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EDITORIAL

The Spirit of Co-Operation for Acton's Interests

The very interesting meeting of the Municipal Council and Chamber of Commerce last Thursday evening demonstrated two matters very vividly—co-operation in matters of general interest, and a spirit of loyalty to the town of a very fruitful character. This spirit of co-operation was very manifestly present throughout the meeting. With the lead given by Reeve Mason's warm invitation for mutual discussion and future action in matters of interest to the welfare of Acton and her citizens, the atmosphere of the meeting was decidedly helpful and friendly. Loyalty to Acton was significantly evidenced in the speech of one of our business men, who said, "We have a town which for business activity and manufacturing continuity is rarely to be found anywhere else in the province. How many other towns do you know of," he said, "where the wheels of the manufactories are turning continuously, as are ours, and where the employees receive their pay envelopes regularly the year around." There was a very commendible spirit at this meeting, and, with this spirit of co-operation, cohesion and good feeling, Acton's interests will be intelligently conserved and substantially advanced during 1926.

Victimizing the Farmers With Worthless Stock

Hon. J. S. Martin, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, sounds a warning to farmers well worthy of consideration, in an address last week, respecting the purchase of worthless stock from glib-tongued stock salesmen. The farmers of Ontario, he said, had lost millions of dollars through the peddling of practically worthless stock. The Minister was referring to the fact that the farmers as a class, were not as prosperous as they should be; and one of the reasons he gave was that the lack of prosperity was not due to the farmers' inability to make money, as much as it was due to his failure to keep it once he made it. And one means by which the farmers were being stripped of their hard-earned money was the promotion of cheap stocks which promised high dividends, but which vanished into thin air almost as soon as the promotors had taken the farmers' earnings. He went on to state that in his own county the farmers had been stripped of a lot of their money by the means mentioned, and he believed that millions had gone the same way. He knew of one man who had recently dropped ten thousand dollars by such transactions; and the situation has become so serious that he believed that something must be done to overtake the evil. The Minister did not exaggerate the facts when he made the above statement. It is within the knowledge of numbers of people, and the fact has been brought in evidence in Court that within a radius of fifteen miles from Acton, in the Counties of Halton and Wellington, tens of thousands of dollars have been paid for stocks of the description referred to, by farmers within the past twelve months. As the Minister says: "Something must be done to stop this outrage."

The Smaller Fall Fairs

For several years there have been periodical talks when the men interested in the county and larger fairs get together to amalgamation of the smaller fairs, or, in other words, discontinuing the Township fairs and centreing all efforts upon the County and larger fairs. This was the theme for an hour or so at the meeting of the Ontario Association of Fairs and Exhibitions held last week at Toronto. Two of the principal speakers advocated this course. The sentiment of the Convention did not, however, favor action in that direction. Most of the delegates seemed to feel that the small Township fair had a definite place in the community, and that there would be a distinct loss, particularly to the younger people, if a few fairs at large centres were established. Secretary J. Lockie Wilson, who has wider opportunities for observation than any other man in the province, apparently summed up the general opinion when he said that, while amalgamation of small fairs might be a benefit in some districts, where there was obvious overlapping, it would not meet with favor as a general policy over the Province. It would take away the opportunity now offered to many young exhibitors, who would find it almost impossible to drive their animals long distances over roads filled with motor traffic, as they are to-day. The small fair has a very specific function, in the way of encouraging the people, the young people in the community especially, to aim to improve their stock and other products of the farm, garden and home. It is functioning satisfactorily in this respect under existing conditions. The amalgamation proposed would inevitably result in debaring at least seventy-five per cent. of those who are now exhibitors at the Township fairs from being exhibitors at the larger fairs in the Municipal distance centres.

Direct Giving by Church Supporters

Commenting upon the greater interest being taken in church work, as indicated by the encouraging reports of the churches generally this year, the Whitby Gazette says:— "These church reports reflect in no small degree the prosperity of the people and their desire to contribute towards the better things of life. One cannot help but reflect that if people everywhere gave as they should towards the support of the church at home and abroad there would be little need for the numerous bazaars, teas, sales, concerts and other means of raising church funds now in vogue."

Instructs and Entertains the Farmers' Family

The radio has found a real welcome on the farms where it has been installed. It comes with a real appeal to the rural community and the farm home. Some one has said that the automobile did much to relieve the traditional loneliness and monotony of life that all down the centuries have been regarded as inseparable from the lot of country dwellers. What the automobile did in large measure has been completed by the radio. Instead of passing a drowsy evening nodding by the fireside, the family can tune in on whatever station takes their fancy and amuse themselves with such variety of entertainment or instruction as meets their liking.

