



—Photo by Esther Taylor.

No, Thanks, Rev. Forrest...

It seems to be possible for a weekly editor to attract more jobs than one would care to assume. We'll be turning down one that the Rev. A. C. Forrest suggests weekly editors take on.

Rev. Forrest is editor of the United Church Observer and also author of a weekly column in a Hamilton daily. In the most recent issue he suggests weekly editors should become critics of the preaching in the local churches. He writes "For several years I have been advocating that we have sermon critics. I don't mean the kind who dissect the preacher over the Sunday roast. These are quite common and not always helpful. I mean the kind of critics who go to church on Sunday the same way they go to Stratford Festival and then tell the public what they think. The best place would be in the weekly papers, for more sermons are preached, more solos sung and more anthems rendered (or rent) in small town churches every week than plays are produced in a year."

We have heard Rev. Forrest speak to weekly editors on this subject before. His logic is terribly appealing. He realizes some

of the problems, though, that can develop when the local editor takes on a minister on ground too often unfamiliar to the editor. He writes "Of course if the papers were to send out their greenest reporters to do the jobs I can imagine there would be more discussion in the vestry meetings and more tears in the manse than necessary."

No, we won't be tackling the preaching of the local ministers from the seat of the critic. We're sure the ministers, like editors, have already such legions of critics that they hardly need one to put the criticisms on preaching into print.

We would be inclined to feel quite as a green reporter would if we were expected green reporter would if we were expected that sermons weren't necessarily for entertainment and we can hardly class them with Stratford in that regard.

But then the only common standard by which we've ever heard sermons judged is their length. And the congregation passes sufficient judgement without the help of a weekly editor turned critic.

No, thanks, Rev. Forrest.

This and That...

Since our editorial of last week, one wag has told us the nominees at the nomination meeting do not say "I'll reserve my decision until Friday night." He claims that for years nominees have been saying "I'll reverse my decision until Friday night." Seems we need a hearing aid. We still contend that regardless of what they say, they mean, I'll wait 'till I see what everybody else is doing. We feel if they can't make up their minds before nomination night it indicates that if elected to office they couldn't make up their mind on any municipal business until they have felt the "public pulse" on the street corners and post office lobby.

Stockholders of Wool Combing Corp. of Canada Ltd. approved distribution of assets and surrender of the firm's charter. Distribution of about \$14.50 a share will be made December 21.

Acton was very fortunate that the shareholders of the company approved the sale to the town of the fifty acres of land the company owned at a very realistic price. It is encouraging that this company, which no longer has any facilities in Acton, still is interested in Acton and has expressed its interest in such a tangible way.

The early Wednesday morning barn fire reminded us again very forcibly that the new 1,000,000 gallon water reservoir on Churchill Road N. is still not in service. Watching the thousands of gallons of water being poured on the blaze made us wonder if there would

be that much water available if the fire had been within the municipality. We understand construction of the tanks is completed and the delay in getting them into service is the installation of the pressure reducing valves on the distribution system. It would be very disheartening if a major disaster occurred and the tanks were empty.

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Positive Action...

Municipalities have some good reasons for more by the positive action of positive action and women than by the positive action of positive action.

Negative action is not the answer. We need the positive action of positive action.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Nov. 21, 1912.

The electors will be well supplied with ballots at the coming elections. There will likely be ballots for reeve and councillors, members of the school board, the Local Option appeal and a ballot for a revote on the Hydro-Electric money bill.

It is high time the municipal authorities provided doors on the local lockup in the town hall which will keep obstreperous prisoners more securely. The old doors constructed a quarter century ago are obsolete and insecure. This has been proven over and over again by the escape of prisoners. It is unfair to the constables.

A Russian, alleged thief, has made good his escape.

From advertisement by Jas. Symon, Stoves and Hardware: "I would certainly recommend that you get a Gurney-Oxford stove. My mother had one and when I furnished my house I got one. Every maid I ever had has been enthusiastic about Gurney-Oxford. It cooks and bakes like a dream. You regulate the fire simply by putting one small lever up and down. You never heard of anything so simple. My dear, take my advice."

