Editorial Page

Smoke Clears For Year Ahead

The election smoke of the municipal contest has settled and those named to the town's administration groups can prepare for the year shead. They have our congratulations on being chosen by the citizens of town for positions of responsibility.

As is customary in any competition there have been losers and we feel that they also deserve congratulations, first for their offer to accept responsibility and second for their interests in civic matters.

Mayor W. H. Cook will again head the town council and be in a position to complete the integration of the town and public utilities departments under the civic administration plan unveiled a short time ago.

As Acton goes into a new decade there is undoubtedly much to be done and in the interests of economy little with which to do it. Therein lies one of the greatest challenges those elected will face.

Probably the greatest municipal change that those elected will face is the disappearance of the Public Utilities Commission and its replacement with the Hydro-Electric Commission to handle power, with the sewer and water departments being incorporated in the town works program. While we have editorially opposed this dissolution since it was first suggested we sincerely hope it will work out because of the faith electors had last December in approving the move.

Acton in 1960 will have a different type of high school board, too, known as the Acton District High School Board with township and town representatives joined to administer the Acton school only. We have recently supported this plan and feel certain it will work out to be an advantageous move for the local school.

Our greeting might best be summed up, after the settling of election smoke, as "Good Administration" to those elected.

A Good Public Official

The following gleaned from the New 'Hampshire Municipal Association 'Newsletter", enumerates the rules one must follow for the making of a good public official. It seemed timely during the election season.

- 1. Don't act as a committee of one. Remember that your only authority lies in your membership on the board or council.
- 2. Devote sufficient time and energy to your job. If you find that your private business, social life or health make it impossible to carry out your obligations, step aside for someone else.
- 3. Don't use your official position for personal gain or to promote your own interests. Disqualify yourself if your board or council is considering a matter in which you have a personal interest.
- 4. Don't let honest differences of opinion degenerate into personality conflicts.
- 5. Visit other communities, particularly those that have the reputation of being wellrun. If your community is about to undertake a special project, inspect similar projects in other communities
- 6. Keep the public informed. Issue frequent news releases, accept invitations to speak before local groups, hold open meetings, issue an attractive, readable annual
- 7. Never make a promise to an individual or group unless you are absolutely certain you can carry it out.
- 8: Never accept gifts or favors from individuals or firms doing business with your community.
 - 9. Represent all the people in your com-

The Good Life

by C. J. Harris Any Canadian, native or newcomer, who has lived in the United Kingdom or Western Europe is likely to offer the opinion that while in many ways people there have less than people here, in many ways they seem to have more. Usually two points of comparison are made: that here there is too complete a dedication to the pursuit of the dollar; and that there the cultural opportunities are more prevalent and more appreciated. Gen-

eralities, of course, but not without founda-

There is interesting comment on the subject in a newspaper article that reports the deliberate choice of some persons who have twice tried living both there and here. Every week," writes Eric Geiger in the Toronto Globe and Mail a number of New Canadians return to their homelands, determined to stay there The largest group of so-called repatriates is made up of newcomers from Germany Most of them are induced to leave Canada by reports of West Germany's economic boom, and the virtual absence of unemployment in that country . . .

"The case of Franz and his wife is typical In Canada the young and tious immigrant could afford a small car, and a comfortable apartment in a suburb. His wife like most housewives in Canada, had the use of a mod-

ern electric stove, a refrigerator and a washing machine. Like most Canadians, they had a TV set. Back in Essen, Germany, the couple found it necessary to completely change their living habits. Working in the steel plant, Franz made good money, but not enough for them to afford living in anything but a small two-room flat -without bath. TV sets, refrigerators and washing machines were again, as before their emigration to Canada, expensive luxury items, out of reach of their

munity, not just your friends, neighbours or business associates. 10. Try to discover the needs of your community and work toward meeting them. 11. Don't be content to continue in the routine established by your predecessors. Try to find new and better ways of doing

12. Express your honest convictions, although you are in the minority, but suppost majority decisions.

13. Don't be misled by the vocal demands of special interest groups. When in doubt, ask yourself: "Is this in the best interests of the whole community."

14. Remember that there are at least two sides to each question. Listen politely, but reserve, making a decision until you have all the facts.

15. Learn all you can about your job. Attend meetings of municipal associations: Discuss your problems and swap ideas with other local officials.

16. Refer all complaints to the proper department head or request that they be made in writing to your whole board or

18. Co-operate with your school officials, other public agencies and with all citizens' groups working in the best interests of your community.

19. Work and insist that the affairs of your municipality be conducted on a sound, businesslike basis.

20. Don't be content to just "hold office." Use your office to provide the kind of dedicated, creative, forceful leadership that your citizens have a right to expect.

pocketbook . . .

