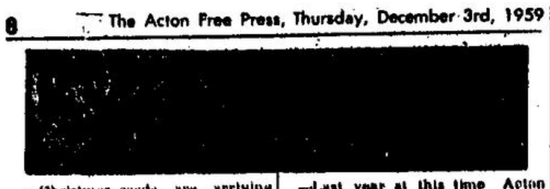


—Christmas cards are arriving from overseas already.

High school students start Christmas exams tomorrow.

Santa Claus parade in Milton Saturday afternoon at two o'clock.

Gravel and grading have improved the condition of Churchill Road.

New concrete on Mill Street was part of the town workmen's job this week.

The Robert Tilly school children are busy preparing their Christmas concert.

The telephone service will soon be for Mr. and Mrs. Sledgehammer and Miss Anvil Nelson.

The Christmas issue of the Free Press will come out a day early on Wednesday, December 23.

The Georgetown Herald, the weekly newspaper there is delivered by newsboys at 10 cents a copy.

—High school student council met yesterday. They have a report on what each school will be doing next week's Free Press.

The B. Y and the Y's Men have been holding meetings in an effort to revive the dance program at the Y Friday nights.

There are more decorated light standards than ever in town this December. The main streets are ready for Santa even if shoppers aren't.

Town workmen tried out the snow loader for the first time this year, on Tuesday morning and the streets show much improvement with the surface snow removed.

—Last year at this time Acton was deep in snow.

Cars driven by Julie Nutina of Acton and Leslie Trovail of Limehouse each received $100 damage in a collision at Limehouse Monday afternoon. There were no injuries.

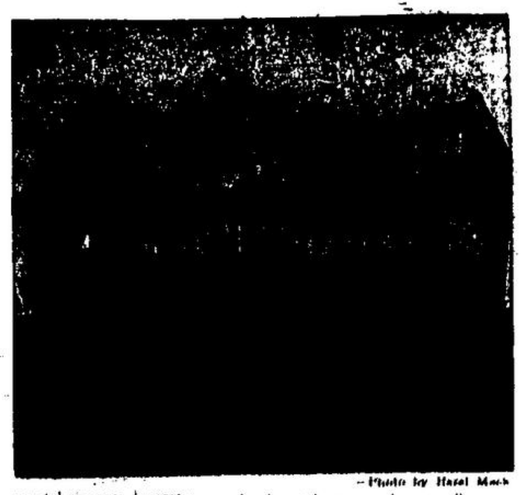
Night school classes are over until January. Monday and Tuesday sessions concluded the first term and instructors and students wished each other an early "merry Christmas."

MP Sandy Reid had exceptional wins with his Landrace hogs at the Royal Winter Fair. He has one farm near Georgetown and another in Nassagaweya. He showed the supreme champion.

Drivers are comparing notes on how long it took them to get to Toronto this week on the newly opened stretch of highway 401. The time has been shortened considerably, with one man complaining he nearly fell asleep on the long, straight stretch of smooth road.

Monday afternoon more classes settled in their permanent rooms in the new addition. Moving were the classes of Mrs I. Doerthen, Miss Shirley Dredge, Mrs J. Reed, Miss Rosemary Moore and Doug Copeland. Eight classrooms in the new school are occupied now.

A handwoven quilt, made in this district over a century ago, will become the property of the Royal Ontario Museum. At the November meeting of Georgetown Arts and Crafts, Mrs E. W. Hoey of Moffat suggested the quilt be bought and presented to the museum as a gift from the group.



—Photo by Hazel Mack

LITTLE TRUDY SMITH is perfectly at home in her cradle — a treasure her father picked up at an auction sale. Layers of peeling paint and dirt coated the old piece of furniture and Mr Smith refinished it. Trudy is the daughter of Mr and Mrs George Smith, R.R. 3, Rockwood.

Over 300 Calls

Post Latest Election Results

Two direct lines to the Free Press jangled almost steadily for over four hours Tuesday evening as over 330 interested citizens called to ask.

Totals from the various polls were posted on a master board in the brightly lit editorial office of the Free Press as interested onlookers peered over the shoulders of the tabulators.

Contenders Watch

Many dropped in to talk over trends. Some contenders were among those who watched as the busy staff relayed final totals to the master board and answered the many phone calls.

Taking turns at the telephone lines were Mrs. D. Dills, Hartley Coles, Jim Dills, Dave Dills, Henry Deveau and Murray Scoyne. Results from the various polls were relayed by phone to the Free Press office from the returning officer's office on Mill Street by Don Ryder.

