

# A Familiar Line Disappears...

## Served Faithfully and Well...

"I promise to pay my 'debts' by dedicating myself, to the best of my ability, to carrying out the oaths I have taken today." Those were the words of County Judge George Elliott when he assumed the position of County Judge just three short years ago. Those associated with him and those who observed his sincere efforts and conscientious attitudes know how well he fulfilled that promise.

The death of Judge Elliott on Wednesday of last week stunned residents of the county and of his home town, Milton. Many knew him as a lawyer who had served his clients and profession well for 33 years. Many knew him from his brief years as a judge, being familiar with his dedication to the traditions of British justice.

Many were familiar with him through his community service that included activity on Milton Council, as mayor, as a member of the Library Board, an active leader in Boy Scout activities, a quiet worker for the blind of Halton or in a number of other civic projects.

A host of residents were familiar with him as a public speaker, as a coach of Junior Farmer debating or public speaking teams, or as a loyal supporter of youth activities.

Whatever one's contact with Judge Elliott had been, it was usually a relationship that developed a healthy respect for his ability and competence in whatever field he was working.

The county will miss the efforts of a man who always seemed to have a keen interest in

the affairs of Halton.

The tremendous attendance at the funeral service on Saturday was a tangible indication of the respect Judge Elliott had earned among all types of people. We suggest, however, that Judge Elliott would prefer to be recalled for the contributions he made to so many community efforts and the stature of justice in Halton. This we think is how he will be recalled in the years to come as history is written in decades hence.

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Fate often plays strange tricks. Last week, shortly after announcing his retirement from auctioneering, Jack Elliott learned his brother, Judge George Elliott had died.

Despite this cruel twist we could not let Jack's retirement pass without commenting on his 33 years' service as an auctioneer that brought him in contact with dozens of farmers and residents throughout a large area.

The many who know Jack, will regret that his decision to retire from auctioneering was considered necessary. He has sold a tremendous variety of items during his years and he has worked with many who held auctions. His spark of humour always made an auction an interesting event.

We'll miss that familiar line that appeared on countless auctions that were advertised in the pages of this paper, but we wish him many years in which to reflect on his active auctioneering.

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OVER 1,000 TREES went up in Halton Wednesday night of last week during the annual Chamber of Commerce Twelfth Night Christmas Tree Lighting. Mayor Les Duly, C. of C. president Paul Nielsen and Ted Tyler, Sr. lit the torches to ignite the tree while hundreds of people watched. Over 400 donuts were consumed as well as vast quantities of coffee. Some were disappointed when donuts ran out.

# The Good Old Days...

## 20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday Jan. 4, 1945.

Word was received yesterday by his wife (nee Marion Hunt) Toronto that Pte. Allan Gordon had been wounded while serving with the Canadians in Holland. Just a few days before Christmas his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Gordon, Acton, received word that their other son, Pte. Wilson Gordon, had been killed in Italy. This family have indeed suffered heavily in their trouble they have the sympathy of many friends. The message gave no details of the wounds.

Another Acton young man has given his life in the cause of freedom. Gunner George Albert Smeethurst was reported killed in action while serving in Belgium on December 16. This was the sad message that came to his wife and little family and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smeethurst and family just three days before Christmas.

Gunner James Alexander Higgin was another of Canada's wounded soldiers to arrive on the "Lady Nelson" and reached Acton December 22.

The annual New Year's list of awards of honors to members of the Canadian Army was announced by national defense headquarters and contained the name of a native of Acton, Brig. C. A. Rae. Another Mrs. W. W. Linnec received an undated card from her son Stewart Linnec, a Japanese prisoner of war. This is the only word received in the past year.

A message from Sgt. Jack Boyd, a prisoner in England, is the first the family has had since last New Year's.

Declarations of office were filed by council members: J. M. McDonald, W. J. Oakes, J. H. Boulton and J. H. Creighton. Incoming council members: Howard Macdonald, Geo. Cleaves, Geo. Currie, R. N. Brown.

## 50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, Jan. 7, 1915.

Rather difficult to write it "1915," isn't it?

J. R. Fallis, M.P.P. is still purchasing army horses throughout the country.

Mr. George Arnold, an old Acton boy, has been elected a member of Georgetown school board by acclamation.

The watch-night services of the Methodist and Baptist churches were very impressive and largely attended.

The initial hockey match of the season was played in Erin on New Year's Day with Erin winning by a handsome majority.

The personnel of the Acton team was: goal C. Leishman, point, H. Holmes, C. point, T. Williams, left wing, H. Scherle, right wing, Max Smith, centre, Art Anderson.

Messrs. Edward and Charles Tyler are anxiously awaiting word of their brother George, a young naval officer, who was aboard the "Formidable" when she was torpedoed in the North Sea last Thursday. At the time of the catastrophe he was supreme in command of the wireless apparatus of the "Formidable."

