

## GIVING

Giving's the law of the world, they say.  
And I'm glad it is so—aren't you?  
The clouds give rain to the thirsty land  
And the land gives back the dew.  
The sun by day and the moon by night  
Give light to the earth afar,  
And the earth gives back the light again  
As a steadfast shining star.

'Tis the law of our lives as well, they say,  
And I'm glad it is so—aren't you?  
Where many are needing our aid, what joy

To know we can something do!  
For doing is giving and kindly deeds,  
No matter how small they be,  
Are gifts we may scatter with lavish hand  
And be richer ourselves, you see.

There is always something to give, they say,  
And I'm glad it is so—aren't you?  
Though dollars have flown from the scanty purse

And the dimes are all too few,  
A flower and a loving word will serve  
To gladden the friend close by;  
And for those far from their homes, the mail  
On swift white phylons fly.

So giving's the law of our life, they say,  
And I'm glad it is so—aren't you?  
Since love is as free as the air we breathe  
And warm as the sunshine, too,  
A song in the twilight's golden hour  
To soothe the hearts that grieve,  
A smile, a tear, a soft breathed prayer—  
Oh, these are always something to give!

## TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Issue of The Free Press of  
Thursday, March 22nd, 1917

Spring came in yesterday—according  
to the almanac.

Motor cars are running in the lower  
end of the County, on the new Toronto-  
Hamilton Highway.

Mr. James Ranshaw, who has con-  
ducted the blacksmithing business at the  
corner of Mill Street and Lake Avenue  
for the past year, has brought his family  
from Erie. Their new home is on Brock  
Street.

Mr. John S. Coleman has sold his  
residence on Willow Street to Miss  
Minnie Mellon.

Pte. Hubert M. Pherson of the Beau-  
vais Battalion, Toronto, has been home  
on his last leave. The Battalion leaves  
Toronto to-day.

Messrs. Blow and Overholt, of Wood-  
stock, have purchased the goodwill of  
B. P. Caldwell, and will open a first  
class machine shop and garage in  
Acton.

Mr. John S. Coleman, janitor of the  
Public and High Schools for the past  
nine years, has resigned. Mr. Coleman  
has decided to remove to Hamilton, Ont.  
The resignation was received with much  
regret by the Board.

Prices fifty years ago for groceries,  
supplied by the late Charles T. Hill, are:  
4 1/2 lbs. sugar, 50c; 2 dozen eggs, 20c;  
1 lb. butter, 14c; 10 lbs. sugar, \$1.00;  
1 bar soap, 20c; 5 lbs. oatmeal, 25c; 6  
lbs. salt, 6c.

## DIED

BLACKLEY—At Exeter, on Wednes-  
day, March 14th, 1917, Marjorie Jun-  
tin, wife of James Blackley, in her  
71st year.

LINKLATER—At Wingham, on Friday,  
March 9th, 1917, Christina, widow of  
the late Thomas Linklater, aged 73  
years.

## CANADA HELPS INDIANS

Under the direction of the Indian  
Affairs Branch of the new Department  
of Mines and Resources, plans are being  
made for the carrying out of a com-  
prehensive scheme of fitting the Indians  
to earn their own living by means for  
which they have a natural bent. In-  
dians in Canada are the wards of the  
Canadian Government.

As farmers many Indians have done  
well, but all cannot be farmers. Many  
are engaged in sea-coast fishing or in  
lumbering, transportation, construction  
and other pursuits, but with the major-  
ity of the Indians located away from  
populated areas and many of them in  
the northern parts of the provinces or  
in the Northwest Territories and Yukon  
Territory, it is not feasible to train all  
of them for farming or for highly in-  
dustrialized occupations.

In the areas in which many of the  
Indians live the fur trade—Canada's  
oldest and still one of its large indus-  
tries—has its main producing field.  
Thousands of operatives are required to  
carry on this industry, and the Indians  
by heredity, inclination, and training  
are its skilled workmen. With respect  
to Indians living in the hunting regions  
efforts will be made to add to their  
skill as trappers, and to educate them  
how best to care for the furs before  
disposing of them, as well as what trade  
goods to buy from the standpoint of  
health, comfort and economy. Through  
Indian agents they will be given advice  
as to fur prices, so as not to be taken  
advantage of by irresponsible traders.  
Through the Government doctors in-  
struction will be continued and extended  
as to precautions to be taken to ward  
off those diseases to which Indians are  
most prone.