At first the couple remained in good spirits After all, there were such compensations as an excellent opera house, the legitimate theatre and many concerts . . . As the weeks went by the couple began missing a lot of things which are natural and virtually indispensible to the Canadian. Franz rediscovered that in Germany, as in most of Eurone hunting and fishing are sports in which only the well-connected, or very rich, can engage. His wife missed the Canadian supermarkets . . . Most important, the young couple found they had lost hope for a better future. We were living comfortably enough," recalled Franz, but somehow we had lost our ambition to get ahead. Finally they started packing again. Just a few days before the six months re-entry limit for legal residents of Canada expired, they re-embarked for the New World

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Snakes and Ladders

THE THE PARTY OF T Sugar and Spice...

The other day a fellow from the Toronto Star, Ben Rose, was interviewing me. At least, I think that's what he was doing. That's who he said he was, anyway, and he came down to the house, and we had a beet, and he borrowed some books from me.

He asked some questions about how I got started in the newspaper business. While sorting out the confusing answer, an odd look passed over his face. He said: "Really, then, you've never had any other job?" I floundered mentally back through the past 20 years and had to admit. somewhat sheepishly: "By the gollies, I guess you're right." never thought of it that way.

It was rather a sobering thought but I didn't let it bother me at the time. Tonight, however, I was reading the Help Wanted ads in the evening paper. I do this once in a while, just to see if anybody wants a used editor, for a 40hour week, at \$10,000 a year. There aren't many openings.

As I read down the columns which pleaded for real estate salesmen, nurses, pressmen, upholsterers production experts, commercial artists, stenographers and short-order cooks, that remark made by Mr. Rose flew into the back of my mind like a bat, and hung there, upside down, squeaking.

My eyes started to slide down the list with something alon to panie, until all I was seeing was a blur of Aggressive Young Man, Bricklayer, Coding Clerk, Mechan-

ics, Middle-Aged Couple, Stationary Engineer, Junior Comptometer Operator, Female Receptionist Good Appearance, and a lot of other things I am definitely not.

I got hold of myself, slowed down, and read every ad carefully. Do you know the only job, on three pages, for which I was qualified? It read, "100 MEN WANTED. Highest wages paid to distribute advertising matter. Paid same day. Phone so-andso." That's a job stuffing handbilts under doors,

Anyway, it was quite a jolt to realize that here I am, nearing middle age, and the only job I'm qualified for, if I lost the me I'm in, is peddling bills with a bunch of rummies Now all this doesn't necessarily mean you don't have to know anything to be an editor Nor does it mean that all editors would be useless in any other job I know some editors who would make excellent bartenders. And

Of course, it's not entirely true that I never had another job. I did work at several things, for short periods, in between, sort of. For instance, I worked on a passenger steamer on the Great Lakes in summer holidays. There I learned to sort dirty linen, polish brass, wipe up after the seasiek and shoot crap But there doesn't seem to be much call for this sort of thing in the Help

Another summer, I worked in a factory, where I learned several

THIS SUNDAY'S

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All Are Welcome

example. I used to pull the welder's dirty great tanks around him on a sort of cart affair. I had to sit and watch them, while he went off into a building to weld. There had to be a man watching the tanks in case, they blew up, or something. Company rule But I don't see any ads looking for a Welder's Tank Watcher,

trades. Like welder's helper, for

BY BILL SMILEY

Later that summer, they put me to running the freight elevator. I enjoyed that, until the day I fell asleep at the bottom of the elevator shaft and everybody went home and I was locked in the plant and had to wait until the night watchman came around, about 11 p.m. Scared the daylights out of him Oh, I have a few other skills.

too, that are not to be sneezed at. In prison camp I picked up some fancy culinary tricks and can still turn out as nice a batch of turning jam or prune punch as you'll come across During a year in hispital, I learned enough crafts to set myself up in a souvenir shop anytime To mention only a couple; I fearned to keit, and ground out haby's soakers like a machine for a few weeks; I learned leatherwork, and my wife still has a vast, five-sided receptacle which I told her was a purse, and in which she keeps old golf balls, to prove

The more I think about it, by George, the cheer, er I get Why. there are hundreds of things I can do I haven't even begun to tach on ome of the more delwate skills I've acquired Like hearing spelling lessons, shooting a fast game of pool, pulling on kids' rubber boots, making a good pot of child and reading a book while shaving

I'm certainly glad I had this 1 the chit with myself tonight 1 was a little depressed there for a while, but never again will I were ay about being out of a job. It shouldn't be any trick at all to pick up a position where they want a min who is not just one of those narrow specialists, but who is partly darn expert at several hunded things. Hex many men are there as said for example, who can have the waves of Henry VIII. play a kertletion and for four Silven Densited Carmon, acids, 15-car cre- 15 at

