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... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

We Agree ...

The federal government has been strongly urged to consider NHA financing of older homes by the Ontario Retail Lumber Dealers Association.

The association feels that many new homes could be built if older homes could be so financed. Present NHA financing sometimes works in reverse. Younger people with large families needing more spacious accommodation are being forced by economics to buy new, smaller homes. Older couples, with families that have grown to maturity and no longer living with their parents, occupy larger homes with hard-to-negotiate stairs, and with unneeded and in many cases, unwanted space.

These people, however, without NHA financing, find it difficult to sell their homes

and so are unable to move into compact dwellings. If they move, they are forced to tie up their money in a new home mortgage and thus gain little by their move.

We are in agreement with the lumber dealers' argument, and would hope that it receives a favourable hearing in Ottawa.

An added advantage in the move might well be an eventual saving in school costs. For as a community grows, new home building moves outward in an increasing spiral and young families in the suburbs create the need for new schools. Eventually, as has been found in Toronto, public schools in the centre of the community are hard pressed to find enough students while new construction becomes more and more necessary in suburban areas.

Precautions for Rabies ...

Rabies has broken out recently in the district, and we have heard of at least three cases where household pets have had to be destroyed because of the disease, and the family put to the trouble of painful inoculations.

A local physician tells us that the disease is prevalent among foxes, skunks, coons and even pigeons and farm animals.

He suggests that pets should be inoculated once a year, particularly hunting

dogs, which are most prone to come into contact with wild disease carriers.

He says that children should be particularly instructed to keep away from any animals not usually seen on the road. Dead animals should not be picked up, as it is possible to contract the disease from their fur.

If a dead animal is noticed on street or road, the proper authorities should be notified and the animal removed, so spread of the disease can be controlled.

Progressive Health Measure ...

A new council is never at a loss to find ways to spend money.

But even if economy is the keynote in town these days, we suggest that fluoridation of the municipal water supply is one thing which should be seriously considered in 1962.

While addition of fluoride to water has been a known benefit for many years, through experiments in the city of Brantford, it is only this past year that its use has become widespread.

Georgetown has a reputation of being

first or near-first with any progressive measures. And we should like to see our town in the forefront of a move which will save dollars and needless pain to future generations.

Fluoride, is not, of course, a cure-all for dental troubles and dentists have no fear of their profession dying for want of patients. Dentists, in fact, are among the prime boosters of fluoride and no one would be happier than these professional men if they do not have to remove teeth and substitute false ones in young people.

THE MAIL BAG

Fond Memories of Mrs. William Whyte

74 Dunnington Drive, Scarborough, Ontario

Dear Sir:

No doubt you have been informed of the death on Saturday 18th, of Mrs. Wm Whyte, 67 Maple Avenue W., Georgetown and I expect there will be some reference to her and her long and useful life in your next edition of "The Herald".

After having been a paying guest in her home for 10 months in 1930, I think, after a serious illness, I found out what a wonderful person she was having so many interests in the better things of life, and being such a good Samaritan to so many people as well as running the catering at the Golf Club nearby, making all the pies, cookies, etc. etc.

I always felt she was one of the stalwart Oaks of the town.

I would appreciate it very much if you would kindly send me a copy of "The Herald" if there should be some mention of her in it. I read your paper regularly and really got to feel Georgetown was second home to me. Since then it has expanded considerably I know!

Sincerely,
(Miss) Gertrude H. Brown

NERVOUS BRIDEGROOM FAINTS AT THE ALTAR

Bournemouth, Eng. — The bridegroom was so nervous he fell in a faint on the altar steps.

No sooner was he on his feet again, supported by the bride than the best man slumped down, hitting his head as he fell.

Then a choir boy went down. A bridesmaid collapsed in the aisle.

Rev. William Steinmond staunchly carried on with the service, although interrupted four or five times as other guests were carried out.

Finally, the bridegroom, Alan Farwell, was declared to be 23 year old Billian Sears.

Had one of the guests after

the wedding in Holdenhurst, Hampshire, parish church. "The church looked like a battle field."

Said the vicar, "The church wasn't overheated. It was just sheer nerves."

11 STEPS TO SURVIVAL — Step 3

Siren Signals Explained

Centres throughout Halton County presently have or are being provided with sirens for warning purposes. It is necessary for the individuals to know and be able to recognize the warnings as they come. There are three types of warning:

Alert, Take Cover and the All Clear.

The Alert: A steady note on the sirens for three minutes or more means:

- an attack is possible or radioactive fallout from an attack elsewhere is expected.
- turn on your radio and while one member of your family listens for instructions, the others should proceed with household preparations.
- Take Cover:** A rising and falling note of the sirens for three minutes or more means:
- danger of an immediate attack in your area.
- take cover immediately.
- if not already operating turn on your radio.