Four regular operators and one extra operator were busy at the Bell Telephone switchboard relaying calls from interested citizens wanting results.

Over 300 Calls

Altogether approximately 310 calls were received at the Free Press office.

Although the voting percentage was not high at least one woman showed intense interest in the campaign. She phoned to ask for results 20 minutes before the polls had even closed! The last call came shortly after midnight as the light went out for the night.

The service, started last year, sparked interest for the voters as they could keep up-to-date on the latest results without venturing out into the dismal misty night.

Mayor Walter H. Cook, returned to office for another term, and G. Alex Johnson, drove to the Free Press office where they shook hands and posed for a picture. Only 43 votes separated the two men.

Commission Interest High

General interest was shown in the voting for positions on the new hydro commission with Dr. F. G. Oakes and E. G. Tyler Sr. from the present Public Utilities returned to office and Gordon McCutcheon and Gordon Beatty elected to take office on the new commission.

The clerk's office on Mill Street was a beehive of industry as candidates and interested citizens crowded the small quarters to keep abreast with the results.

No Mayor

Two Elections in Georgetown

GEORGETOWN. A hitch in the mayoralty nominations will mean a second nomination meeting for Georgetown's mayor, and a second contest on this year.

Ratepayers in the town will vote December 7 to choose a Deputy Reeve, six councillors and a two year term. Acclamations were seen for the post of Reeve, school trustees and hydro commissioner.

Mayors Both Out

Incumbent Mayor John Armstrong was nominated for the top post but declined to qualify. In error he wanted to get out of municipal politics. Ernest Hyde was nominated for Mayor but because he was first nominated for Reeve and doesn't state his intentions early enough his name was [illegible] on Reeve. He did not qualify for this position.

After the Monday election the town will need a second nomination meeting to name mayoralty candidates. A second election, if necessary, will be held later in the year.

List Candidates

Ratepayers named the following: Reeve (acclamation) — Douglas Sargent.

Deputy Reeve — Walter H. Gray, James H. Lawrenson.

Councillors (six to be elected) — John A. Bailey, Jesse D. Kelly, Pearce Porter, Fred H. Harrison, Harrison Wood, William F. Hunter, Wilfred G. Brisbois, William H. Carr, John A. Gunn, Edgar J. Cass, John Zorge, Garfield McGillivray, Mrs Anne J. Currie, John A. Elliott and Eric C. Board.

School Trustees (acclamation) — E. W. Binkley.

Two Year Term

Voters will also be asked to approve or reject a two year term for council, effective in 1960.

Give Demonstration For Elora Gathering

A party from the Acton Scottish Dance Club, consisting of Mr and Mrs Bill Wilson, Mr and Mrs David Izatt, Clarkson; Mr and Mrs Bob Currie, Guelph, Jack McGeachie and Mrs Robert Buckner gave a demonstration of Scottish dancing at a large gathering in Knox Presbyterian Church hall, Elora, for a St Andrew's Night Social on November 30.

The dances performed were the Eightsome Reel, Petronella, Waltz Country Dance and Strip the Willow.

The group attended at the invitation of Miss Evelyn Goodwin, a former music supervisor at Acton public schools.

An excellent buffet supper was served after the miscellaneous concert.

142nd Year

Report Shows Borrowing Up

More Canadians borrowed more money from the Bank of Montreal in 1959 than ever before, according to the bank's annual statement, released here this week by William MacKay, manager of the Acton branch.

Commenting on the bank's 142nd year of business, he said the unprecedented demand for credit of all kinds came in one of the "tightest" money periods of modern times. In total, B of M loans were more than 25 per cent above the 1958 figure — $1,772 million compared with $1,416 million.

These included a 32.6 per cent boost over 1958 in N.H.A. mortgage loans, from $171 million to $227 million, enabling more people to buy homes of their own.

To cope with Canadians' loan demands, the bank reduced its security holdings by more than a quarter. These are now reported at $886 million, or 28 per cent lower than a year ago.

As a result, although the B of M maintains a strong liquid position, "quick" assets now stand at $1,570 million, or 51.6 per cent of all liabilities to the public, versus 62.1 per cent at October 31, 1958.

Deposits show a little change at $2,998 million compared with $3,030 million a year ago. The latter is four of total B of M assets, which stood at $3,259 million, against $3,277 million in 1958.

The bank's earnings for all of its 810 offices in Canada and abroad totalled $24,833,000, before income taxes. Provision for these tax bills, however, took more than 50 per cent of the earnings, or $12,642,000, so that the net profit was $12,191,000 or $1,834,370 more than in 1958.

