# Editorial Page

### Twinkle and Glow

Just take a look down Acton's main streets and see if the Christmas season hasn't settled in.

They're all aglow with colorful lights that sparkle and cheer not just the town residents, but certainly those who must travel highway seven and pass through the town.

It's a good sign and one for which the Acton Chamber of Commerce, along with its supporters, deserve a hearty fastive thank

Brightening up towns is a good idea and one that emphasizes to those who begin now to search the shops for Christmas remembrances, that here is a place out to please and serve your needs.

Wa're sure Acton merchants will be extending their efforts this year as in other years to offer merchandise that is comparable to or better than that offered after a lengthy drive and a frantic push in larger department

Actually Acton's main business section is one big department store in itself and it has an advantage over a shopping centre since there is direct competition between different types of merchandise, an unheard of thing in a shopping centre.

But really we didn't start out to extol the advantages of shopping this Christmas in Acton. We really just intended to congratulate the Chamber of Commerce for putting into lights the magic feeling of Christmas.

It's the time for school concerts and Christmas parties; it's the time for early mailing and choosing Christmas cards; It's the time for choosing presents and thinking of friends who are miles away; it's a time for planning the great Christmas day itself when friends gather with friends to enjoy the true fellowship of the festive season.

And the twinkle and sparkle of those Chamber of Commerce lights on the streets helps us to anticipate the event with all its brightness and warmth.

### Oh! Christmas Tree

Christmas trees, a symbol of gaiety and happiness, too often become a mass of flames and a symbol of disaster.

Trees, decorations, and special Christmas costumes should all be chosen with special care and protected from fire. Check these recommendations for safety in the home during the Christmas season:

- 1. Choose a small Christmas tree; it will be less hazardous than a larger one.
- 2. Keep the base of the tree in a container of water; the water will be absorbed and keep the tree moist.
- 3. Keep trees away from stoves, heaters and fireplaces.

#### 4. Use good quality electric lights on the tree, not candles.

5. Check your lights for any defects which might cause short circuits.

6. Be sure that Christmas lights do not overload the electrical circuits in your home. 7. Keep papers, gifts and other inflam-

mable articles away from the base of the tree

until Christmas eve. 8. Do not use paper, gauze-like materials or other highly inflammable cloths for child-

ren's costumes. 9. Check carefully for burning cigarette butts after every party or gathering in your

10. Always turn out electric tree lights if room is unoccupied.

### In Festive Mood

As the weeks to Christmas shrink into mere days, that indefinable something in the air, compounded of half-suppressed excitement and quickening expectancy, makes itself increasingly felt.

Gradually, but inexorably, the season exercises its magic spell over us all. Belatedly we dispatch the cards, bedeck the tree, and surreptitiously set about first buying, and then hiding, the family presents. (Now where will they be safe, this year?)

Irresistibly, we find ourselves drawn into the choked department stores, now transformed, to the inexpressible delight of young and old alike, into glittering fairylands. And there, to the exultant strains of the Hallelujah chorus and the sweet simplicity of Silent Night, children once again discover that in

such surroundings parents, aunts and uncles are as clay to the potter . . .

All this, it is true, is the materialistic aspect of the festival. But, come the day itself, crowded churches, and the faces of children as they gaze in wonder on the Nativity scene, will go far to refute the fashionable charge that commercialism has obscured the real significance of Christmas.

As for the Scrooge-like Christmas-meansnothing-to-me types we all encounter, they, we suppose, are as inevitable as death and taxes. But the rest of us will not take them too seriously. Whatever they may say to the contrary, we know very well that the festival cannot thus be dismissed.

After all, if the Dickensian grouch himself couldn't put Christmas to rout, what possible chance have they got?

### Reaction to Danger

other poison.

An irrational side of human behaviour shows strongly in our reaction to danger. Not only does man tend to have an unreasoning fear of the unknown: he has a dread of the new, or the unusual hazard that is often right out of proportion to the real

The news that a smull section of the cranberry crop had been contaminated in a way that might affect the health of someone who ate a large quantity of the fruit became a leading topic right across the North American continent, and affected the buying decisions of millions of housewives. The news that a dozen babies had suffocated in Canada in the first half of 1959, through the mis-use by adults of thin plastic film, led to headlines and some almost hysterical demands for government intervention.