Mr. Joseph Holmes has about completed his duties as inspector of works at the new government building. He was most faithful in his supervision of the work from the commencement, two years ago, until the completion of the fine building (The building referred to is the now-vacant post office on Mill St.).

Deceased — McGavin — At the home of the daughter, Mrs. H. S. White, Berlin, on Christmas Day, 1914, Dr. Nelson McGavin, formerly of Acton, in his 85th year.

Strengthen the children by using Mother Graves Worm Exterminator.

Mrs. Tsp. of cornstarch with 1 cup of salt for table use and a will not gather dampness — the salt, of course.

# Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL BAILEY

Well, here it is mid-January, and another year has slipped down the drain.

It's rather depressing to look back over the 12 months and realize that neither civilization nor yourself has improved one iota, despite the frantic scrambling of the pair of you, throughout the year.

Not that I'm admitting for a moment that 1964 was a complete failure. There were some things from which I derived a good deal of satisfaction. For one thing, I remained alive. With the traffic the way it is, and the tension cutting swaths through the ranks of chaps my age, just staying alive these days is quite a feat.

In the second place, I hung onto my job. This may seem like a trivial boast. But what with computers, it's like staying alive. Ask the fellow who hasn't managed to do either. Or both. What it meant was that I was able to continue keeping in high style a woman I never met until I was 25, and two kids who think money grows on fishers.

Keeping my job also meant that I was able to keep up my payments, no mean accomplishment in this age. In fact, I would be content to have my epitaph read: "He was a good man. He kept up his payments."

As a matter of fact, I did a

little better. Not only did I meet all my interest payments, but I reduced the mortgage on my house by \$28.64, leaving a mere balance due of \$12,971.66. This was somewhat offset by the borrowing of a couple of G's from my friendly banker, in order to replace the family transportation, which was rattling on the vine, but you can't win them all.

I'm not trying to brag. There were a lot of things in 1964 that I'd do differently another time. That is, if I'd ever got around to doing them. But since I didn't, they probably weren't worth doing in the first place. Figure that one out, if you can find an Irishman to help you.

I have already drawn up a program for 1965 that is perhaps the most positive plan, in a negative sort of way, that I've ever come up with. It's composed of all the things I'm NOT going to do this year.

For one thing, I'm not going to worry so much. My reckoning shows that I spent 20 to 30 minutes worrying last year about trifling things, like my son running away from home, my daughter going out on her first date, and my wife reporting cancer in a new location weekly.

That's enough to put a fellow in the hospital. I aim to cut that down to a maximum of ten minutes this year. And

it'll be worry about something worthwhile, like my golf slice and trout that got away.

Another thing I'm not going to do this year is lose so many arguments with the Old Battleaxe. Last year, I must have lost about 97 per cent of them. I don't know just how I'll go about it, but I'm determined to cut that figure to the bone — maybe right back to 95 per cent.

Once again, I'm not going to buy my wife a mink coat; I'm not going to build that patio that I didn't build last summer; I'm neither going to start getting to bed early nor getting up early; I'm not going to stop smoking because it might kill me, nor drinking diet; I'm not going to pay my income tax with anything milder than rage; I'm not going to pay any attention to all the silly people in the world who tell me what I'm not supposed to do.

In short, the next year will be much like every other year. And good enough for me. But perhaps we could all join heartily in repeating a little slogan for the coming year. It goes,

"Let's stay alive in '65."

## WALKING WITH GOD

Can we walk with God as much as we did in those modern days? Yes, we can, for God has not changed; that religion which fails in the everyday trials and experiences of life has a flaw in it somewhere. It should be more than a mere plank to sustain us in the rushing tide, and land us exhausted and dripping on the other side. Divine love will enable us to walk with God in all of life's circumstances.

## This Sunday's

# Church Calendar



**EVANGELICAL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Pastor: Alan G. Silvester, B. Th.  
Phone 853-2595  
Y.M.C.A.  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 1965  
9:45 a.m.—The Family Bible School classes for all ages.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.  
Wednesday evening — Cottage Prayer Meeting.  
Everyone welcome.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**  
**KNOX CHURCH, ACTON**  
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D., Minister  
Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A. Organist and Choir Master  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 1965  
9:45 a.m.—Departmentalized Church School Session.  
10:00 a.m.—Minister's Teen - Age Bible Class.  
11:00 a.m.—Public Worship. Second sermon in series: "From Doubt Into Faith" — "The Origin of the Universe."  
7:30 p.m.—Youth Fellowship, C.G.T.Y. and others leave church for visit to Beth Israel Synagogue in Guelph. Everyone Most Welcome.

**THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN**  
Corner Willow and St. Alban's Drive  
Rector:  
The Rev. D. H. West, B.A., L.S.T.  
185 Jeffrey Ave., Phone 853-2694.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 1965  
The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany  
9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.  
10:30 a.m.—Church School.  
10:30 a.m.—Choral Eucharist.  
7:30 p.m.—Evensong and Young People's.

**BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
Acton, Ontario.  
Rev. Wiebe Van Dijk  
Phone 853-1585

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 1965  
10:00 a.m.—English Service.  
2:30 p.m.—Dutch Service.  
3:45 p.m.—Sunday School.

**TRINITY CHURCH**  
(The United Church of Canada)  
The Rev. Dwight I. Engel, B.A., B.D.  
Organist:  
Mr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 1965  
**THE CHURCH SCHOOL**  
9:30 a.m.—Grades 5 and higher.  
11:15 a.m.—4 years of Grade 4.  
DIVINE SERVICES—  
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Founded 1842  
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon  
Res. 144 Tuley Ave., Ph. 853-1615

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 1965  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
"Household of Faith."  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.  
"No Condemnation — No Separation."  
Tuesday, January 19 — The Annual Meeting, 6:30.

Wednesday — Mission Band, 4 o'clock; prayer meeting, 7:30.  
Thursday — Choir practice at 7:30.  
Friday — B.H.F. 7:00 and Explorers 7:30.

Text: "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." Zech. 4: 6.

**ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE P.A.O.C.**  
33 Churchill Road  
Rev. S. M. Thomas, Pastor  
853-2715

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 1965  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.  
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer service and Bible study.  
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.

## Credit Conservation

# Albert Wheeler Honorary Member

"I have enjoyed the fellowship of the members a great deal and appreciate the sentiments behind this honor," Albert (Abby) Wheeler said recently when the Credit Valley Conservation Authority unanimously voted him an honorary life membership.

"I hope," he continued, "that you will extend every courtesy to my successor Alex Jackson." Mr. Wheeler of Hillsburg is a charter member and has represented Erin Township for 10 years on the Authority. The Credit Valley Conservation Authority is completing its tenth year in operation this month and still boasts five charter members. All attended the dinner at House Lamenhol, Huttonville.

Eric M. White, representative of Mono Township is vice chairman of the Authority; Alex K. Laren, Georgetown is chairman of the land use advisory board; Robert Parker, Acton is chairman of the flood control and pollution advisory board; and A. M. Greenaway, Port Credit is chairman of the public relations advisory board. Secretary-treasurer W. E. Wright, Port Credit though not a member, has been the secretary-treasurer for the life of the CVCA and was one of the founding group. Chairman R. K. McMillan was a delegate from Toronto Township on the group whose meetings resulted in the formation of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority in 1954 and returned as a representative of Toronto Township in 1957.

An executive recommendation to continue negotiations with the Meadowdale Botanical Gardens Foundation for a portion of its

property at a nominal fee, was adopted unanimously by the CVCA last week. This property is approximately 100 acres fronting on Berry Road west and winding along the Credit for better than a mile. It will be developed and maintained in conjunction with the adjoining 118 acre Meadowdale Conservation Area. A complete plan of such development must be presented to the Conservation Branch, Department of Energy and Resources Management, for approval before any work can be started.

Ministerial approval has been received for provincial grants for the renovation of the "Mill House" on the Meadowdale Conservation Area. This house will be the administrative head for CVCA. Work on the house will begin immediately.

Each person sixteen years of age or over, breaking a limb in a farm accident in 1965 in Halton County will receive a five dollar grant. This motion was passed at the joint annual meeting of the Halton and Peel Farm Safety Councils, held in the Agricultural Office, Milton, on Tuesday, December 15. Detailed information on the accident must be supplied to the Halton Safety Council. The main purpose for this motion is to focus attention on the high cost and number of broken arms and legs.

Guest speakers at the meeting included Oscar Snyder, Elmhurst, President of Halton County, and Guelph, secretary of the Farm Safety Council of Ontario. Chairman Mrs. A. R. Coulter, Campbellville, R.R. 3, welcomed the Safety Council members from Halton and Peel counties and told of the accomplishments of

the Halton Farm Safety Council during 1964.

Larry Argue, Engineering Extension Specialist and Secretary of the Peel Farm Safety Council, reported on the Peel County activities.

The election of officers for the Halton Farm Safety Council for 1965 was deferred until Tuesday, February 9th, at which time Directors from all participating organizations in the County will have been chosen.

## Low Issue

Building permits issued in Nax sagawewa during 1964 totalled \$199,900, clerk J. C. McIntyre reported this week.

The 1964 figure is the lowest since 1961. In 1963 permits covered construction estimated at \$309,700 and in 1962 construction at the Mohawk race track swelled construction to \$1,715,625.

# Professional Directory and TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

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