

**—Just nine, more days until spring—believe it or not.**

—High school students are studying and writing their Easter exams.

—Midnight oil is being burned by the finance committee of council in an attempt to arrive at a 1959 budget.

—Tests are starting at the public schools. The report cards are scheduled to reach home before the Easter holidays.

—A few good catches have been reported from some of the ice fishermen traveling to the northern lakes on the weekends.

—Department of Highway workers filled in many of the pot holes on the main thoroughfare through Acton again this week.

—The Belleville MacFarlanes, Canada's representatives in hockey, are turning in a wonderful performance in Europe.

—Still hear a few complaints from the odd driver who has trouble getting his car started in the early hours of the morning.

—Mrs. Charles Landsborough, 87 Lake Avenue, was the winner of the Dare Biscuit toboggan free draw last Saturday evening at Ledger's I.G.A.

—Bill Andrews of S.S. No. 10, Campbellville, won the zone four public speaking finals at Streetsville last week. His subject was "Hydro, the Ideal Servant."

—Acton Legion officials reported canvassers are in town again selling calendars and report this operation is by no means supported by any Branch of the Canadian Legion.

—A car driven by Jean McCrea of Acton received \$400 damage early Sunday evening when it slid off Highway 7 near Georgetown's outskirts and plunged into a ditch.

—Minor Sports officials are attempting to raise funds to assist with the Listowel Disaster Fund, by sponsoring an evening's entertainment in the arena this Saturday night.

—Members of the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen are distributing copies of the Niagara Churchman door-to-door 'now. The publication goes each month to 300 families in the congregation.

—The annual audit of the town's books is underway at the municipal office. Poring over the figures are E. B. Hodgins, D. Mitchell and K. Burns, of the firm of Lever and Hoskin, Toronto. They started Tuesday of last week.

### Chamber Hears Guest Speaker

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by careless smoking habits." Fires, Mr. Harris said, continued to be responsible for the deaths of more than 800 Canadians each year, and about \$90 million in claims.

**Point System**

Mr. Harris gave a breakdown of the new point system and pointed out there is an urgent need on the part of everyone to support the point system and so eliminate the careless driver. Norm Brada thanked the guest speaker.

Following the speaker, president George Barbeau presented Captain Bob Hart of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, who gave a short talk on the history and function of the brigade.

Captain Hart pointed out that the personnel of the brigade in Acton is now down to 10 members, hardly sufficient to cope with a serious emergency. He extended an invitation to the Chamber to send a delegate to the United church on Friday night when the local brigade will be entertaining delegates from Guelph and Oakville.

Secretary J. Bert Wood gave a resume of the progress to date of the Acton Arena Committee regarding artificial ice. C. F. Leath-erland, Q.C., made a motion that J. Bert Wood be thanked for his detailed report and that the Chamber go on record as endorsing the arena project. The motion was carried.

### Economist Considers Prices, Production, Job Prospects

Attendance of nearly 80 hungry men at the second meeting of the United Church Men's Club put a severe strain on the menu of Hungarian goulash Wednesday of last week. Chef Jim Ledger and Jerry Jerome saw—in it, however, that everyone was well fed before the evening's program began. Goulash was followed by apple pie and cheese.

The assistant supervisor of the economics department of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Forrest L. Rogers was the guest speaker. Walter Woodburn introduced him to the men, explaining he was a graduate of the University of Toronto in political science and economics, was in the air force meteorological department, was the author of a booklet and a member of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs.

**Straight Facts**

Stern economic facts were outlined as Mr. Rogers gave the history of what had happened in the economic field in Canada in the last few years.

In spite of appearances to the contrary, the total production in Canada did not decline in 1957-58 although in the United States it did, he said.

He stressed that our economy must grow, and the basis of our growth is export. Canada is a primary products producer with wood, mining and agriculture.

We are affected, for instance, by the United States. When there was an increase in primaries in the States, production fell and prices fell. We lost a source of export.

The same thing happens with Great Britain and Europe.

**Newsday, Gas Line**

Canada's production did not go down because of the H. Lawrence Healey, the gas line from Alberta, the government's heavy housing project and exports of uranium and cattle.

Mr. Rogers went on to consider our prospects for the future. The favorable is mixed with the unfavorable, he said.

In our favor: increased production in the U.S.; commercial building; hospitals, schools and churches going up; and the overall consumer picture — they're in good financial position.

On the unfavorable side: the bulk of Seaway and gas line work is done; cattle in export will go down; consumer spending will be less.

**Little Price Increase**

His conclusion was that there is still enough strength to produce an increase in production of from three to four per cent. He also predicted very little increase in prices, especially food prices. However, he said, there will still be plenty of unemployment.

Wes Beatty expressed the thanks of the group.

Ted Hansen played for a sing song with Walt Woodburn leading.

It was announced that a geologist from Ungava will speak at the next meeting on April 8.

### Personal Notes...

Of Actonians Visiting Out-of-Town Points and of Visitors in Acton Homes

Mrs. R. Buckner will be taking 12 Acton children to demonstrate "Music and Movement" on Channel 13 on Friday, April 3rd.

