

EDITORIAL

Equalization Bows Out

It was with a sigh of relief that county officials watched the completion of 1951's equalization of assessment in Milton at a hearing last Friday. It was completed, that is, unless some municipality should decide to enter an appeal some place and upset it again. The equalization of assessment will be raised again near the end of this year and all hope for an amicable settlement.

Actually the equalization of assessment is made so that ratepayers in the county pay a fair share of county operational costs. All the municipalities in the county agreed on the share they should pay at a recent meeting of the county council. Georgetown, however, was not satisfied with the wording of the agreement. The figures were agreeable but they wanted an insertion that the figures could not be used at any future proceedings.

In the first place, this did not concern the five southern municipalities or for that matter it did not concern the proceedings under way, as the judge repeatedly pointed out. The argument continued for three hours on that point while Georgetown tenaciously held out to have the words inserted in the agreement. The county judge ignored the words in his approval of the figures.

The solicitor for Georgetown explained why the words were important. Five northern municipalities comprise the North Halton High School District to which each contributes operational costs on the basis of assessment. Recently there was disagreement on the basis and the Ontario Municipal Board gave a ruling which is valid for five years unless either the boundaries of the area change or one municipality has a ten per cent. increase in assessment within two consecutive years.

Georgetown agreed that the Board's ruling was a "favourable one". Indeed, it was favourable to all the towns but the townships suffered and if Georgetown has its way will continue to suffer for a five year period. Two years is the minimum period the figures can be used for, but if, as Georgetown hoped, the figures agreed upon Friday could not be used, it would add another year to the "favourable" position of Georgetown as well as Milton and Acton.

The latter two towns have not between them saved as much as Georgetown and are nevertheless anxious to have a fair arrangement as, naturally, are the townships of Nassagaweya and Esquesing.

It appears that only Georgetown wants more than its share of benefits.

The Cow Doesn't Count?

One of the advantages of living in smaller communities away from the cities was the fact that many of the essentials to the family living were at lower cost. This was accounted for by the fact that we were closer to the supply of farm products and avoided transportation costs and other frills which city dwellers enjoyed. But that day is gone under the new order of government price fixing without regard to these conditions.

Buttermilk in the Walkerton district is now 18c a quart and we presume that price is practically Ontario wide; skim milk goes at 16c and standard milk at 21c quart and butterfat content on this latter is not less than 3.25 per cent. and not more than 3.9. We don't get the standards and grades from the cows any more but from the Milk Board. We are reminded of a story of our boyhood days when the family cow used to be in competition with the milkman and a small boy in a local family told his mother he didn't like cows' milk as well as the milkman's milk. The boy lives in the city now and gets nothing but milkman's milk for the city ways have ousted the methods of other days. Often we question the costs of standardization that emanates from the city viewpoint and directs the living costs of all those all over the province.

We don't pine for the good old days but you've got to admit they had their advantages and less dissension when we dealt directly with the cows.

Governmental Mark-Up?

A Victoria B.C. case in a recent case before him for judgment refused to consider government property stolen by the defendant to have a value of more than \$25 although the stolen property was sold to the public at \$58.68. The stolen property in question was a case of rum pilfered from a Victoria government liquor store.

Defense evidence showed that the said case of rum cost the Liquor Control Board of British Columbia exactly \$8.08. Figure the profit out for yourself. No wonder our governments, provincial and federal can go on the spending sprees they indulge in. Perhaps the B.C. government, which in the past year has been roundly criticized for its spendthrift financial policies, feels that if the drinking public wants its rum so badly that it is willing to pay an enormous mark-up price, the government should have the privilege of spending it in like fashion. What about Ontario?—Orangeville Banner.

The Bard of Ayrshire

Friday is the 193rd birthday of Robert Burns, the chief lyric poet of Scotland, and fondly referred to as "Bobbie Burns" by the Scots. Born on January 25, 1759, in an "auld clay biggin", or cottage, about two miles south of Ayr, he was the son of a tenant farmer of intelligence and small means. Burn's school education consisted of reading, writing, grammar, and arithmetic and later a little geometry and less Latin and French.

