

# EDITORIAL

## Essential Once a Year

One a year, whether we need it or not, we have an old-fashioned habit of clearing off the top of our desk. Women do their spring cleaning much later in the year and the only reason we can give for selecting a year-end date for desk clearing is the fact that new calendars and desk pads and memos always require changing right after December.

We didn't find any lost cheques or other valuable papers or documents when the cleaning was being done. But what an accumulation of clippings, articles and material which we had laid aside to peruse at a future time of more leisure. But it never was done and after many years of experience we have found that what hadn't been accomplished in 1952 would soon be crowded out by 1953 material and the task of catching up would be endless.

The job of clearing a desk is one that cannot be done hurriedly. It must not be interrupted and what an interesting way to spend an hour or so the last day of every year. Two of the requirements necessary for lengthy periods between clean-up are a fair sized desk top—a system(?) of orderly piles which you alone understand and some large drawers in the desk which can contain some of that material which cannot be discarded every year. Desk drawers will take a longer period between clean-up times and it's just as good in July as in December. We might add the desk drawers of this editor's desk are being left until July. But what a lot of unfinished reading that year-end clean-up has revealed every year for many years. Does one ever get caught up?

*Prime Minister Winston Churchill is on another visit to North America and no doubt journalists will get a new supply of quotable quotes.*

## A New One Every Minute

There's always something new to learn about. Until last Friday we didn't know about an azel. The word is pronounced like hazel without the "h" so we presume we have spelled it correctly. We came across it in one of the big city stores where a man was demonstrating a little gadget that would sharpen anything from a razor to a lawnmower. We've always been interested in listening to the sales lingo of these specialists in demonstrations who invariably sell an article at half the price of that listed on the container.

Well this new thing in Toronto stores which he called an "azel" came into the sales talk quite unexpectedly. He was showing how dull one of his demonstration knives had been made. It just wouldn't cut anything and to prove it he drew it across his throat and explained that if it were sharp it would sever his head from his body and his head would be out there in the "azel" and he would be behind the counter without any head.

It took us some little time to grasp just where the azel was located for rolling chopped off heads into or whether it was a new kind of elevator or escalator, and then we looked up and found a little sign right in front of the demonstrator which said "Aisle 14" and we discovered our spelling and pronunciation weren't at all modern and we slipped away down another alleyway between two displays which was marked Aisle 11 and kept our eye on these newest things that were introduced to us for the first time in 1953. What wonderful things can be accomplished with this wonderful English of ours and how confusing it can become to even the natives.

*Oh for the optimism of youth that are getting fun out of buying skis and winter sports equipment with what is left over after the Christmas spending.*

## Holding the Line

In spite of the fact that the newsprint price was increased effective the first of the year and that a boost in freight rates comes into effect at the same time, the price of your Champion will remain unchanged. The reason is simply the fact that we purchased an extra stock of newsprint before the price became effective and have enough on hand to maintain our present price.

Perhaps it's a hopeless hope but anyway we like to hold the price line and perhaps sales tax or some of the other taxes which enter into the cost of newspaper production will assist in main-

taining present prices before another supply has to be purchased.

We think it's a helpful indication of a change in thinking that some prices have stopped climbing and in some instances have been lowered. For some time now price increases have been going a merry circle with no one getting a great deal of benefit. It's been getting a habit in many lines to accept price increases with a shrug and the comment that the increase will be passed on to the customer. In the meantime, prices of farm products have been declining and other products will have to keep in line if they are going to continue to be in demand.

Taxes form a large part of all costs of productions and it is only reasonable to anticipate that governments will set a trend in attempting to bring prices more in line by decreases. In the meantime, we are glad to assure our readers that the home town paper has no immediate increases in prospect.

*Not only did we have a green Christmas but the New Year didn't bring any white blanket for this district. It may change before spring.*

## Leaders Pass On

One of Ontario's most colorful and forceful Premiers, Mitchell F. Hepburn has passed from the scene. He was the youngest man ever to hold that position. Last summer when we toured some Ontario farms with a group of agriculturists from Halton and Peel it was again our privilege to meet him on his farm near St. Thomas. We will recall one of his remarks at that time. He said he had been raised on the farm, he had come back again to the farm and it was there he was happiest and hoped to spend the rest of his life.

