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To Observe and Record .

During a year representatives of newspapers amend hundreds of meetings. The reason to their attendance at these meetings is looked on differently by many of the par-

ticipants. Quite simply the representative of a heuspaper is there to observe and record The thing that probable intuities him more thin anithing is the receased suggestion that "this is of the record" or simply the more ימלד ירוים לחכם ' יחמתה לה

"We don't have too much mouble around here with this but every conce in awhile it seems to secome populia. There is no such thing as an pit the record statement at a public meeting if it is 'off the record" it should not be socken in the first place. The from of it all, in most cases is that the remarks were not monumental enough to have been recorded in the first place. The request that they be ignored only serves to challenge the tecchet

Now most representatives of the press are responsible people and if discussions concern property purchase or new industry regotiations that could be jeopardized by premature publication, the press generally co-operates in delaying publication.

The press has no special privileges not available to the public. The press can only attend meetings to which the public is in-

Is popcorn a menace? Not really, but a

Along with our general apathy nowadays

small enough child can choke on a piece and

die. And beads and blankets and pillows and

safety pins-should they all be outlawed? No

toward accident prevention, we've developed

an unfortunate reflex to rid ourselves of any

personal responsibility. 'There should be a

law" we say, self-righteously disposing of an

accident problem. They should take the

curve out of that road," we cluck to the

neighbours after a young driver has died

many otherwise intelligent people, when con-

sidering the problem of infant suffocations

from this material say, "Some people just

can't be educated," or "They don't warn

parents about these things." Both statements

shelve the problem neatly, but neither one

three years the most intensive educational

program imaginable has been carried on in

newspapers, on radio and television stations,

in hospitals, pre-natal clinics and doctors'

offices-in short, everywhere where there

is a possibility of reaching mothers of young

Every parent can be educated, and for

Similarily with thin plastic packaging, too,

hitting a tree at 80 miles per hour.

one seriously thinks so.

Personal Responsibilities

vited. If a meeting is closed to the public by failure to give notice, by meeting in a private home, or by direct resolution, the press is automatically excluded. There are, however, few opportunities for closed meetings following recent amendments to the Municipal Act.

Recently we noticed where the Burlington Board of Education was conducting much of its discussion in private and in Oakville a meeting on the location of the new public building was closed to the public. There is an inherent danger in closed sessions. Under the glare of publicity or possible publicit, the elected official must direct his thoughts and debate for the good of all the ratepayers. Removal of the "glare" sometimes leads an individual to become more selfish in his out-

No reporter chooses to make enemies when he reports events, and contrary to what some people choose to think, a good reporter doesn't go to an event with a premeditated desire to "get something" on an individual or to "sensationalize" that which is not sen-

Citizens in all walks of life count on the press to provide them with the unbiased facts that develop at an event. Requests to alter the picture are obviously asking that \ that trust be violated.

Yet babies are still dying because moth-

ers use thin plastic wrapping from the dry-

cleaning to cover crib mattresses. Not many,

of course. There have been perhaps a dozen

deaths this year in Canada. The answer?

We may argue endlessly about parental re-

sponsibility in child behaviour or juvenile

delinquency, but surely the safety of a tiny

baby is not a question of controversy. The

parent shoulders the full burden of a help-

scatter rugs or drain cleaner. All these items

can kill, when wrongly used. But they can

all be very useful too, and so is plastic. It

is to be hoped that in future, every parent in

Canada will have profited from the tragic

lesson taught by these infant suffocations,

and Will realize what a plastic bag is for, and

"In proportion as each individual relies

upon the helpful vigilance of the State, he

learns to abandon to its responsibility the

fate and well-being of his fellow-citizens:

But the inevitable tendency of such abandon-

ment is to deaden the living force of

sympathy, and to render the natural impulse

to mutual assistance inactive."... Wilhelm

Plastic ranks with matches, rat-poison,

less child's protection.

what it is not for.

