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EDITORIAL

Burglary Too Common

The quick and easy methods provided by automobiles—very often stolen ones—for petty thieving of business places in the smaller towns, is providing a difficult problem to deal with in these communities. Until the past few weeks Acton has been very fortunate in being free of these acts of burglary. The entering of two business places within the past couple of weeks and the carrying off of considerable loot at both places, has confronted the authorities with the necessity of changing the methods of dealing with this problem. The measures to be taken are no doubt now being contemplated in the minds of the authorities and action being taken to curb the lawlessness and loss of property.

The Worm Has Turned

The worm has turned at last. And it has turned magnificently. For years now we have had judges imposing damages upon the owners of trains which happened to tie with motorists in a race for a crossing. This, we felt, was the essence of injustice. Our opinion always was that if there was anything left of an individual who was insane enough to try to beat a train to a crossing and didn't, that it should be either locked up or further punished, and that whoever was in charge of the train should be commended for having emphasized the peril of such competition. But that never happened. It never seemed to occur to our judges that the motor car might run into the train; always the train ran into the motor car. And the owners of the train paid. But at last we have found a just judge. Up in Belleville, one John Burns tried to beat a C. P. R. freight to a crossing—and did. In winning his race, however, he turned a switch which detailed the train, piled up 10 cars, caused damages of $200,000, and killed a brakeman. So he has gone to jail for three months. The railway owners, turning like the worm, brought a charge of criminal negligence against Burns, the Crown helped the charge; the Judge upheld it. It is an admirable precedent. If the people who try such exploits in lunacy knew that they were going to be punished whether they won, lost, or tied, it might result in fewer crossing fatalities.—Ottawa Journal.

Temperance or Partyism

The preliminaries of the election are settled in this County and the next couple of weeks or so will settle down into the contest proper. The announcement was made last week of the selection of Mr. Geo. Hillmer, M. P. P., as the Conservative nominee, and on Saturday the Progressive-Liberal candidate was chosen in the person of Mayor Thos. Blakelock, of Oakville. It will be no three-cornered election in this riding. The Liberal and Progressive platforms are identical enough on the main issue to have them join forces in any constituency. These parties offer the only possibility of getting the liquor question out of politics. It is therefore the only reasonable thing to do to join forces on this issue and provide the electors with an opportunity of expressing their approval or disapproval of the Liquor Control Act, as handled in politics. Both Mr. Hillmer and Mr. Blakelock are well-known in the County. Both are residents of Oakville, so both will be best acquainted in the southern part of the County. The election in this County will undoubtedly resolve itself on the temperance issue. When the temperance question was voted on apart from politics Halton invariably piled up a substantial dry majority. If the temperance sentiments predominate with the electors over the party principles the outcome of the election would see a change in the representation of this County by a Conservative member. The question here is clear cut. The joining up of the political parties has made the issue any easy one to decide. The first step is to get the temperance question out of politics. Premier Ferguson has declared that as long as he is in power their will be no plebiscites. Both the Liberal and Progressive parties have declared in favor of plebiscites on the temperance question. The failure of the Liquor Control Act is surely too noticeable to need much enlargement on. Another four years under this Act, with the increase shown in the last two years are not a pleasant outlook for those who desire improvement in the drinking evil and not political power. Can any true temperance man or woman allow partyism—and the little it means—to stand in the way of doing their share toward getting the evil out of the country? What will be the effect of another four years under the Liquor Control Act? A vote for partyism may result in disastrous effects to yourself or some one very near to you. It is too serious a matter to trifle with. Every opportunity should be seized to truly advance temperance legislation.

Compensation Benefits

Total benefits of $5,003,683.77 were awarded under the Workmen's Compensation Act during the first nine months of this year, as compared with $5,115,489.20 for the corresponding period last year. The total number of accidents reported during the nine months was 65,752, being an increase of 8,109 over the same period last year. The fatal accidents numbered 371, as compared with 415 for the first nine months of 1928. The average daily number of accidents reported during the first nine months of 1929 was 292; the average amount of benefits awarded daily was 26,240; and the average number of cheques issued daily was 893. During September there were 7,238 accidents reported and $605,070.96 was awarded in benefits, as compared with 7,032 accidents and $532,021.20 benefits during September a year ago.