Another line of work is to reserve  
exclusively for Indians areas that are  
fundamentally hunting grounds. In the  
Northwest Territories immense areas  
have been set aside as native hunting  
preserves, and outside of the preserves  
no white trapper may procure a license  
for hunting until he has been a resident  
for four years.

## LIQUID REFRESHMENTS

A Scotsman had promised to provide  
the school treat with liquid refreshment.  
When the time came he took them all  
to a big pond, and taking a packet of  
sherbet from his pocket, threw it in.  
"Now then, lads!" he said, "jump in  
and drink while it's fizzy!"

Chronicles of  
Ginger Farm

Written Specially for  
The Acton Free Press  
GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE

Twenty minutes I sat here with pencil  
and paper and didn't write a word.  
Why? Well, it may be because there is  
an east wind blowing, or it may be that  
I was just thinking about letters received  
just lately—some from friends, some  
from relations, and these letters made  
me wonder how many people are really  
happy and what we really consider hap-  
piness to be.

One letter was from a niece, married  
about a year ago. Six months later her  
husband lost his job. Now he's working  
again, but not earning enough to keep  
them both, so Peggy has gone back to  
business again. In partnership with an-  
other girl, which means that Peggy and  
her husband are living in two different  
cities. Peggy writes quite sensibly and  
seems glad that she has her work to fall  
back on, but all I can think of is the  
tragedy of it all. Two young people—  
no family—and separated after just one  
year of married life.

There are many such cases and one  
wonders, what has the future in store  
for these young couples. When they are  
able, will they re-establish their homes  
and find happiness together again? One  
wonders.

Partner read Peggy's letter and a  
voice remarked: "Well, we have come  
through some mighty tough times our-  
selves, but so far we have managed to  
stick together!"

Yes, we have stuck together and that  
is a big thing these days.

When young people get married and  
then each go their own way, are they  
not choosing the line of least resistance?  
Perhaps in some cases no effort is made  
at all to establish a home—they are so  
sure they could not possibly make do on  
John's salary, so they don't even try. It  
is much easier to live with John's  
people—they don't have to shoulder so  
much responsibility, then and they can  
go and come as they please and money  
can always be found for a show or a  
dance without anyone suffering any  
undue hardship. Are John and Mary  
happy? Who shall say. They would  
probably tell you they were having a  
good time. But happiness, surely, isn't  
just having a good time. I would say,  
happiness is only possible where a young  
couple is building for the future—where  
they willingly sacrifice some of their  
freedom and quiet for permanent hap-  
piness.

Sometimes we know it is impossible  
for a young married man to earn enough  
to run a home, but I rather think the  
idea is growing that to live with Mum  
and Dad, and each keep their own job—  
if they both have one—is a far easier  
way of doing things than to start house-  
keeping on their own. But it isn't  
good for young people to start shirking  
the responsibilities of married life. It  
is neither good for them nor for the  
coming generation.

So, if I may, I would like to say to  
other young people, just what I am going  
to write to my niece Peggy—if you pos-  
sibly can, stick together. Never mind if  
you are hard up—you are young, you  
can stand it. Your whole life is before  
you. Separate now and the breach will  
widen with the passing years. Stay to-  
gether and you will find happiness in  
your everyday life as a result of work-  
ing, playing and perhaps sorrowing to-  
gether.

A sentence in another letter I received  
struck me quite forcibly. It ran:  
"Am I domesticated—yes, as a hen—  
and hating every bit of it!"

That letter was from a friend with a  
husband and four children. Is she un-  
happy? I am quite sure she isn't. In-  
fact I am certain she is perfectly happy,  
but just at present she is suffering from  
a temporary fit of the blues and doesn't  
realize it. She is a clever woman; she  
wants to be doing interesting things, but  
she feels herself hemmed in by her  
domestic duties.

There are dozens of just such cases—  
maybe you who read are one of them.  
That fettered feeling is a very common  
form of discontent. We feel if only we  
had more time we could make some-  
thing of life—there are so many things  
we would like to do. But there are  
always dishes to wash, socks to darn,  
rooms to clean—there is no time for the  
things we really want to do, for the  
books we want to read or the music we  
long to practice.