It was also our privilege to visit his farm home with a group of newspaper editors when he was Premier of Ontario. On that occasion he was not able to be home owing to a big strike in Oshawa. We met him on many occasions and while we didn't always agree with his viewpoint, we found him very fair and very understanding. Many a man who has gained public prominence has found greatest happiness in the more simple life. His farm holdings, his methods and his leadership in public and farm life of Canada made an impression which will live long after him. The strenuous demands of public life take an early toll and Mr. Hepburn was just in his 57th year.

Last week it was Hon. Gordon Conant who passed away and only a few months ago George McCullough died in his early life with many years seemingly ahead of him.

*The test of good manners is being able to put up pleasantly with bad ones.*

## Objectionables to Remove

With the 1953 motor vehicle license plates now available, the motorist can abolish that objectionable little sticker that was in the lower right hand corner of every windshield. The battered, bent and rusted plates that have done service for two years can also be replaced with nice new ones at any time that motorists want to make the change. It would appear that the plates made in 1951 were not made sturdy enough to stand the rigors of our Canadian conditions or the boisterous ways of the Canadian motorists.

Whatever material or workmanship is to blame will have to be taken into consideration if any move is made to have license plates serve for a two year period. There has been an agitation for some time to issue permanent plates for the lifetime of the car. The permanent plates remove an annual nuisance to the public and would eliminate much government administration involved in the yearly plate change. Permanent plates, manufactured of better material, make the work of police easier and do not detract from the appearance of cars. An examination of British license plates will clearly show the difference in material and workmanship. Another item in favor of the longer use of plates is the fact many skinned knuckles are avoided in changing the plates each year. But for 1953 the corner sticker goes out as soon as you get the new markers and the new bolts and you get those battered and bent and rusty numbers removed that have done duty since 1951.

## OBITUARY

### Mutual Fire Aid Inaugurator Dies

The retiring reeve of Oakville, Russell Lauder, died on Tuesday, December 30 at the age of 44. He had just one day more to serve as reeve. Mr. Lauder was for the past three years a member of Halton county council, and was one of the prime movers inaugurating the Halton mutual fire aid plan. He died in Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital of a heart attack.

Mr. Lauder was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and moved to Canada with his parents. He attended St. Andrew's College, Aurora and Jarvis Collegiate, Toronto. He had been employed by the Dominion Iron and Steel Foundry in Hamilton since 1939, and had been in the brokerage business previous to that time.

He served as Oakville councillor for three years, deputy-reeve one year and in 1952 as reeve. He was a member of Oakville-Trafalgar Hospital Board.

He was a member of fire fighters' aid units, several Masonic lodges and the Oakville Kiwanis club. He is survived by his wife, the former Cecily (Kitty) Greenfield; three children, Wendy, eight; Edward, seven, and Cynthia, four months; his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Edward Lauder, Toronto and a sister, Mrs. Malcolm Stewart, Toronto.

## Install Officers At St. Clair Lodge

Monday, December 29th was installation night at St. Clair Masonic Lodge, A.F. & A.M., No. 135. Wor. Bro. J. C. Cunningham and a number of past masters of the lodge, acted as the installing team. About 75 were present at this event, including a number of visitors from surrounding lodges.

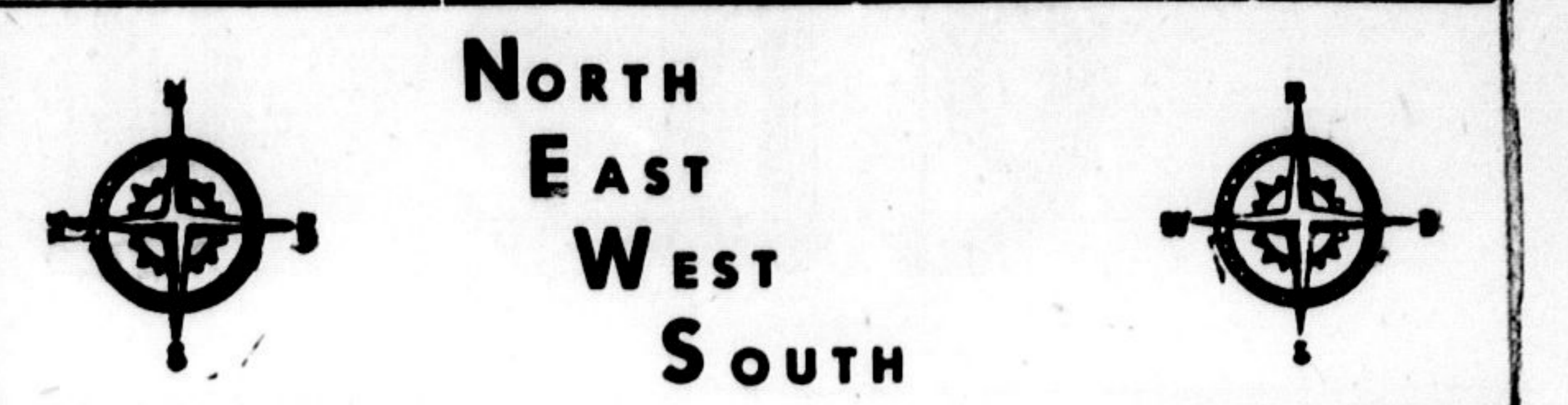
The following members were installed or invested with the jewel of their office:

