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cies may develop. Under private ownership

they would be weeded out in the interests

of survival. In a government supported or-

ganization the tendency to tracking down in-

tinually make up deficits in an organization

that could make money without abandoning

operation they are also indirectly subsidizing

the advertising carried by it of large corpora-

tions who should be quite able to pay their

own costs. Programs are often produced cost-

ing much more than the amount contributed

by the sponsor. This hardly seems fair to the

Canadian taxpayers who are obviously filling

terity measures government would provide

encouraging leadership if it eyed its organi-

zations like the CBC in suggesting a closer

relationship between revenue and expendi-

If the country is to experience some aus-

the gap between sponsor and cost.

completely its artistic and idealistic aims.

Taxpayers cannot be expected to con-

While taxpayers are subsidizing the CBC

efficiency is not as great.

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A Closer Relationship a Necessity . . .

It has not been difficult to collect newspaper clippings lately on the costs and future role of the Canadian Broadcasting Commission, as is sometimes our habit before attempting editorializing.

Taxpayers it seems provided \$70,418,000 for the operation of the CBC and the corporation managed to spend nearly all of it, rather than returning about \$9,000,000 as it did the previous year.

J. Alphonse Ouimet, president, claimed revenue would have been up this year by about \$12,000,000 except that the advertising revenue was siphoned off by the introduction of private television outlets and a new network.

The history of broadcasting in Canada indicates it is not new subject material for headlines. The CBC, because it costs taxpayer so much, often receives the brunt of criticism. We have defended its existence before. Of necessity, however, it must be subject to limitations if it is to serve the taxpayers rather than the taxpayers serving it.

As in any large organization inefficien-

Others' Comments . .

rublic affairs is voiced by The Petrolia Ad-

kind of bureaucratic wedge is being driven

b-tween the people and their governments.

Today few people clearly understand how

their governments work. And the real trage-

dy is that few care. It is probably a reason-

able statement that in any given urban com-

munity most of the people have never in

their lives attended a council meeting. Fre-

The Goderich Signal-Star is disturbed

It has become impossible, of course, for

that a community now cannot even suggest

a municipality to return to the former state

of independence. Its citizens dish out the

money which will be used later for "grants."

and if it does not toe the mark and qualify

for the grants, somebody else will get them.

cause of Canada's ills, says The Rodney Mer-

that the return of the Conservative party, the

defeat of the Liberal party, the Quebec win

of the Social Credit or any other factor or

factors arising out of the election, had any-

thing to do with the government's auste its

move. It came about purely and simply be-

Not politics but overspending is the

No one will be so gullible as to believe

what size school it needs:

quently some of these people are elected.

vertiser-Topic:

Concern over the interest of citizens in

cause the government had been spending much more than it was receiving in taxes.

The services of modern government have become so numerous and so complex that a cussed by The Petrolia Advertiser-Topic.

The industrial commission could prepare the maps of sewers, gas lines and other utilities required in any industrial site investigations. It could press for the zoning bylaws so desired by industry wishing to protect itself from residential encirclement. It could point out those street paving jobs and other public works programs most likely to show a return in industrial assessment. It could produce industrial promotion publicity. It could assist existing industry. Possibly the most important industrial prospects are the industries already here and expanding. Although the economy appears to be mounting a plateau, this certainly does not mean that industrial prospects no longer exist.

Regimentation of citizens into pension plans should be avoided, says The Wingham Advance-Times:

If Canadians are to have a supplemenyears (as thousands already have) they should already offered by reputable and long-established Canadian firms. Just why should you or I be forced to put aside savings in amount stipulated by the federal government and invested, not according to our own good

The value of industrial promotion is dis-

tary pension of some sort for their declining he permitted to take their own choice from the many excellent pension plans which are judgment but in whatever manner some brainy official in Ottawa decides?