Legislation Coming

The intimation that a ban on liquor clearances will come at the next session of the Dominion Parliament will bring a sigh of relief to those who have long waited for this move on the part of the Government. Many have wondered how long this practise would be allowed to continue and if it would not lead both these friendly nations into serious difficulties. It matters little to the average man or woman whether it be done by an Order-in-Council or by special legislation. The important thing is that some steps be taken to stop an illegal traffic between two friendly counries and efforts be made to guard the international boundary with a common spirit of suppressing lawlessness and not one aiding lawbreakers to evade the rules of another country. The legislation is needed and common neighborly friendliness demands that it be enacted as speedily as possible.

Town Improvement

Another example of co-operation, town loyalty, and helpfulness was shown last week when the Lakeside Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire offered to instal a new stage curtain, with wing curtains, at the Town Hall. There have been many improvements carried out in Acton the past few years by organizations in the town who have the beautifying and betterment of the community at heart. The new curtains will be a decided asset in Acton's public hall. They have been desired by many for years and will be appreciated by every citizen. It would make a long list to enumerate the organizations who have been benefactors, and the benefactions they have, by their efforts, given the town the past few years. Acton has received no great donations on a large scale but each has contributed in their own way toward securing many improvements which are doing much toward the improvement of the home town. The spirit is commendible.

Billboards a Menace to Safety

Maintaining that badly located billboards are not only a detriment to the roadside, but also a menace to safety, the Directors of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce in New York City have adopted the following resolution: "Advertising billboards erected in large numbers along and adjacent to the highways unnecessarily mar the appearance of the countryside and detract from the pleasures of motoring. Such signs are in many cases erected at points, such as curves, and railroad and highway intersections, where they are a positive menace to the safety of operators and users of motor vehicles. By distracting the attention of drivers they may be a contributing cause to accidents. The National Automobile Chamber of Commerce indorses civic efforts to improve this situation in the public interest and specifically and emphatically disapproves of any and all advertising along our rural highways which may imperil life, limb or property."

Of More Than Social Importance

The welcome accorded Premier Ramsay MacDonald, of England, on his arrival in the United States has been whole-hearted and is a gesture of good feeling between these two great nations, the importance of which will be far reaching. Never before has a British Prime Minister crossed that threshold while in office. For ten minutes he stood alone with President Hoover in conversation. What passed between them in their first meeting was not told. But both men were deeply conscious of what this meeting holds for the future of the nations for which they speak, and for the peace of the world. To Labor's "man of destiny" the moment was something sacramental. The friendly getting together of these men of high positions in their respective countries, the example set for other nations who may find a common ground for discussion of their problems around the conference table, will have much to do toward developing peace among these people. A broad vision of the other fellow's side of the argument is also possible by these meetings with the other fellow at home.

EDITORIAL NOTES

If the Liquor Control Act is entitled to a longer trial, why did it not receive it without bringing on an election over a year sooner than necessary?

With both candidates in the election coming from the south of the County, the contest will not resolve itself into a conflict beteen the north and south.

L. C. A. stands for a lot of things other than Liquor Control Act, it would seem from reading the Globe. Not many of them complimentary to the said Act, either.

If all the election promises are carried out after the election, Ontario won't be such a bad Province to live in. Records of performance are, however, a safer guide than promises.

Premier Ferguson's message in his own riding of "They Can't Beat Me" just doesn't sound very much like rule by the people. We doubt if even Mussolini would make such a statement.

The real estate movements, improvements under way and rumors of other improvements contemplated on Mill Street, do not forecast any feeling of pessimism on the outlook of business in Acton.

The third annual meeting of the shareholders of Fergus Arena, Inc., was held last week. The balance sheet for the past season showed a surplus of $1,000. And this splendid result when last year provided only two months for skating and curling.

Neighborhood News

ERIN

Mrs. Near, of Toronto, is visiting with friends here.

Mr. Clayton Harbour, of Toronto, spent the week-end with his parents.

Miss Lottie Neville, of Alton, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Dan McDonald.

Mrs. W. Kentner, of Acton, is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bingham.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hall and two children spent the week-end with friends at Milverton.

Mr. Chas. Hills, of New York, was a recent visitor with Mr. and Mrs. W. Stubbington and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Leitch have returned home after spending some time with friends in Western Canada. Mr. Leitch's many friends will be pleased to know that he is much improved in health.

Messrs. H. Arscott, W. A. Burchill, O. Glinrick, J. H. Gibson, A. McDougall and E. Overland spent the week-end at a summer home at Collingwood and took in the sights on the lake shore highway.