W.M.—W. Bro. Ken Watson.  
I.P.M.—W. Bro. F. A. Hayward.  
S.W.—Bro. E. W. Foster.  
J.W.—Bro. J. E. Hartley.  
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J.D.—Bro. Geo. Newell.  
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J.S.—Bro. K. Y. Dick.  
Tyler—Bro. Frank Chisholm.  
Chaplain—W. Bro. J. H. McKay.  
Treasurer—W. Bro. R. M. Clements.

Secretary—V. W. Bro. J. H. Willmott.  
Assistant Secretary—Bro. C. H. Fay.

Director of Ceremonies—W. Bro. A. T. Woodley.  
Organist—Bro. D. F. Deakin.  
Auditors—W. Bro. F. L. Crawford, W. Bro. F. W. B. Fitzgerald.

The per diem system under which railroads compensate one another for use of freight cars reached its 50th birthday on July 1st, 1952.



## Acton Briefs

L. W. Lovell was elected master of Walker Lodge at a recent meeting. Over \$550 has been collected in the Christmas seal campaign, bank manager Gordon Oden announced. The boys scouts now have a work shop in their scout hall. The boys bought gifts for the shop rather than themselves at their Christmas party. An \$1,800 deficit on sewers was announced by the Acton Public Utilities. The modern new sewage plant was written up in a magazine for municipal officials recently. One page with nothing but personals and ads was a highlight of last week's Free Press.

## Kissing Day

The Bracebridge Gazette has one of its columnists from the Gibson Indian Reserve, and this is what he wrote for the paper about New Year's:

"The New Year is here for 1953. This New Year's Eve used to be a big feast at the school. The people brings a large boxes of food for the supper and a good program starts right after the eating. The early pioneers used to make an interesting speeches to the large crowd attending the entertainment. This was beyond 25 years ago. The New Year Iroquois Indian has two names, first, oh-se-ra-se, means new year, the other name is, te-ion-to-to-ron-kwa-nion, means kissing day. This is when all people make up. The year round disputing and different ways of unsettled friends and neighbors. They shake hands everybody do that in entering the building. The women have more hearty to make up they kiss each other, but the men they do that they have hearty enough they only shake hands."

## What, No Kitchen Sink?

Asparagus foliage, preserved oak leaves, frames for floral fans, real ostrich feathers in colors from white to orchid, colorful glass balls, pencils that will write on glass, china, metal or even cellophane, bales of ferns and raffia and tons of wire these are among the varied articles to be found in the florists' supply department of the Dale Estate at Brampton. The Peel Gazette New Year's issue carried the story about the supply department which is packed with merchandise from all over the world. There are paper flowers and cellulose flowers, thermometers, muffs, paint and fancy bakets made by the blind. "Just deam up some

weird shape for a bouquet and they will make it for you," the article says.

At one time carnations were colored by putting them in a bag with colored powder, and shaking the powder into their absorbent petals. Although the method is out of date, carnations can still be colored any color that way.

## Hot Baths for Birds

Saturday night isn't bath night for the birds—not in winter time when all their bath tubs are frozen up. But one day just recently a Burlington lady got concerned about the lack of baths for her feathered friends, and poured some hot water into the bird bath. As soon as the water began to cool, starlings and sparrows arrived and to her surprise took turns having baths.

She filled the bath a second time and back came the birds to enjoy themselves.

## Life-Size Model

A life-size papier mache model of the bride-to-be displayed the going-away clothes at a recent shower in Burlington. The Burlington Gazette reports that the model was made by Toronto sculptress Meryl Foster. The trousseau tea was for Peggy Thompson, prior to her marriage to Peter Wooley.