Robert was the oldest boy and it fell on him to support the family. He was a strong, active fellow, not afraid of work yet he longed to be a scholar. His best writing was done in the years when he was working hard all day. His brother tells that Robert climbed to a garret at night where he kept his writing material to write the thoughts that had occurred to him as he followed the plough.

Copies of his books are now among the treasures of libraries and book collectors. His poems attracted the favourable attention of literary men through the years. It would seem that one who had risen thus far would rise higher, but Burns had weaknesses in his character. He was attracted by many women. He was handsome but he became vain and weak although he appears to have had a high ideal.

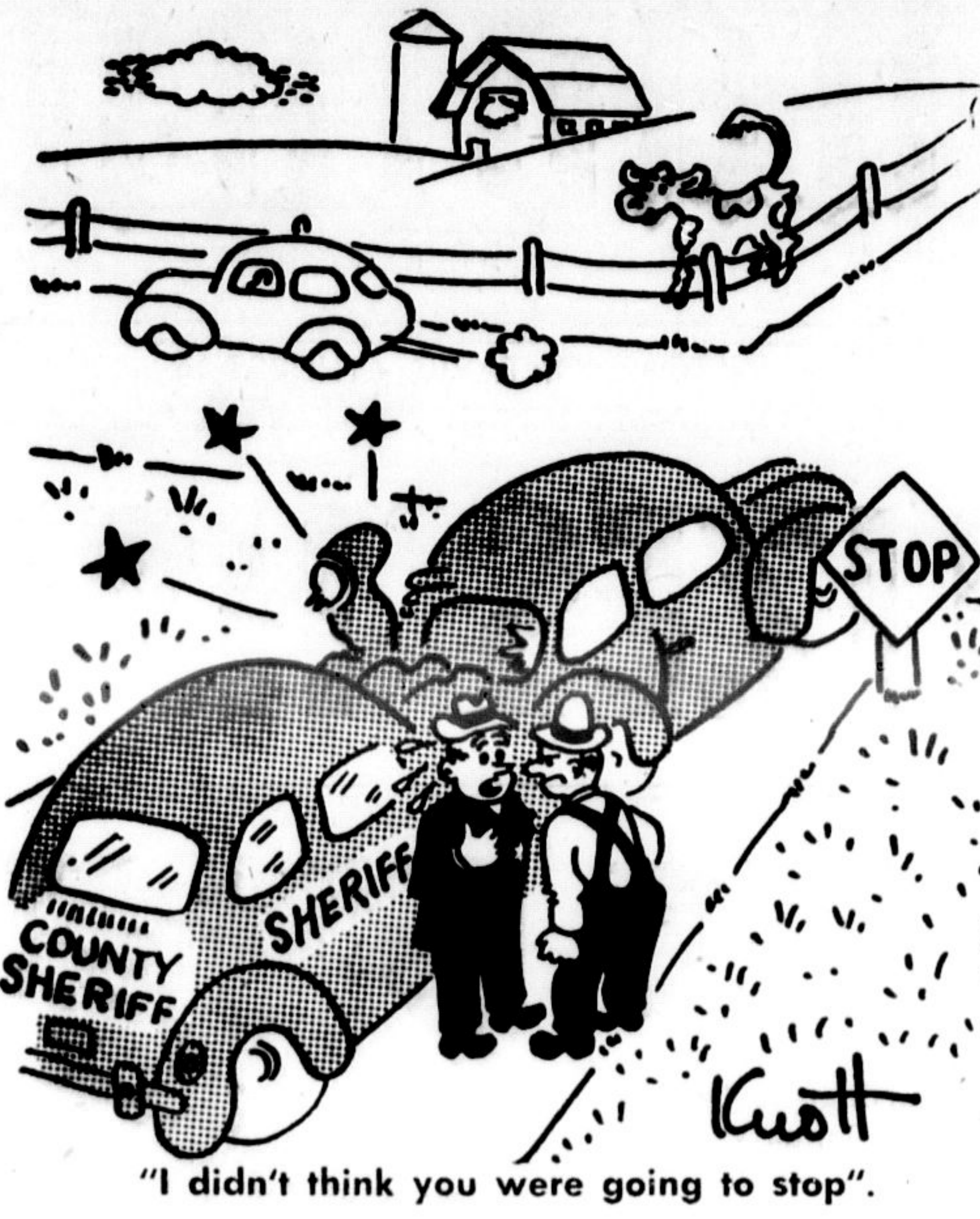
Burns is termed variously "the ploughman's poet", the "Ayrshire ploughman", the "Bard of Ayrshire", and "the Peasant". No one would think of saying Harry Longfellow or Jack Whittier, but to the Scots Burns is just Bobbie Burns, and that tells the whole story.