Friends were sorry to learn Mrs. Jim Ledger is in hospital in Toronto, and extend wishes for a speedy recovery.

Mrs. James Taylor Guelph visited with Mr. and Mrs. Y. Anderson Wednesday.

Saturday evening, March 7 Acton Fire Chief J. Newton and Mrs. Newton were guests of the Landy's Lane Fire Department on the occasion of their annual Ladies' Night in Niagara Falls. Mr. Newton is a life member of the Landy's Lane Fire Department.

The hardware convention was held at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto this week. Attending from town were Mrs. Edith McEwen, and Mrs. B. Russell of Rose-Mary Beauty Salon, Mrs. Ken Hartman and Mrs. Andrew Chisak of the Rendezvous Beauty Salon.

Mrs. Robert Buckner recently attended a meeting of the Provincial Visual Aids Committee of the Ontario Federation of Home and School Association Inc. which was held at the home of the chairman Mrs. E. G. Schaefer in Kitchener.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Ballentine and boys of Lucknow visited on Saturday with the former's parents here and Mrs. Wm. Ballentine returned with them to visit a few days.

### ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. and Mrs. Francis G. ... wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Frances ... to Russell Eugene Gaulton of Hamilton son of Mr. R. Gaulton and the late Mrs. Gaulton wedding to take place on Friday evening, April 3, at 8 p.m. in the rectory of the Cathedral of Christ the King, Hamilton, Ont.

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### Stilts Stepping Stones For Unemployed Workers?

With about ten per cent of the unemployed Avro workers returned to Milton and another ten per cent absorbed in local and surrounding industry, the remaining unemployed are striving to obtain work or establish an industry locally through the Self-help Employment Bureau set up two weeks ago.

Dennis Lawler, chairman of the Bureau, pointed out this week that the bureau of 115 members strong, had found work for some 20 members to date.

In reporting on recent developments of the newly formed organization, Mr. Lawler noted that Grant Motors had offered free of charge the use of his repair shop at his garage for the bureau to establish a repair centre for cars.

**Car Repair Shop**

Ted Papp, unemployed Avro worker and bureau member, has established a car repair shop and is now in operation.

W. J. Robinson, manager of the Guelph Unemployment Insurance office, has contacted the local bureau and offered any assistance possible and promised the local chairman job listings for the unemployed.

A popcorn and ice cream making machine has been offered by a donor for anyone interested in starting up a business of their own.

Ten Pro Products of Acton have made a generous contribution to the bureau to assist with expenses and other local people have offered assistance.

**Work Shop**

Planners and designers have been busy in the work shop offered free of rent by B. D. Rachin, utilizing the \$600 of woodworking equipment and have already turned out several sample models of products.

Main products being scheduled for production and expected to flood the market are Stilts Workers are still busy perfecting other knit-knocks and novelties.

Mr. Lawler reported that a general meeting of the members of the bureau and other unemployed is being called for next Monday morning, March 16, at 10 a.m. in the Legion Hall.

### Chief Wright Heads Firemen

Tuesday evening in Milton fire hall, the Halton County Mutual Aid Fire Prevention Bureau held their election of officers for 1959.

Results are as follows: chairman Chief George Wright of Trafalgar; vice-chairman, District Chief Peacock of Burlington; secretary, Lieutenant Frank Russell of Burlington; treasurer, Al Klaur, manager of Oakville-Trafalgar Chamber of Commerce.

Committee chairman: literature, Chief Wilson of Oakville; public relations, Al Klaur; inspections, Chief Wilson and Chief Wright; poster and trophies, Chief Clement of Milton.

The 1959 inspection blitz is to be held in Oakville and Trafalgar. The adoption of three projects, spring clean-up, Christmas safety and fire prevention week was considered as members sought to increase the Bureau activities and broaden the field of their work.

### Firemen Find Criticism is Unwarranted

Representatives of all Halton fire brigades heard a review of a recent Oakville fire, where firemen had been criticized at the meeting of Halton Mutual Aid in Burlington on Sunday.

The fire required some mutual aid assistance and the 47 Halton representatives attending heard the explanations of the Oakville chief of his methods in trying to quell the \$100,000 fire in the Trafalgar Building. Members felt the Oakville Chief and his brigade had done everything possible to control the fire and the criticism was unwarranted.

W. O'Sullivan, of the Fire Marshal's office, gave a slide presentation on the features of new training facilities at the Greenbank school.

Fire Councils are to meet in Milton this week to review the Halton equipment available for Mutual Aid and the funding card on which the group will operate.

The annual banquet of the Mutual Aid group was set for April 3.

### Eyes Provincial Speaking Title

Bill Andrews of Campbellville, the 11-year-old who topped the Halton County public speaking championship following a preliminary township contest, appears to be well on the way for a Provincial title.

Bill will appear at the Ontario public speaking championships at Toronto March 21. It was announced following his victory last week at the Zone 4 finals in Streetsville.

On that night he defeated seven of the best public school speakers from Halton, Ontario, York and Peel Counties. Bill's topic is "Hydro the Ideal Servant."

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