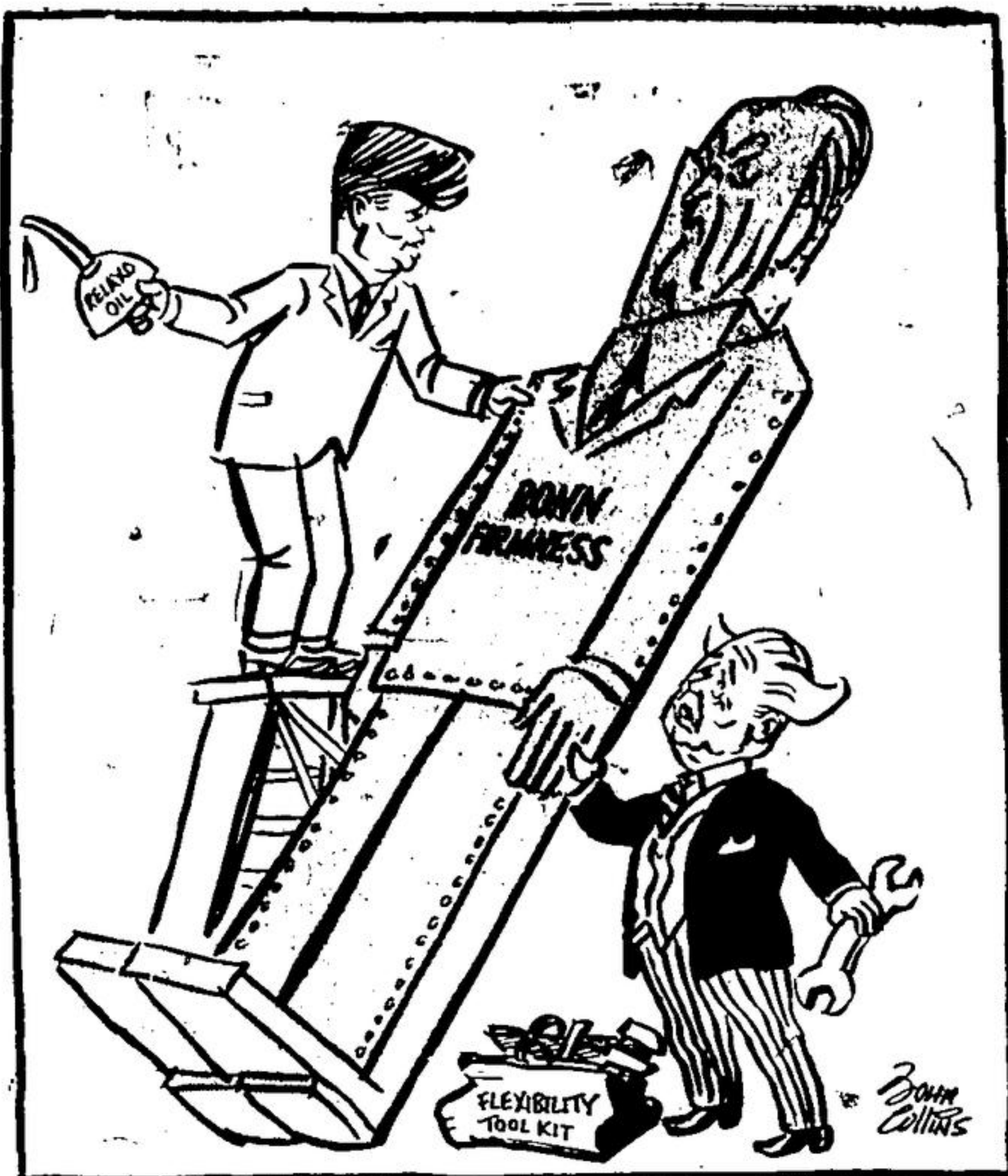
All Clear: Will be announced only on the radio and not by the sirens:

- announcement of the all clear, unless stated does not cancel the Alert.
- The All Clear** is given when your area is expected to be free from radioactive fallout or attack for more than an hour.

Since electricity may be cut off, a battery powered radio is essential. The radio should be tested for reception inside the shelter as it may require an outside aerial. Following an attack, the advice and instruction you would get over the radio might include:

- Whether nuclear explosions have taken place.
- Information about the parts of the country which might be affected by radioactive fallout.
- The length of time before fallout is likely to reach specific towns or areas.
- Whether other attacks are expected; ways to increase your fallout protection.
- Whether it is safer to stay in your home or go to other areas.
- People living in safe areas will be advised if they are free of danger.
- Instructions to those in fallout areas as to when they could leave their fallout shelters and for how long.
- Requests for help in survival operations such as rescue, firefighting, stretcher bearers.
- Importance of conserving your own food, water and fuel.
- How to keep warm if the power is off and the weather is cold.

