Editorial Page

The Time is Now

You've heard the often repeated stories about how the basement or attic just had to be cleared out and that old butter press or spinning wheel or a dozen similar antiques just had to be sent out to the garbage.

Every time we hear it, and it has been rather frequently lately, there's a little inward tug. We hate to hear of items that represent the early life in Halton being disposed of But unfortunately it will continue unless we get that county museum.

County council officials are working on it but it is not their job alone. Surely there are enough interested in the preservation of the early history of the county to discuss thesubject with their elected representatives, and maybe even offer some assistance.

Chatting with officials at the recent S.S. No. 7, Nassagaweya school reunion

about the future of the school records that dated back to the late 1800's we were assured they would be preserved but if there was a central county museum there would be no doubt.

Records of this type and articles of the type that get discarded for lack of a place to put them are important at times other than centennials and reunions. They hold within them a treasure of education and appreciation that can be passed to this generation and those that follow.

There is no such thing as a comprehensive and complete history of Halton. There are writings and there are sectional histories but there is nothing like the complete storehouse of information that might someday be compiled on this county that has already completed its first century.

A Shattering Memory

In these troubled international times, the frigtening brinkmanship of the cold war and the appalling threat of nuclear potentials it is perhaps well that we should recall the day just 21 years ago when Canada had to join forces with Britain to defend the liberties both held sacred.

Just two decades ago not a generation and yet long enough ago to dim our recollections. On September 7, 1939 a local account ran like this: The people of this district received the news on Sunday that Britain had declared war against Germany after making every effort to maintain peace. The news was received with calmness and determination to stand by Britain in her forced entry in the war. Already Canada is on a war basis and many are joining the colors to bring the militia and other services up to strength. Soldiers are on guard at hydro plants, canals, bridges, armories, munition plants etc. to prevent sabotage. Women's organizations are also preparing to do their part in the struggle for liberty."

The declaration of war was Canada's second against Germany in 25 years. Later

in the conflict Italy and Japan ranged themselves on the side of the enemy.

The conflict in Europe continued for almost six years until the German surrender May 8, 1945. Canada was organizing a volunteer force, including the veterans of Europe, to polish off the struggle with Japan when the war in the Pacific ended suddenly August 14 following the A-bomb attacks.

Canadians fought on most of the great battlefronts doing their part in the serial battle of Britain, the slopping ground campaigns of Sicily, Italy and Northwest Europe and the grim battle of the Atlantic.

Just two decades ago, about the time lapse between the first and second world war. Ever since we've been in a state of cold war and there seems no early end to it with the Great Nations being thwarted by forces in the Congo.

Surely human memory to either the Communist or Democratic mind is not so short as to continue to invite a repeat performance on a more shattering scale of those miserable war years.

A Necessary Streamlining

Ways and means to speed up the work of the House of Commons have been suggested in the report of a special committee on parliamentary procedures. Included in a series of proposals to be introduced during a period in the next session are the following:

To cut from ten days to eight days the address in reply to the Speech from the

To reduce from 40 minutes to 30 minutes the speeches of members participating in the Throne Speech debate, excepting speeches by the Prime Minister, Opposition Leader, and the mover of an amendment or subamendment.

To cut the budget debate from eight days to six days, with a 30-minute limit on speeches which are now limited to 40 minutes.

To expedite government business by permitting ministers to request deferment of private members' days on the six Mondays and two Thursday following the Throne

To permit public bills to take precedence over private bills on Fridays.

In the course of the debate on the report some other ideas for streamlining Commons' procedures were put forth. A Liberal member of the special committee noted that

some committees are unwieldy and slow in their work because they have as many as 50 or 60 members and he asked that such large committee memberships be reduced. He asked also that, earlier in a session, the government set up its committees and put them to work on its legislation so that the House could avoid a last-minute rush.

A Conservative member supplemented the report of the special committee with two other proposals. One was that in any vote in the House a member record his vote by flicking an electric switch, as is the custom in some legislatures in the United States, rather than by the present time-consuming practice of individual count. His other idea was that the seats and desks in the House be replaced by benches, as in Britain. Without desks on which manuscripts might be sheltered the Speaker might have more success in enforcing the rule against the reading of speeches.

With one exception these proposals seem sound enough. That exception is the recommendation that the debate on the Budget Speech be reduced from eight to six days. This Speech announces the government's policies for the following year, and the debate permits the public to assess those policies. It is hardly in the public interest to cut short that examination.

Art of Living

The recent death of a gentleman who had served for more than 34 years as Norwegian consul in Toronto set us thinking. One reason was that he had died while on a visit to his native Norway. Nothing strange about that except that he happened to be in his 101st year, an age when most people, perhaps, are apt to think their travelling days

But in certain other respects too this gentleman's philosophy of life might be profitably heeded by the rest of us. A truly remarkable person, he formally retired at the age of 82. And yet he never really did retire; he simply began to pay more attention to a hobby which he started at the age of 77, that of sculpture.

