

# EDITORIAL

## Half Century of Rotary

Just 50 years ago, on February 23, 1915, four men met in a Chicago office. They came together at the suggestion of Paul Harris, a young lawyer, who felt that men of different trades and professions should become acquainted. At first, the new club met in rotation at the stores and offices of members. This practice, soon abandoned in favor of regular meetings at the same hotel or restaurant, explains the name—"Rotary."

Very quickly, Rotary became international. With less than two score clubs in existence, one was formed in Winnipeg. The very next year saw the establishment of clubs in Dublin and Belfast, Ireland, and in London, England. Thereafter, Rotary spread rapidly over the globe through the Old World to the Far East, from the tip of Latin America to the North Cape and to Australia.

This year the club in Acton is marking the golden anniversary of Rotary in many ways, with diverse programs and bringing forward the work that is being accomplished, not only locally but throughout the world.

The international pattern of Rotary's expansion throws light on its character. Rotary is not exclusive. It has no secrets, no mysterious rites to arouse suspicion. Men of all nationalities, religions, and cultures are invited to join.

In consequence, Rotary Clubs flourish in countries where bitter feelings of racial or political antagonism have existed. Neighbors, whose differences had maintained a wall of silent hate between them, find themselves enjoying a cheerful fellowship together at the weekly meetings of Rotary Clubs. And the fruits of their acquaintance are soon apparent in the community at large as understanding improves and mutual co-operation develops.

What is the aim of Rotary? Perhaps it is best summarized in that declaration made at Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1921: "To encourage and foster the advancement of international understanding, good will and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service."

Fifty years of service has established Rotary in world fellowship. May we as a newspaper join in wishing for its continued growth and realization in the years ahead of its high ideals.

## No Hockey, No Profits

Senior hockey is gone from Smiths Falls but its ghost walked last Thursday evening; grim imprints were left in red ink on the financial statement received by the Board of Parks management. The Parks Board members learned the arena had revenues of only \$13,322 while upkeep had amounted to \$26,923 last year. Senior hockey, once the biggest money-maker at the arena, stood out in the accounting as a \$4,492 loss. The net deficit from all hockey during the year, adding profits from practice hours and junior games, was \$2,276.

By comparison, in 1953, not the best year for hockey, the senior Rideaus produced a net revenue of \$5,300 for the Board and the total income from the sport was nearly \$7,000.

In that year the Parks Board had operated with an appropriation of only \$7,000 from municipal tax funds. Without hockey the Board asked for \$15,000 in 1954 and will need the same amount this year.

The departure of hockey also left its mark on the profits of the arena catflesh which were \$2,219 last year and \$3,300 in 1953. The Parks Board must now be convinced that senior hockey on the grand scale is a losing proposition. The members got a hard lesson last season when they had to disband the senior team after running into debt of \$4,492. In preceding years, although the Board had made a profit from the Rideaus, the private promoters absorbed the same financial shocks.

The sport can be revived but extreme caution must be used lest the genie blow the cap off the bottle again. Meanwhile, the Parks Board must find new ways of making money unless the ratepayers are satisfied to maintain the Memorial Community Centre through large direct tax gifts. —Smiths Falls Record News.

## Canadian Introduction?

Some time ago at a convention in Saskatchewan Premier Douglas spoke. It seems he has a novel, even if controversial formula for introducing Canadians. He used it on that occasion and we note in reports he uses it frequently when addressing various groups. It is much quoted. It's brief but it always evokes a good deal of merriment, especially since Mr. Douglas doesn't spare his own province or the party he represents.

"Marliners," Mr. Douglas said, "are rugged, sturdy men with granite chins."

The French-speaking Canadians have charm and grace and "have developed hospitality to a fine art."

The people of Ontario are "God's chosen people and they know it."

As for the people of Manitoba, they always boasted that they were next door to Saskatchewan.

When you meet a man from Saskatchewan at a convention he dashes over, shakes hands, and says, "I'm from Saskatchewan — but I'm not a CCF'er."

You know a man from Alberta 20 minutes and he tries to sell you some oil shares.

"The people of British Columbia look upon others with the pity of Adam and Eve looking at someone who wasn't born in the Garden of Eden."

## Foam Rubber and Fur

As we travelled during the week on roadways that were almost on a par with those of mid-summer, we wondered what our automobile would be riding like back in the days when snow clearance was unknown and the road to town was by way of those routes of least resistance and sometimes through fields.

We thought of the old pitch holes made by the snow drifts and what they would do to front and rear springs or center poise ride, or stabilizers or shock absorbers or foam rubber cushions. Of course, we haven't heard a sleigh bell this year and sand is accountable for practically all the accumulation of winter debris. Boys and girls sit before T.V. sets instead of getting their fun out of catching bobsleighs.

While men have abandoned the dog or coon-skin coats and woollen mitts the women cling to the fur coats, which they never used to wear when our winters were more rugged. (Perhaps because there could be only one to a family.)