## Lay Nation's Fall To Over-Grazing

Over-grazing of grasslands was one of the main causes for the decline of ancient civilizations; delegates to the recent International Grassland Congress in Pennsylvania were told.

Speakers from many parts of the world stressed that acreage devoted to farm crops was becoming alarmingly low and it was imperative to conserve soil and make it more productive. Through grassland farming, feed and food supplies can be made more adequate and nutritious, labor on farms can be reduced and agriculture can be made more stable and more capable of serving the needs of the world's increasing population.

Grasses and legumes, if properly managed and fertilized, are important soil-conserving crops which make grassland farming of direct value to our agriculture and civilization.

## CHURCH NEWS

**KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
REV. E. ORSBORN, Minister  
Mrs. R. Wright, A.T.C.M., Organist

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11th, 1953  
10.00 a.m.—Senior School.  
11.00 a.m.—Junior School.  
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Sermon subject, "Your Citizenship."  
7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Combined service. The congregation of St. Paul's church will worship with Rev. J. L. Blair will preach.  
Friday, January 9—2.45 p.m., Ladies' Aid, S. S. room.  
Tuesday, January 13—8 p.m., Evening Department of W.M.S. Text word, "Beginning." Hostess, Mrs. Charles Anderson; 2.45 p.m., Women's Missionary Society, hostess Mrs. W. E. Robertson.

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11th, 1953  
10.00 a.m.—Senior School.  
11.00 a.m.—Theme, "The Book of Books." Junior School and Nursery Class.  
7.00 p.m.—Combined service held in Knox Presbyterian Church.  
Monday, January 12—7 p.m., C.G. I.T.  
Wednesday, January 14—8.15 p.m., Mission Circle will meet.  
Thursday, January 15—7 p.m., Tyro Boys; The Mr. and Mrs. Club.  
Friday, January 16—7.30 p.m., Trail Rangers; 7.30 p.m., Junior Choir; 8 p.m., Senior Choir.

**GRACE CHURCH ANGLICAN**  
Rev. Norman Green, B.A., L.Th. Rector

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11th, 1953  
First Sunday after the Epiphany  
8.00 a.m.—Holy Communion.  
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer.  
7.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer.  
"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." Psalm 96: 9.

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH**  
Milton Heights  
Rector, Rev. Griffin Thompson, L.Th.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11th, 1953  
First Sunday after the Epiphany  
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.  
1.30 p.m.—Confirmation Class.

**MILTON GOSPEL CHAPEL**  
In the Farmers' Building

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11th, 1953  
10.30 a.m.—Sunday School. A colored film will be shown. Both adults and children will enjoy this film.  
Tuesday, January 13 at 8.30—Prayer and Bible study.  
Wednesday, January 14 at 8.30—Women's Missionary Society.  
Every Sunday, listen to Premier Manning, Edmonton, Alta., 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., CHML, Hamilton; Charles E. Fuller, WKBW, 8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.; Billy Graham, CFRB, 12.30 p.m. to 1 p.m.; Churchill Tabernacle, WKBW, 10 p.m. to 11 p.m.  
All Are Welcome

**CALVARY TABERNACLE**  
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Pastor, H. Woods  
Pentecostal Holiness

Friday, January 9, 8.30 p.m.—Prayer meeting and Bible study at our new church.  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 11th, 1953  
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11.00 a.m.—Morning Service in new church.  
3.00 p.m.—Opening and Dedication.  
7.00 p.m.—Beginning revival campaign with Rev. J. Howard of Halifax.

**BOWES BAPTIST CHURCH**  
In the I.O.O.F. Hall  
Rev. Robert F. Snyder

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11th, 1953  
10.30 a.m.—Sunday School in I.O.O.F. Hall.  
3.00 p.m.—Service in I.O.O.F. Hall. Mr. Horace Osborne, soloist.  
Tuesday, January 13, 8.15 p.m.—Prayer meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Toews, Main St.

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11th, 1953  
First Sunday after Epiphany  
11.00 a.m.—Holy Communion and Sermon at St. John's.  
2.30 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Church School at St. George's.  
Wednesday, January 14, 2 p.m.—St. George's W.A. will meet at the home of Mrs. J. Richardson.  
All Are Welcome

**HALTON COUNTY YOUTH FOR CHRIST**  
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