

**NEW YEAR'S THEME  
FOR ST. JOHN SERMON**

J. D. G.

We are stepping out into a fresh new year; let us do so, not alone, but with God. And this brings our thoughts back to the quote of our late king in one of his wartime messages: "Step out into the dark and put your hand in the hand of God, and that shall be to you, better than a light and safer than the known way." This was Rev. John M. Smith's introduction to the theme of the morning service at St. John's on Sunday, "A New Year's Dawn," and using the words of Paul to the Philippians "forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

But before we forget, we should review the old, not minutely, but the highlights which will come readily back; of pleasure and pain, good and evil, success and failure, and let us think of them sufficiently to profit by each; how we met them and treated them; what we let them do to us. Did we grow nearer to God through the year and get to know Him better? If not, let us think out why we failed, and try again. If yes, let us cherish the thought and continue in the New Year. And just before we forget, let us reflect, "as a church did we progress, and come nearer to God, bringing His Kingdom a little closer in our community?"

Having done these let us "forget the things which are behind, and reach forth unto those things which are before." The past is gone, it cannot be altered; we must start from where we are, and be alert to the prospects and possibilities which lie ahead, and meet them with purpose and courage, unselfishly, as part of God's way, God's

**Proposed New Blind Service and Rehabilitation Centre**



Aerial perspective of the proposed new service and rehabilitation centre for the blind, to be built on the Divadale Estate, Bayview and Glenvale Boulevard, near Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto. Shown are the six connected buildings which will directly serve the blind of Toronto and the counties of York, Peel, Halton, Simcoe and Ontario, and house the Ontario and National headquarters for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. The C.N.I.B. Building Fund will be launched in April, with D. W. Ambridge as general chairman, to raise \$3,150,000, required to complete the project.

plan for us, but also for His church, and His world. And God's plan means action. Note Paul's word, "I

press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." To press means effort, even struggle to attain, but what a worthwhile calling to aim at and strive for, to learn to live closer to God, and learn more of Him and His way and plan!

And to attain much, we must have great expectancy. Expect little and probably little will be attained. If we have great expectations and work with our hand in the hand of God, there is practically no limit to what can be accomplished with a little of God's great patience and much perseverance, in ourselves, by the church, in the community, yea, in our world, which even amid its great tribulations, seems to be readying itself for great achievements in the upward march of its long procession toward God. In the new year just begun, put your hand trustfully in the hand of God, He will not let go.

## Hyde, Harlow Again Head Fire Department

William Hyde and Jack Harlow were re-elected chief and deputy of Georgetown Fire Department at the annual meeting on Sunday afternoon.

Other officers of the 25-man department which serves the town, as well as the surrounding portion of Esquerring Township, include

At the evening service, movie films were shown, giving their moral and spiritual lessons, and stressing the need and value of the foundation of character which the church and its teachings can give, in sports as in all walks of life, and ending with a church being given first support in a new community, followed closely by a municipal playground alongside.

Clarence Spence, secretary; Harold Wilson, treasurer; Will Breen, captain; Jim Valentine, lieutenant, of No. 1 Coy.; Jack Davidson, captain, and David Williams, lieutenant, of No. 2 Coy.; Jack Kepp, hook and ladder captain, Bill Ritchie, town truck driver, Charles Laws, panel truck driver, Herb Rosher, township truck driver; Charles Tyler, parade marshal. Other members of the department are: Andy Ritchie, George Glassford, Erwin Lewis, Bob Bonfield, Jack Cunningham, Walter Richardson, Clarence Carey, Bob Footitt, Trevor Williams, George Chaplin, Harvey Lusty, Don Barriger.

Carrying on a custom of former years, members voted to contribute to Toronto Sick Children's Hos-

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**D. W. AMBRIDGE, C.B.E.**  
General Chairman, C.N.I.B. Building Fund  
(President and General Manager, Abitibi Power & Paper Co., Ltd.)



**LT. COL. E. A. BAKER, O.B.E.**  
Managing Director, the Canadian National Institute for the Blind

pital, each man giving a dollar and the treasury equalling this to make a total donation of \$500.

A former fire chief and honorary member, Harry Savings conducted the election of officers. Guests, each of whom spoke briefly, included Mayor Jack Armstrong, Reeve Wilfrid Bird of Esquerring, Councillor Douglas Sergeant, Fred Chapman, Art Scott and Walter Bitch.

Resignation of Donald Latimer was accepted with regret. Mr. Latimer, who served for many years as chief, has been unable to serve in an active capacity for several months because of illness.

Following the meeting, a buffet supper was served in the club-rooms.

### STEWARTTOWN

The children got in a bit of skating on the pond Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Lawson went with Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunter to spend New Year's day with Mrs. and Miss Will Lawson, Toronto.