Von Humboldt.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Back in 1912

Taken from the laste of the Free Press, Thursday, Feb. 8, 1912. Mr. R. F. Johnstone has disposoil of his hardware store to his brother in-law, James Symon, who takes possession after stock taking. Mr. Symon takes over the husiness with a vast knowledge, having worked for yours in a hardware store and his experi lence as a commercial traveller

will stand him in good stend. .Mr. John McNabb, who left the employ of the late Hugh Mann to go to the north west 12 years ago, made his first return visit to Acton this week Mr., McNabh sottled 'at Osbow, Saskatchewan, and has had very grafffying prosperity as a farmer there. He is the attest of his cousins, the McNabb's on Hower Ave

Some of the flat moted build lings are carrying quite a load of snow, from which there is likely to be danger if we get rain Some of the residents have atready eleated snow from theh roots, but ones remaining have quite a load.

Hob Cook, once the terror Orangeville, was sentenced to the pentientiary for seven years by Judge McGibbon when he appear ed before the judge this week.

The concert given last briday Jamous Canadian Jubilee Singers was well attended and nearly everyone made pleasing remarks regarding the performance concert was sponsored by the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church and proceeds will go to this worthwhile group.

During council meeting Monday evening, members passed a by law approving the re-engaging of John Harvey as municipal of ticer and assessor. Council received the assessment roll and expressed their satisfaction with the result and commended Mr Harvey for a fine job completed on time, with no extension asked

The Acton junior hockey team played to a 7-1 win over a team from Guelph, Tuesday evening. The game was sparked by an advertisement placed in the newspaper last week by the Guelph team, vowing to defeat any team coming from Acton under the age of 19. The defeat no doubt smarted the Guelph players, especially the manager, who was responsible for doing the brag-

Everyone is becoming excited about the proposed street lighting which will result from the addoption of hydro electric power. The present system is only supplying dim lights and many areasare almost in complete black-

The Leap Year party and dance given by a number of the young ladies in town was attended by

70 or 80 young people. Reports have been received that young men have been hanging around the streets and whistling at the young ladies as they pass up the street. If this practice continues, definite action will be taken and these youths punished. There is plenty of skating to take up the young men's time without hanging around the street corners on these cold

Back in 1942 Press, Thursday, Feb. 12, 1942.

In antie of a small crowd little aight, the ice camival was a big success and quite successful. The thees, especially for , the mon, were well contested and the spectators on fland saw some thrilling skating. Barrol jumping also highlighted the evening. Proceeds front the event will go toward the Acton and District War Services Lengue.

The baskerball lengue farmed at the Y.M.C.A. under the east able instruction of secretary Johnnie Gray is developing into quite an interesting event. Thus day evening, the Force Electric team defeated the Beardmore entry and in a sudden-death gante tur the night's championship, the "Downtown" team boat out the Force Electric aggregation. The return hockey match be-

tween St. Joseph's Church, Acton and Holy Cross Church, Georgetown, was played in Georgetown on Phursday night, resulting in a I I score. Ray Arbie received Ac ton's goal, with Hartley Coles get ting the assist. There was a nice crowd in attendance and both teams showed improvement in the brand of hockey they played in Acton the previous wee ticorgetown's goal was caused when a pack glanced off Bill Clayton's silck and rolled into the Acton net.

Last weekend's storm certainly caused a great traffic tie-up and those who didn't travel were glad they didn't, and there are those who wish now they hadn't. The streets in town received prompt attention and good work was done in clearing them of snow as last as possible. Outle n . number of accidents were heard of in the surrounding district, but only three minor ones were caused in town.

During the monthly meeting of the Rockalong W.L. It was learned that 13 quilts had been completed during the month of January and they will be sent Rockwood Red Cross and Salvation Army in Guelph.

This week, a watch was shown to the Free Press which was owned by the late J. E. K. Cutts and purchased by him October 1869, just two years after Confederation. The watch is of the old style, key wound and has silver case. It keeps perfect time in spite of its 75 years of service.

During the meeting of the Acton Junior Farmers, this week. Chief E. Harrop gave a splendid and interesting talk on Indla, a country in which he resided for many years, R. N. Brown was also present and gave a talk on the farm employment situation.

