

# Editorial Page

## In The Crystal Ball

Ahead lies a year, ahead lies a decade, both still bright and new.

Perhaps it is the lustre of their newness that produces in each one a desire to look ahead, perhaps to make resolutions and plans, perhaps just to savor in anticipation the events and developments that may fill those days.

We polished up the crystal ball and tried to get the next decade into focus. It's always a safe practise for editorial writers since no one can claim them in error and the words are usually forgotten long before they need to be proven.

Perhaps you too would care to stare awhile into the next 10 years and see if any of our images come out the same.

We notice there's a new grandstand in the park incorporating the existing washroom facilities and adding greatly to the facilities in the park.

Isn't that No. 7 highway that has been re-routed just south of town with an overpass and cloverleaf at highway 25? That's quite an improvement and no doubt it has made possible the mall shopping area near the heart of the town. Those off-street parking areas near the mall are indeed convenient too.

And what is that that is operating in the old Wool Combing plant? Can't quite make out the lettering through the crystal ball but by the number of cars parked there it must employ a sizeable group of employees.

Way out there, south of where the old town boundary was, isn't that an industrial park? Sure enough and those sparkling new

factories with acres for parking and expansion have been reflected in considerable growth in the town itself.

Say, there have been some little improvements too, that add to the dignity of the town. Those new gates at the Pioneer Cemetery are really attractive and the plaque at the entrance tells quite adequately the story of the town's pioneer fathers, buried there. The cairn, built about 1939, is in surprisingly good condition too. Must have been repaired.

Is that the old post office? Yes, sir, it seems to be accommodating the municipal offices and there's the new post office way over there. My, things do seem different in what that crystal ball conjures up.

Goodness gracious, is that a daily newspaper they're publishing in Acton now?

And that property that was once a private fish pond looks as if it's now a country club and that original nine hole golf course has been expanded.

But the picture is clouding over and the visions in the crystal ball seem to be disappearing. It's time to get back to Acton, January, 1960 meeting the challenges that all those new dreams of projects might involve.

Any new developments, new improvements or new projects that may lie ahead will come only with the work of citizens and those improvements are truly a reflection of the interest citizens hold in their community.

Perhaps the hope for continuing and expanding co-operation sounds hackneyed, but it really is the key isn't it?

## Mailed That Cheque?

—Did you get that cheque off for those Christmas Seals?

A note from Mrs. J. Lunau, secretary of the Halton County Tuberculosis and Health Association points out a little difficulty this year that has perhaps affected many regular contributors.

The government chose to admit refugees who were in need of treatment for tuberculosis and it has been the contention of some that if we can admit these cases not much help must be needed for tuberculosis control here.

This is probably understandable unless, as Mrs. Lunau points out, people are unaware of the real difficulty in treating tuberculosis. It seems the big problem is not in the treatment but in the detection. The chief difficulty in tuberculosis control is not the patients that you know about, and who are willing to be treated in sanatorium, but the unknown or lost cases loose in the community spreading infection.

Every year there are thousands of Canadians who refuse to attend either mass X-ray surveys or tuberculin testing surveys. It has been proved over and over again that the people who stay away from surveys have tuberculosis rates many times higher than among those who attend. It is more practical to get worried about them than about strangers.

The patients from the refugee camps provide a study group that has undergone great hardships. If they respond to treatment as well as the Hungarians who came in 1956, it will bolster the arguments in favor of sound nutrition and hygienic conditions in a most emphatic way.

Treatment of the 100 refugee patients will be a sizeable bill but then we Canadians as a nation spend more than 20 million a year for chewing gum.

Mail that cheque for those Christmas Seals now, if you haven't already, won't you?

## Official Retires

W. Frank Pendergast, assistant to the president of Imperial Oil, has retired after 32 years of service.

Mr. Pendergast has been a friend of weekly newspaper editors for many years and it is this that prompts the writing of editorial comment on a figure who has had the respect of dozens of weekly editors.

We have attended most conventions of weekly newspapers for a good many years and as a representative of Imperial Oil, Frank Pendergast and Mrs. Pendergast were always welcome dinner companions.

A native Montrealeur, he began his career on the old Toronto Mail and Empire in 1916. After service with various newspapers he was appointed head of the publicity division of the Ford Motor Co. in 1926. In 1927 he became ad manager of Imperial Oil and was named assistant to the president in 1934.

Frank has been active in many com-

munity services, Community Chests, hospital drives and other projects. From 1941 to 1944 he was loaned to the federal government as director of information for the War-time Prices and Trade Board, and was subsequently awarded an OBE in recognition of war service.

Friends in the weekly newspaper field, in recognition of his long association with CWNA, are awarding the retiring official an Honorary Life Membership in CWNA. We sincerely regret missing this occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Pendergast have been planning for their retirement and at the last convention we learned of their plans after selling their Toronto home, to set sail with perhaps no definite destinations for at least a year of world-wandering.