A Canadian Creed Which Stands for Loyalty, Patriotism and Aspiration

I believe in Canada; its provinces united as one inseparable Dominion; a democracy within an Empire; firmly founded upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, fraternity, humanity, which British patriots have willingly sacrificed life and fortune to establish and maintain. I believe and avow it to be my sacred duty to love my country, honor its government, obey its laws, respect its flag, and defend it against all enemies. Loyal to the glorious traditions of the Motherland, inspired by altruistic purpose and thrilled by the superb possibilities which front this land of promise; it will be my high endeavor, in the comradeship of free citizens, to make my life tell in actualizing the noblest national ideals and to hand down to the future an enhanced and unsullied heritage.

Great Britain's Generous War Debt Terms

The magnanimous treatment by Great Britain of the nations who contracted abnormal war debt is strikingly illustrated by the settlement just effected with Italy. That country owes Great Britain nearly $3,000,000,000. By the settlement she will pay less than half that amount—a total of $1,300,000,000 in sixty-two years, at the rate of $20,000,000 a year. Great Britain is living up to her agreement to ask from her debtors only enough to meet the annual interest payment to the United States, although in this instance Italy is paying considerably less than the necessary quota to meet that need. The treatment of her war debtors by the United States is in striking contrast. In all cases the "pound of flesh" is demanded, even if the army and navy of the Allies kept Germany out of the United States for two long years before their forces entered the war.

EDITORIAL NOTES

During the week the British pound sterling rose on the foreign exchange market to $4.86½, the highest point touched since the war. This result is very gratifying, and shows that British finances invariably come back to their own.

The people are coming from the United States in large numbers to settle in Canada. For the first nine months of the present fiscal year, ending with December, the total is 33,529 persons emigrated from the United States to this Dominion.

At a meeting in London last week the Bishop of London said: "There is not the slightest doubt that the industrial output has increased, and the public health improved under prohibition in the United States. The British people have been told many manufactured lies from across the ocean to discount the value of prohibition."

Speaking of the Wardenship of the County, and the claims of the Reeve of Nassagaweya, the Milton Reformer speaks thus consolingly and with somewhat authorative prognostication: "Mr. Agnes is a young man and at the proper time will no doubt come into his own so far as municipal honors are concerned. If he is spared till next year, and is still Reeve of Nassagaweya, there is no doubt in our mind but that he will get the Wardenship by acclamation."

Free from debenture debt and with a surplus of $3,068.49 for the year in the treasury, Wellington County Fathers are congratulating themselves today on the splendid position of the county, which has never been in a better condition financially.—Fergus News-Record. Ratepayers of Halton County would be happy indeed if such a showing could be made. But then Wellington County has not been obliged to build any $200,000 bridges, and has spent less money on its mileage of roads.

It is only a few weeks since there was a great furore in the United States over British prices of rubber, and charges were made of unholy profiteering. Now the chickens are coming home to roost. Representative Loring M. Black, Jr., of New York, is demanding an investigation into the fact that American tires are sold in Great Britain twenty-five per cent. lower than they are sold in the United States. "Our committee," he says, "so far has sought to debauch American patriotism for the sake of powerful rubber interests. Let us know whether capital in this country is so minus patriotism as to stir up international discord to enrich itself."

The smuggling of liquor into the United States by British subjects was severely condemned in a largely attended meeting in the church house under the shadow of Westminster Abbey, last Wednesday. The meeting was held to frame a response to the appeal recently sent abroad by the United States' Citizens' Committee of 1,000. An official touch was given the occasion by a letter from Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, indicating entire sympathy with the purpose of the gathering. The Bishop of London characterized the smuggling going on by British ships to the United States as "a gross impertinence." What then is the act of Canadian citizens in permitting the transportation of liquor from Canada to the United States?

INTERESTING OVERSEAS NEWS

Gleaned From the Acton, England, Express of January 22

Another flannelette nightdress accident, resulting in the death of a young child, occurred at East Acton on Wednesday evening. It caught fire at an open grate.

The 1st Acton Company of Girl Guides will hold their church parade in the Acton Hill Wesleyan Church on Sunday evening.

At Acton Police Court on Monday, Fred Penny, a laborer, with no fixed abode, was charged with being drunk and disorderly at High-street, Acton, and was fined 7s. 6d.

A team representing the Acton Fire Brigade was entertained at the Acton Conservative Club on Thursday in last week, when a social evening and games tournament took place.

Some civil servants from the Government offices in Bromyard-avenue, Acton, visited Wormwood Scrubbs Prison on Sunday, and sang carols at the afternoon service in the prison chapel.

