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# EDITORIAL

We Appreciate It

For the kindly fraternal comments from brother publishers in other communities on the occasion of the fifty-third anniversary of THE FREE PRESS, we are indeed very appreciative. From these kindly encouragements the editor and the staff receive an encouragement to continue to merit the standing placed upon it by these comments. To republish these items would seem perhaps to be flattering ourselves and might tend to turn our own head, so we will refrain from passing the comments on to our readers until later years, when we are more staid in journalistic years. Every one of them is none the less appreciated, however.

### What Impression Do We Create?

Generally when we travel from home, if observant at all, one can always find little things about other towns passed through that detract from the town or add to the impression you receive on passing through. Sometimes these facts are never noticed to be lacking in our own town until we notice how they detract from the other places. Last week in a motor trip to Killarney Beach we passed through numerous small villages. It was new territory to us and we were naturally interested in knowing the names of the communities. In many cases it was difficult to discover their identity and they were passed by as a no-place, and yet we imagine that not one citizen of these places but what was proud of his home town and would have been delighted to explain all about its advantages. After noticing the lack of little things in other places, we got to thinking about Acton. Since the cement highway has been constructed east of town the sign board that used to be on the eastern entrance of the highway is missing, and only a small highway sign is constructed at both the highway entrances. It is perhaps sufficient to tell the stranger what town he is in. But we received a much better impression of the communities which had individually enough to erect signs with a character to them that portrayed the artistic touch of some one in the town or village. It may be that the Highway Department does not approve of these added signs by the municipality and prefers the small neat sign placed by their officers, but those other signs do stamp individuality on the community to the stranger passing through. Wonder what the other fellow thinks of us when he finds them missing in this town?

### A Good Handicap for Milton

As has been the custom for years, the County Council made its annual grants to the Fall Fairs and on the same basis as has been used for years. Acton, Burlington and Georgetown each received \$75.00, while Milton was donated four times as much as any one fair—\$300. This, of course, will be claimed because Milton is a county fair. But like many other claims this belongs to the long ago and needs revision. Acton Fair (and we believe the other fairs are in the same category) is open for exhibitors from the whole county in all branches just as much as Milton Fair is. In no respect is Milton Fair any more representative of the whole county than any one of these other fairs, other than the fact that Milton is the county seat. For the most part its officers and directors are residents of the immediate vicinity of Milton, just as any of the other fairs draw their staunchest supporters from the country immediately adjacent. Time was, we suppose, when matters were different, and the township fairs were open only to the township exhibitors and the county fair was open to the county at large. But that time has passed and the grants have not been revised in accordance with the rules governing these exhibitions. The county rate is equalized and the burden of taxes falls on the shoulders of all in equal proportions. Is it not time that we should share in equalization on county grants—or at least on the basis in which they contribute to the county exchequer? Milton has a splendid fair, but so has Acton and Georgetown and Burlington and each of the latter three are handicapped by \$225 less in a county grant than that of Milton. In all fairness the grants should be more equally divided and the common treasury not used to promote one centre more than another. We don't blame Milton for taking the big grant, but we do think there is a laxity in apportioning the grants that the equalization has not been made some years ago. Out of fairness to all the county it should not be continued further in these proportions.

### Rip Van Winkle

The Guelph Mercury last week says: "Twenty-three hundred weekly newspaper men of Canada are holidaying in the far west, and their plants are, for the most part, shut down. Those weekly fellows are lucky, when their customers are willing to suffer for a little while without being concerned with the light or heavy problems of their municipalities. Meantime, the country moves steadily forward. Surely the Mercury man has had a nightmare on the strength of the weekly when it is considered that there are only 943 weekly papers in the Dominion, and 1,571 publications of all kinds in Canada, including the dailies, weeklies, monthlies, quarterlies, etc. And we failed to note any one of our exchanges among the weeklies missing from our desk the past week. The Mercury brevity writer must be an oldtimer who served at the case away back and has not revised his statistics or conceptions of the weekly in the last quarter century or so.

### Lopping Off Another Branch

The action of Sir Henry Drayton in seizing the liquor stock stored at the border will commend itself to all true advocates of temperance. The brewers and distillers are the worst type of the bootlegging fraternity, and their disregard of all law and decency is the cause of all prohibitory measures that have had to be enacted. Sir Henry has found their docks to be a menace to the proper enforcement of the law and his job is enforcement of the Liquor Control Act. It is only to be expected that the liquor interests will defy his order as they have defied for years all other orders and laws of moral decency. The Dominion Government should, in every possible way, assist in helping maintain provincial laws, and if necessary enact the legislation necessary to help control. The Chairman of the Liquor Board is hitting in the right place to stop illegal selling and his action will commend itself to all but the liquor profiteers and lawbreakers. The pity of it is that only the enforcement of our own laws is aimed at. The wiping out of the border warehouse to help a sister nation enforce her laws would be only a decent neighborly act by the Dominion Government.

