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EDITORIAL
A Desire to Benefit the Community

During the past two weeks a subject which has occupied much local attention has been the will of the late J. A. Murray. Aside from the many beneficiaries who have been named in this will Mr. Murray has given by his will benefits to the community at large. We have purposely refrained from any comment until the full text had had time to be fairly well threshed out by the public. True, there are stipulations and it remains to yet be seen just how this will can be carried out, but the desire of Mr. Murray to give \$10,000 to the churches of the community, and the further bequest of \$20,000 for a building to be erected in Acton are intentions for which Actonians may be very thankful. These benefits, set out in the will to the community will afford the opportunity of doing much good. And the result and good that will follow their use in the ways set forth or desired by those in charge will be lasting remembrance for the good left behind by the will of this lifelong citizen, Mr. Murray, who desired his earthly goods to benefit a large section of the community.

Let Us Have Equalized Distribution

At the June meeting of the County Council, and again at the July meeting, the grants to the Fall Fairs came in for some considerable discussion. Milton Fair has, this year, received a grant of \$500, while all the other Fairs of the County get assisted by \$100 or just one-fifth as much. Grants to Fall Fairs are all right as long as all are treated alike. Why Milton Fair should be treated to this support from the County and its other Fairs receive the proportion allotted, them is hard to explain. Milton just pays its share into the County rate the same as every other municipality, and yet it receives five times as much in a grant as any other like institution in the county. It is interesting to note, however, that in a report of County Council proceedings, that a general opinion rules that next year all fairs will receive an equal small grant or that grants to these societies be done away with altogether. For years Milton has received \$300 against \$75 to the other fairs, and this year we understand, the extra \$200 is for repairs to buildings, which belong to the Agricultural Society. Acton Fair Board purchased a new building last year and paid for it, and if Milton cannot do the same there seems little excuse for calling on the municipalities of the whole County to pull their weight out of the hole. We hear much of the equalized assessment of the County. Let us have equal distribution as well, and if it cannot be done it would be better to cut off distribution altogether and let each municipality contribute to their own society and the County Council decrease the rate to allow this being done.

The New Safety Responsibility Law

On September 1 this year the new Safety Responsibility Law, passed at the last session of the Ontario Legislature, comes into effect. This law applies to all automobiles, motor trucks, trailers, motor cycles and tractors and is intended to encourage safe and careful driving and to penalize reckless and careless drivers. The operator's licence and his motor vehicle permit will be suspended until the holder has given proof of his financial responsibility if any of the following offences have been committed in Canada or in any other Province of the Dominion of Canada or in any of the States of the United States or if he has not paid any final judgment against him for damages caused to any person to the amount of \$5,000 for one person and \$10,000 if two persons have been injured, or to the property of any person in excess of \$100 and up to \$1,000 arising from any motor vehicle accident, whether such judgment is rendered against him in Ontario or in any other Province of Canada. The offences mentioned above are as follows: Reckless driving, if any injury to any person or property occurs in connection with driving on a highway, exceeding the speed limit, if any injury to any person or property occurs in connection with driving, failing to remain at the scene of an accident, driving without a valid licence, any criminal offence involving the use of a motor vehicle which involves any conviction for a motor vehicle offence, or any conviction for an offence which may be given effect to under the provisions of the Act.

Economy Being Retarded

Another item almost came to a head last session of the County Council, we are informed, that has been simmering for some little time. A movement has been on foot to combine the offices of Clerk and Treasurer in the County. And by the way most ratepayers may be interested to know that the County Clerk receives a salary of \$1,100 per year, and the Treasurer last year was paid \$1,750. A total of \$2,850 for those two offices, that was filled in most of the municipalities at a fifth of this cost. With all due respect for age and years of faithful service to this County, it considering this matter it must be pointed out that both the occupants of these positions are well over the four-score years of age and ten years over the age considered when a County Judge is qualified to successfully fulfil the duties of his office. The matter has been under consideration for many months. An earnest endeavor has been made to handle the question delicately. The Special Committee appointed to deal with the matter reported that neither gentleman would resign nor desired an assistant. The Committee also mentioned an honorarium for the Clerk and Treasurer in recognition of their long and faithful services. The resolution brought forward at the last meeting combining the offices was felt too harsh and was laid over for a further meeting. The County Council has a delicate situation to handle which is not being helped any apparently by those who could make the matter easier. As long as such handicaps as these come up to retard the economical running of the business it is small wonder that County rates continue to mount. We have known many of the conditions in connection with the combining of these two offices for some time. We realize the kindly efforts that have been made to meet this situation, and have refrained from making an expression on the matter publicly. We now feel that a word of commendation is due the County Council for their endeavors and efforts to secure economy and maintain efficiency and admiration for their fairness and perseverance in endeavoring to remedy a situation that has proved difficult to handle.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It can hardly be said that Canada is in a turmoil with the general election and it is only a week from Monday until the battle of the ballots.

There will be no tree-sitting for Ontario children. The authorities have put their foot down on the first attempt and it will be well for the children if every succeeding attempt is likewise stopped.