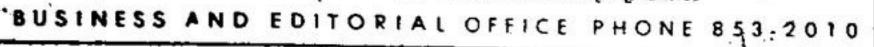
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THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Back in 1942

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, August 13, 1942. Sometime during Monday night or early Tuesday morning, the

automobile owned by C. V. Force was stolen from in front of residence on Bower Ave. same night, the pumps at Highway Garage owned by Melsaac were broken open and 11 gallons of gasoline stolen. On Tuesday, Chief Harrop and Provincial Constable Ray Mason were called to investigate abandoned car on the third line, about a mile north of Acton. turned out to be one owned by a Galt resident and was found good condition. So far, the car stolen from Mr. Force has not been recovered, but police are continuing their investigation.

Acton Bowling Club held a very successful - tournament on the greens here last evening with entered from Milton Guelph, Georgetown, Grand Valley and Acton. Although Acton won a fair share of the prizes, Guelph bowlers came out on top to take first place.

Since it requires four days each week to cart away the garbage in Acton, we've often wondered how disposal was made before col lection was instituted.

During the announcement the prize winners of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers convention in Saskatoon, it was learned Acton Free Press won the Hugh Savage shield for the best all round newspaper, a special gold wrist watch for the best front page and third place for the best editorial page.

Five hours after his light plane crashed in the swamp on the farm of Mr. S. H. Lindsay, north of Acton, Leslie Gregory died in Hamilton Hospital, Sunday afternoon, Mr. Gregory was the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Gregory, who operate the theatre here, and was flying to Honey Harbor, where his wife is staying at their summer home.

Mr. M. Madill, a son-in-law of Mr. Lindsay, was in the barn at the time and heard the plane llying low in the dense log. He then heard the motor stop and a terrific crash, Both Mr. and Mrs. Madill followed the direction of the plane and in a swamp on the tarm, found Mr. Gregory, where he had crawled from his wrecked and burning plane. Mrs. Madill remained with him while her husband summoned medical aid. He was rushed to Hamilton Hospital, where he died of his injuries. As the swamp is a spot not visited often, it was fortunate Mr. Madill heard the plane crash or Mr. Gregory might have lain there

undetected for some days. Articles are still pouring in for the Red Cross. All will be sent overseas.

Back in 1912

Taken from the baue of the Free Press, Thursday, August 8, 1912. The switches and sidings have been completed into the Beard-

more Tannery and as soon as the

coal trestle and bridge have been completed, residents will see the steam locomotive chugging down the foot of Frederick Following the break-in and theft at Statham's grocery store last week. Chief Lawson has been hot on the trail of the culprit. This week, the trail become hotter and the chief found a cache of stolen goods across the

street in the upstairs of Soper's

store, which is vacant. Keeping a

close vigil on the place, Chief

Lawson noticed a young man go-

ing in and out occasionally. When the place was vacant, it was searched and other loot was found stashed in a panel behind an old organ. When the young man learned he was being watched, he confided in his parents and informed them of his actions. He stated he was worse of liquor at the time. Mr. Statham has laid information before H. P. Moofe, J.P., and a warrant has been issued. On going to

to locate the offender. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bennet have purchased the home completed recently by Jeremiah Bell on Lake Avenue, and are expected to move in shortly. The price paid was \$1,700 cash.

press, the chief has been unable

Potatoes will be cheap this fall according to the farmers, as there is an abundant crop. One farmer who is swamped with the large tubers, stated this week he has several hundred husbels and willing to sell them at 50 cents per bushel. This is welcome news to the housewife who is attempting to stretch her pennies when buying food.

For several weeks, improvements have been in progress at St. Alban's Church and the premises have been enhanced in consequence. The roof has been reshingled and the exterior of the edifice has been painted in suit-

Clearing for the Post Office site began this week and contractors Forbes and Mackenzie have been busy tearing down the old hop kiln and storehouse and the barn at the rear of Acton's new Federal building. The flour and feed store building is also being moved to the rear of the property. Work on this part of the contract is expected to be completed by the first part of October.

Mombers of St. Alban's Sunday 'School spent an enjoyable afternoon at Stanley Park, Erin, last Friday when they held their annual picnic. Races and games followed, along with picnic supper.

