

Editorial Page

Decade of Development

Ten years ago, in 1953, a new year began. Tomorrow the 1960s will be upon us. As we reflect on what lies ahead it is impossible to polish the crystal ball to bring clearly into view those events and activities that will be the next decade. Predictions surround us on increasing populations, changes in living and travel, varying influences that will affect our national and international way of life, economic patterns that could change our entire way of life. They are many and varied, the predictions as this time of year.

But all our predictions must be based on that which has gone before. As most crystal gazers must be.

A look at the decade just past lends credence to the optimistic outlook ahead. This town and area has had more growth, expansion and progress in the past decade than during any other previous ten year period.

Installation of sewage treatment facilities

Welcoming the New Year

Not everyone celebrated the beginning of the New Year on January 1. But people in all parts of the world have special customs to insure that the New Year will get off to a good start.

Church services and fratric parties, for example are typical ways of celebrating in Canada.

In many European countries, gifts are exchanged on New Year's Day. The custom originated with the Romans. Back in 747 B.C., reportedly, they presented the king of the Sabines with branches of bay and palm trees consecrated to Strenia, the goddess of strength. The "branches" or gifts became more elaborate, in expectation of royal favor, and the emperors came to regard them as deserved tributes.

Augustus Caesar is said to have passed the word along that he had a vision in which he saw himself receiving gifts from the Senate and the people on January 1.

Claudius finally stopped the influence-peddling by limiting the cost of gifts.

Henry III introduced the custom into

Canada 1960

A steady rise in economic buoyancy can be expected next year throughout most of Canada. That is the heartening prediction which can be drawn from the economic indicators in this country and the United States.

Of course, we cannot predict what will happen should the world become involved in a major war, or even a "minor" one, if there be such a thing any more. But there is no use planning on disaster.

Canada has come through fifteen years of unprecedented growth. Through a massive immigration movement and one of the highest birth rates in the world, the Canadian population has been given a tremendous

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

BACK IN 1940

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, January 4, 1940.

The Force bowling team bowled in sensational style on December 28th in the declining winter weather. The team, consisting of the following: Beve George, being the highest net team total for the entire season. The local bowlers are providing plenty of competition for the other teams in the league and at times score in the high 200's.

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BACK IN 1910

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, January 6, 1910.

The election for councillors on Monday night gives Action a lead in the race for the town council. The winning team, consisting of the following: Beve George, being the highest net team total for the entire season. The local bowlers are providing plenty of competition for the other teams in the league and at times score in the high 200's.

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Council Supports Petition For Higher Fair Grant

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The statement printed had been made, but pointed out that the remarks were false and said "Council has never been requested to sit down with the P.U.C. of Action in 1959".

The meeting concluded with the presentation of a letter of appreciation and congratulations to the councillors - elect Les Duly and George Barbeau, who were present for the meeting.

The following accounts were approved for payment: \$ 25.00 Welfare 61.70 Fire 72.73 Administration 63.95 Building 15,974.43 Police 21,786.19 Roads

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Halton Centennial Manor

Christmas Activities Include Choir, Band, Cub, HI-C Programs

On Sunday afternoon, December 13, a church service conducted by Rev. E. Osborn of Knox Church, Milton, was followed by a Christmas program presented by the choir of the Town of Burlington. The program included the following: Beve George, being the highest net team total for the entire season. The local bowlers are providing plenty of competition for the other teams in the league and at times score in the high 200's.

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Another Fine Concert

Immediately after this Christmas program, the Oakville Citizens' Band presented a program of songs, hymns, and instrumental pieces. The program was very enjoyable and was well received by the audience.

Cub Scout Night

Wednesday night, December 16, was Cub Scout Night at the Manor. The program was very enjoyable and was well received by the audience.

Find Hidden Talent

A very interesting program was presented by the residents of the Manor on Tuesday evening, December 15. The program was very enjoyable and was well received by the audience.

Jersey Breeders Plan Meeting

Ernest M. Davies, president of the Jersey Breeders' Club, has announced that a meeting of the club will be held on Wednesday, January 13, at the Manor.

Holy Communion

On Christmas Eve, December 24, a Holy Communion service was held at the Manor. The service was very beautiful and was well received by the congregation.

Christmas Day

On Christmas Day, December 25, a Christmas service was held at the Manor. The service was very beautiful and was well received by the congregation.

ENJOYING TOYS

ENJOYING TOYS are a group of the youngsters at the Acton Firefighters' Christmas Party held at the Fire Hall on Sunday, Dec. 20. After Santa arrived and distributed toys and candy the children commenced to play with their toys. Pictured from left to right are Steven Van Fleet, Jimmie Kisepek, Johnny Pink, Terry Quennell and Colleen Spielvogel. Although the boys outnumber the girls in this picture, they were equalled in number during the afternoon.

THEY FELL BY THE ROADSIDE

ESSEX, JORDAN, DURANT... more than 2,400 different cars have been made in North America. Of these, less than thirty still make new appearances each year on Canadian roads.

The reasons for failure were many, but the underlying factor was the inability to make annual profits sufficient for survival and progress.

This is a dramatic example in just one industry of the role of profits in helping a company survive and grow. Without profits, only one road faces any company. It must lay off its employees, close its doors and go out of business. Whatever the industry, whatever its size, steady profits mean steady jobs.

THE STEEL COMPANY OF CANADA LIMITED

MONTREAL GALLAGHER HAMILTON BRANTFORD TORONTO
Canadian-made steel from Canadian-owned plants



Roll out the barrel for the New Year, and make it a good, big barrel, big enough to hold all the warm wishes that we extend to all your family for a happy, successful 1960.

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MEN'S AND BOYS' WEAR