But just consider for a moment, sup-  
posing you hadn't those dishes to wash—  
those socks to mend—what would you  
be doing, supposing you hadn't married at  
all. You might be clerking in a store,  
you might be a stenographer, you might  
be teaching or nursing. In any case  
would you have any more time to your-  
self than you have now and do you think  
having a "house" to please would make  
life any easier? Distant fields are al-  
ways green. It is only natural for us to  
want to do something out of the ordi-  
nary.

My friend is not unhappy—just tem-  
porarily discontented. Possibly she  
needs a holiday or a new dress. Just let  
anything happen to any one of those  
four children and what a change there  
would be in her mood!

So I would say if we get a notion we  
are unhappy let's just stop feeling sorry  
for ourselves and we shall find those  
dishes much easier to wash and that  
pile of darning far less alarming. And  
then supposing we take a look at our  
family and ask ourselves—"What should  
I do if anything happened to any one  
of them?"

SELECTING POTATOES  
FOR SEED PURPOSES

All growers of seed, whether it be  
seed grain, vegetable seed, or any other  
kind of seed, should endeavor to pro-  
duce seed of superior quality by starting  
with the most suitable varieties and  
strains, and selecting the very best seed  
for their own plantings. In the produc-  
tion of seed potatoes, there is much  
room for improvement, and all too fre-  
quently bruised, damaged, small off-type  
or otherwise inferior left-over potatoes  
are planted, particularly if prices have  
been alluring. Actual selection of super-  
ior strains of potatoes is apparently not  
receiving the attention that it so fun-  
damental to success, and yet the seed  
potato growers may be producers of  
really high quality cattle and other live  
stock, and would not for a moment  
think of using the same tactics in their  
breeding program. Why then, not apply  
similar care and principles to the pro-  
duction of high quality seed potatoes.

The Seed Potato Certification Service  
has been advocating such a system for  
many years with varying success. It is  
true, that diseases have been controlled,  
or methods for their control practiced,  
but that is not the whole story. An effort  
should be made by every seed potato  
grower, through selection, to produce  
stock, which in addition to being more  
or less free from serious diseases, is also  
apparently disease resistant. Good seed  
should be true to type, high yielding,  
and of good appearance. That is to say,  
tuber shape, color of skin and eye char-  
acters should all be considered and an  
effort made to cull any not conforming  
to a certain set standard of excellence.  
In other words, seed selection.

The tuber unit method of planting,  
of which much has been written, is one  
big step leading toward such an end  
and growers would be well advised to  
practice every means by which the  
quality of seed may be improved. Such  
practices are becoming more and more  
general in face of modern competition.

BY THESE SIGNS YOU SHALL  
KNOW THEM

The Englishman speaks of the paint-  
ings of great masters as "not half bad."  
If he lost an arm and a leg in the war,  
he "came out a bit shy." If he is half  
starved he says he's "in a hole." When  
the Germans bombarded the Yorkshire  
coast, he spoke of it as "livelihood."

The Frenchman, as far as his lan-  
guage goes, lives in a world of tragedies,  
passion and disasters. He "is crushed,"  
"overwhelmed," "annihilated," "trans-  
ported." All sorts of things happen to  
him all the time.—Stephen Leacock, in  
Humor, Its Theory and Technique.

The English has an extraordinary  
ability for flying into a great calm.—  
Alexander Woolcott.

The rudeness of the French is more  
crushing than other people's courtesy.—  
Nancy Boyd, in I Like Americans.

Whenever the literary German dives  
into a sentence, that is the last you are  
going to see of him till he emerges on  
the other side of his Atlantic with his  
verb in his mouth.—Mark Twain, in A  
Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's  
Court.

Armenian eyes are nearly always big;  
big with a thousand years of terror.—  
Franz Werfel, in The Forty Days of Musa  
Dagh.

## NEVER CIVIL

The Major: "You know, I haven't  
seen your husband since he returned  
to civil life."

The Ex-Captain's wife: "You mean  
since he was released from the army,  
don't you? He never was very civil."