AROUND

BRAMPTON - This community put its foot forward toward bigness officially when council passed a by-law asking designation as a city from the Ontario Municipal Board. City status would take Brampton out of the county system. Services might be rented from the county such as jail facilities and health unit services. Approximate population provided for in the ward distribution would be

OAKVILLE - Council here is having considerable difficulty deciding how often to meet. Presently gathering the first and third Mondays, a proposal has been made calling for weekly meetings. Weekly meetings were termed difficult by the town administrator who noted it took two days to prepare the agenda and two days to write hostess.

minutes following the meeting. GEORGETOWN - Workmen building Georgetown's new composite school are racing the calendar so the building will be ready to accept classes in a month. The school will be offering technical and occupational training plus the normal courses for academic students. Priced at two million dollars the cost will be met 75 per cent by the federal grant program. Ultimately the school will accommodate 1,055 students.

BURLINGTON - A veteran detective inspector of the Hamilton Police Department, 50-year-old William Homer, was chosen last week as this town's new chief constable. When Inspector Homer takes over his new post, Chief Constable Lisle Crawford will step down to deputy chief, a change recommended in an extensive report on the

town police department made earlier this year. STREETSVILLE - A "new city" of 15,000 people may spring up in Toronto Township adjacent to Streetsville in the next 10 years. The project, to be undertaken by Meadowvale Developments Ltd., may be started as early as next spring with work beginning on the first phase. Phase One is on a 750-acre site immediately south of Hwy, 401 north of Streetsville. However, an agreement involving the use of this town's sewage facilities must be approved by the Town before plans progress farther.

MILTON - An all-out campaign to town place safety belts in as many local cars as possible has been undertaken by the Coachmen a town car club. The club hopes to sell 300 seat belts at cost between now and October. The belts are being provided through the Ontario Motor League and are SAE approved Cost is only \$6.50 plus 50 cents installation fee

ROCKWOOD

Church Attendance Down Due to Holiday Season

Civic Holiday passed off quietly here Even church attendance was down at churches Sunday morning

Rev Dr. and Mrs. George Aitken are away for their vacation After the dr. weather, lawns

in Muskoka district about the village are showing a lovely green shade following re-When out for a drive Civic Hole-

day Monday, in company with Rev C. Gordon Harris of Divic, it well under was in the Fergus area. One or two fields showed

and Marden Highway. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hosking of Grimshy spent the holiday weekend with Mrs. Fred Hosking.

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Mrs John Hatch and children returned home to London Sunday following a visit with her parents Mr. and Mr. Lorne Linfoct.

Following his return home to Erin, Rev. Allen F. Cook occupied his pulpit at St. John's Church Sunday morning. Holy communion was observed with Robert was noticed that harvest work is. Vincent and E. Slipp serving. The previous Sunday Mr. H. Mowal of Toronto preached with Rev. A. F. effects of heats rains along Flora Cook conducting the service.

Sugar and Spice ...

BY BILL SMILEY

There is something deeply comforting to the human spirit in fire. Whether it's a log in the fireplace, chuckling cheerly or burning with a slow, dream - making flame, a bonfire on the beach pushing back the darkness, or just the gleam and warmth from the kitchen stove, fire soothes and renews the inner self.

I'm writing this column by the tinlest flame of all — a candle. There's been a hydrobreak and the lights have been out for hours. With the soft, little, yellow glow of candle beside me, I don't care If they never come on again. At the moment, and in my present mood, I would not trade this one candle for all the lights on Broadway, all the power that pours over Niagora Falls, and a light bulb personally autographed by Thomas Edison.

It's a brave, small, red candle, left over from Christmas, There are only about three inches of it left, and in an hour, it will be just a burned-out candle. But right now, it brings me comfort, companionship and memories.

Its flame brings back nights of wonderful cosiness. as a child, at the cottage summer. Snuggled in bed my young brother. I'd watch the grotesque shadows flicker over the cellingless interior by the fireplace flames. But there was no real terror in the weird. leaping figures.

On the other side of the partition, my parents talked in the low, peaceful tones of people half bemused by an open fire. The coal oil lamps cast a sturdy, orange glow that chased the leaping shadows. The whip-poor-will on the hill behind the cottage called his cheerful goodnight. And I drifted into sleep with a sense of security I've never had

The candle flame reminds me of the first time I fell in

BALLINAFAD

Women's Institute Hold Summer Meet

The Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Ada Kirkwood on Wednesday night, the president, Mrs. Leo Jamieson, presiding. The meeting opened with the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. Roll call was answered with "Name the minister who married

of business were discussed. A letter was read from the girl the W.I. is sponsoring, also one from the W.I. friend in England. Both were very interesting.

