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Second Section

Imprints on 1973

Like a field of new fallen snow awaiting the print of the first feet, 1973 spreads ahead of us awaiting the day to day developments — the prints that may be large or small, significant or insignificant, tragic or comic.

Polishing our "binoculars" at this time of year we try to focus in on some of those things that are yet to be printed on that new year. Join us as we look at the section of the year that awaits the affects of this area and this town and commit our projections to the indelible black and white for better or worse.

By this time next year, area government will have been restructured and a four borough system will have been established to encompass all of Halton. Officials will have been elected to represent the voters in the two tier structure. Milton will have retained its position as a borough and its boundaries will then stretch through the central Halton area.

Construction of the new regional detention centre will, of course, be advancing through the year employing up to 400 construction workers as the \$13,000,000 complex grows just south of highway 401.

The purchase by the Board of Education of a new high school site indicates again the valid central position of the town in the county and as plans for that school are formulated and developed, more and more students within a radius of the town will be getting their secondary education here.

Projected drainage plans for development in the town will continue to be troublesome as channelization makes slow but inevitable progress along the streams and waterways above, through and below the present town. Indeed it may be one of the major hurdles the municipal council will face.

The town's plans and commitment to growth will continue, of course, but greater citizen interest will become evident and opposition to the growth concept may become more vocal. The desire most residents had for growth in previous years, may diminish as they see the effects of that growth which they sought. The three ratepayers' groups established in 1972 may be augmented by others concerned with specific areas and interests.

The first phase of senior citizen housing will be located on the Bruce St. school grounds, the school will be renovated and the new library will be under construction. Recreation facilities will be located in the old school building but we see that section of Bruce St. still open between Pine and Pearl.

More diversified styles of housing will become available locally, including condominiums and town houses which may be more within the price range of young couples.

Attempts to curtail escalating provincial expenditures will be seen locally in the fields of education, the hospital and the conservation programs.

Development of the Alliance industrial area south of Highway 401 will have begun and at least one new industry will have settled in that area which has been planned for showcase industrial plants. The Wilson Auctioneering firm will have established its head office on property it now owns adjacent to that area. The new motor hotel currently being sought for that near-401 location will still not have materialized by this time next year.

Along with drainage, the other most controversial item Milton Council will face will be the handling of capacity in the sewage treatment facilities. The

capacity of treatment facilities is largely governed by the stream flow in Sixteen which carries fully treated effluent from the plant. A further extension to the treatment facilities, beyond the one currently underway, will hinge on the province's assessment of the stream capacity and that assessment is not likely until July. The current plant expansion will handle a projected population of 18,000. This naturally puts a ceiling on the plans that will be approved provincially and with the number of plans on the drawing board, the competition is going to be pretty stiff for that capacity.

Some initial grading will have been undertaken at the site of the new provincial agricultural museum on the 80-acre site adjacent to Kelso. The work will have been undertaken by the students from the Sheridan College's Heavy Equipment School and the provincially approved funds of \$95,000 will be used for the preliminary work which will have taken place preparing the demonstration area, parking area and trailer park.

These are some of the "prints" that we see making their impression on 1973. Sprinkled in will be a great many other developments which escape our visionary mood at the moment. It is true to say that change will be dramatic, but we don't know how else to describe it. This area is at a time when change comes daily and is inevitable. Major developers have large holdings in the area and their presence insures change.

Let us fall into the trap of regretting change, we should see it as providing new opportunities for the employment of our students who have for so many years had to seek employment elsewhere; for meeting



Sugar and Spice by bill smiley

Don't be surprised if you don't get a Christmas card from me this year. Just keep expecting, and it may roll in sometime between Valentine's Day and Easter.

I wish I could blame it on the postal workers, who are the latest villains in everybody's piece, but I must be honest and blame it on the Smileys.

Dilatory, procrastinating and just plain lazy are adjectives that could be applied to us with impunity. And even with relish, if your tastes lie that way.

As I write, I can see from the corner of one eye 140 exam papers to be marked in three nights. As I glance from the opposite corner of the other eye, I can see a blizzard that has been going on for six hours. Neither of these sights is inclined to make one's goose hang high.

However, "Life is the life" as my daughter remarked at the age of six, and it's been a family motto ever since. I'm not sure what it means, but there is something very profound behind that simple observation.

It's really my wife's fault that Christmas is not all tied up and ready to be sliced into the rough.

Normally, she's sitting around brooding about Christmas, this time of year. But this year she's sitting around brooding about NOT brooding about Christmas.

How could anybody blame the poor kid because she's not fretting about the holiday season? She has this teaching position, you see, and there simply isn't time to worry about anything else. It's a tremendous load.

She has to get up at the crack of about 6.30 to put her hair in curlers, you see. Then she has to trudge through the snow for 94 yards, snow-plowed, to get to work. There, she teaches for 35 solid minutes. Most of the afternoon is spent preparing next day's lesson. Most of the evening is spent in describing to me the horrors and delights of her "day" in the classroom. Who has time to worry about Christmas decorations, cards and such?