School reopened Monday morning with Mrs. G. Wilson in charge. Junior, W.A. and Senior W.A. meetings are being held this week.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**IN THE ESTATE OF Nellie Rogers, Married Woman, Deceased.**

All persons having claims against the estate of Nellie Rogers, late of the Township of Esquerring, Married Woman, who died on or about the 5th day of November, A.D. 1953, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of January, A.D. 1954, after which date the estate will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice, and the undersigned will not be liable to any person of whose claim they shall not then have notice.

DATED at Georgetown, this 28th day of December, A.D. 1953.

Herbert Rogers and Nellie English, executors of the estate of Nellie Rogers, by their solicitor, Dale & Bennett, Georgetown, Ont.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE ESTATE OF Joseph Watson,

Gentleman, Deceased.

All persons having claims against the estate of Joseph Watson, late of the Town of Georgetown, Gentleman, who died on or about the 13th day of March, A.D. 1953 are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 23rd day of January, A.D. 1954, after which date the estate will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice, and the undersigned will not be liable to any person of whose claim they shall not then have notice.

DATED at Georgetown, this 31st day of December, A.D. 1953.

Mary Ellen Watson, sole executrix of the estate of Joseph Watson, by her solicitors, Dale & Bennett, Georgetown, Ont.

IT HAPPENED IN JANUARY						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Molson's</b>	<b>Molson's</b>	<b>BREWERS SINCE 1786</b>				
ONE OF A SERIES OF CALENDARS DESIGNED TO RECALL FOR CANADIANS TODAY SOME OF THE INTERESTING EVENTS, BOTH GRAVE AND GAY, IN OUR COUNTRY'S COLOURFUL STORY... PRESENTED BY						
3 DR BALDWIN OPENS FIRST CLASSICAL SCHOOL AT YORK (TORONTO) 1803	4 FRENCH BELANGER BEATS STEVE ROCCO AT CANADIAN FLYWEIGHT TITLE TORONTO, 1929	5 CANADIANS FIRST GAME 7-6 OVERTIME WIN AGAINST COBALT, 1910	6 SEVERE EARTHQUAKE CHAKES OTTAWA, 1956	7 Varsity QUEENS AND McGill UNIVERSITY INTERCOLLEGIATE HOCKEY LEAGUE, 1904	8 UPPER CANADA COLLEGE OPENED, 1850	9 RAILWAY BRIDGE OPENED AT THE SOO, 1888
10 21 GOALS SCORED IN TORONTO CANADIENS GAME (NHL RECORD) 1920	11 BURNABY CITY TEAM TRAVELS 4,600 MILES TO PLAY OTTAWA FOR STANLEY CUP (HOCKEY) 1906	12 BOSTON BRUINS' STREAK OF 14 STRAIGHT WINS (NHL RECORD) ENDED, 1930	13 MACKENZIE'S REPUBLIC OF UPPER CANADA ABANDONS NAVY ISLAND, 1838	14 THE DAWN ON THE CYCLONE OFFICIALLY NAMED GATINEAU, 1856	15 TRINITY COLLEGE OPENED AT TORONTO, 1852	16 TORONTO'S GEORGE VOLING WINS FIRST CATALINA CHANNEL SWIM AND +\$6,000, 1927
17 MARKET PRICES, 1852: BEEF PER POUND - 3d 6d BUTTER/FRESH, PER LB - 6d 1s 6d EGGS PER DOZEN - 8d 1s 9d	18 CANADIAN INTERCOLLEGiate ATHLETICS UNION ORGANIZED, 1908	19 PIT CLAPPER OF NEWMARKET DRUGSTORES WINS THE 200M. NHL GOAL, 1941	20 DR. JAS. MACINTOSH OF ALMOND CREEK MEDICAL PRACTICE, SPRUCEFIELD (MANITOBA) COLLEGE, 1902	21 KENORA HUSTLES BEAT MONTREAL WANDERERS FOR STANLEY CUP, 1907	22 BRITISH CROSS THE DETROIT ON THE ICE FROM BURGESS ISLAND TO GREAT AMERICAN AT FRENCHTOWN, 1813	23 NATURAL GAS STRUCK AT KINGSVILLE, 1886
24 CANADA-ALASKA BOUNDARY DECIDED, 1903	25 JOE MALONE SCORES 7 ASSISTS IN BULLDOGS BEAT TORONTO ST. PATRICKS, 1920	26 EDIE REARDON TURNS PRO WITH OTTAWA, 1914	27 GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OPENED FROM LONDON TO WINDSOR, 1854	28 GEORGE GOULDING SETS WORLD INDOOR RECORD, 1934: THE HIGH JUMP IN 1 MINUTE AND 55 SECONDS, TORONTO, 1934	29 BOSTON'S KITCHENER LINE SCHMITT, DILLIARD AND BAUER JOIN THE R.C.A.F. TOGETHER, 1942	30 LORD DURHAM COMPETES IN REPORTAGE
29 BURNABY DAY						
31 GREAT STORM DISRUPTS TORONTO STREET CAR AND PHONE SERVICES IN 1890						