The storm on Saturday and Sunday was so intense that church services in many of the rural areas had to be cancelled. Very few farmers would venture out with horse and cutter

Next Monday, Canada's Second Victory Loan Drive gets under way and Acton and district, in common with everyone else, are making plans to provide the funds to buy tools to bring

AROUND

OAKVILLE-A building that has been standing an estimated 130 years has been sold and will be demolished to make way for a bank parking lot. Over the years the building has served as a laundry, feather cleaning shop, plumber's shop and beauty salon.

BURLINGTON-Following their appeal against the recent Burlington mayoralty election, a group headed by John Thill and Frank P. Chapple have formed a permanent committee to "carry out the wishes of misused property owners and to correct conditions at the polls" and "act in a supervisory capacity as a representative of the ratepayers in general".

GEORGETOWN-The Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service is worried about accepting the O.P.P. calls to accidents on Highway 401 in the Hornby district, because when the ambulance is away on these trips the town is left without adequate ambulance protection. "An O.P.P. officer told me that Georgetown gets there faster, and that's why they call our service first," said councillor Jim Emmerson.

STREETSVILLE-In recognition of her outstanding service to the community, Mrs. Helen Martin has been chosen "Citizen of the Year." A resident since 1948, Mrs. Martin convened the Red Cross and operated the blood donor clinics, and organized the first cancer society, as well as running her own home, working in her husband's drug store and belonging to the Presbyterian Church and Eastern Star.

MILTON-Plans are being formulated for Milton's annexation of outlying lands, due to a shortage of industrial sites within the present town. A preliminary report released last week showed the town considering annexing 1.100 acres to the west that would provide a residential area for 12,000 and an industrial area that could provide employment for 6,000.

Little British State Commence of the Commence Halton Holstein Club Elects New Officers During Meeting

ident of the Halton Holstein Club at their recent annual meeting. The meeting, held on Thursday, January 18, in Palermo Hall, was under the chairmanship of the 1961 president, T. H.

McGcc. Guest speaker Dr. J. C. Rennic, Animal Husbandry Department, Agricultural College, Guelph, addressed the group on made to the winners of the Halthe use of production records in ton Black and White Show.

herd improvement. D. S. Dunton, second vice-presi- 'meeting were: past president, dent of the Canadian Holstein- T. H. McGee; president, J. C. Frieslan Association, and Ross Marshall; first vice-president, Segsworth, Burlington, third vice Brock Harris; second vice-presi-

J. C. Marshall was elected pres- stein-Friesian Association, outlined activities during the past

> Trace Growth In their discussion, they traced the growth of the Holstein breed during the past year and presented a preview of the annual meeting to be held on February

Presentation of prizes was

The executive elected at the president of the Canadian Hol- dent, J. W. Carney.

Sugar and Spice

BY MIL WAILEY

Just some rundom thoughts title week. I'm too depressed write a regular column. been enowing for 22 days, . temperature is 12 helow, und some sadist has wat me a copy of the Miami Hurald. The Old Lady is down with the 'flu and as genial as a cohra. My old aching back is back, and aching. No here when.

I'm a simunch supporter of royally, but I'll go along with the British pross in the latest vorbal apanking it has given to Princess Margaret young Tony what's his name it was had enough to take off for a Caribbean bollday, leaving hehind not only a the months old baby but some 50 million half trozen, browned off Brit one who couldn't afford the trip. Aut when Tony came hack with his usually wellslicked hair converted to a mass of curts by a permanent, 11 was epongh to make a fel-Jow do "High!"

Ottawa Comes Through With Sewage Loan

The Pederal Government has approved a loan of \$17,904 to the Town of Georgetown to assist in the construction of a sewage

treatment project. The announcement was made hy Alexander Best M.P. Unition will behalf of the Hon. David J. Walker, Minister responsible for the operations of the Federal housing agency, Centrai Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Made under Part VI-B of the National Housing Act, the Joan is for a term of 34 years with interest at 51/8% per annum The loan is based on an estimated cost of \$29,856.

Georgetown recently completed a new sewage treatment plant. The N.H.A. loan will assist in the construction of approximately 1,000 feet of 8" diameter forcemain and the construction of a sewage pumping station, including pumps and appurtenances.

Under Part VI-B of the National Housing Act. Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation may make a loan to a municipality, or to a municipal sewerage corporation, for the purpose of assisting in the construction or expansion of a sewage treatment project. A project must be part of an overall plan for the elimination or prevention of water and soil pollution.