### Bandit Wealth Not Long Enjoyed

The unceasing activity of the Toronto police in working untiringly on the mail train robbery and the capture of the past week that have brought their efforts to continue to merit the standing placed upon it by these comments. To republish these items would seem perhaps to be flattering ourselves and might tend to turn our own head, so we will refrain from passing the comments on to our readers until later years, when we are more staid in journalistic years. Every one of them is none the less appreciated, however.

### EDITORIAL NOTES

With the bank mergers and automobile company consolidations some things are certainly getting closer together these days.

Canadian cheese shipped from Montreal in a single week to foreign markets totalled more than 55,000 boxes, an increase of nearly 20,000 boxes compared with the same week a year ago. Prices paid at country points were records for the year to date.

Slowly, but surely, sagely remarks the Border Cities Star, scientists are smoothing out the bumps on life's pathway, solving problems that beset mankind and adding to the peace and contentment of burdened humanity. Their latest discovery is that a swallow can see a gnat forty yards away.

The Erin Advocate, which usually published on Wednesday, although the paper was dated Thursday, has followed THE FREE PRESS in changing to Thursday for publication day. It has proved a real convenience here and a help we believe in producing a better paper. No doubt the Advocate will have the same experience.

With last week's issue the Collingwood Bulletin completed its 58th year. The Bulletin is indeed a staunch friend and worthy representative of Collingwood, and with Editor Williams at its head will undoubtedly continue on its successful career that has marked its activities through the past years. It is among the exchanges of THE FREE PRESS that is kept to the last to be perused thoroughly when its contents can be duly appreciated and we never miss reading it.

To the Cowichan, B. C. Leader, which won first place and the Brampton Conservator, which stood second in the Canadian Weekly Newspaper contest at Edmonton, Alta., we extend hearty congratulations. Both are papers who have earned the merits awarded them and are worthy to be given the highest standing in the weekly class in the Dominion. We are, of course, better acquainted with our neighbor in Peel County, and naturally rejoice that such a signal honor has come to our Peel contemporary.

A preliminary estimate just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics indicates this year's Canadian wheat crop at 23,405,000 acres, an increase of almost a million acres over 1927. The area sown to oats is 13,237,000 acres, about the same as last year. Barley shows an increase and rye a decrease. The condition of all wheat is given as 102 per cent. of 1927, when the total yield was 440,204,700 bushels. Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta, which are now the chief sources of the world's wheat supply, all show conditions superior to 1927.

## Neighborhood News

### ELGIN

Mr. James Kee, of Barrie, spent the week-end with his grandfather, Mr. John Guelthorne.

Mrs. G. H. Stewart, of Akron, Ohio, visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. John Guelthorne.

Mr. H. Partonson, of Toronto, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Smith, fifth line, Callahan.

Rev. J. D. Stephens and Mrs. Stephens of Kilmarnock, called on friends here on Tuesday and attended the St. Thomas reunion.

Mrs. V. K. and son, John, and Miss Irene Greenway, of Kilmarnock, Ill., are spending their vacation with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McNamey.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Grundy and Miss Mary, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grundy and Master Bruce visited with friends at Hamilton on Sunday last.

Mrs. Jean Hughes, Mr. Jas. Hughes, of Georgetown, Mr. C. Lewis, of Acton, and Mrs. J. C. McNamey, of Acton, visited at the home of Mrs. M. Bligham, Miss Bligham returned to Georgetown with them.—Advertiser.

### GEORGETOWN

Mr. Carey Warren, of Toronto, called on friends in town on Sunday.

Mrs. Vera Hewitt, of Honey Creek, is spending her holidays at Mr. G. H. Myers.

Mr. John B. Cameron, of Oshereville, and Mrs. C. Lewis, of Acton, visited friends in town on Saturday.

There are still a number of dogs running at large in the neighborhood. The fact that a town-by-law says they must not, but they do, is a pity.

Mr. Thomas Irwin and son, Thomas, of Ireland, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. S. K. K. K.

Miss Marion McKay arrived home from Ottawa on Monday evening and will spend a holiday at her home here.

Mrs. Wm. McDonald, who underwent an operation at Toronto General Hospital last week, is progressing nicely.

Mr. John J. Barber called from Montreal last week for England, where he will spend the next three months.

A new switch-board has been installed and the interior of the Bell Telephone office completely re-modeled. It is now an up-to-date office so far as equipment is concerned.

Mrs. H. E. Luder, of Los Angeles, Cal., has left for Grand Mere, Que., to visit her father, after spending a week with her brother, W. H. Webster, John Street, Herald.