Looking back in the 20 and 50 years ago columns we find that all down through the years there is a continuity of the same old diseases. The old ailment of "la grippe" made you shiver and ache, the same as the more modern flu. The measles come even more frequently than once in a lifetime, and the common colds appear with the same regularity in spite of our improved heating arrangements.

But two of those diseases that every home dreaded have almost disappeared. We don't have epidemics of smallpox and our cemeteries do not have burials of several children from diphtheria. Perhaps the reason more of our people go to hospital these days for treatment is because of our better means of travel.

Yes, we think we have left all we need of the "good old days" and we are quite content to leave the rugged out-of-doors and snow to those who want to get an outfit from a sporting goods store and go out fully equipped to bring home a rabbit skin.

The little old lady, having just bought her first plane ticket, was asked by the airline clerk if she'd care to buy an insurance ticket. "Land sakes no!" she responded. "I've been taking tickets on things all my life and I've never had any luck yet!"

Rome and Egypt were never more prosperous than in the days immediately preceding their fall, and the gradual decline of Spain from the days when she imported wealth from her colonies instead of earning it herself is another example. It seems there is a great temptation for nations to allow greatness to degenerate into mere richness. —Carleton Place (Ont.) Canadian.



ICE BREAK-UPS have already started on many creek and rivers in this part of the province, sure signs that thaws and temperatures further away from zero are in the offing. In this staff photo, taken on the Sixteen Mile Creek near Milton, water has broken through or ice fallen in as winter's grip loosens its hold.

## NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

### Boys Learn the "Fine Art"

In Bronte something new in the way of recreational outlets for boys has sprung up in a small building behind a local snack bar. It's an instruction club in boxing, wrestling and weight lifting, organized and tutored by five young men who are currently holding a drive to enlist more members. Ages for boys are eight to 18.

### Not Most Important

In Oakville townfolk were informed last week via a local newspaper that the Municipal Board has been "too busy" to write a decision on Oakville's application to annex 5,946 Trafalgar township acres. Decision to give an inkling when a decision might be expected, the chairman noted: "After all, this isn't the most important matter before the Board."

### Brawl on Brawn

In Erin last week curlers from many communities in the region gathered for the local club's annual bonspiel. Mild weather all through the day and evening made good curling difficult, and the local paper comments, "toward the end it took quite a bit of brawn to heave a heavy rock down to the other end of the rink."

### Too Many for Bronte

In Bronte local school board members, appraising the outlook for next September, decided to add two additional teachers and a music director for next September. In need of cutting down on non-resident pupils, the Board also agreed to exclude Trafalgar township pupils except those to the west of the village. More figuring will follow on how many pupils will be on hand in September.

### Won't Help Much

In Milton last week half a mile of lead-encased telephone cable was reported stolen from the poles on which it was erected along No. 25 highway. The local manager didn't

anticipate the theft would delay progress of dial phone installation in Milton, although "it won't help much," he added.

### Peace Reigns Again

In Burlington peace reigns between the councils of the town and Nelson township and the Inter-Urban Board. Following recent joint discussions over the guaranteeing of debentures for the \$400,000 trunk line expansion program, the water board chairman has written both councils stating there will be no expansion of outside services without consultation.

### Shows Off Walk Plow

In Milton a Hornby inventor, Gordon Bridgen, last week demonstrated a new sidewalk snow plow on the town's walks to the interest of many residents. A garden tractor provides locomotion while a second motor operates rotors which are able to cut into a layer of snow 20 inches deep. One rotor cuts down to take a 12-inch swath.

### A Timely Arrival

In Georgetown an attempted break-in at the CNR station was foiled by the timely appearance of a local constable on a routine check of the building. When the police officer noticed an open window about 3.45 a.m., he heard at the same time a car pull away fast on the other side of the station. Nothing was touched inside.

### See His Expansion

In Oakville two or three extra classrooms are reported needed next year for the Oakville-Trafalgar High School. Five additional teachers will also be needed, the principal told Board members, and predicted that by next year there will be 856 students, some 120 more than this year. Some classes have over 40 students now, the principal said.

More are now employed in Canadian manufacturing than at the peak of World War 2.

## AT THE Churches

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### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27th, 1966

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School. For purposeful living.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Subject, Lent and Holiness. How Related?  
6:30 p.m.—Sacred music on records.  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Subject, Common Delusions. Come for an hour of restful relaxation and uplift of spirit.

"There is not darkness enough in all the world to put out the light of one little candle."  
(Epitaph found on a baby's monument in an old cemetery.)