We understand at least two of Erin's business men were relieved of their roll, which was no mean size, at Brampton Fair. Pick-pockets are said to have cleaned-up to the extent of about twelve hundred dollars, during the day.—Advocate.

GEORGETOWN

The contractor has started work on the repairing of the Guelph Street pavement opposite St. George's Church.

A new room has been fitted up at the Public School and was opened on Monday. Miss Arthur of Alliston is the new teacher of the juvenile room.

At the Women's Institute contest at the County Fair, held at Milton last Saturday, Mrs. W. V. Grant, of Georgetown, was awarded second prize for hand-made infant's dress.

Mrs. Stephenson and her daughter, of Kenora, who is attending Toronto University spent the week-end with Mrs. Annie Adams.

Dr. Stanley Cross, formerly of Gravenhurst, an old Georgetown boy, has sold his practice at Elmira and accepted an appointment on the staff of the Homewood Sanatorium at Guelph.

Edward E. Maybee, a former student of Georgetown High School, has recently secured his Bachelor of Arts from Queen's University, Kingston. He is a brother of Mrs. Clifton Morton, Norval, and Miss Eileen G. Maybee, of Hornby.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cantell left on Friday last for their new home in Highgate. During their twenty-five years of residence here they made many friends and proved themselves honorable citizens with whom we are sorry to part. The best wishes of the entire community go with Mr. and Mrs. Cantell to their new home.—Herald.

BURLINGTON

T. A. Cardwell paid a visit to his brother, Wm. Cardwell, last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Wiggins spent a few days at Aurora, N. Y., during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. MacGregor are spending a couple of weeks' holidays at Bobcaygeon.

Ernest Pilman, of Aldershot, picked seven pints of second-crop strawberries on Friday last, which brought him 25 cents per box on the Hamilton market on Saturday.

Mrs. Angus, of Victoria, B. C., and Miss Beatrice Robb, on the staff of Occupational Therapy, Marion, Ind., are the guests of Miss Lila Hurd.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Smith, of Vancouver, B. C., are holidaying at the home of his father, Mr. J. O. Smith, "Apple Villa."

Mrs. Fred Cuttriss returned home on Monday after a month's visit with her sister, Mrs. L. E. Proom, at Washington, D. C.

Assessor G. Berry has completed assessing the town, and turned in the roll. According to the assessment roll the population of the town shows an increase of 200.

The Natural Gas Company are laying pipes very rapidly on the streets of the town, and already are supplying gas to customers.

Miss Ethel Trealeor has resigned her position on the staff of the local Post Office, and returned to her home at Sutton on Wednesday.—Gazette.

OAKVILLE

Mrs. M. B. Purmer, and Mrs. Wm Glover Gage, of Saginaw, Mich., have been visiting Mrs. C. G. Marlatt in town during the past week.

Mrs. Arthur Greenstreet is spending a pleasant vacation in Peoria, Williamsfield and Galesburg, Illinois, also Burlington and Port Madison, Iowa, and is enjoying warm weather there.

A car owned by W. H. MacNiel, of Oakville, was stolen last Thursday evening and an hour later another was stolen in Hamilton from J. W. Sheppard. Two boys are supposed to have been the miscreants. The MacNiel car was badly damaged.—Record.

Mrs. Willard Ryan and son, of Toronto, are visiting her mother, Mrs. J. Pickering, of Dundas highway.

There was a leak in the water main on Colborne Street and the concrete pavement had to be broken through and the main repaired.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Blackall, of Listowel, visited over the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hughes and also at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnstone, of Prestville.

In about another week a government outfit will be here to rebuild about a hundred and twenty feet of the west pier. When complete this will mean that the entire west pier has been either entirely rebuilt or had a new top built. Last year the pierhead of the west pier was rebuilt.—Star.

MILTON

Mrs. A. J. Sloan, of Stratford, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. White.

Dr. Anderson, M. P., is having the store next to his office improved by having a new front put in, and the interior newly decorated.

Mrs. Ed. Agnew of Campbellville, has returned home from a delightful motor trip to the Old St. Lawrence, Quebec, in company with Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Vicborn and Mrs. Beatty, of Chicago.

The contractors have commenced grading the road between Freeman and the Dundas highway. The hill at Ed. Sherwood's farm is being cut down, and the work will be rushed to completion as soon as possible.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ehler, Mr. and Mrs. R. Bartleman, Miss Bassinette, of Hamilton, and the Misses Isabel Henderson, Mildred Parkhurst and Irene DeLaney, of Toronto, visited Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ehler over the week-end.—Champion.