A very fine assortment of new books has been catalogued at the Public Library. The library now has 4,000 volumes.

It really looked like Indian summer this week. And to think a year ago this week the sun and folks were enjoying skating on Corporation Pond.

The stores in town will by mutual agreement, close at eight o'clock next Wednesday evening to allow all to go to the High School concert.

Joseph Gibbons of Ingersoll tells that the Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald once said to him, "Gibson, there's not a man in parliament who would not rather support right than wrong — if he was sure it would not cost him his seat."

Advertisement for MacDonald and Bros., Guelph, Season's Lure's! Newest Styles! Squirrel set, long tie and square muff \$25; natural wolf set \$45; blue wolf set \$47.50; Persian lamb set, throw finished with large tassels \$130; Alaska sable set \$70; see our cloth coats with fur collars, \$15.50 to \$27.50.

A committee of the Toronto Board of Trade has been studying the high cost of living, and for a Toronto committee, makes a startling report. Toronto, though set down in the midst of the fields of Ontario, pays more for its food than London, England, to which Ontario's surplus is shipped.

The commissioners at Niagara Falls have decided that in view of the fatalities last year, no person will be allowed to walk on the ice bridge over the river hereafter. The United States authorities will co-operate to arrest any foolhardy violators of the new regulation.

Acton cordially welcomed the delegates to the Presbyterial Missionary Society this morning.

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Nov. 26, 1942.

Memberships of the 62 local action boards which are to serve the 2,000,000 consumers in Central Ontario have been approved by Donald Gordon, chairman of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. The community boards will decentralize the ration of coffee, tea and sugar. There are more than 500 across Canada. On the local board are Mayor Joseph Gibbons of Georgetown, P. B. Harrison, Georgetown, secretary Reeve J. M. McDonald, Acton, Mrs. Roy Arnold, Acton, Mrs. J. C. Matthews, Acton; Reeve A. Near, Township of Nassagawewa, reeve Howard May, township of Esqueving; Mrs. Clarence Hayes, Mrs. W. E. Nodwell and Mrs. J. P. Reid, Georgetown.

Telford McDowell and Allan Perreman have joined the R.C.A.S.C. and are stationed at Exhibition Park, Toronto. Les Doby has enlisted in the RCAF.

There was a well attended meeting of the Navy League Tuesday. Mrs. McCallum reported 50 ditty bags are ready for shipment.

Navy League week got away to a splendid start with special services Sunday in several of the churches. After the church services the school children's choir, the band of the Forne Scots and the Knox College Male Quartette from Toronto combined in a concert that was thoroughly enjoyed by an audience that packed the town hall and even had standing room at a premium.

Nursing Sister Nora Kenney who has been receiving training at Hamilton has now been assigned to the military hospital at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Capt. and Mrs. A. J. Buchanan were home from Toronto during the week.

A badge presentation was held at Scouts Monday Night. Awards were made to Bill Knight, Jack Manning, Dave Dills, Reg Spiers and Peter Kanis.

There are three teams in the volleyball league at the Y.M.C.A. The captains are Chas. Heard, Jack Creighton and Bob MacArthur.

It's ratepayers' night at the town hall tomorrow.

At the prayer meeting on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Bert Mowat, presentation of a life membership in the United Church Women's Missionary Society was made to Mrs. Alex McDonald. The address was signed by Elizabeth Caldwell, president; Mimi Brown, corresponding secretary, and Walter Fosbury, minister.

The Dublin Literary society presented the following program: reading by Eleanor Ross; piano solo by Margaret Somerville; recitations by Eileen Frank; recitation by Mr. Burke; musical selection by Stewart Elliott and readings by Doreen Steele and Mrs. Somerville.