So, we have once again made our annual vows. No cards, no Christmas presents, no time-consuming, silly decorations.

I can just see us now, December 22nd we'll be up all night writing cards, licking and stamping envelopes. On December 23rd, we'll be dashing around town, pawing through the left-overs for gifts. And on December 24th, I'll be taking the name of

the Lord and most biological functions in vain as I try to prop up a skimpy tree with a butt as crooked as the leg of a goat. The tree, not me.

On Christmas Eve, when most people are going to church, or listening to carols, or sitting by the fire, I'll be in the kitchen, up to my elbows in turkey dressing. I always get this job.

And I know why. Nobody can turn out a stuffing like yours truly. I like it neither dry nor soggy, but moist, and with a life of its own. I use the standard ingredients: fried onions and celery, bread crumbs (real, not bought), and a good dash of everything in the spice cupboard, from tabasco sauce to chili powder.

Add half a pound of butter, melted. Toss in some ground chicken or turkey gizzard, with the water it's been boiled in. And every time you have a shot of rye, give the turkey one.

That means that you'll get up in the morning on equal terms, and after the bird has got over his hangover, you'll have a real, live bird, with a personality all his own, on your hands. It does wonders for the inhibited dinner guests, too.

I've heard good teetotalers say, after three helpings of my dressing, "Wow, one more of those and I could fly". It's most distressing when they try it. Keep a firm hand on the gravy boat when this occurs.

One must, of course, be temperate in making this dressing. One year I had a turkey so high he got up and tried to fly off the platter as I was carrying him in from the kitchen. That's what I told my wife, anyway. She claims it wasn't the turkey's fault that it wound up on the kitchen floor, in a pool of grease, with twelve starving people waiting.

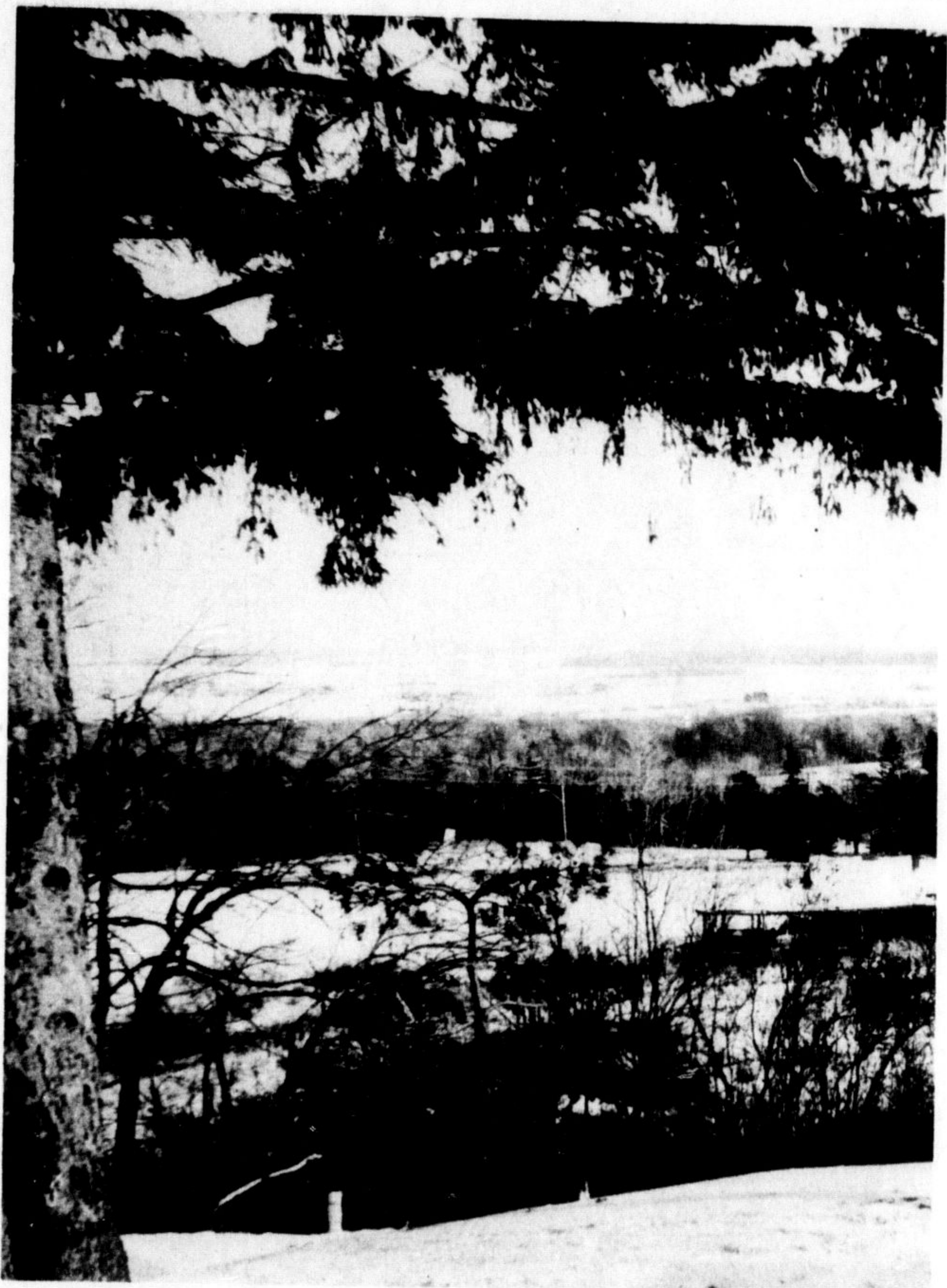
But I'm getting away from my theme, whatever it was. Oh, yes. Christmas cards.