D. S. Robertson & Sons, Milton, captured the red ribbons with their roadsters at the Brampton Fair last week.

Mr. John Parrel, of London, who conducted the programme at the Fall Fair here on Saturday, is an old friend of Mayor and Mrs. Byer, whose guest he was during the day.

Mr. Halston, of Galt, favored the Reformer with a call on Monday afternoon. Mr. Halston will be remembered as the leader of the Galt Kilties Band when they visited Milton.

Palermo United Church was the scene of a very pretty autumn wedding when Miss Myrtle Irene Harrod, R. N., graduate of Hamilton Hospital, and eldest daughter of Mrs. Bertha Harrod, of Omagh, and the late W. H. Harrod, became the bride of Wm. E. Louter, son of Mrs. Mary K. and the late Mr. James Louter, of Hamilton. Rev. F. G. Parrell performed the ceremony.—Reformer.

SLATS' DIARY
BY ROBT FARQUHAR

Friday—the preecher got sore at pa and ma and pa got sore at ma teacher he was at the house for supper and he sat up with part of the nervus we liked the best on Sunday and I spoke up and sed that I herd pa say he was all ways tickled when the benedixion was given. Prum that time on the supper was very discomfable. For me a speshully.

Saterday — Ant Emmy went to the pitcher show tonite and when she cums home she was al excited up. She sed she never new mun-keys cud tawk but it showed on the screen where a animal pitcher was shone and the munkey sed to the tager You will pay for this ensult to my pryde.

Sunday—Hellen Glunt got home frum a Finishing skool today, witch she had onley ben there a wk. but pa sed it was Hellens pa witch got finished int so she cums on home half finished.

Munday—Ma went to a bridge lunchen today and pa and me had to go to the resterant for lunch. I ast pa what was the differents between a lunch and a luncheon and he answered and sed About a $ and a quarter most genrelly all ways.

Tesuday—Unkle Hen was sick for about a wk. and got to feeling all rite last Sunday but he woodent get up till thiej afternoon becux he still had sum medcine left and he sed Drs. was to Xpensive and he wanted to get his muneys wirth.

Wensday—They was a new baby borned a cupple days ago across the erick and it onley wayed three pounds and a ½. But frum all I can hear I gess they are going ahed and keep it enny ways.

Thirsday—well I guess I am in bad with Jane and it aint my fault neather. I borryed pa's tipe riter today and rote her a nice long letter and this evning Etsy telefoned and sed Jane was offly mad becux I begun the letter My Dear Pest. I cuddent help it becux I made a Mistake and sed that instead of PET witch was my entenshun. Well who cares for gurls enyways. Onley Sissy boys. and I aint 1 of them.

ALL EXPLAINED

"Don't you think the water is awfully hard here?"

"Yes, but it rains harder here."

COULD NOT BE

Detective—We have located your runaway wife, but she won't say a word.

Husband—That's not my wife.

WHAT ARE YOU WORTH?

"I think I ought to be paid what I'm worth, anyway," said the young clerk.

"I do, too," said the boss, patiently, "but I'd hate to see you trying to live on that."

Acids in Stomach Cause Indigestion

Medical authorities state that nearly nine-tenths of the cases of stomach trouble, indigestion, sourness, burning, gas, bloating, nausea, etc., are due to an excess of hydrochloric acid in the stomach. The delicate stomach lining is irritated, digestion is delayed and food sours, causing the disagreeable symptoms which every stomach sufferer knows so well.

Artificial digestents are not needed in such cases and may do real harm. Try laying aside all digestive aids and instead get from any druggist some Bisurated Magnesia and take a teaspoonful of powder or four tablets in water right after eating. This sweetens the stomach, prevents the formation of excess acid and there is no sourness, gas or pain. Bisurated Magnesia (in powder or tablet form—never liquid or milk) is harmless to the stomach, inexpensive to take and is the most efficient form of magnesia for stomach purposes. It is used by thousands of people who enjoy their meals with no more fear of indigestion.

SCOTCH STORY NO. 7336

The usual morning collection was taken in church one morning, and the minister noticed a lot of dollar bills in the plate and two pennies.

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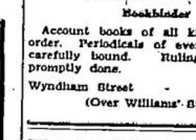

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