Next Week — Step Four ... Have a Shelter.



THE IRON CHANCELLOR



Diary of a Vagabond

BY DOROTHY BARKER

HISTORY & PORCUPINES

There is a branch of an apple tree that spreads across the pasture window at the front of our house, creating a Japanese sort of the four seasons display.

It is giving up its leaves one by one. They are a soft yellow, reminding me of the honey which bees extracted from this same bough when it was in full bloom. We used to pick them up and use them instead of bright red fruit.

On TV a program for children is playing a game of rhymes and one runs through my head for I am still reliving my summer tour of the Maritimes. In fourteen hundred and ninety-two Columbus sailed the ocean blue. Though there is, and always will be, controversy as to whether Columbus or Leif Ericson discovered America, there is no doubt that John Cabot, or Giovanni Caboto, to give him his native title, landed in Cape Breton in 1497.

But I am ahead of myself. The second half of the CN Maple Leaf tour left Halifax early one morning with the Cape Breton as its ultimate destination. There was, however, much beautiful and historic scenery to cover before we reached Kentville. Lodge, pretentiously situated on Cape Breton Island in a scenic setting within the national park.

Everywhere on the highway as we drove along were porcupines that had been killed by motor cars. The slaughter seemed appalling to me until it was explained that there is probably a "Porky" for every tree in Nova Scotia and as their population grows they boil over onto the highways. Moving slower than molasses in January, crawling up a hill, it is almost impossible for motorists to avoid hitting them. But no one can kill a porcupine in Nova Scotia unless lost in the bush. This is law because, if one is really lost, the porcupine makes good eating, is easy to catch and does not throw its quills when angered as so many of us city dwellers have been led to believe. I can tell you, when you are on tour with a school teacher, this trip my driver was Frank Terris many an old wives' tale is blown sky high by fact.

Interesting Architecture
Through the Land o' Goshawk, settled by Scottish farmers, we drove past houses exactly as those one would see in Scotland only constructed of wood instead of stone. They sagged against the hills and popped into view from thickly wooded areas. Their architecture appeared unique, especially the peaked dormers. Even the barns, I remember, have a distinct personality. There were not vast fields to harvest but it seemed to me the nature of these settlers had accounted for every grain of soil so that they could leave patches in which nature could revel. For every mox and then we would see a green expanse with tiny evergreens that looked as though they had floated from the sky like snow flakes and settled gently on the green sward.

rapid development of any central Canada or some of the prairie cities or even that paragon of rapid progress, Vancouver. To me the development of Nova Scotia, to use as an example, is like the native population, canny for sure, calculating the long pull, building the causeways and canals to further expedite shipment of its major wealth, pulpwood and lumber. Progress there is in evidence, and like the granite that was used to fill Canso Causeway, it is as solid as Mount Porcupine.

Post Office Asks Mailing Cooperation

As the Christmas mailing season arrives again, the Post Office would appreciate receiving the cooperation of the mailing public in the following ways:

- (1) Full and complete postal addresses should be used on cards and parcels.
- (2) Return addresses should be placed on all items of mail.
- (3) Making Christmas mail as early as possible, for example, Dec. 8th.
- (4) Mail to Nfld. posted Dec. 10th.
- (5) Mail to B.C. posted Dec. 10th.
- (6) Mail to Alta. posted Dec. 12th.
- (7) Mail to Man. & Sask. posted Dec. 12th.
- (8) Mail to the Maritimes posted by Dec. 14th.
- (9) Mail to Ont. and Que. posted by Dec. 15th.
- (10) Mail for Local Delivery posted by Dec. 17th.

(4) Wrapping and tying parcels strongly and securely.

(5) Making separate bundles of cards for local and out-of-town delivery.

In the past few years public cooperation has been steadily improving and postal employees sincerely hope that it will prove even better this year, since it is vital to the efficient movement of the mails.

ELECTION SIGNS DEFACED
Candidates in Monday's municipal elections had their principal signs defaced while ward in comparison with the others disappeared completely.

MERRY MENAGERIE By Walt Disney
Distributed by King Features Syndicate.

"I didn't get a medal—I didn't get a tuckered parade—all I got was a lousy apple!"



Do you know something? We haven't any national character. There's no such thing as a 'typical Canadian'. We're just a vague, unformed glob of human beings who happen to live in the same vast hunk of geography. Isn't that a fine state of affairs, with Christmas coming on, and everything.

I learned this while reading a couple of new books about Canada this week. The authors seemed not only disturbed but displeased because they were unable to put down a list of adjectives, point triumphantly and say: There you are! A typical Canadian!