TOURIST TRAVEL TO CANADA  
SHOWS SHARP RISE IN YEAR

Estimated That in Course of a Season  
Canada is Visited by Numbers  
Equalling Twice Her  
Population

Tourist and convention travel from  
the United States and other countries  
to Canada during last year totalled in  
numbers approximately twice the popu-  
lation of the Dominion, stated C. K.  
Howard, Manager, Tourist and Con-  
vention Bureau, Canadian National Rail-  
ways, in a review of Canada's tourist  
traffic for 1936 issued in Montreal re-  
cently. "Last year we enjoyed a con-  
tinuation of the increasing numbers of  
American tourists visiting Canada and  
the general view among those directly  
concerned with the development of the  
tourist traffic in this country is highly  
optimistic as to the prospects for 1937.  
This healthy condition prevailed from  
the Atlantic to the Pacific, as reports  
received from various tourist organiza-  
tions from Nova Scotia to British  
Columbia all indicate a substantial in-  
crease in business over the previous  
year."

After the setback resulting from the  
economic upheaval of a few years ago,  
the tourist industry has again com-  
menced on the upward climb to new  
heights. When official figures first be-  
gan to be compiled in 1920, the tourist  
trade was valued at \$89,734,000. In  
1929 it had reached a high of \$309,-  
379,000, and in 1933, the bottom of the  
depression, it dropped to \$117,124,000.  
Since then, each year has shown an  
increase until it now stands at an es-  
timated value of \$275,000,000 for the  
year of 1936, representing expendi-  
tures for transportation, purchases and  
accommodation. Of this total it is es-  
timated that \$20,000,000 was spent by  
three attending conventions, another  
\$20,000,000 by fishermen and hunters,  
and \$235,000,000 by tourist vacationists  
indulging in various other forms of re-  
creational activities.

In an analysis of the tourist statistics  
for the past season, it is interesting to  
note that tourists came to Canada from  
many countries in addition to the United  
States, although by far the greater  
proportion came from the latter coun-  
try. Probably no country in the world  
visited by such a large number of tour-  
ists as is Canada. It is estimated that  
in the course of a year Canada is visited  
by numbers equalling twice her popu-  
lation.

"Canada and the United States do  
not need any 'bon ententes' or peace  
conferences to provide mutual under-  
standing and good-will. The tourists  
are seeing to the development of the  
'good neighbor' policy quite satisfac-  
torily," said Mr. Howard. Last year Canada  
played host to approximately 15,000,000  
Americans, a number that exceeds the  
entire population of the Dominion by  
over 4,000,000. They represent, of  
course, visitors who crossed the line into  
Canada by all means of transportation.  
The balance of trade, however, is not  
entirely lopsided, for it is estimated that  
more than 3,000,000 Canadians paid a  
return call to the United States, and  
figured on a per capita basis, this rep-  
resents a pretty fair piece of recipro-  
city in neighborliness.

"The total conventions held in Can-  
ada during 1936 represented a substantial  
increase, not only in the number of such  
gatherings but also in the total attend-  
ance, as compared with the previous  
year," stated Mr. Howard. Last year  
three conventions, held in the principal  
centres across Canada, numbered 861,  
producing an estimated revenue of \$21,-  
959,500 to the cities concerned. More  
than 100 American organizations held  
conventions in Canada during last year  
and already the indications are that  
this number will be considerably ex-  
ceeded during 1937.

"Convention party movements during  
1936 to principal hotels and summer  
resorts of the Canadian National Rail-  
ways, in addition to all-expense tours  
and general tourist traffic to outstand-  
ing scenic areas from coast to coast on  
or adjacent to our lines, showed a mark-  
ed increase over the previous year,"  
stated Mr. Howard. "Sportsmen's traf-  
fic also continues on the upgrade, the  
facilities offered by our representatives  
for outfitting and guides at some of the  
best hunting and fishing areas on the  
North American continent being such  
as to fully satisfy an experienced  
clientele, the result being that many  
return year after year to enjoy this  
form of recreational and sports activi-  
ties."

"It is out of our happiness that our  
eyes grow; out of our fear, our cruelty;  
out of our doubts, our intolerance; out  
of our weakness, our conceit; out of our  
hunger, our greed."—Will Durant.