Plans were completed last week whereby employees of the Wool Combing Corporation in the plant at Acton enjoy the benefits of low cost group insurance.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

GEORGETOWN — Composite school students will be able to receive technical training in plumbing, heating, refrigeration and air conditioning when the recently announced 20-room addition is completed next term. A tentative list of rooms drawn up by high school board trustees at Monday night's meeting included a room for the above as well as rooms for sheet metal working, welding and body work.

BURLINGTON — Town Council has received a request from the Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital Board of Governors for \$200,000 to offset the hospital's capital debt. At present the hospital's bank overdraft exceeds this amount because of necessary working capital and additional necessary purchases made since the hospital opened early in 1961. While the Ontario Hospital Services Commission is presently giving the hospital \$17,000 per year as a special grant the hospital has been notified that this is not considered a permanent or continuing grant.

BRAMPTON — The people have spoken. The M.P.P. has acted and the by-pass has been shelved. Noting strong public reaction to the Department of Highways plan to create a Highway 10 by-pass through Brampton along the Eschbecke waterworks, the local M.P.P. Bill Davis immediately advised the Minister of Highways, "I now have the Department's assurance that the proposal has been shelved, and that once again consideration will be given to alternate routes," Mr. Davis said.

MILTON — Floods on the weekend of November 8 and 9 brought repercussions at Milton Council when ratepayers from three areas of town complained and were assisted by two councillors who also issued verbal blasts about the problem. Riverplace Crescent Commercial St. and Mill St. were represented by residents, who complained of flooded basements.

OAKVILLE — When the National Boat Show opens at Earl's Court London England on January 2 a boat made in Oakville will be among the exhibits in the Canadian government booth. The Concha 27' foot sailing sloop with auxiliary motor is receiving its finishing touches at the plant of Grampian Marine Limited, 451 Woods Rd. and will be loaded on board the Dutch line freighter Ravensjell at Toronto for shipment to Britain.

Duster Hustlers Do Button Holes

The Nassagawewa Duster Hustlers held their third meeting on October 20. The girls cut out and marked their patterns. While taking up the business part of the meeting, the leader, Mrs. Norris showed the girls the direction to sew when they were stay-stitching their duster. After the practical work of the meeting, the girls enjoyed a light snack prepared

by one of the club members.

On Saturday, October 27 the club held a work meeting at the home of Mrs. Norris.

The following week on November 3 the girls held their fourth meeting at home of Mrs. Frank Mrs. Norris demonstrated to the girls how to make a bound buttonhole. Some of the girls made a bound buttonhole at this meeting to put in their record book. Also the girls were taught a lesson on posture. At the close of the meeting a light lunch was served.

Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL SHAW

Life can be a mighty punishing process. And I don't mean the ordinary everyday struggle for existence. Nobody has ever described that more accurately than Thoreau, who observed that every man leads a life of quiet desperation.

No, I don't mean the day to day fracas with our families, our jobs, our society and our complaining bodies. We become used to this grim warfare, and I swear that, when we stagger groaning, out of bed on a bleak November day, we almost welcome the coming fray, because it is reassuring that at least we are still in there fighting.

But it isn't the daily horror that leaves those great, muffled welts on our sensitive souls. It's the nasty backhand that comes out of nowhere, just when you think everything is running reasonably well.

The pagans knew enough to propitiate the gods with sacrifices. The Irish know enough to try to keep the fairies from clobering them. The rest of us have to rely on such feeble tricks as keeping our fingers crossed, and knocking on wood. All we get in response is arthritis in the fingers, and no answer, respectively.

There's one thing, however, about these nasty little floggings from fate. They always come in threes. Once you've had your third kick in the teeth you can rest easy for a while, until the next series is due.

I've just had my latest treatment, and though I fell groggy and sorely bruised, there is also a pleasant sense of relief as I realize that I am home free for a while.

The first assault was on my peace of mind. You've heard of people with bats in the belfry? Well, that's nothing. I have little black things chasing each other

Home and School Seeks Executive

At the M. Z. Bennett Home and School Association November meeting on Thursday, Nov. 15, Mrs. G. Hargrave presided in the absence of Coril Stone. A very entertaining musical surprise was supplied by Earl Briggs' class. Under the direction of Glenn Banks, they sang a group of four unaccompanied songs, Hunting Song, A Shepherd's Song, Land of Spain and Vesper Hymn.