Well, a few special ones maybe. To O. G. Alexander of Chicago. Reads my column in Kincardine News. Has taught school for 45 years and is still alive. Stout chap!

To Mrs. V. Gerlach of Stettler, Alta. I agree with you about welfare and unemployment bums, but keep happy.

A special hello to John Sawchuk who said of the Carillon News, "Paper wouldn't be the same without his column."

And to everyone else who reads this column: God bless, chaps. Keep fighting. Live is the life. Merry Christmas.



VIEW FROM THE HILL
A winter scene near Milton

(Photo by B. Burt)

Letters

SHAME TO SEE
CHILD IN LIQUOR STORE

To the editor:
I enjoy reading the "100 Years Ago" in your paper, especially the references made to the liquor laws at the time (1872) and the "evils" of drinking.

Nowadays, 1972, it is a very common sight to see people training their children even before they are old enough to go to school, that the local liquor store is one of the stops that must be made in the course of weekly shopping.

It was very disheartening to see a woman going into the local store this morning (Dec. 22) with a little girl about two or three years old. Is there some law as to the age of the customers?

H. Warren,
R. R. 2, Milton.

Pages of the Past

From Champion Files

20 years ago

Taken from the issue of
The Canadian Champion, Dec. 24, 1952

More than 50 per cent of those eligible received free chest X-rays in Halton County when the Halton County Tuberculosis and Health Association conducted the survey to detect tuberculosis in its early stages. The survey units were set up in 15 Halton centres to X-ray everyone from 12 years old and up. Assisting in the campaign 1500 volunteers acted as canvassers, clerks and receptionists throughout the county. The effort was backed by the support of all service clubs.

A fire on the farm of Maurice Readhead at Lowville, eight miles from here completely destroyed a three floor bank barn Friday morning. The barn was usually used for raising chickens and accommodated 12,000. Mr. Readhead had recently disposed of all of his stock except 20 chickens which perished in the fire. He was expecting a further 12,000 to arrive today and had been doing some repair work.

Well attended Christmas services were held on Sunday in Knox Presbyterian Church. Special Christmas music was rendered by both junior and senior choirs, the junior singing in splendid voice Joy to the World and the seniors choosing The Heavenly Babe.

50 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Canadian
Champion, Thursday, Dec. 28, 1922.

It is understood that there will be three candidates for the Wardenship of Halton, Reeves George Barber of Acton, George Hillmer of Oakville and W. A. Irving of Nelson. Any one of whom many land the honor.

Mrs. John Telfer fell on the pavement on Saturday evening and broke one of her arms. She slipped on one of the dangerous slides which children persist in making.

Miss Alma McKenna, of Worsling, who has been assisting at Syer's stores, left for her home the end of last week.

John Wrigglesworth, for many years Reeve of Esqueness, and a former Warden of Halton, is seriously ill at his home.

The Champion will move tomorrow into its new quarters, next door to Messrs. Morley & Hutchinson's office.

Miss Clara Mills, of Galt, and John, of the Bank of Toronto, Hamilton, spent Christmas at their home here.

The monthly I.O.D.E. meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. Marshall, on Friday, at 3 p.m.

A very enjoyable time was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Freeman on Christmas Day, when they entertained their friends. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Alex Sidney and family of Oakville, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Freeman and family of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. Jiggs and family of Hamilton. A merry time was spent in dancing, games and music.

100 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Canadian
Champion, Thursday, December 26, 1872.

The Legislative Assembly of Quebec has passed through the three stages a bill providing for the trial of controverted elections similar to the English Statute on the same subject, as well as that of Ontario, and several other provinces of the Dominion.

The new proprietor of the Argus writes to us that the Oakville correspondent in our last issue slanders him. We regret the publication of the item, if not correct; but we must say that we never before had the veracity of this correspondent questioned.

The high school board had decided to re-engage Rev. N. Burns for six months.

Garvin's extra shooting match came off on Friday. The day was rather rough, but a fair crowd was in attendance. The shooting was very good—for Garvin.

Each of the public school teachers, Mr. McLean, Misses Bowes, Panton and MacKenzie were the recipient of a handsome present from the respective pupils last week.

A University on the Scotch System is about to be formed at Adelaide, South Australia.

The Empress of Russia will visit Naples.

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