This search for a Canadian identity has become a regular parlour game among writers and intellectuals. I find the whole problem remarkably undisturbing. I'd rather be a typical human being than a typical Canadian. Have you ever noticed that when people say, "He's a typical American" (or Englishman, Frenchman, German, etc.), they don't mean it as a compliment?

However, in the interests of pure truth I thought I'd look back through a number of my friends and acquaintances and see whether I could come up with a typical Canadian, after more than 40 years of consorting with the species.

There was a huge, happy, lively-tongued, quick-witted fellow with whom I once trained as a pilot, in the dead of a typical Canadian winter. He didn't have any special advantages of wealth, schooling or social position. But Jake Gaudaur, president of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats football club, is doing all right these days. A typical Canadian?

There was a skinny starved looking little guy at college who was so shabby, physically and financially, that I didn't think he'd graduate. But he had a wicked wit and a wonderful way with words. His name was Jamie. As Professor James Reaney, poet, playwright, novelist and editor of a new magazine, he's doing all right! A typical Canadian?

There was the French Canadian kid who worked with me as bellhop on the lake boats before the war. When he started that summer, he knew only three words of English, all of them bad. I couldn't help laughing when I saw his name in the paper the other day—a distinguished member of the clergy in Quebec. A typical Canadian?

There were a couple of young screwballs who wrote and played in comedy skits when I was at university. Next time I saw them was in a troop show, overseas. They had improved, I say them on television the other night. They're getting by, as Wayne and Shuster, Typical Canadians?

Then there's Dutch. Once a wild and woolly Australian, he taught me to fly a Spitfire, in England. He came here after the war, and is happy as a trout hotly pursuing his first million in Toronto. A typical Canadian?

And Chuck. His old man was a Ukrainian. We were in pri-

son camp together and when the Russians were getting close he taught me to say: "Don't shoot!" in Russian. He was a first-rate cartoonist and I heard he was in Vancouver. A typical Canadian?

And three Georges. One was a quiet student, who bought a Belgian pistol from me after the war and paid me \$10 more than it was worth, because I needed the money. He's managing these days between directing plays at Stratford and on television. A typical Canadian?

Another George raped the Yanks for burning York in the war of 1812. He went over to Wall Street, made a million before he was forty, and carried it gleefully back to his northern lair. A typical Canadian?

The third George used to be a Czech. He was in a concentration camp during the war, noticed that when people say, "He's a typical American" (or Englishman, Frenchman, German, etc.), they don't mean it as a compliment?

I can think of a dozen other characters. The country is full of characters, but there's no such thing as a 'typical Canadian' any more than there is an 'average man'. I for one, am heartily glad of it. Who wants to be a 'typical'? Do you want to be a typical farmer, or typical merchant, or typical laborer, or typical housewife? Or even a typical millionaire? Not a bit of it. No more than I want to be a typical school teacher.

The only thing the characters above have in common is that they live in this country and love it. And that goes for me, too. How about you?

THE DATE BOOK

Dec. 3, Hanukkah, the Jewish Feast of Lights; Dec. 5, 1901; (60 years ago), Cartoonist Walt Disney born; Dec. 5, 1933 (28 years ago), Prohibition ended with ratification of 21st Amendment; Dec. 6, Feast of St. Nicholas, patron saint of children; Dec. 7, 1941, (20 years ago), Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor; Dec. 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Roman Catholic Holy Day.

EASIER CLIMBING

Inventions in this old world are coming so fast that the ladder to success may soon be replaced by an escalator.

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ECHOES...

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10 YEARS AGO

- Well over 70 per cent of eligible voters cast ballots on Monday in a vote second only to the record established in 1949. Returns showed that Jack Armstrong won out by a 164 majority to take the mayor's chair from Harold Cleave.
- Sammie Fong, Simcoe restaurant proprietor, who operated the Golden Gate Cafe here was reunited with his wife last week after a separation of 16 years.
- Flooding in the Glen didn't wait until the spring this year. Yesterday, residents of the flats along the 9th line found the river had overflowed its banks and was in their cellars.

25 YEARS AGO

- Although ill for the first time in her life, Mrs. Agnes Young, Halton County's Grand Old Lady, celebrated her 104th birthday in good spirits. She received the felicitations of her immediate friends and family at her home in Ballinacraig.
- The Georgetown Cemetery Board feel 'deeply indebted to Mr. W. F. Bradley of the Dominion Seed House for the gift of ten beautiful Maple trees. These trees have been set out along the driveway and are another evidence of Mr. Bradley's interest in beautifying the cemetery.
- At the Gregory Theatre: 'More Than a Secretary,' starring Jean Arthur and George Brent; 'Kelly the Second,' starring Patsy Kelly and Charlie Chase; 'Little Lord Fauntleroy,' starring Freddie Bartholomew.