A. Green Heads Orange Lodge

On Taesday, November 24 etested of officers of Orange Lodge Assist on No. 467 for the corre hig year was the highlight of the even is With a good its near of morpers. Allen Green was elected for the third year in succession to hold the Master's chair

Elected to haid other chars were Alvey Gordon deputy must er Darlowe Johnston enaplain Peter Edge recording secretary, B ! Ingles f pane al secretary, Hata Gordon treasurer Ray Agnesia first lecture. Bert Rennick macshall. Forgas Quee second feet at-

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After the new officers were seated in their chairs, the order was speeches from the new officeers A lunch followed.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

BACK IN 1909

A couple of our popular young ladies had the misfortune to break through the ice while sknting on the pond on Saturday afternoon. They were promptly rescued gallant young men skating nearby and are none the worse for their

Electrician Macklin evidently intends that we shall all keep good hours now that he has established a home of his own. The electric lights were turned off at 11.20 on Monday night.

The 65th anniversary services of the Methodist church last Sunday were most gratifying and successful. Preacher of the day was Rev. G. W. Barker of Woodstock, whose four years' pastorate here was concluded last June Rev. N. S. McKechnie, B.A., of the Baptist church, took part in the morning service and Rev. J. C. Wilson, B.A. of the Presbyterian church, participated in the evening

Next Sunday morning the mission will be opened in St. Joseph's church to continue during the week. Two Redemptorist priests, Rev. Father Doyle and Rev. Father O'Reilly of Toronto who will assist the pastor, Rev Father Walsh. The Redemptorist Fathers are the evangelists of the church.

R. F. Johnstone's Santa Claus window display and Henderson and Co.'s Christmas tree been atracting hundreds of ens the past week Santa Claus beginning to get busy and mercy sleigh bells are ringing again. Other stores and shop windows have assumed much of the Christmas flavor.

St. Alban's amateur minstrel group will make their first aupearance next Monday in the town hall The following will participate: Mr. W. H. Stock, interlocutor; Messrs, Nutley and Littley, bones; Messrs Durston and Harwood, tambos; Messrs Pettergell and Barnes, banjos; and Messis, Tundell, Holmes and Damels, pick-

ceived a fine in court last Monday when he was caught by the constable for being drunk in the doorway of the Station Hotel on the weekend. This practice will not be Mr. W. K. Graham, reports this tolerated by the magistrate and morning that over \$2,900 has been anyone appearing before him can secured and a few more canvassers expect the same treatment. Our are yet to make a report from good friend received a \$100 fine

BACK IN 1939

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> In a record ballotting in municipal election in Acton on Monday. 75 per cent, of the eligible voters used their franchise. There was a total of 753 voters who went to the polls out of a possible 1,000. J. B Chalmers defeated Evan Jones for the recycship Council will consist of W. J. O. Oakes, J. F. Davison, J H. Creighton and Stuart Sinclair. On school board there will br G A, Dills, Dr F. G. Oakes and Dr A. J. Buchanan

Owing to the illness of Chief McPhetson, arrangements have been made to secure the services of Mr E. Hurrop for a couple of weeks Sick leave was granted Chief McPherson with salary.

In the recent graduation list of the School of Nursing of Toronto University were two Acton ladies Miss Nora Kenney was a graduate in the general course and received her certificate of public health nurse, Miss Jessie Young was a graduate in the teaching and supetyteson course and received her certificate of the hospital staff nurses course.

More splended fall weather Winter is being detained splendidly The cains of last week were beneficial but more are needed to gave a supply of water

On Tuesday Acton's oldest married couple, Mr and Mrs James McIntosh, observed their 63rd wedding amiversary. The day was spent quietly at their home at the corner of Bower Avenue and Frederick Street

On December 1, Acton became a centre for the issuing of motor vehicle ticences and permits. A Supervisor from the department of highways brought the supplies to Action on that day and gave instructions to Mr. J. K. Gardiner, who has been appointed by the department for this work. Acton was among the first places to receive the new licences and on the opening day several new plates were resued although the date of expiry on the old plates was

March 31 next The \$3,000, mark set for Acton the district.

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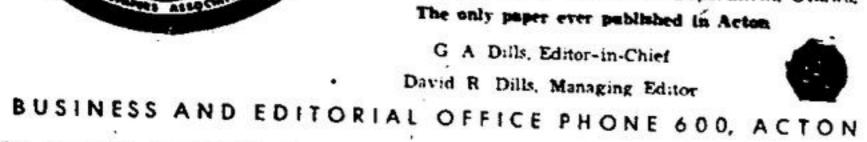
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