The 21,000 B of M shareholders received dividends totalling $10,684,730 on the basis of $1.65 per share or $1,057,370 less than the tax bill.

The year's operations included issue of "rights" to 675,000 new shares of capital stock. When completed this issue will bring the B of M's paid-up capital to $60,750,000, the largest of any Canadian bank.

Farm Forums Described As Great Two Way Communication

The annual rally of Halton county farm forums was held in Fairview school, Lowville, November 25, with all county groups represented.

Mr. Fisher from Ontario Planning and Development explained many conservation activities being carried on in Halton. He showed a film, Proud Lands, which showed very clearly the necessity for, and benefits to be derived from, the proper care and use of the soil. The senior actor in the film ended by saying, "Some call it conservation. I call it common sense."

Mr Francis spoke briefly, also Mr Ferguson, zone chairman, who said there is still a need for farm forums. He described it as the greatest two way communication on the air today.

All enjoyed a social time together playing euchre. Refreshments were served.

LIMEHOUSE

Three in District Are Ill in Hospital

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs John Byers on the arrival of a little daughter a week ago at Guelph General Hospital.

We are sorry to report that little Bobby Gilmore is undergoing treatment in Guelph General Hospital, but hope that he may be home soon.

We regret that Mr Joe Scott is still confined to hospital in Kitchener, and Mr Janssen in St Joseph's in Guelph, where he is slightly improved.

Mr Douglas Scott left on Friday for the Sudbury district, where he will be trucking dogs for mine work.

OBITUARY

Auctioneer, Breeder Robert T. Amos Dies

Robert T. Amos, veteran auctioneer, real estate businessman and cattle breeder of Guelph, formerly of Nassagaweya and Puslinch Townships, died suddenly Friday at the age of 73.

Mr Amos operated an auctioneering and real estate business in the Guelph area since 1920 when he graduated from the Jones School of auctioneering, Chicago.

Born in North Dumfries Township, Waterloo County, he was the son of George Amos and Ellen Adams. The family moved to Moffat about three years later.

Registered Cattle

As a youth Mr Amos became interested in cattle breeding and showing and for a number of years was active in the registered cattle business.

In 1911 he married Margaret Ella MacKenzie in Puslinch Township. At that time he was a member of Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church. Mrs Amos predeceased him a year ago.

In 1918 he took over the John MacKenzie farm in Puslinch Township from where he operated his auctioneering business, also entering the real estate business by 1920.

Moved to Guelph

For a time he operated his business from the office of a farm on Douglas St., Guelph but moved to Guelph in 1946 and opened an office in his home at 76 Edinburgh Rd. N. there.

He was a member of the Guelph Chapter, Royal Lodge of Perfection, the Rose Croix, Waverly Lodge and Moore Consistory in Hamilton. He was also an active member of a number of local euchre clubs.

Active in church work he was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church, an elder of that church and a former member of the board of managers.

Services Monday

Funeral services were held Monday from the Tidall Funeral Home, Guelph to Knox Presbyterian Church. Rev D. Crawford Smith conducted the church service at 2.30 p.m. Interment followed at Crown Cemetery, Puslinch.

He is survived by three daughters: Mrs William H. Jones (Helen) of Fergus, Mrs Ivan Richardson (Anne) of Campbellville, Mrs Raymond Blackbeck (Ruth) of Milton, a son Walter of New Hamburg, a brother Thomas C. of Moffat.

A son John predeceased him.

Other Motorists Mind-Readers?

Not until "D-Day" (Disney-day) arrives, when all motor traffic is guided electronically within a plastic traffic-tube and drivers have no decisions to make after they pre-set their routes will the motives of the non-signalling driver be disappear.

Until that Utopian era every vehicle driver must be constantly aware of the fact that his mind is not an open book and other drivers have only one way of knowing what he intends to do. That one way, of course, is his signals.

Signalling Imperious

Left-hand turns — right-hand turns, stops, lane-changes — nearly other motorist movements can be safely made only when the rest of the drivers and pedestrians know they are coming. Some drivers simply don't bother to signal.

Why, they ask, should they get out of their way to tell others what they're going to do? The answer is simple if they don't the others might crash into them.

Police have found that a fright ningly large number of drivers do not realize that signals are protection, not only for the rest of traffic but for themselves. No motorist is a mind-reader, cautions the Canadian Highway Safety Council and urges every motorist to make clear to everybody his intended movements in traffic, particularly during Safe-Driving Week (December 1 to 7 inclusive).

Do you store your car in your garage or driveway? If so, a thick rope and get it in motion with a touch of the starter switch, even with the ignition key left with some cars.

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