

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS

### 20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press Thursday, November 4, 1943.

Monday night workers for the War Service League packed Christmas boxes for 199 boys of Acton and district now serving overseas. As well the budget of cigarettes goes each month. Neilson's is shipping a package of chocolate bars direct to everyone on the local list. May all of them be spared and return before another Christmas.

A poll of soldiers shows they prefer sweater girls.

Practices are often and pretty strenuous for the Gay Nineties show under the direction of R. R. Parker. There is a cast of about 30 in the show.

If you heard anyone sneering Tuesday evening in the United Church, it wasn't anyone being murdered, but the Young People having fun at the Hallow'een party. Everyone was in costume. The first prize for the best costume went to Betty Gibson and the second prize to Mr. Forsberg. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Bean, Amy Anderson, Emma Wilderspin and Doug Priestley for the grand entertainment.

The second meeting of the Dublin Literary Society was held at the school. Officers are: president, Vera Webster; vice-president, Betty Britton; secretary, Margaret Somerville; treasurer, Lorhe Mullin; executive committee, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Linham and Mr. Steele; pianist, Mrs. G. Robertson.

The Red Cross shipment from Acton headquarters on Monday included 10 sweaters, 20 pair gloves, 10 helmets, 10 scarves and 26 pairs of socks.

There is much talk about the advisability of launching a national physical-fitness program as a post-war project under the federal government.

The thunderstorm on Monday was unusual for this time of year.

Some of the Hallow'een decorations that included wrecking of property did not indicate a very high level of intelligence on the part of the youths who perpetrated them early Sunday morning. These youths are supposed to be the men of tomorrow.

The momentous Moscow conference has been concluded and the aims of Britain, the United States, Russia and China have been clearly outlined.

Save waste for victory! Call the salvage committee.

### 50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, November 6, 1913.

Miss Aggie Scott of the third line, well known winner of first prizes and specials in the dairy departments of the fall fairs, favored the Free Press with a sample of November butter. It is as sweet as the best June butter.

The roadway of Oakville's main street is likely to be paved. Half a dozen Georgetown men including the Herald are putting in hydro power.

Burlington claims a population of 2,500. They must have counted them when the summer visitors were there.

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The school's roll of honor—the following students worked hard: M. Henderson, I. MacPherson, K. Gibbns, O. Anderson, N. Kenney, E. White, T. Henderson, N. Anderson, J. O'Brien, B. Clark, H. Warren, D. Harvey, Scott, C. Brown, H. Rath, A. O'Brien, M. Smith, V. Masalev, M. MacPherson, G. McLeod, G. Wray, W. Johnston, A. Brown, A. Anderson, H. Mowat, V. Harvey, M. Wilson, P. Ault, J. Wilson, C. McLeod, L. Cooper, L. Kennedy, B. Plank, L. Britton, B. Mowat, E. Rath, W. H. Stewart principal, Mabel Howie assistant.

Myrtle Clarridge, Marguerite Stewart, Olive Mowat, George Anderson, Harold Reed, George Agnew, George Super, Stella McLann, Henry Hunter, Melvin Williams, Harold Kennedy, Herbie Ritchie, Duff Wilson, Kenneth Henderson, Elsie Stewart, Bessie Woodhall, Lloyd Kenney, Hugh Williams, Frank Clark, Jessie Mowat, Evelyn Lawler, Dorothy Lawler, Max Bell, Emma Barnes, Willie Stewart, Violet Goulet, Sabra Nelson, May Carmichael, Florence Cook, Jennie Lasby, Alice Jones, David Henderson, Violet Davis, Jean Moffat, Jessie Stuckey, Frances Hurst, James Matthews, Agnes Gibbons, John Canfield, George Rudman, Cecilia Murphy, Mary Siomelo, Doris Harris, Leslie Martin, Laird Daney, George Jiggins, Marie Mowat, Jean Kennedy, J. Taylor, Tedford, R. Stewart, N. Hall, B. Blair, D. Kennedy, Teachers: M. Z. Bennett, I. White, V. MacPherson, A. Watson, L. Polley, C. Taylor.

## Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL BAILEY

Hunter, hunter, hold your fire! Do not explode that cartridge. That's your neighbor, Mr. Dwyer. It's not a plump hen partridge.

All right. You don't like that verse? How about this one?

Along the line of smoky hills, The crimson hunter stand, A hundred thousand Bobs and Bills, Their muskets in their hand. They're in the swamps and valleys, too, As thick as grease in skillet; They have but one ambition, to See something move and kill it.