Looking back on his workaday life at that time he commented. 'I have been in court and in fail and even in asylums, but always on account of other people and I am glad I

have been able to help a few people in my

Interviewed on the eve of his 100th birthday he said that every day brought him new pleasures. Sometimes in addition to the new pleasure, these new experiencs bring back vividly past joys or sorrows. Life is not dull but richer with the years a-though there is both grief and happiness."

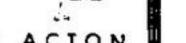
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"Hint of Fall"

Sugar and Spice...

And the next time I have to be ed her like jackals following a moved, I hope it's in a hearse. When the movers were giving us an estimate, they asked my wife how many cartons we'd have, besides the furniture and all the usual stuff. He meant cartons packed with books, dishes and odds and sods. She suggested there would be six. Alarmed, I told her I was sure there'd be at least eight.

We have something like 34 cartons, ranging from things the size of a shoebox to vast cardboard editices which must have housed prefab houses, in their original state. These latter would go through doorways only when turned on their sides, when there would occur such a tumbling and a rumbling from their innards as to make my wife turn green and the eyes of the movers roll heavenwards.

I still don't know how it was possible for four ordinary humans, in a few years, to accumulate so much under the heading of miscellaneous. Perhaps it was because our house had so many closets. About the only thing that didn't emerge from them during the ordeal was a skeleton.

The sorry note about this junk we lugged more than 100 miles was that it was the bare residue. For a week before we moved. I ran about six trips a day from our house to the garbage dump. In fact, I got so friendly with some of the rats at the dump that they were eating out of my hand Just the Heshy part, of course,

Perhaps we'd have been all right if we'd let the Old Girl throw out everything she want-

about nine months ago.

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last year's census of 5.257.

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Knight Finance.

... Dodging 'Round the District

BURLINGTON-Burlington's population will exceed 45,000 by

BRAMPTON-Toronto developers plan a \$3,000,000 hixury hotel

STREETSVILLE-An estimated \$250,000 plant is planned at

the time assessment totals are completed later this month, predicted

creased at least 2,500 since the last official figures were announced

resort in the Caledon Hills, 10 miles north of Brampton. The develop-

ment will cover 140 acres and is currently in the financing stage. In

cluded in the aesort will be a paradisc for children modelled on

Hollywood's Disneyland, announced Murray Mintz, president of

Cooksydle by Controls Co of Canada 11d Employment in the new

plant should increase the company's present employment level of

GEORGETOWN—Georgetown's first one way street will be

ORANGEVILLE-A relatively new system of Unit Promotion

OAKVILLE-Stating that the Public Utilities Commission was

MILTON-Milton's population has been estimated to be about

established when amendments to the traffic by law become law a

lew weeks from now. Creation of one way traffic on Weslevan St. and

on the block of Market St. between Weslevan and Young is one of

in public schools has been inaugurated, according to Charles Gabel,

County Public School Inspector. It is a system of promoting as

cording to achievement and fast learners can take four years in

trying to make Oakville look like Broadway. Oakville Council asked

that a recommendation for high power mercury vapor lights on

5.500 persons by Assessor Frank McNiven. However, accurate figures

have not yet been compiled but they are expected at the end of the

month. He said the population has jumped a few hundred since

Colburne and Dundas Sts., be held over for further consideration.

three while slower students can take them in five years.

Town Assessor Linest R. Williams. He said the population has in-

Well, sir, we moved last week. ed to. But the rest of us watchlion. Every time she made a kill, we'd dart in, snatch a choice morsel, and carry it away. It was only by using these desperate measures that we were able to save such valuables as my turtle-neck sweater that went all through the war with me, Hugh's collection of toothpaste caps, and Kim's box of beheaded dolls. I guess the Old Lady threw out some items as many as five times.

> Young Hugh was the only one who showed any real enterprise in the big move. He gathered together several hundred comic books, from all over the house, went into the used-comics business, and did a roaring trade. He cleaned up \$6 and cut his sister in for 20 per cent, for her share of the stock. For days before we moved, every time the doorbell rang, there'd be a frecklefaced kid there, clutching some pennies, and asking: "Is this where the comics sale is?"

I planned to get in on a good thing, and filled two large cartons with used pocket books. But I couldn't find any customers. So I put the cartons out on the porch to take to the dump You can imagine my gratification when both boxes turned up among the items the movers carried into our new home, along with two old mops, a brokenfegged table, and a busted lamp, all of which we'd set aside to go to the dump.

Those movers were right on the ball. They were supposed to arrive at noon on moving day, and we were all ready for them. That is, we had just half a day's packing left to do,

BY ROY DOWNS

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the stove and driver to be disconnected, and few score other minor chores. So they arrived at 8 a.m., ready to The rest of that day made the Charge of the Light Brigade

look like a Girl Guides' outing.