"O he was a good-looking fine fellow!—he was that; rather black an' ill-colored; but he couldna' help that, ye ken. He was a strong, manly-looking chap; nane o' your skilpit milk-and-water dandies; but a sterling, substantial fellow, who wadna hae feared the devil suppose he had met him. An' then siccan an ee he had!" — Memoir of Burns.

Editorial Notes

J. Ollier, writing in the Shelburne Free Press, attributes this comment to a citizen of that town: "Toronto is a place where they never ease up on shouting for bigger pay and shorter work-days—and where they begrudge the farmer his innings when the price of meat, potatoes, butter or eggs goes up."

One of the leading editorial writers of the New York Times, Simeon Strunsky, maintains that a single copy of a weekly newspaper slowly absorbed may succeed in driving home a point more effectively than seven daily newspapers repeating the same point every day for a week. He says, "With us the small town and country newspaper which is most often a weekly journal is more influential than the daily press. A weekly newspaper which is read and absorbed in the seclusion and comparative leisure of a small town or the farm is likely to exercise a greater pull on its readers than the daily paper."—Bowmanville Statesman.



Churchill and Georgetown

Mrs. William Miller of Georgetown listened closely to Winston Churchill on the radio, and carefully reads accounts of his visit to the States and Canada in the papers. Mrs. Miller and the famous Churchill were both decorated at the same investiture in London by King Edward VII. A Nursing Sister Annie Fisher, Mrs. Miller served as a nurse in the South African War, minding wounded Boers and British Tommies.

She was nursing in Dublin when she received word to appear at Marlborough House for a decoration. Churchill had received similar word! While Mrs. Miller had no opportunity to speak to Churchill, she has naturally followed his career closely ever since.

Hughes Cleaver Speaks

Hughes Cleaver, Federal member for Halton county, said at the annual Liberal rally in Milton that he would not be a candidate for re-election after serving his present term. Mr. Cleaver states that his duties in Ottawa and private business interests were too great a burden.

Committees were named to select nominees to represent Halton in

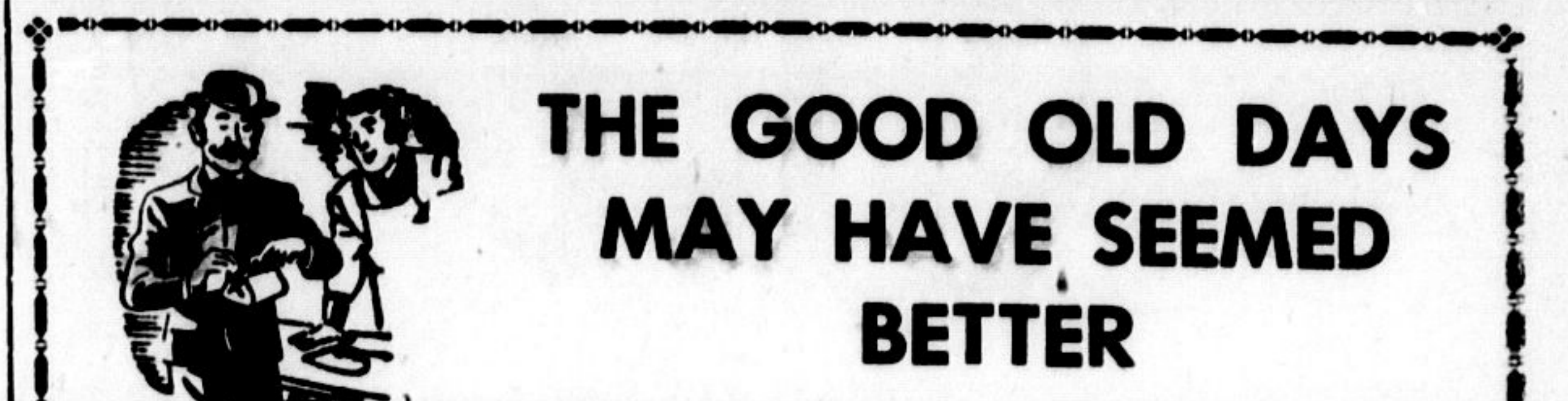
the next Federal election. Possibilities are John Kehoe of Burlington; Bob Shannon of Burlington; Dr. F. M. Deans of Oakville; K. Y. Dick of Milton; and Murray McPhail of Campbellville. It's expected that the nominee will be chosen this November, and the next Federal election will be in June of 1953.