As personal friends and admirers of their graciousness we do wish them both many hours of enjoyable retirement. — G.A.D.

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## "Glittering Gateway"

### Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL SMILEY

There's something completely satisfying about getting the old nose back to the familiar grindstone after the scramble of Christmas and the tollies of New Year's Eve have faded. It's a good feeling to have a brand new year stretching ahead, as clean and fresh as a field of new snow, even though we know it won't look like much after we've bogged around in it for a while.

Looking back over last year is rather depressing. I can't seem to see anything of progress, morally, physically or financially, in my own twelve month stint. I did get to church more often, but that was offset by an increase in smoking, and some pretty violent sweating. I didn't have any major operations, but made the acquaintance of a nasty customer called Arthur Hiss. And I ended 1959 as I did the year before, deep in debt.

Happily, the rest of the family did show some progress. The kids did well with music and school, grew a foot each, and improved their swimming, skating and sundry other accomplishments. On the debit side, their intergalactic warfare increased in tempo, and they learned a number of new ways of irritating their parents to the verge of breakdown.

My wife had a good year, too. She seemed to get a lot smarter, because she stopped trying to push me and began

pulling me. I didn't move any faster but we were both more comfortable. She also showed definite signs of mellowing, and laid hands on me violently only twice that I can remember.

We had a tragedy before Christmas, when our spaniel pup was killed by a car. There were some heartbroken days around our house, I can tell you. Our 12-year-old, a tough young nut who wouldn't cry if you pounded him with a two-by-four, wept openly, bitterly and often. His mother, who called that dog every kind of no-good you could imagine, still weeps whenever she thinks of Playboy, the pup.

Isn't it amazing how little we can remember of what happened in the world at large during the past year? I vaguely recall that the Queen was here last summer, that Mr. Kruschev visited the West during the year, that there were various "incidents" in various parts of the globe, all of them scary. But most vivid in my memory are things like: catching 14 nice speckled front one hot day in June; the day Kim's pony-tail was cut off; the day Hugh won a scholarship at the music festival.

Like most Canadians, I am inclined to be more interested in what's going on in my own backyard than what's happening to the world. It's nothing to brag about, of course. As a nation, we

are prone to interest ourselves more in a local dogfight than in the starving millions of Asia, more in our new outboard motor than in inter-continental missile

This doesn't apply only to Canadians, of course. It is worldwide. But it seems to be emphasized in our country because we are so well off, compared to great sections of the world's population. As a nation we are generous enough with gifts and loans to less fortunate countries, though we don't strain ourselves. But as individuals, we are content to make our piddling contributions to missions and world welfare organizations, then dismiss them from our minds.

Perhaps we could set as one of our goals for 1960 an examination of what's wrong with the world, and a determination to do something, however small it may be, about it. This is my own resolution, and I'm going to do my miniature best to spread light and cheer, to be more Christian in thought, word and deed. And if you don't think that's a tall order for a hardened sinner, a solid sceptic, you are wrong, Mabel.

Besides, it's much simpler to make one grand, sweeping resolution like that, than a lot of trifling ones. It means you can devote yourself to studying world affairs and making nebulous plans to do good, and still go on smoking, swearing, boozing, beating your wife, kicking dogs, or whatever your forte is.

These cut-and-dried resolutions are all right, but give me a big, fat, sloppy, confusing one that your wife can't put her finger on and say "Hah!"

## Pupils Perform At Mrs. Scull's Christmas Party

A Christmas party was held at the home of Mrs. S. Brunelle by Dorothy Richardson Scull, R.M. I for her pupils.

The following songs and duets were presented by the young pupils: "Christie" Brunelle, March of the Toys; Michael Wolfe, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer; Anne Gordon and Gail McHugh, Jingle Bells; Beverly Ann Brunelle, Fairies; Harp, Marie McSwain, Silent Night; Dixie and Leslie Ann Cochrane, White Shepherds Watched; Bobby and Jean Hart, I Saw Three Ships; Yes, of course, Linda Robson, Dink the Halls; Jolly Old St. Nicholas; Janice Rulston and Diane Swack hamer, Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head; Sharon Bradley and Donna Landsborough, Pines; Good Night Song; Jo Ann Force, Argonaise; Helen Landsborough and Dorothy Richardson Scull, March of the Toys by Victor Herbert.

Mrs. Scull has two pupils who are medal winners in Trinity College piano examinations in grade one. Elizabeth Todd Champion, and grade four, Lynda Neil. All pupils were awarded the bronze medal from the Toronto Teachers' Association of Trinity College of Music. These are the highest awards for these grades.

## THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**  
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON  
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, P.A.O.C.

9:45 a.m. — Preparatory service  
9:45 a.m. — Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. — Bible Class (15-25 years)  
11:00 a.m. — Morning Worship  
Theme: Life's Utmost Devotion  
Ladies' congregation 13-22 minute during sermon. Presbytery children served for at the manse during the service.

**ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE**  
P.A.O.C.  
33 Cheneville Road  
— Rev. Kenneth J. Reid, Pastor  
75 Cook St., phone 640-W

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10th, 1960  
9:45 a.m. — Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. — Morning Worship  
7:30 p.m. — Evangelistic  
Tuesday, 8 p.m. — Bible Study and Prayer  
Thursday, 8 p.m. — Christ Ambassadors  
You Are Always Welcome

**BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON**  
Pastor  
Rev. Gordon M. Holmes, B.A., B.Th.  
115 Bower Avenue

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10th, 1960  
9:45 a.m. — Church School  
11:00 a.m. — Public Worship  
7:00 p.m. — Evening Service of scripture, sermon and song  
Wednesday evening — Prayer meeting  
All Are Welcome

**UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**  
Acton, Ontario  
Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., B.D. Minister  
Mr. George Elliott Organist and Choir Master

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10th, 1960  
Services in the YMCA  
9:00 a.m. — Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m. — Sunday school for all ages  
11:15 a.m. — Holy Communion  
All both services children under 5 are cared for in the Nursery.

**THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR**  
ANGELICAN  
Rector: The Rev. H. B. Stokroff, L.Th. S.T.B.  
185 Jeffrey St., phone 265

"The First Sunday after the Epiphany"  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10th, 1960  
8:30 a.m. — Holy Eucharist  
9:30 a.m. — Holy Eucharist and Church School  
11:00 a.m. — Matins  
All Are Welcome

**CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
Rev. J. Nutma, B.A., B.D., Minister  
301 Queen St., Box 48, Phone 688

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10th, 1960  
10:00 a.m. — English  
2:30 p.m. — Dutch  
"The Church of the Back to God Hour"

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS

### BACK IN 1940 BACK IN-1910

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, January 11, 1940.

Acton junior hockey team went down to defeat last Thursday at the hands of the Bolton team when they suffered a 7-2 drubbing in the Acton Arena. The Bolton team recently defeated Guelph and Burlington and the win over Acton makes them first caller for top position.

Although the Acton team kept abreast with the Bolton players throughout the first part of the game, they soon trailed as Bolton rapped three fast goals in past Holmes in the last part of the third period. Acton was weak around the defense which accounted for two or three of the Bolton goals. Guelph play in Acton tonight and it should prove interesting to see if Acton can take the group "A" team.

Acton Tanners' last year's Intermediate hockey champions, got off to a bad start this week when they barely edged out a 2-2 tie with Fergus Thistles the first part of the week and later went down to defeat at the hands of the Preston team 5-4. The locals didn't show much of the zip that earned them the championship last year and many of the Junior players filled in the ranks left vacant by some of the old players leaving town.

While tobogganing on Saturday afternoon on the hills near Acton, Lois Dawkins had the misfortune to be thrown from the toboggan against a tree and fracture her leg. She was brought to the doctor's by her chums who pulled her on a toboggan from the country.

Miss Barbara Plank, who has been the efficient and capable manager at Carroll's store from its establishment here in Acton, has been promoted to the main store in London. While Miss Plank's many friends regret her removal from Acton, they congratulate her on the advancement and wish her success.

The United Church W.M.S. met from seventh place to first place in three weeks in the record of the Force bowling team who were only conceded a mathematical chance three weeks ago of finishing the second series in first place.

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, January 13, 1910.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Brown very hospitably entertained the members of the Methodist Sunday school orchestra and their ladies at their home on Mill St., one evening during New Year's week.

A number of farmers are quite pleased with the excellent sleighing conditions and the trees they felled in their bushes can now be hauled away by sleigh to the mill for cutting. Already quite a number of sleighs piled high with logs have passed through town enroute to the mill. A number of elm logs have been transported to the G.T.R. station here for shipment to larger centres for dressed lumber.

The skating rink opened on Saturday evening under the management of W. J. Patterson and the young people have been enjoying themselves there immensely since. A game of shinny took place over the weekend and although we never heard the outcome of the game, we do know several are sporting bruised shins from the play.

An interesting social evening was provided at the Epworth League on Tuesday evening by the missionary and literary committees. The young people in the league were materially assisted in the program by Messrs. W. Coles and Leonard Warden. Refreshments were served at the close.

About 40 ratepayers were present during the inaugural meeting of council on Monday when the local option issue received the third and final reading before being put into existence. Those present were chiefly supporters of the local option throughout the whole campaign.

After 11 years of continuous service, the flues in the big 80 horsepower boiler at the power house were found during the Christmas holidays to be leaking badly. The fire and light committee at once called in an expert who reported the flues had to be renewed. They were purchased on Saturday and on Monday two boiler makers arrived from Galt to put them into position and make any other repairs necessary. The two repairmen are experts from the firm of Goldie McCullough.

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