First on the Hydro and then on the five-cent item Premier Ferguson has been put on the run by Premier King. It would have been better for Mr. Ferguson if he had not opened up on those subjects.

Mayor Wemp and Premier King are in a controversy. After the fiasco Toronto's Mayor has made of things in municipal affairs his opposition to Mr. King should prove really helpful in Tory Toronto.

Hon. G. H. Ferguson has brought into politics two things that should never have been there—the liquor question and now Hydro. Neither one of them are improved by their entry into the political ring.

It has been a very clean campaign in Halton to date. James Waldbrook and Dr. Anderson are the representatives of the Liberal-Progressives and Conservatives. You choose the policy you prefer by registering your vote for either of these two candidates.

A dozen fatalities over the week-end on highways and water streeps the fact that more care and caution must be observed by the holiday seekers in these week-end excursions. The chances taken are being paid for dearly.

Details of another community effort are given in the invitation on Page One of this issue for the residents of Acton and the district around to improve a splendid facility we have locally. Community effort has accomplished much in the past. Here is another opportunity to show that the shoulders are still to the wheel.

Premier Ferguson's criticism of the Federal administration would have carried more weight if he had been able to announce reduction or abolition of amusement taxes and gasoline taxes as has the Liberal Government with the sales tax, postage, income and many other items which affect the public very closely. Actonians usually speak louder than words with the thinking voter.

Sixty years of publication was celebrated last week by the Collingwood Bulletin. With Editor David Williams at the helm the Bulletin enters its sixty-first year, going stronger than ever and enjoying a merited support from the community it has served so well and faithfully. It is among Canada's foremost weeklies and its general editor is among the leaders in weekly Canadian newspaper circles.

Occasionally one sees a young woman pulling out a cigarette in restaurants and in the dining rooms of city hotels. These young women should remember that statistics show that 60% of all babies born of cigarette-smoking mothers will die before they are two years old. But the type of girls who smoke are, as a rule, thinking more of their own selfish indulgence than in being the happy mothers of well-born babies.—Cheley Enterprise.

Old Age Pensions being paid in Ontario now total \$7,200,000 per annum, while grants under the Mothers' Allowance Act total \$2,280,000 per annum, according to Hon. Dr. David Jamieson, Toronto, Chairman of the Ontario Provincial Government Commission on Mothers' Allowance and Old Age Pensions. Although old Old Age Pension schemes has been in effect only a short time there are about 25,000 pensioners under the Act in Ontario.

Benjamin has promised to call a session of Parliament as soon as possible if he is elected, but he says that it would take months to do it. He has also promised in his early meetings that it would be the unemployment situation that he would deal with. It is plain that it was to raise the issue of unemployment that he had a session to call in the first few months, and that he would deal with it. He has also promised to call a session of Parliament as soon as possible if he is elected, but he says that it would take months to do it. He has also promised in his early meetings that it would be the unemployment situation that he would deal with. It is plain that it was to raise the issue of unemployment that he had a session to call in the first few months, and that he would deal with it.

Neighborhood News

BURLINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Allen are visiting friends at Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Mr. King is celebrating with his family the birthday of his son, Russell Campbell, who has just returned from the Owen Sound Regiment at New Liskeard, Ontario.

Mrs. E. E. Ewing, of Post William, is visiting her mother, Mrs. F. Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hart are celebrating at the Mountbatten, Lake Simcoe.

Mrs. Olin Egan and daughter, Ruby, left on Tuesday on a trip to Brockville, where they will enjoy a holiday.

V. W. Epp, Rev. O. W. Tobin, Assistant Second Chaplain, is attending the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. at Toronto today.

Mrs. E. Olin calls on Friday from Montreal on the S. S. Andania for England, on a three months' visit with relatives in the Old Land.

Rev. Hume is having plans prepared for the erection of his new theatre on Waikiki Street, and work will be commenced within the next few days.

Mrs. J. H. Johnson, of Oshawa, and Morton Patton, of Copper Cliff, are spending a few days with her son, George Johnson and Mrs. Johnson, Lonsdale Street.

Forcing entrance to the C. N. R. station at Aldershot on Monday night, amateur safe crackers smashed open the safe of the C. N. R. at Aldershot, stole \$70. Discovery of the crime was made when the station agent appeared for duty. Police state the fingerprints furnish a clue which may bring an arrest.—Gazette.

OKAYVILLE

Julian Kyle of Detroit, is holidaying in town with his mother, Mrs. Kyle, on Dundas Street.

Ben Galley, of Detroit, has been holidaying in town with Mr. and Mrs. Beaton Murphy.

Master Douglas Wilkie and Premier Robinson, who have been holidaying at the Wilkie's summer cottage at Lake Simcoe, returned to town on Monday.

Ven. Archbishop Robinson, R. D., Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Hamilton, and Canon D. Russell Smith, of St. Jude's Church, Okayville, exchanged polite-greetings Sunday morning last.

A fleet of the Small Construction Co. arrived in port at Okayville yesterday morning. The work to be done is at Old H. C. Oor's estate, just east of town.