## HEADS IT IS!

A Scotsman arrived at King's Cross  
from Glasgow, and of course, was ac-  
cused by the usual diminutive Cock-  
ney, whose persistent entreaties of "Carry  
yer bag, sir," persuaded Sandy to let  
the youth take charge of his two heavy  
suitcases.

After walking about three miles they  
arrived at the boarding house, with the  
poor little Cockney practically exhaust-  
ed. Sandy placed one copper coin in  
his hand and started to walk up the  
steps.

"Ere, ere, Gov'nor, wot's this?" said  
the little fellow.

"Ay weel, 'tis ver-y kind of you," said  
Sandy, "I'll say heads!"

## WHAT THE TROUT GOT

There was pawky humor—or was it  
sassy, wit?—in the remark of a boy  
who, coming home one Sunday after-  
noon with a string of trout, was sud-  
denly confronted by the minister.  
"There was no way of escape; but the  
boy rose to the occasion.

"Minister," he exclaimed, "d'ye see  
what thae trout's got for mabb'n' worms  
on a Sunday?"

## IMPROVING

"I suppose your father practices a  
good deal?" said Miss Inquisitive to the  
doctor's small boy.

"No," replied the youngster, "he does  
not practice now, he knows how."

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## AT ACTON

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Daily, except Sunday ..... 10:07 a.m.  
Daily, except Sunday ..... 6:11 p.m.  
Sunday only ..... 7:19 p.m.

Going West  
Daily, except Sunday ..... 8:50 a.m.  
Daily, except Sunday ..... 2:23 p.m.  
Daily, except Sunday ..... 7:05 p.m.  
Daily, except Sunday ..... 12:40 a.m.  
Sunday only ..... 11:32 p.m.

## STANDARD TIME



## ARROW BUS SCHEDULE

EFFECTIVE SEPT. 27th, 1936

## LEAVE WESTBOUND

Daily ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Daily, except Saturday 11:45 a.m.  
Daily ..... 2:15 p.m.  
Saturday only ..... 3:15 p.m.  
Daily ..... 5:15 p.m.  
Daily ..... 7:15 p.m.  
Daily ..... 11:15 p.m.  
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Holidays only ..... 1:05 a.m.

## LEAVE EASTBOUND

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Daily ..... 9:10 a.m.  
Daily ..... 12:45 p.m.  
Daily ..... 4:30 p.m.  
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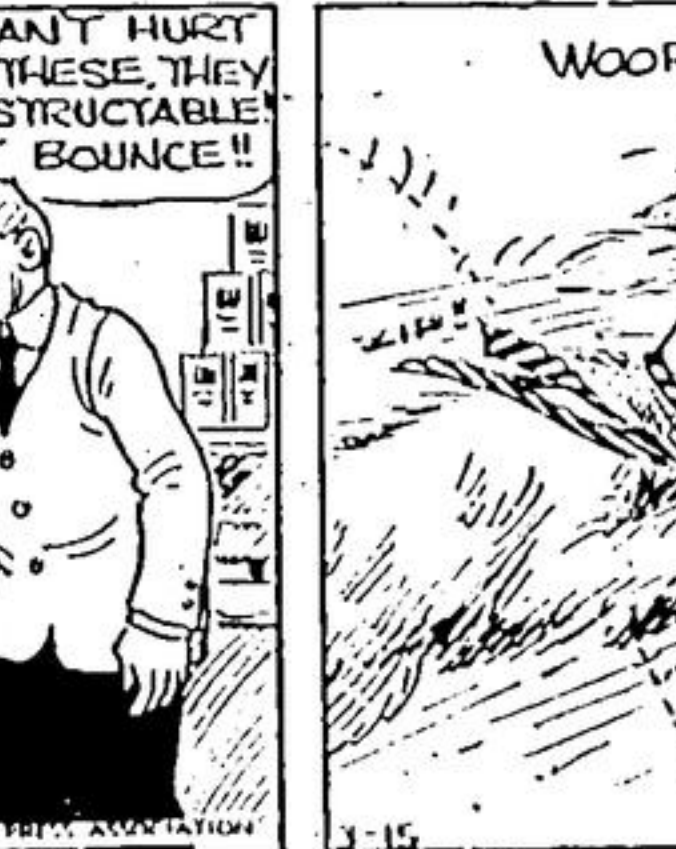
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