Yes, gentle, all-suffering reader, I'm afraid that one of the silliest of Canada's silly seasons is upon us. The above doggerel represents two of the attitudes about hunting season which prevail. They might be labelled the Approving and the Disapproving. There are others. For example:

Why can't we hunters shoo! from cats, And blast away on Sundays? Each silly regulation mays Our simple, joyous fun days.

This might be called the viewpoint of that small group of malformed individuals who give the rest of us the creeps. They enjoy killing for its own sake. They will shoot 20 ducks when the bag limit is eight. They will shoot an owl or a turtle or a cat, if nothing else is moving.

I find myself uneasy in their company. They could be termed

The Killers. They are not hunters.

Quite opposed to these queer ones is another segment of our population. I came across a typical group of this species last Saturday when I dropped in at the pub. There they were, hunched all in their red caps, red jackets and red faces. They were ready to fan out into the woods and it would be every man for himself.

This type, and it is legion, seldom kills anything more dangerous than a limb of a tree or an old buddy. Just for the sake of euphony, let's call them The Swillers. Their credo might go thus:

Hunting is the sport for us; We're a mainly-merry crew, So why the ruckus and the fuss When we bag a cow or two?

Beset on one side by The Approving and The Disapproving, on the other by The Killers and The Swillers, the real hunter has my sympathy. All he wants is to be allowed to follow his favorite sport in peace and with a modicum of safety, and it's getting tougher all the time. If he were not the simple, inarticulate type, he might say:

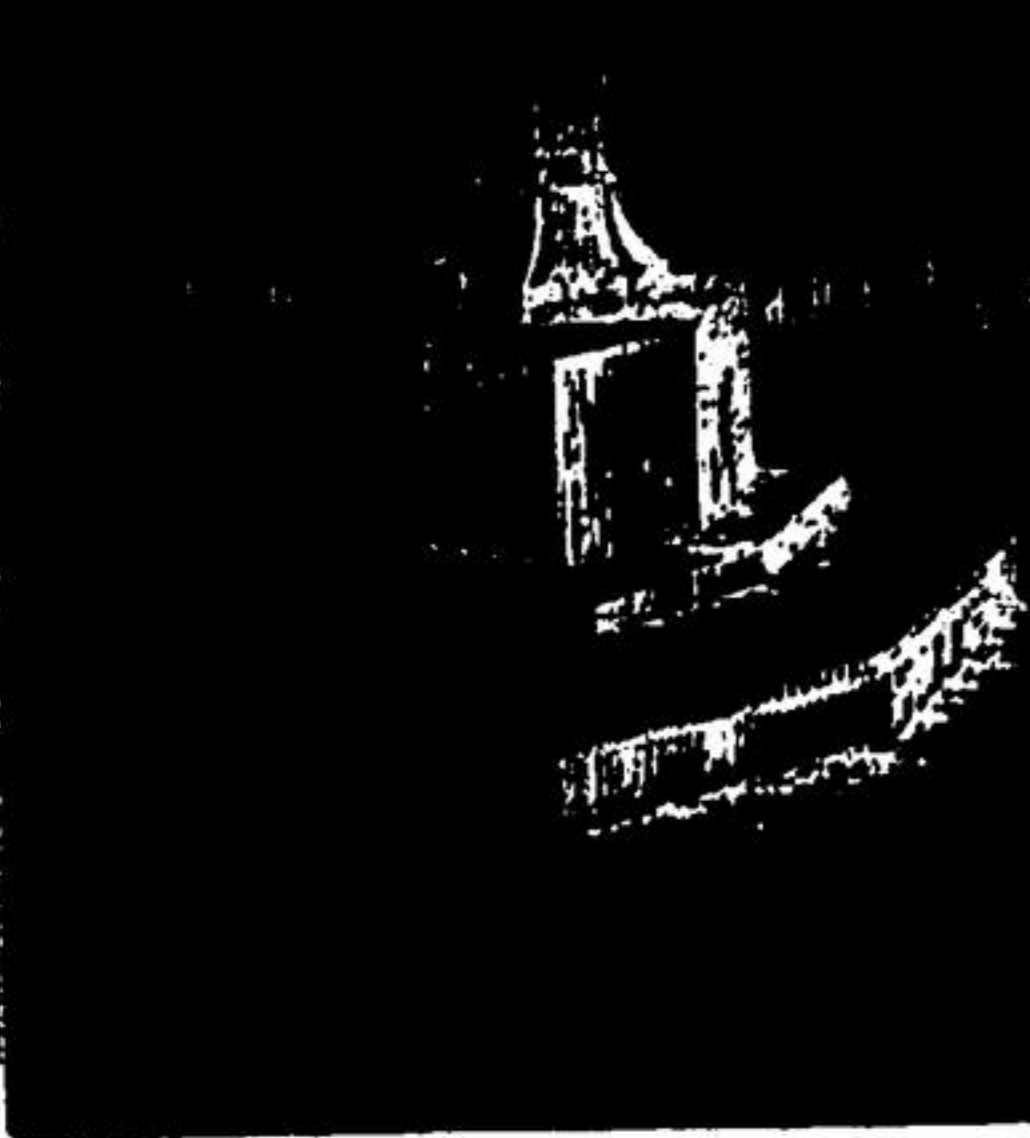
Give me a crisp, November day, With a little skiff of snow, And a deer run, and a good gun, And you know where you can go.