Halton county executive committee members are James Cunningham, Hornby, president; Dr. F. M. Deans, Oakville, first vice-president; W. Crozier, Milton, secretary and Victor Hall, Trafalgar, treasurer.

Halton One Armed Bandits

Slot machine devotees may note: slot machines are being made right in Halton. The Leader Die Casting Company has set up a shop on the Eighth Line North of Trafalgar from whence come the slot machines, car accessories and parts for lamps. A late order is for postage stamp machines.

The one armed bandits (slot machines, that is) are being turned out by a two-man company, Joseph Hardy and his son. The plant moved from Toronto to Trafalgar, and will perhaps expand when credit restrictions are eased.



Fifty Years Ago Twenty Years Ago

From the Canadian Champion of Thursday, January 23rd, 1902

Last Thursday the committee on the legislation of the Provincial Volunteer Firemen's Association, consisting of E. F. Earl, President of the Association, R. Clark and J. E. H. Horly, Merriton, R. Shaver, Thorald and W. Smith, Trenton, had an interview with Premier Ross and members of his government. The committee asked for legislation providing for the payment to fire brigades of 2% of the premiums collected by fire insurance companies in localities in which there are such brigades. The committee met with a very favorable reception and it is likely that a bill on the above lines will be introduced during the present session of Legislature.

There are good grounds for the request of the firemen. Towns which have efficient fire brigades obtain reduced fire insurance rates in addition to their fire protection and the latter reduces the losses of the insurance companies in such towns. The proposed bill should be passed.

Several of Tansley's young people attended a party at the home of Mr. Thirston, Palermo, on Saturday evening last, it being the occasion of Miss Ethel's birthday.

The A.O.U.W. have bought the residence of the late Wm. Edgar, Kilbride, and are converting it into a hall.

President Roosevelt has sent to Congress the report of the Isthmian Canal Commission, in which it is unanimously recommended that the offer of the New Panama Canal Co. to sell to the United States for \$40,000,000 be accepted.

Dr. R. D. Sproat, of Milton, has gone to Bermuda, where he has received a government appointment as surgeon, to attend Boer prisoners.

From the Canadian Champion of Thursday, January 28th, 1932

At the inaugural meeting of the Halton County Council held here on Tuesday afternoon, E. M. Readhead, reeve of Nelson Township, was elected Warden for 1932 by 9 votes to 5, his opponent being Geo. R. Harris, Reeve of Burlington. Amos Mason, Warden of the 1931 Council presented a large framed photograph of the council of which he was Warden and a smaller photograph to each individual member of last year's body.

The Farmers' Sun, official organ of the United Farmers of Ontario has been sold to Graham Spry, of Ottawa. It will be published as a weekly.

C. L. Bell was elected president of Burlington and Nelson Agriculture Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Hardy, of Sheridan, celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary on Monday.

Mrs. Whetham and son, Rev. Oliver Maude, visited Mrs. James Shepherd, Pearl St. on Friday last.