### BAPTIST CHURCH

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### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27th, 1966

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service. Speaker, Mr. Ernest West, president, Inter-provincial B.Y.P.U.  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.  
8:15 p.m.—B.Y.P.U.  
Wednesday—4:00, Mission Band; 8:00, Prayer meeting.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

IN CANADA  
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Rev. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG  
M.A., B.D., Minister

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27th, 1966

9:45 a.m.—Church School.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7:00 p.m.—The service will be conducted by the Daughters of Knox, Young Women's Affiliated Webster, Organization Secretary of the W.M.S. will give the address.  
A Warm Welcome Awaits You.  
"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

### ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH

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Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th.  
Rector

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27th, 1966

(1 Sunday in Lent)  
10:00 a.m.—Church School.  
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.  
Wednesday, March 2, 8 p.m.—Evangelism and address.



## THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

### BACK IN 1935

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, February 28

Prompt work by the Acton Fire Brigade saved the public school from destruction on Wednesday about 1:30 p.m. Apparently a spark from the chimney had ignited on the roof on the north-east side of the last section added to the building. Damage was confined to the roof and where the water went through the ceiling. School children quartered in that section of the building had a holiday yesterday afternoon.

The Public Utilities Commission held its first meeting in the new office in the Y.M.C.A. building Friday last.

Final round-up of the trio that tried to rob Tyler's service station has been made by Chief MacPherson and County Constable Cookman.

The Masonic Lodge will move to the new Lodge rooms this week. The weather has hovered around zero quite frequently the past week.

Some very fine loads of wood are being delivered about town these days.

Kitchener will inaugurate a new plan of paying taxes in four instalments.

A log-laden sleigh was struck by the C.P.R. passenger train near Streetsville Thursday but the driver and team escaped injury. The most prevalent occupation these days seems to be going to bed with the flu, mumps, measles or whooping cough.

Owing to the flu, the literary meeting at Osprey was postponed. The attendance at schools has been lowered by illness.

Gregory Theatre—The Painted Veil, based on Somerset Maugham's story, starring Greta Garbo and Herbert Marshall, Mickey Mouse "Playful Pluto."

Patterson's Meat shop—choice rib roasts, per lb. 15c, 16c; thick shoulder roast, per lb. 13c, 14c. Home made sausages, 2 lbs. for 25c; fresh herring, per lb. 10c.

### NOT SUSPICIOUS

"Why didn't you call the police when you found things scattered all over the bedroom?"  
"I thought my husband had been looking for a clean shirt."

### BACK IN 1905

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Feb. 23, 1905

Notwithstanding the impossible condition of the roads into town, last Sunday the attendance at the sixty-third anniversary of the Baptist congregation was the largest since the opening of the new church five years ago.

The country roads have been completely blocked for the past week and are still in very bad condition.

There is considerable sickness in the neighbourhood, chiefly the cold and the grip.

The location of the County House of Industry will be a problem for the County Council. Oakville wants it, Burlington bids for it, Georgetown presents special attractions. Acton feels that it presents the best location and surroundings and Milton, it claims it and everything else depending to the county it can get its claws on.

The hockey match on Monday night between teams of young lady players from Acton and Milton proved the biggest drawing card this season. The attendance was immense and Acton's Capt. Band will draw handsome profits for it was their benefit. The game proved the young ladies can play hockey with spirit and with a skill heretofore undreamed of. Although the Milton team was the stronger, Acton girls did magnificent work. Playing for Acton were Ada Holmes, L. Patterson, Nellie Hynds, Hazel Mason, Lottie Mason, Bertie Smith, Ida Laird.

La Grippe has held away in many homes lately.

A couple of ladies driving down Mill St. Monday had an exciting experience. The horse became frightened by snow shovelling and became unmanageable. Both the ladies were thrown and the horse ran home.

Driving would be more convenient on Mill St. if a few more loads of accumulated snow were removed.

The milder weather has been generally enjoyed.  
Many people can't stand prosperity—but few of us have it! When all is said and done, usually more is said than done.

## PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY AND TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

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6:38 a.m.; 8:58 a.m.; 11:35 a.m.;  
2:06 p.m.; 5:06 p.m.; 6:33 p.m.; 8:30 p.m.; 10:13 p.m.  
Westbound  
10:27 a.m.; 12:52 p.m.; 2:57 p.m.;  
5:27 p.m.; 7:27 p.m.; 9:12 p.m.;  
11:32 p.m.; 1:12 a.m. (Sun. to Kitchener only).  
—Daily except Sunday and holidays.  
—Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

### CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Standard Time  
Eastbound  
Daily 6:40 a.m.; Daily except Sunday 10:00 a.m.; 11:15 p.m.; Sunday only 8:01 p.m.; Daily except Sunday 7:15 p.m.; Daily except Sunday 6:37 p.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown 10:11 p.m.

Westbound  
Daily except Sun. and Mon. 1:28 a.m. Sun. and Mon. only 12:30 a.m.; Daily except Sunday 8:08 a.m.; 6:56 p.m. (flagstop); 7:40 p.m.; Saturday only 2:57 p.m.; Sunday only 9:08 a.m. (flagstop); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph 7:08 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun.; flagstop Acton 8:10 p.m.

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