Obviously, we should take proper steps to face up to every newly-discovered hazard. But, points out the Ontario Safety League, widespread excitement over these "new" dangers with the seeming indifference to it becomes illogical when we contrast the far greater perils - such as mis-handled automobiles, which kill three thousand Canadians every year,

Discovery of a bottle of arsenic in the bathroom closet would throw any parent into a near-panic. Many otherwise responsible people, though, habitually drive old cars without checking the exhaust system for leaks, even though it is known that carbon monoxide causes more deaths than any

Carbon monoxide is a silent killer, and the full list of its victims is never known. Most known deaths from this cause occur in parked cars, and closed garages. But it is suspected that many solo crashes, and rearend collisions, are the direct result of drivers becoming stupified through carbon monoxide leaking into the car, through a faulty exhaust system.

We should always be on the alert against the possibility of poisoning from new, and rare sources. But let us also remember that poison is all around us in our daily lives, and the leading killer-poison gets ready to go to work every time we press the starter

### **HUMAN NATURE**

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It is no discredit for a person to have enemies and opposition. The world is full of envious people. Some people envy a successful business man because he has prospered instead of making a failure. If he occupies a prominent place in the life of a community there are people who condemn him because he is more outstanding than they are. The only person for whom the world has no animosity, is the quiet man who offends no \_\_\_\_ one, nor gets in anybody's way. He may lead a more contented life but never makes much of a mark in the world.

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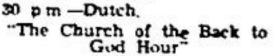


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### "Diamond-Mart"

### Sugar and Spice...

I'm getting a bit weary of hearing people say they're sick of Christmas, It's becoming fashionable to emit such sentiments as. "It's so darn commercialized" or "Christmas is just a big pain in the neck" or "I don't enjoy Christmas any more, I'm absolutely worn out."

Piffle and poppycock. It's not Christmas that is commercialized, it's our society. Don't bet there won't be a sharpie out there selling souvenir buttons or cold drinks on the day of the Second Coming.

It's not Christmas that is a big pain in the neck. It's some of the so-called Christians who celebrate it - worrying, complaining, grabbing, sweating, pushing, whiningin a perfect frenzy of self-interest as the glorious day approaches.

For myself, I find Christmas, and the weeks approaching it, a demanding but exhilarating experience. Each Christmas season. around our house, presents a challenge that brings out the best in me. And don't anybody, please, say the best is none too

Reason is that each year, just about the time other people are beginning to wrap giffs or address Christmas cards, we're- plunging into The Project Most people do their major overhauls in the spring. For some reason, we get into the most stupendous domestic upheavals just before the festive season each year It's not my doing. The old house looks pretty good to me. But the Chief Engineer goes into some sort of frenzy about the

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THIS SUNDAY'S

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BA. BD.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 13th 1959

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7.30 pm -Evangelistic.

Study.

11 00 a.m - Morning Worship

945 am - Church School

Venest .

Christmas

first of December, every year, and we're for it.

One year, it was a new sihk in the bathroom. By the time we were through, we had a complete new bathroom and a bill for over \$500. Another year she decided we'd sand all the floors, and we still have humps and hollows in the hardwood to show for it Still another Christmas, we got into the painting, and when the family would meet at meal-time, it looked like a war-gathering of

During these periods, living with the old Trouble 'n Strife is like living with a cobra nursing a hangover. That's why I look on the annual Project as a challenge. It's a sort of combination between Custer's Last Stand and the Charge of the Light Brigade, in domestic terms.

And when the toilet lid finally goes down without squeaking, when the last snart of the sander fades, or when the last spatter of paint is being turpentined off, I know that Christmas, and peace on earth, and goodwill toward the kids and me, are practically upon us.

This year, moved by who knows what obscure feminine balk.ness. she crossed me up and went on a painting and cleaning jag in October, two months ahead of schedule, and there we were, facing December with nothing to do but get ready for Christmas, like normal people.

The thought of it completely unnerved me, and I knew she'd

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11.00 am -- Matt.ns

900 am - Morning Prayer

11 15 a.m -- Morning Worship

he upset by all the peace and quiet in the weeks before Christmas So I decided to build chunney. I'm happy to say worked We've been in a normal state of alarm and confusion. chaos and open warfare, for weeks, and everybody feels 11's more like old times.

I had quite a time getting a man to build it. Finally found the right follow, but he was on another job this week and he had to go deer hanting next week. Then he needed a few days to get organized after the hunt. By this time there's a fort of snow on the ground, and the chimney experts, who suddenly seem to make up half the population, are telling me nobody but a dam' fool would build a chooney in that kind of weather.