I don't like slaughter. But I don't think every man who shoots an animal is a depraved monster, lustful for blood. Many a Saturday afternoon, I myself have lined up my sights and fired with cool precision at a fence post or a No Trespassing sign.

And I'll never forget the day I bagged my biggest trophy—the black bear. I was out hunting partridge. The birds had me pretty rattled, jumping up behind me with a great whir and winging off, laughing over their shoulders.

Suddenly, out of the corner of my eye, I saw this huge, black, menacing shape crouched on a tree limb. Quick as a flash, I whirled, threw up my gun and fired. Down he tumbled at one shot. I felt both silly and a little sick when my 400-pound black bear turned out to be a 12 ounce black squirrel. But I ate him, in a stew.

How things have changed since Samuel Johnson wrote, a couple of hundred years ago, "Hunting was the labor of the savages of North America, but the amusement of the gentlemen of England." Or have they?



## Wear a Poppy Proudly...

Only from the great recorded achievements of the past can we draw strength and inspiration for the fortitude and courage required of us in the future. Canadians should realize today, more than ever, the tremendous debt of gratitude they owe to our war veterans and to our war dead. By their valor and supreme sacrifice they made it possible for us to retain our pride and integrity as citizens of a free nation.

The reminder of those sacrifices—the scarlet poppy—is now being accepted by a third generation of Canadians. The annual poppy campaign receives the support of a great multitude of the non-veteran public, not only because of its symbolism, but because they know that the funds derived from this campaign help ex-servicemen and women and their dependents who are in need. They know, but they need to be reminded each year, that the humble little emblem is made by disabled veterans who thereby gain a livelihood. They know that

the poppy fund is held in trust for the one specific purpose of helping needy war veterans and is kept strictly apart from regular Legion funds.

The success of the poppy campaign, therefore, depends on how widely the lapel poppy and other emblems are distributed by the branches of the Royal Canadian Legion. It depends entirely on their willingness to organize a campaign in their own community to see that every individual has an opportunity to wear a poppy.

The local Legion members have always been aware of this responsibility and carried out the program effectively.

Their efforts deserve the support of all sections of the community.

It is hoped too that many will take the time from busy lives to remember at the Con-oloph on Sunday the sacrifice of so many who have made possible the freedoms we enjoy. Let us remember.

## Just Two Weeks Away...

The town's "annual meeting" is only two weeks away. At the "annual meeting", held following the nominations, those who have held office during the past year are expected to report on their stewardship, while those seeking office normally declare their intent or platform.

The actual format of the meeting has not basically changed for some years. Only the favor and interest seem to have declined.

Reports of the members of the various groups have become less intensive as the audience has declined. Those reporting have naturally assumed that only the highlights can be touched on in the two or three minutes allotted to them. Those who are appearing for the first time have often not given much advance thought to the prospect and have little to say on the spur of the moment.

It's really time the whole subject of the town's "annual meeting" got some close scrutiny if the nomination meeting is not to go the way of those of federal and provincial elections. In Milton the town hall used to be crammed and oratory was at its peak for the provincial and federal nomination meetings. Today the town hall is the headquarters for about three people who have to be there and even provincial and federal candidates no longer find an appearance necessary.

If town nominations are not given some injections of enthusiasm by the candidates and those reporting, the town's annual meeting will go by default.

Citizens like to be entertained. Unfortunately they expect their municipal representatives and candidates to degrade themselves to some form of dog fight to attract them. This is unfortunate. Municipal government should not have to be a field of battle, to attract interest. Certainly there are actions and lack of action that can be charged against any council. But ratepayers should be doing some homework if they expect them to be produced. The questions so often discussed on the street corner would benefit from presentation at an "annual meeting" where all the facts and opinions could be presented.