The barn of Newton Ruddell seventh line, Esquesing, was completely destroyed by fire on Monday. The livestock were saved but feed, hay and grain were destroyed. The loss will be about \$7,000.

The explosion of a lantern in the hay mow, completely destroyed the bank barn, livestock, implements, grain, etc. on Thomas McKerr's farm in Esquesing, three miles from Milton. Only one team of horses were saved. The loss is estimated at \$7,000, partly covered by insurance.

When the crown of one of the kilns fell in at the Milton Pressed Brick plant on Friday, John Liddle, of Milton, had his left foot fractured and was cut about the head and W. E. Gallagher, of Milton Heights suffered a fractured arm and was badly cut about the head.

AT THE Churches

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
Minister—REV. J. L. BLAIR, B.A.
Organist, Mr. Robert K. Carr

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27th, 1952
10.00 a.m.—Senior School.
11.00 a.m.—Theme, "We Believe in the Holy Spirit"; Nursery Class and Junior School.
7.30 p.m.—A service of music and worship in charge of the Mr. and Mrs. Club.
Monday, January 28—7 p.m., the C.G.I.T.; 8.15 p.m., the Young People's Union.
Wednesday, January 30—6.30 p.m., the W.A. of St. Paul's will hold a pot luck supper in the Sunday school room.
Thursday, January 31—The Mr. and Mrs. Club will meet at the home of Charles and Lois Thompson. Speaker, Mrs. Skuce.

Friday, February 1—7.30 p.m., Trail Rangers; 7.30 p.m., Junior Choir; 8 p.m., Senior Choir.
Saturday, February 2—1 p.m., Tyro Boys.

ST. JOHN'S, NASSAGAWEYA and ST. GEORGE'S, LOWVILLE (Anglican)
Rev. R. E. Porritt, Rector

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27th, 1952
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Church School and Sermon at St. George's.
2.30 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon at St. John's.
Tuesday, January 29, 8.30 p.m.—Annual Vestry Meeting of St. John's at the home of Mr. H. Davenport.
Wednesday, January 30, 8.30 p.m.—Annual Vestry Meeting of St. George's in the church basement.
All Are Welcome

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH
REV. H. WOODS, Pastor
Order of Services (Held in I.O.O.F. Hall)

Thursday, 8.30 p.m.—Prayer meeting and Bible study at Mr. Bailey's home.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27th, 1952
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Worship Service.
7.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Tuesday, January 29, 1952, 8.30 p.m.—Young People's Service.
Wednesday, January 30, 1952, 8 p.m.—Women's Auxiliary.

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
REV. E. ORSBORN, Minister
Mrs. G. Newell, Organist

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27th, 1952
11.00 a.m.—"Who Will Show Us Any Good?"
7.00 p.m.—Preparatory Service, "Peter Begins to Understand".
Monday, January 28—4.15 p.m., Mission Band in S. S. Room; 6.30 p.m., Coronation Group, S. S. Room. Note change of day and time.
Wednesday, January 30—8 p.m., Choir Practice, S. S. Room.

GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH
Rev. J. Homer Ferris, B.A., L.T.
Rector

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27th, 1952
Third Sunday after the Epiphany
8.00 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Classes.
11.00 a.m.—Choral Matins and Sermon.
7.00 p.m.—Choral Evensong and Sermon.
Holy baptism by appointment with the rector
Monday, January 28, 8 p.m.—The Annual Vestry Meeting will be held in the Parish Hall. It is the duty of every member and adherent to attend this meeting.

MILTON GOSPEL CHAPEL
In the Farmers' Building

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27th, 1952
10.30 a.m.—Sunday School. Moving pictures entitled "Forgotten Valley" will be presented. Children bring your parents. All will enjoy these pictures.
8.00 p.m.—Evening Service.
Tuesday, January 29—Prayer and Bible study.
All Are Welcome

BOWES BAPTIST CHURCH
On Highway No. 25
Pastor, Robert F. Snyder

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27th, 1952
3.00 p.m.—Sermon in I.O.O.F. Hall.
Friday, January 25, 8.15 p.m.—Prayer meeting group at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aselton, base line road.

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