W. D. E. Smith, the principal, gave a short speech accenting the little effort required by parents and pupils for close harmony and future success. He stated report cards would be issued Friday, and estimated that 8 to 10 per cent would pass with honors, and that 8 to 10 per cent would fall below 60 per cent.

Mr. Breas won the picture of the Cavalier for attendance by both parents and teacher. He retains this until the next meeting.

Owing to lack of executives on the board of the Association, nominations were called for, but unfortunately drew little response. Volunteers from the M. Z. Bennett parents to fill these posts would be welcome.

A film was shown on the Principles of Development and with an explanation of what makes one child different from another, e.g. intelligence, sex, glandular activity, race, nutrition, health position in family, incentive heredity and parental attitude. At the conclusion no discussion was deemed necessary.

There will be a meeting for December, and the next one will take place in the third week of January, 1963. Attendance was down somewhat owing to many other activities taking place at the same time.

Peruvian Speaks At Tri-Club Meet

The economic differences of South America and North America were sketched by Rotarians and their ladies at a Rotarian Rotary meeting at the Riviera Tuesday last week.

The speaker was Dr. Mario Herrera of Lima, Peru, who is continuing his studies at the School of Dentistry, University of Toronto on a Rotary Foundation Fellowship.

He was addressing members of the Rotary Clubs of Acton, Milton and Georgetown and their wives. The speaker also commended the facilities of the University of Toronto. He reviewed the early history of South America and urged more Canadians to visit the countries of that continent to view the blending of the Inca and Spanish cultures.

Georgetown president, Bob Ferguson presided at the dinner and dance, with grace by Acton Rotarian A. McKenzie. Introduction of the shield table by Acton president Tom Shields and thanks to the guest speaker by Milton president Bob McCuaig. Georgetown Rotarian Ian Cass welcomed the 100 guests.

around in my top storey.

It seems that the six hundred black squirrels who are so cute around our place all summer are not contented with the bushes of acorns on my lawn. They seem to get at the nuts inside the place. They have chewed a hole in my roof moved in with all their relations, and are throwing a 24-hour a day party with square dancing, broad jumping and running races as featured entertainment.

It makes your blood run cold to hear them thundering around up there. It's driving our cat straight out of her mind. It's putting my wife in that frame of mind when "Why don't you do something about it?" becomes a chip on my shoulder.

I had no sooner deviled the squirrel situation was hopeless when the second series was made. This time on my pocket book. My wife took the cat to the city the other day. It was pouring rain. Some gawk slammed into her from behind when she was parked at a stoplight. She jumped out, didn't see any serious damage, didn't want to ruin her hairdo, jumped in again, and drove away. That one cost me \$130. The impact had broken the reverse gear in my automatic transmission. No name no license number no insurance.

After these two I was cowing a bit. Knowing from experience that the gods had another slam in the slots for me. It didn't take long. It came in the form of a brutal attack on my professional pride. I learned

from an article in Maclean's magazine that I was going steadily downhill in my social status.

There it was, in black and white. A survey, based on an education-income formula, spelled out the class system in classless Canada.

Glancing casually at Class I, I was not surprised to learn that I was not included among the judges, doctors, lawyers, engineers and architects. After all, those boys except the judges, almost need another hand to jam the stuff into their trousers' pockets.

But I did expect to be at the top of Class II. Surely little did I know that I am well behind stock brokers, veterinarians, chiropractors, finance managers and female librarians and just a couple of jumps ahead of clergymen. That chart must be crazy.

But what really hurt was that all the things I had been previously — officer, armed forces; an pilot editor — are higher in the class structure than what I am now — school teacher, male. It's pretty disheartening to find out that you have the same rating as social worker female.

The only thing that made the result bearable was the fact that I beat the Old Lady who is down at 50 per cent as music teacher female and isn't even mentioned as housewife.

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