'For work completed on or before March 31, 1963, CMHC may forgive repayment of 25% of the principal amount of the NHA-Idan and 25% of the interest that has accrued or has been paid in respect to the loan as of the date of completion of the pro-

Association Panel Oh Soil and Crop

Fred Nurse, Georgetown, was a member of a panel discussion held in-Toronto at the Ohtario Soll and Crop Improvement Association annual meeting, held Jahuary 24 to 26. The five finalists in the Ontario Pasture Management Competition were panel members for a discussion, "Management Brings Results". Mr. Nurse has been a consistent entry in the Halton Pasture Management Competition and during 1961 was a zone winner and provincial finalist.

James Barry, Galt, will represent Wellington, Waterloo and Halton counties during 1962, as a director of the Ontario Soil and Crop . Improvement Association. The election took place at the annual convention.

The conference this year was dedicated to crops, solls and the men who live by them. The annual convention is held in connection with the Canada Farm and Industrial Equipment Trade Show. During the conference program, speakers and panels presented various practices in soil and crop management.



Do you know something I'm sick and thed of? I'm sick and tired of reading articles about the entightened new leaders of Black Africa, fighting to free their down-trodden black brothers. From what I can gather, many of these enlightened lesdors are pure thugs, whose first act when they gain some authority, is to purge all opposition: Somehow, newsreets of skulls he ing cracked by clubs, even though the skutte are black and the atina swinging the clubs are just as black, don't fit into my ideas of freedom and democ racy. Or do two blacks make a

white, these days?

Speaking of democracy, the procent picture of pre-election billiery in Canada is a pretty the, so the three major parties dangle old age pension mereus ca of vorying amounts I won der how concerned They would he about a pension increase if unleady over 70 had a vote! As far as old age pentions go, I'm a raving eretalist I'd increase the pendon and lower the age fimit, But I can't quite sto mach the sudden interest in the old folk when there's an elect ion in the offing. Perhaps the old custom of a dollar and drink of whiskey for a vote was more honest.

Across the land, teachers' lede ota conternt hard to bue challen equaring off for their annual bout of name-catting. What is at stake in the battle? Higher stardurds of education' Better schools and equipment? Hotter lunches? None, just money As a taxpayer, T wish those lew here would come to their senses and realize that they are supposed to he dedicated, sort of like minis ters, and stop wanting to be as well paid as other pridessima! people. If we increase their saaries, mark my words, they will only get big ideas and go or. and spend every cent of their As a teacher, I can unity and that money len't everything But

until I have everything - and the prospect is dim - I'll take some of that money for the time

Don't ever let your kids start taking music lessons. Not If you ever want to hear some home made music. There are three taking plano lessons in my family The other day. while I was shovelling snow, I figured out that they have more than 20 years of music lessoms among them And do you know that there's not one of them who can sit down and play a time if you ask for it. They've either just finished a piece and have already forgot. ten it", or they to just 'priling ind" is new piece and an't play If yet Buy your kul a minith

About domestic pris Year can have them and it there weren't ladies precent I'd tell you exact ly what you could do noth them We have a smart cal and a dumb day, and bet seen them, they're cutting deep into my allorred eputs becently, the car mant edl and lived in airs for a few days. creating angitish in the hinner Saturday the front dearbell rang. A sittle girt attend there, crying, Your day state My mits Hed shall hed it and rin I spent the tier! By mission waterwing about the track parel in more no to my tain! ohile that mut: danced, pust out of reach the mitt in r : most f finally fell fat on my face and he laughed to nard he decembed the mit and I was

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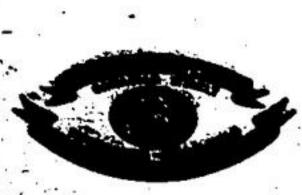
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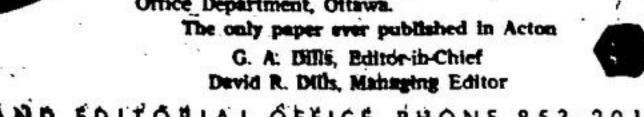
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