Much of the time at the "annual meeting" is taken up with verbal reports of present boards. The advance mimeographing of some reports has speeded up the meeting. A little pre-meeting preparation of the verbal reports could result in a more comprehensible resume of the activities of these boards.

If citizens are to be truly interested in their municipal government they cannot be expected to sit like sponges. They should be squeezed so they make some contribution to the meeting through questions. The meeting should be one of participation, not a spectator sport.

The town's "annual meeting" this year will be November 21. Ring it up on your calendar now and plan to attend. Yes, you should consider the part you will play. If you start to contest a position for next year's administration, your mind should be made up now and not on nomination night or between nomination night and qualification declaration.

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

**BRAMPTON**—Appointment of a detective, intensive combat training and written examinations are being implemented by Brampton Police as the result of a recent Ontario Police Commission survey. Results of the survey, which were requested by the Brampton Police Commission, were made available to Council recently and include eight specific recommendations.

**GEORGETOWN**—Posing as a representative of the T. Eaton Co., a unknown man has been telephoning local business offering them the opportunity of modelling for Eaton's catalogue. Recently at least three high school students were phoned and the caller said he was taking a group into Toronto by train to audition for jobs. On learning about the phone calls, high school principal J. I. Lambert called the police who contacted the T. Eaton Co., who replied there was no one authorized by them to do this. According to police a similar hoax has been perpetrated widely in Toronto.

**OKAYVILLE**—Representatives of Okayville and Burlington in the Miss Canada Pageant slated for Toronto on the weekend. Okayville's candidate Anne Gomez was honored Friday evening at the Club Galaxia and Vice Galliard. The Burlington representative, was honored the next night in Burlington. The contest will take place in the O'Keefe Centre starting tomorrow (Friday) and lasting through Sunday.

**MILTON**—Claiming the large CNR embankment near their homes was devaluing their property, seven Bronte and Main St. residents unsuccessfully protested their 1963 assessment at the Milton Court of Revision hearing held in the town hall last week. All failed to get their assessments reduced.

## Fall Workshop Rallies For Three U.C.W. Groups

The Fall Physiological Workshop Rallies for United Church Women were held in Port Credit on October 21 in Milton on October 22 and in Watford on October 23. The ladies assembled for registration at 9:00 in the morning at each rally and were welcomed by the president, Mrs. R. F. Wilson. Following a short workshop, Port Credit, Mrs. G. Southcott, Christ Church, Milton, Mrs. J. Campbell Zimmerman, Watford, Mrs. E. Campbell, Watford Plains, the departmental conferences were held.

These were in the form of a workshop conducted by the district secretaries: 1—Organization and Vice; Mrs. R. F. Wilson; 2—Membership; Mrs. H. Ferry; 3—Christian and Missionary Education; Rev. M. G. Jones; 4—Citizenship; Mrs. P. Stone; 5—Community Friendship and Visiting; Mrs. F. W. Harbottle; 6—Finance and Treasurers; Mrs. A. R. Farmer; 7—Stewardship and Recruiting; Mrs. J. Fleming; 8—Supp. Mrs. Stanton; 9—Choir Program (Chairman's Unit Leaders); Mrs. H. R. Parker.

New Study Literature was on display and

Evangel Baptist Church is now affiliated with the Trans-Canada Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada, according to the Rev. J. H. Wilson. Application had been made and the congregation was recognized and welcomed last week.

The Trans-Canada Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches is one of the largest Evangelical denominations in Canada. It comprises about 130 churches and over 600 members. From the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches (268 churches), the Convention of Regular Baptist of British Columbia (50 churches) and the Regular Baptist Missionary Fellowship (41 churches). The churches range from coast to coast and include 20 French-speaking congregations.

There are over 400 overseas missionaries. Evangelism is encouraged through establishing new churches and Sunday schools.

The theme at the Watford Rally was "Stewardship and Recruiting." Mrs. Wm. E. Allison, Trinity Church, Burlington, conducted the worship and Mrs. E. Linton, East Plains, was the soloist. The guest speaker was Dr. Bruce McLeod, St. Stephen's on the Hill, Tor. He spoke on "Recruiting for Vocation."

Much inspiration was gained by all who attended these meetings and many new ideas and worthwhile thoughts would be taken back to the local units. In the busy world around us today and our concern for the many momentary duties in our lives, we need the spiritual uplifting gained at such gatherings, the ladies felt.

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