereed the game and was late arriving, thus the face-off was an hour later than scheduled. Acton officials have arranged for Johnnie Jones to referee the game in Acton tonight and are looking forward to beating the Bolton team. Woods in the net for Acton turned in a fine performance, turning away shot after shot.

Beardmore and Company have reverted to the plan of pay day every other Friday instead of twice a month. This move is a popular one for the employees and generally appreciated by the community at large.

The March meeting of the Lakeside Chapter I.O.G.E. was held Tuesday evening in the Y.M.C.A. The new 1959 executive took office with Mrs. (Dr.) A. J. Buchanan presiding. Miss Ruth Gibson's rendition of "Alice Blue Gown" was greatly enjoyed.

The cooking school conducted by Mrs. H. M. Aitkens in the town hall Tuesday afternoon proved a popular and interesting event for the ladies of Acton and district. There was a large attendance and the event was thoroughly enjoyed.

The Young Women's Auxiliary of Knox church met at the home of Mrs. Francis Wilds for the monthly meeting on Wednesday evening. Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Annie Anderson and song and prayer were given by Mrs. Marshall, Miss F. Cule, Mrs. Cripps and Miss Margaret Brown.

Back in 1909

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, March 11, 1909.

Captain Gamble has secured a complete outfit of new uniforms for Number 6 Company of the 20th Regiment. The outfit includes new coats, trousers and caps. They arrived on Monday from militia headquarters at Ottawa and were opened up at the armory. Acton company will surely add a natty appearance at camp this coming summer.

Messrs. Beardmore and Company have generously offered, if a local company is formed which will erect a covered rink at a cost of \$4,000, to contribute \$2,500 toward this amount, if \$1,500 in stock is subscribed for by other citizens who may be interested in the scheme.

The Mason sisters, Misses Hazel and Lottie of Acton, starred in the ladies' hockey match in Grimby last week when the Guelph team who they play for, defeated Grimby 7-5. The two local girls accounted for nearly all of the Guelph goals and received high praise from the Grimby fans.

A large attendance of citizens was present at council this week as many expected to hear something stirring regarding the deprecations at the cemetery. The visitors thought a bomb had exploded when Mr. N. W. Hurst asked what was going to be done about the deprecations at the cemetery. The reverend said he thought Mr. Hurst was "only joking." He just said that council would clean up the brush etc.

The recent slaughter of trees at the cemetery has caused quite a stir in Acton with apparent blame hanging on the council members for this action.

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THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

<p>ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE 33 Church St. Road PAOC Rev. Kenneth J. Reid, Pastor 75 Cook St., phone 649-W</p> <p>SUNDAY, MARCH 8th, 1959 10:00 a.m. - Sunday School 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship 7:30 p.m. - Evangelistic Tuesday, 8 p.m. - Prayer and Bible Study Thursday, 8 p.m. - Christ Ambassador Christ is Your Answer A Friends Welcome to All</p>	<p>UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA Acton, Ontario Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., B.D. Minister Mr. George Elliott Organist and Choir Leader</p> <p>SUNDAY, MARCH 8th, 1959 9:45 a.m. - Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m. - Junior Church and Church School 11:15 a.m. - Morning Worship Children under 5 will be cared for at all services</p>	<p>BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON Pastor: Rev. Gordon M. Holmes, B.A. B.Th. 115 Beaver Avenue</p> <p>SUNDAY, MARCH 8th, 1959 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School 10:00 a.m. - Abstinence 7:00 p.m. - The Night of the Greatest Question Wednesday 8 p.m. - Fellowship and Prayer Service A Cordial Welcome to All</p>	<p>THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN Rector: The Rev. H. B. Stakreef, L.Th. S.T.B. 185 Jeffrey St., phone 285</p> <p>SUNDAY, MARCH 8th, 1959 8:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Also Corporate Communion of the B.A.C. - Breakfast afterwards 9:45 a.m. - Church School 11:00 a.m. - Beginners' Class. 11:00 a.m. - Matins</p> <p>MID-WEEK SERVICE Wednesday 11 March, 1959, 8 p.m. - Lenten Evensong.</p>	<p>PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH, ACTON Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D.</p> <p>SUNDAY, MARCH 8th, 1959 9:45 a.m. - Church School 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship. 7:00 p.m. - Evening Worship.</p>
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