It was only the personalities

of the two men on the moving van that saved the day. They were the essence of good nature in a basically irritating job. My wife, expressly told them to leave her cosmetics kit until the last. An hour later, she learned it had been packed, 45 minutes before, just ahead of the stove. washer and refrigerator. There was the makings of an incident that would have made the Congo look like a Sunday school picnic. The situation was saved when one of the movers told her she didn't need no lipstick, she looked great the way she was

During the scramble of packing. I stabbed my wife in the back of the hand with the seissors, while trying to cut some string. It went right to the bone, bled like a fountain, then swelled into a dark egg. rushed her to the hospital. When we got back, the driver told her she was lucky. They'd moved an old lady last spring... She was fussy and critical, nagging their every move. Furniture all loaded, she went up the steps, key in hand to lock her door, and looking over her shoulder to give the movers a final blast, fell and broke both her legs. This story didn't cheer my white faced wife noticeably, but it delighted the morers.

Some ten hours later, in our new house, one of these characters carried a box of books up to my new "den", a live foot square converted cupboard. Looking around at its cell-like confines, he quipped: "What's dis, de psychopatrick ward?"

We came through the mov ing very well, however, especially my wife. Oh, she cried three or four times the day we were leaving the old house, and she burst into tears the minute we entered the new one, but she's been a brick, on the whole Considering that none of the drapes lit any of the windows, that we had to put so many chairs in the cellar it looks as though there is going to be a meeting down there, and that you have to sit on the dining from table to play the piano.

Fire Bureau Plans Salety Campaign

Plans for the annual Fire Prevention poster contest and preparations for Fire Prevention Week were discussed during the regular monthly meeting of the Halton County Fire Prevention Boreau, in Milton Fire hall, Tuesday evening.

Fire chief Jack Newton representing the Acton brefighters was present to join with other chiefs and representatives from other brigades.

One of the projects foremost in the bureaus' mind at present is place mats designating fire safety to be placed in restaurants This project has not been completed however and distribution will be made at a later date.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

BACK IN 1940

Taken from the laure of the Free Press, Thursday, Sept. 19, 1940

The linest days of the autumn greeted Acton Tair's 27th year on Tuesday and Wednesday and in spite, of war conditions, another highly specessful year was marked there was a splendid attendance both days and a showing that even these busy days on the farm did not greatly hamper in many classes. Pres ident I O Johnston and secret ary E. Thefford and the busy board of directors and helpers may well be congratulated on the success attending their cl

Through the kindly thoughtful ness of Mrs. D. G. Rubertson, Ospringe, the editor received the first prize shortcake shown by her at Acton Fatt. We agree with the judge's decision - it is de-

A very pretty September wed-

thing was solemnized on Salur-

day afternoon at the Marise. Acton, when Audrey Bessie, youngest daughter of Reeve and Mrs. I. B. Chalmers, became the bride of Mr. Elmer Bartholome & Greation, son of Mr. A. Hott ton. The acremony was performed by Rev. H. L. Bernne Last Thursday exempt with Mrs. B. G. Arnold prior to other whiteher removal to Montreal Seaa group of friends held a search. I Good in the fournament in evening for Beverly Arnold and Monday on the grant tens with

arranged following council meets set in which some strung rinks ing on Monday night to plan went down to herear for the raising of money for the purchase of a Spittire aircraft, there in the seaden radings to aid with the war effort. A madica up to the rim rinings letter has been received from the one the new production. Main St. mayor of Acton, England, 302 gesting Acton in Conada, might concert at the excitors. Camplike to participate in this worthy meintile. Monday evening

was reported to. Chief. Harrop, day afternoon between. Stores's during Acton Fair Several spills, team and the town team Plant in the high jumping classes and Williams will be the battery came close to causing mains to for Stores and McLean and

BACK IN 1910

Taken from the lasue of the Free

Press, Thursday, Sept. 15, 1910. Council met on Tuesday evening in special session to consider changes in the route of the switch line from the G.T.R. station and the tanneries. Mr. W. D. Beardmore was present and explained the new route chosen.

The switch line will be used for freight trains only. Beardmore and Co. will construct and dedicate to the Corporation of Acton over the property of the Grand Trunk Railway a road connecting Guelph and Queen Streets They will construct a substantial worden bridge over their proposed switch line on Maria Street

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Repairs have been in progress at St. Joseph's rectors the past week or so which when completed will render the premises sery comfortable for Res. Father Armedd

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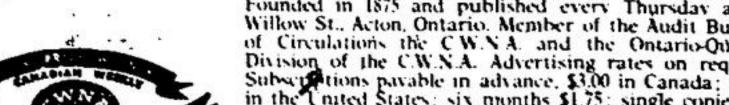
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