William Lovell, of Wulfston-road, East Acton, was fined 10s. at Mortlake on Wednesday week for cycling in Castelnau without lights.

Mr. W. Mansell has been appointed G.W.R. stationmaster at Acton in succession to Mr. T. Blen, promoted to Fishguard. Mr. Mansell has been stationmaster at Basingstoke for the past two years.

A summons against Robert McCullock, of Kent-road, Acton Green, for assaulting Alice J. Ballard, of the same address, was dismissed at Acton Police Court last week.

Arrangements are nearly completed for a four-day missionary exhibition, to be held at Acton Baptist Church on February 10 to 13. The exhibition will include talks, illustrated lectures, and demonstrations by well-known missionaries.

At Acton Police Court on Friday, Katherine Thieme, a married woman, of Chatsworth-gardens, Acton, was fined 10s. for being drunk and incapable in High-street, Acton.

Robert A. Chapman, a baker, of Prince's-road, Notting Dale, was charge on remand at Acton Police Court last week with bigamously marrying Edith Ironside, at Fulham.

A pedlar's sudden death at a common lodging-house in Osborne-road, Acton, was the subject of an inquest held by Dr. J. S. Crone, at the Acton Fire Station, on Friday morning.

For driving a omnibus along Uxbridge-road, Ealing, at a speed of over twenty-two miles an hour, Thomas Shakeshaft, 7, Chaucer-road, Acton, was fined 20s. at Ealing Police Court on Tuesday.

Jack Kerry, a seaman, of no fixed abode, was remanded at Acton Police Court on Thursday on a charge of maliciously damaging a plate-glass window, value £20, at 187-9 High-street, Acton.

The children's New Year treat, organized by the Acton Labor Party, will be held from 2.30 to 6.30 p.m., at the Central Hall to-morrow. As about 500 children will be entertained, it is estimated that the treat will cost at least £20.

The Acton contingent of delegates were among those of the National Union of Women Teachers to whom was accorded a civic reception by the Lord Mayor of Bristol, on the occasion of their conference at Bristol.

Frederick A. Dobson, of Davies-road, Acton, and James Dewen, a neighbor, each summoned the other at Acton Police Court on Wednesday in last week, for assault, and Mrs. Dobson was summoned for assaulting Jas. Dewen.

Lieut.-Colonel G. D. Turner, M.A., will speak under the auspices of the Acton branch of the League of Nations' Union, at the Acton Brotherhood meeting in the Congregational Church next Sunday afternoon.

Melodrama, romance, and comedy were the three courses in the dramatic bill of fare which the Acton Strolling Players dished up in an attractive manner for their many friends and supporters in the Churchfield Hall on Saturday night.

"The great difficulty nowadays is to get people to think for themselves," said Mr. C. G. Ammon, M.P., at a meeting organized by the Acton Temperance Association, and held in the Central Hall on Thursday.

The Acton Labor Party Choir, under the direction of Mr. F. Mitchell, sang several good selections at intervals which were much appreciated during a party meeting in the Central Hall on Tuesday night.

At the West London Police Court on Wednesday, Fred Arthur Gridley, a lamplighter, was charged with committing a criminal offence against a Hammersmith girl, aged 15.

At the West London Police Court on Tuesday, before Mr. Marshall, John Henry Tucker, an engineer's fitter, Avenue-gardens, Acton, was summoned for deserting his wife Lilian Tucker. He was ordered at pay her 10s. a week.

The last of a series of entertainments by the Madcaps Concert Party organized to obtain funds for the 1926 bazaar of the Acton Congregational Church, was given in the Churchfield Hall on Tuesday evening.

Sir Harry Brittain and his son and daughter were seen enjoying a run on their skis over the snow-covered slopes of Green Park on Friday. "Very good exercise and quite enjoyable," was his comment to a reporter after three hours in negotiating the Mall Alps.

Philip W. Carter, a navvy, of Colville-road, Acton, was charged at Acton Police Court last week with assaulting his wife, Amy Carter, by punching her on the jaw and right hand, and kicking her on the right foot and thigh.

The marriage took place at Acton Parish Church on Thursday of Mr. Ronald Chamberlain, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Chamberlain, of Bristol, and Miss Hope Wilkinson, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Wilkinson, of Noel-road, Acton.

Charles W. Turner, a blind laborer, of Junction-road, Acton, was charged at Acton Police Court on Saturday, with being drunk and disorderly, and his wife Beatrice Turner, (32), was charged with obstructing a police officer.

Acton Town Council has decided, if the Ministry of Health approves, to provide facilities for its tenants to become their own landlords. The best incentive to thrift is the chance of getting a secure roof over one's head, and the only satisfactory landlordism is self-landlordism.