After the minutes, several items

As convener of citizenship, Mrs. J. Snow took over and called for two minute reports from the conveners. Topic by Mrs. Wm. Kirkwood was "Seal for a small boy". Mrs. Snow conducted "Live a Borrowed Life," which proved to be very humorous and interest-

The meeting closed with the Oueen and a social half hour. Mrs. H. Hills and Mrs. T. Gibson were in charge, assisted by the

Canvass Underway

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert McGill (nee Jean Sinclair) on the gift of twins, a boy and

The canvass for the new hall is well underway and the barometer is climbing. Have you given your donation vet? If not, it would be accepted with thanks.,

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roden left on Saturday by air for England. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Morgan Madill who were given a surprise parts on their 25th weduing anniversars.

CHURCHILL

Medical Missionaries Leave for Two Years

Dr. W. F. McDonald and his wife Dr. Doreen McDonald and children of Port Credit, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. Binnie. The Mc-Donalds are on their way to Africa as medical missionaries for a two year stay

Mr. and Mrs R L. Davidson. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hampson and Mr. and Mrs. A. Saunders attended the 25th wedding annueran of Mr. and Mrs. H. Peavoy on Friday evening at Conangsby Mr Saunders took part in the music for the dance.

Sympathy Extended Mr. Robert Lawrie passed away

in St. Elizabeth Hospital, Toronto on Sunday. Mr Lawric, was well known in this district. Sympathy is extended to his daughter. Mrs. C. W. McDonald. The funeral will be on Wednesday at 3.30 from St. Alban's Church, Acton. Interment at Fairview Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrews of Penticton; B.C., and their daughter. Mrs. Jerry Edwards and Brian of Port Credit, visited with Mr. and Mrs. C. Binnie.

love. It was at a huge bonfire. I was II. After the marshmallows and the sing-song, we grew silent, watching the deep red of the hottest inside of the fire, as it burned lower. This freekle-faced girl with the brown eyes and the white teeth and the golden arms was sitting beside me. She got a bit dopey, leaned against my shoul der, und tell usleep. I didn't move. Just sat there being mad ly in love.

Next day, I proposed to her believing it was mutual. She gave me a bloody nose and I was all women for years.

My candle flame brings other "the" memories. Prison camp in Germany, December, 1944. The wind howls out of the Balstic. The only light in the room is a red flame shining through the crevices of the crude stove The only sound is "drip, drip, drip . . ." 18 young flyers of half a dozen nations lie silent and watch the firelight dance on the walls.

They are of a single mind Es cape? Home and loved ones! A thick, juicy steak? No, they're all listening intently to that "drip, drip" emanating from the homemade still hooked up to the stove. and wondering if the potato whis ky it's producing will be fit to drink in time for the New Year's

Yes, fire is truly a blessing. Under its soothing light and warmth, even the chartering of women's tongues will desist. Under its influence, business

men who would sell their own grandmothers, into slavery if the net profit were right, was imaginative, sentimental and idealistic.

We have come a long way from the days when our primitive ancestors cronched before a fire in a cave, dimly wondering what was for breakfast. We don't wear skins any more. We wear hikinis and strapless bras. We don't kill people with a club any more. We use nosh buttons. We don't tenr the liver out of a newly killed animal and eat it hot and raw and juky We pay 60k a pound and eat it dry and pristly, with

But firelight has the saine magne for us, after all the progress, as it-had four our an vestor, Slob the Caveman, 41 can take the bitter lines from around a woman's month and turn her into a Madonna in Tshirt It can put a look of sheer hellery into an old man's eyes as he looks into the flame and sees himself as he was 50 years

mankind if he lost, somehow, the great gift of fire. In the meantime, however, my column is finished. I feel like eating a fried egg sandwich, you can't cook eggs over a candle, and I wish the listin boss would harry up and get the power on again.

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