### OAKVILLE

Misses Myrtle and Belle Kelley are on a motor trip with friends in New York, and other parts.

Miss Katharine Gauderson has come as a nurse in training.

Mrs. McAnsell, Miss Evans, Miss MacLeod have called from Montreal for England, where they will spend two months.—News.

Marcelle Folan, who has been residing at Carnduff, Sask., for some time past, arrived home last week on a holiday visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Folan, west of town.

Mrs. John Biggar has returned to town from Toronto, where she had been residing for several months.

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Wallis, formerly of Knox Church, Oakville, motored through the town on Monday on their way to Atlantic City, where they will holiday for a few weeks.—Record.

Deputy Reeve Menard has been appointed to the Halton Mothers' Allowance Board, and made secretary for the county.

Mrs. C. H. Cross and Miss Gladys Cross are on a trip to Winnipeg. They went from Barrie to Port Arthur by boat.

Edwin Stone, Evanston, Ill., and Robert D. Lusk, of Chicago, this week motored to Oakville, made the acquaintance of relatives, and will be in town for less than two days.—Star.

### BURLINGTON

Miss Dorothy Ibe is holidaying at London, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. D. Sutton.

Miss Thelma Mann is spending a few days at Cedar Springs, the guest of Miss Almira Duncan.

Miss Nora Gilbert is spending two weeks' holidays at Orchard Point Inn, Atherley, Ontario.

Miss Evelyn Holm, of Guelph, is spending a week with Mrs. Dorothy Sparks.

Mr. W. E. Alton, Miss Magie Alton and Misses Alice and Myrtle Bianshard left on Tuesday on a trip to the Pacific Coast.

Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Walker have returned home from their wedding trip in Muskoka, and taken up residence on Brant Street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson, who are on a motor trip from Ithaca, and are re-visiting acquaintances in the district, were guests of Mrs. J. Jarvis, Locust Street, on Friday last.

Six large buses passed through here on Saturday conveying the staff and students of the Southwestern University, Kansas, who are on a tour of instruction, stopping at various places on the itinerary for lectures.

R. B. Hanna, of the Sinclair Pipe Line Company, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, arrived in Burlington on Friday evening last, with his wife and daughter, and, after a very pleasant motor trip, to spend a few weeks with his mother, Mrs. James Hanna, and sister, Mrs. E. H. Addison, of Brant Avenue.—Gazette.

### PARTICULAR

Baleman (wiping the perspiration from his brow): "I'm afraid, madam, we've shown you all our stock of Incolium, but we could get more from our factory."

Customer: "Well, perhaps you had better. You see, I want something of a heater pattern and quite small—just a little square for my bird cage."

NOT SO HAD

First Boot: "I hear that the drill sergeant called you a blockhead."

Second Boot: "No. He didn't make it that strong."

First Boot: "What did he actually say?"

Second Boot: "Put on your hat, here comes a wood-pecker."

SURE PROOF

"It ain't sanitary," protested the traveler, "to have the house built over the dog pen that way."

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Rev. N. A. Harburt and family have gone to their summer cottage at Port Tyrone, on Lake Erie.

Mr. and Mrs. John McDowell, of Victoria Harbor, has been visiting his mother, Mrs. T. McDowell.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Chonasta and family have gone to their summer cottage at Nantlooke on Lake Erie.

Miss Joan Parlow, professional nurse, of Toronto is spending a few holidays here after a motor trip across the line.

Miss Ruth Carham, of Philadelphia, is spending a few holidays with her mother, Mrs. T. A. Gorham.

At the Manitoba Provincial Exhibition at Brandon, last week, the Henry Grand Champion female award went to Anna B. Black, Moffat, an Orange Illinois.

Henry Pasco of Trafalger township trapped and killed a large black hawk last week which had been killing chickens on his farm. Its wings measured three feet from tip to tip.—Itformer.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan, Duck and family have been visiting relatives at Bruce-bridge.

Jan. Hornung and son, Frank, of Palmerton, are visiting his cousin, J. P. Little.

Adam Armstrong, who underwent an operation for appendicitis, in Guelph General Hospital on Tuesday, is doing nicely.

Mrs. F. D. Dewar left on Saturday for Los Angeles, Cal., where she will visit her mother and brothers, returning home in September.—Champion.

### SLIGHT KERR

The slight young man was making application for his service gratuity.

"How much service did you have?" asked the clerk.

"No service at all," replied the b. y. m. in disgust. "I was only a corporal and had to wait on myself."

### HOME WORK

"A goat is about as big as a sheep if the sheep is big enough. A female goat is called a buttress, a little goat is called a goatee. Goats are very useful for eating up things. A goat will eat up more things than any animal that ain't a goat. My father got a goat once. My father is an orful good man. Everything he says is so, even if it ain't so. This is all I know about goats."

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