Mrs. Frank W. Oor, of the Oor family, also Master, Rudd W. Oor and Mrs. J. R. Oorham left town yesterday on motor trip to Ganouke, Montreal, Quebec and Ottawa.—Star.

Little Edith Gheller, aged seven, was knocked down while crossing near Campbell's store on Sunday when returning from Sabbath school. She received scratches and bruises and a bad shock.

Dr. and Mrs. Stead and Miss Betty O'Reilly are at the summer cottage at Oshawa, where they will spend the month of July.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hall and S. G. Forney are on a motor trip to Kingston and will spend the other points in Eastern Ontario.

W. J. Montgomery, of Brighton, has been engaged as Junior fourth book teacher in the district school, at an initial salary of twelve hundred dollars.—Star.

GEORGETOWN

Mrs. G. M. Jagg, of Toronto, was in town on Wednesday.

Mrs. Noble spent the week-end at the home of Mrs. J. L. Thompson, of the town.

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Mr. Hugh McGrath, of Midland, spent the week-end in town.

Miss Edna Glass and Mr. Perry Hill spent the week-end in Muskoka.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, of Oshawa, called on friends in Georgetown on Monday.

Mrs. A. H. Gibbard, of Mossburn, Ont., is spending a few days at Mrs. R. E. Harrison's.

Georgetown band re-organized with 24 players and a class of 12 young boys, men willing to spare their energy and time to pep up the town.

Major L. Grant is in Toronto representing the Masonic Grand Lodge of the State of Kansas, U. S. A.

Mrs. Dorothy Gardner, of Elton, Muskoka, is visiting her cousin, Miss Evelyn Young, in the holidays.

Miss Gansenville, from Carleton Hill, Alabama, is spending a few days at the home of Mr. John McDonald.

Mrs. Ferguson and daughter, Agnes, of Brockville, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald.

Over 700 electrical contractors, gasmen and their families enjoyed a basket picnic in Georgetown on Wednesday afternoon last. They came from Toronto, Hamilton, Kitchener, Guelph and other Ontario towns.

Mrs. Leahy is visiting Mrs. Mabel W. Cook, of Michigan; Rev. W. H. Moore, of Idaho; N. Y. brother and sister of Mrs. Brown; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gray, of Cornwall, Ont.; Mr. and Mrs. L. Hamilton, of Oshawa; and Mrs. J. L. Leman, of Midland Hill, have been guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Brown the past week.

It is the first time in 23 years since Mrs. Cook visited her old home in Canada.—Herald.

MILTON

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Robertson, Toronto, were recent visitors in town.

George O'Brien has recovered from a severe illness; he is pleased to say.

Mr. C. Agnew, of Toronto, has been visiting his mother, Mrs. A. Agnew.

The new highway, Palermo to Milton, is completed to George Deacon's farm, one-half mile east of Milton.

Robert Burnham, Milton, was one of the successful candidates who passed the professional examinations held by the Medical Council of Ontario.

Before leaving for home to celebrate the glorious twelfth, on Saturday last, Milton L. O. L. No. 3288, headed by Acton Band, marched to Victoria Park, where, after a brief ceremony, bonfires of orange buns were placed around the Soldiers' Monument.

Gordon, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard-Turner, of Trafalgar Township, met with a painful accident on Tuesday. He was cutting hay with a scythe and when he stepped on the tongue to speed up one of the horses he slipped and fell, struck on the machine, the scythe of which cut his leg for the bone. Several stitches were required to close the wound.—Champion.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Parlow and Miss Bobbie, of Woodville, have been visiting their parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. North, of Detroit, spent a few days in town at the home of her sister, Mrs. Robert North, of U. S. and Miss O'Neil, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. (Mrs.) J. H. McNeil.

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NO WORDS LOST

Two farmers met on the road and pulled up.

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The home of the bad demon who holds the book of human destinies has been discovered! His address is the mountain of Kain in Mongolia, but unless you are descended in the direct line from Jung, the great Mongolian emperor of the twelfth century, you will do well not to try to visit the demon, for halfway up you will probably suffocate and die. That is at least the advice that natives give, and so far as it goes it is good advice, for the slopes of the dread mountain are dotted with the bones of eagles, hibernian sheep and antelope. In the book "Mountains of Kain and Goda," Mr. Ferdinand Ossendowski thus explains the legend:

In the western Caucasus I once saw another mountain, where wolves, eagles, and wild goats perished and where men would likewise perish if they did not go on horseback through the snow. There the earth breathes out carbonic-acid gas through holes in the mountain side, killing all animals life. The gas floats to the earth in a layer about half a meter thick. Men on horseback pass above it, and the horses always hold their heads high and snort and whinny in fear until they have crossed the dangerous zone. On top of the mountain of Kain the same phenomenon is to be found. The descendants of Jung's Khan say that almost all those who have heads lower will above the layer of poisonous gas so that they are able to reach the top of the mysterious and terrible place. The presence of the gas is easy to explain: in the region lies the southern edge of the coal deposits, which are the source of carbonic-acid gas and swamp gas.

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