On Friday Mr. W. Blount, gave a lecture on "Shakespeare's Country" at the Acton Adult School. In his youth Mr. Blount spent a great deal of time in the neighborhood of Stratford-on-Avon, and so is well qualified to speak on the subject.

Frank Nash and Ethel Nash, of Western-road, Acton Green, were summoned at Acton Police Court on Wednesday for assaulting Priscilla Shelton, of the same address, and Priscilla Shelton and James Shelton were summoned for assaulting Ethel Nash.

TWO WORKMEN

The following story from Wide Awake is not new, but its truth is vouched for, and its lesson is so clearly taught and so important that it is worth repeating:

Two men once stood at the same table in a large factory. Having an hour for their nooning every day, each undertook to use it in accomplishing of a definite purpose; each persevered for about the same number of months, and each won success at last.

One used his daily leisure hour in working out the invention of a machine for sawing a block of wood into almost any desired shape. When his invention was complete, he sold the patent for a frtune.

The other man, what did he do? Well, he spent an hour each day during most of the year in a very difficult task of teaching a little dog to stand on its hind feet and dance a jig. To be sure he succeeded, but what then? At last accounts he was working ten hours a day at the same trade and at his old wages, blaming his luck for the hard fate that kept him poor, while his fellow-workmen had become rich.

THE REWARD OF POLITENESS

They were entertaining the minister at dinner and after dessert little Johnny said:

"Won't you take another piece of pie?"

The minister laughed. "Well, Johnny," he said, "since you are so polite, I will have another."

"Good!" said Johnny. "Now, ma, remember your promise. You said if it was necessary to cut into the second pie I could have another piece!"

MIXED

A contributor to an English weekly tells of an Irishman who was describing his narrow escapes from a cross bull.

"I seized him by the tail," he exclaimed, "and there I was! I was afraid to hold on, and I dared not let go."

"You were between the horns of a dilemma," ventured a lady.

"No, ma'am, I wasn't between the horns at all, and besides, he wasn't a dilemma. He was a Jersey."

WANTED THE GIBLETS

There are innumerable stories of the Revolutionary days in Charleston, South Carolina. The old ladies used to tell with glee how, when the British were supposed to be out of the way, the young fellows would come home to dance with them. A message would go to the nearest cousins and friends, and a supper would be cooked. It might be only rice and bacon, but it was good to hungry men. Charleston's historian, Mrs. Ravenal declares. The dance and the feast would continue until the stars grew pale.

Often these merrymakers were disturbed by the enemy; but there was always a negro or two on watch, and the harsh note of the screeching owl or the cry of the whippoorwill would give the alarm. Then "partings in mot haste," a rush for the horses, a sharp scuffle, a hot pursuit, and perhaps a prisoner taken.

The young men had odd adventures. One young fellow betrayed himself by his appetite. He was pursued and had taken shelter in Mrs. Motte's place, on South Santee. She rolled him up in a carpet, and pushing it against the wall, told him to keep quiet until the enemy had gone and she could release him.

Unluckily, he heard through the open window his hostess giving directions to the cook about the chickens which were to be dressed for the dragoons' dinner. He could not bear to be left out, and thrust his head from the carpet chrysalis, and cried out, "Keep the giblets for me."

The soldiers heard, and he was at once caught and carried off, to repent at leisure of his indiscretion.

TRUSTING HIS PARTNER

The Carrolls all confidently believe that their Billy, aged five, is destined for future distinction. Perhaps they are right; at any rate, he is not lacking in that sagacity in choosing "associates in enterprise" said to be essential to success.

Last summer Billy was seen walking slowly along the hotel plazza, very thoughtfully scanning the faces of the guests seated there. Finally he stopped at the chair of an old lady with whom he was on friendly terms.

"Say, Mrs. Jones, can you crack nuts?" he inquired, his hands in his pockets.

"Why, no, deary, I'm very sorry, but I can't," replied Mrs. Jones, apologetically. "You know I've lost most of my teeth."

"That's what I thought," said Billy, relaxing from anxiety to his sunny smile, and extending his two hands confidently. "Say, will you keep these nuts here for me while I go get the rest of 'em?"

SHE GOT THE PLACE

Pearson's Weekly tells a story of an Irish domestic who obtained a situation by the use of her national wit, under somewhat unpromising conditions. She had applied to Mrs. Van Nobbs for work as a cook, and Mrs. Van Nobbs asked:

"How long did you live in your last place?"

"Tree weeks, ma'am," answered Bridget.

"Why did you leave it so soon?"

"Oi cuddent git along wid the lady—she was so old and cranky."

"But I may be old and cranky, too," said Mrs. Van Nobbs.

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