Then the mason said he : couldn't work with wet bricks. and it was raining or snowing every day. I'll bet we're the only people in the country, who contered December with a pile of bricks about the size of Backingham Palace, saturing in the laundry room drying out Between the men coming in to get water for their mostar, and the dog coming in to get dry "that's where he sleeps), and that mausoleum of bricks confronting her every morning, the Old Gall was about ready to have herself bricked off into a quiet cavity in the cellar or someplace.

However, the Project cleared the air as they always do We have the I mgest chimney this side of Pittsbargh. That makes three compacts on the house, and I hope Santa Claus doesn't get into the wrong one One chimney will drap in m right into the ticlet. And if he jumps into my new one, he'll droplike a stone about 50 fort and into the furnace, and that will be the end of Father Christmas

### The BIBLE

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### **BACK IN 1939**

Taken from the issue of the Fre

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

**BACK IN 1909** 

Press, Thursday, December 15, 1909

electric wire came in contact with

the metallic ceiling of the office of

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tunate for Mr. Leishman, the land-

red in the early hours of the even-

have been disastrous. Citizens in general will be pleased that this

fine property escaped serious dam-

The missionary committee of the

Enworth League had a very inter-

esting service on Tuesday evening.

The program was of a Christmas

character in which the missionary

spirit was emphasized. Miss Minnie

Bennett, the convener, had charge

and deserves a lot of credit for the

success of the service. The young

At the Winter Fair at Gueloh

The children have been enjoying

good sleighing since Monday's

snow storm and the skating has

been excellent ever since the cold

weather set in some weeks ago.

Hockey has been one of the most

outstanding pasttimes with several

games of shinny being played at

taken the Christmas spirit quite

sectously and have their windows

decorated better than can be seen

most days throughout the year,

Many of the windows have citizens

stopping to take a second look and

some of the children have their

noses pressed closely to the win-

dows as they peed at the toys and

John Crawford has moved his

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the proprietor and others and

Dominion Hotel causing

One evening last week, a bare

Press, Thursday, December 14, 1935 The grunt and groan enthusiasts had a good night at the Acton Y on Friday when wrestlers from Toronto West End Y put on an amateur wrestling exhibition - here. There was an excellent attendance and all seemed to enjoy the show. Six match bouts made up the evening's performance with one feature bout. The grapplers gave the audience a fine show and in between bouts the two referees, both professional wrestlers, demonstrated the various holds.

With the erection of the big Christmas tree and its lights at the corner of Mill and Main Streets. Acton seemed to get that extra touch of Christmas that was so necessary. Of course, the Christmas colored lights strung at intervals along Mill Street helped out too. They were strung by superintendent Charles Wilson with assistance from Gordon Smith.

Cars driven by Austin Brown of ladies of the league brought dolls Shelburne and Daniel McDonald they had prepared for distribution of Bronte collided head-on on to the poor children and the young Sunday night at the seventh line, men presented toys. Many articles Esquesing townships, near Georgewarm clothing, mittens and town Both drivers approached a hill over the railway tracks sim ultaneously, unaware of the other's last week auctioneer R J Kerr oncoming vehicle. Injuries were sold 130 carcasses of mutton, 15 of slight to the occupants but both beef and 80 hogs. The mutton and cats received a considerable ambeef were all soid singly and went ount of damage. as high as 14c a pound. The hogs

After five years as Scoutmaster, George Mason has resigned the position but the continuance of the troop has been assured by the generous consent of William Middicton offering his services. Mr. Middleton has been actively assoclated with the scouts for some time and has given excellent tuition to many of the boys during this period. At a special meeting on Monday night in the Legion Hall, it was agreed by Legion president J. M. McDonald that the scouts could continue having their quarters in the hall providing they

kept the premises clean. The boards at the arena have been repainted again this year and with a good sheet of ice, the appearance of the place will be pleas-

ing to the spectators Looks like tough sledding for Santa Claus this year unless the remaining ten days bring a decent en whall The farmers have been bringing their chep and feed into town you the horse and wagon and the children have had very little opportunity to test their sleds and toboggans.

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10.00 a m. - English. 2 30 pm -Dutch

All- Are Welcome

945 am -Church School

Wednesday, 8 pm. - Prayer meet-

ing, Bible study, Witnessing.

Birth-7.00 p.m - Following Jesus

11.00 am - If There Be No New

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