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EDITORIAL

An Organization Needed

The lack of an organization, whether it be Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trade, Business Men's Association or what not in Acton is noticeable in many ways every day in the week. There is no co-ordinated movement toward any of the plans intended for community advancement. The Wednesday half-holiday is kept and unkept in a dozen different sorts of ways, until the public generally cannot come to an understanding of its procedure. We hear of a diversity of views on the daylight saving issue but with no view emanating or backed by any one group. There is scarcely a week-passes which does not bring forth some point which could be best dealt with by a group of men in an open meeting for the general good of the community. This is not the work of Councils or elected bodies, it is simply the means of all working together for the common good which eventually means the individual good. One night per month spent in discussing and settling these problems, in a collective way, would be productive of much good. We believe that many business men have the same idea and it merely lacks the effort of bringing it together. The first group of individuals toward initiating the movement will have to be self-appointed, as it were. But surely a half dozen are interested enough to make arrangements to open the way for the active organization of one of these bodies in Acton again. Possibly it would function better if operated under a new name, but that can be decided later.

To Save Daylight or Not to Save.

The daylight saving question in any community is always a contentious one and consequently the passing of the by-law in Acton last week brought forth the usual arguments advanced by both sides on the issue. Possibly the side opposed to the adoption of this time was loudest in its expression. However, the ones in favor may have been in the majority and having seen their policy carrying through, taken the matter without comment. Without a doubt there is argument in favor of both sides of the question. As long as communities are made up of different individuals with different occupations and pleasures and various views there will be a desire for laws to accommodate these various whims. The arguments on both sides have been so often rehearsed that to repeat them would be monotonous. Daylight saving has been a controversial subject for over twelve years now and seems no nearer solution than it was at the outset. The city man wants five months of this advanced time, while the country dweller wants none of it. To steal a favorite expression from Reeve Mason's vocabulary, "Why not a little co-operation?" We suggest that the daylight saving time operate for three months only, namely June, July and August. This will give concessions to both factions and both sides will surely be broad-minded enough to concede some concession to the other fellow. To be specific this would commence the daylight period on May 31 and close it September 2. The Council has always dealt reasonably with every question which has confronted them. We believe they are willing to carry out the expressed wishes of the ratepayers in this regard. Delegations representative of opinions have always been graciously received, but they should be presented orderly at this meeting and not to individuals on the street or at a place of business.

No Beer and Wine in the Hotels

The prompt refusal by Premier Henry to permit 0 1/2 per cent. beer to be served in the hotels of the Province, is very generally appreciated throughout the Province. The request was made by a large deputation from the Ontario Hotel Association last Thursday. The hotel men asked that the Liquor Control Act be amended to permit them to serve beer and wine of above strength in their dining rooms.

Organizing the Veterans

The Canadian Legion is showing real activity in its organization of the veterans and locally the new Post, which is being formed, is meeting with ready response from the veterans who feel the need of joining an Empire-wide organization. It is planned to have Earl Jellicoe, Admiral of the Fleet, preside over the Biennial Conference of the British Empire Service League in Toronto in August. The local branch is now receiving members and are joining with the Provincial command in their efforts to have eligible veterans allied in this one body. The need for a unit with all veterans joined to further their requirements makes the appeal to join a strong one.

Less Crime in Western Canada

There is no period, even those termed depression times, that has not some semblance of good about it. In Western Canada crime has been falling off during the present circumstances. The total number of cases dealt with by the Royal Mounted Police in 1929 for all Canada was 81,735, while in 1930 the number totalled 72,007. In the Western Provinces the decline was 12,130, which was slightly counter-balanced by increases in the East. A "hint of the cause of the decline," is given in the report, which says: "In September, 1929, the Officer Commanding at Regina observed that the twelve months period that was drawing to an end had been abnormal, one reason being that the bumper crops, and still more the talk about it, had attracted a swarm of criminals from the South, while in addition there was unusual activity in every walk of life. This year's activities have been straitened in various directions, one undertaking, which formerly meant much work for us, the annual migration of harvesters from the East, having disappeared entirely."

Use of Coal Being Displaced

A few years ago it used to be estimated that the coal supply would last only so many years, and then what? But with the advent of oil burners and electric heat and energy and their consequent ease of handling, the coal consumption is gradually declining. Statistics now available show the quantity of coal made available for consumption in Canada in 1930 was 31,865,880 tons, as compared with 35,278,683 tons the preceding year. This decrease is due to several causes, one of which is the increasing use of electricity as a medium of power for operating factories, newsprint mills, saw mills, etc., and to the increased usage of water power instead of steam power in the generating of electricity. Of the total power used in manufacturing industries in 1928, it is estimated 72 per cent. was electricity. In 1929 and 1930 this percentage is expected to have been greater. It is estimated electric power has displaced the consumption of coal in Canada to the extent of 14,500,000 tons in 1930. While the consumption of coal last year shows a decrease, the output of central electric generating stations has increased from 18,014 million kilowatt hours in 1929 to 18,256 millions in 1930. The large stations, generated only 302 million kilowatt hours by steam power in 1930, as compared with 331 millions in the preceding year.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Accidents reported to the Workmen's Compensation Board for February this year were 3,924, as compared with 5,981 last year, which was a very favorable comparison and an appreciable decrease.

The Ontario Legislature voted \$50,000,000 for expenditure in the north the other day almost without debate. The debate will undoubtedly be arranged for a later date, possibly an election issue.

The action of the Town of Cobourg to separate from the County did not get very far. At the conference held with the Attorney-General the Town and Counties were urged to compromise and no decision was reached.

Total expenditure on construction and maintenance of highways in the Province of New Brunswick during the year ended October 31, 1930, reached \$7,508,000, an increase of \$1,702,000 over the new high level of \$5,705,000 reached in 1929.

The St. Mary's tax rate has been increased by two mills. These little items from other communities are simply to prepare the residents of Acton for similar news concerning their own town. And we bet most everyone hopes that we're poor prophets.

A community with a diversified lot of manufacturers giving employment to its citizens is indeed the ideal. This is seen locally the past week when one of the industries slowed up a little; two others, which had been operating partly were in a position to forge ahead again, and one of them to put in several nights a week of overtime.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Free Press by GWENDOLINE F. CLARKE

There have been various epidemics floating around the district just lately, bad colds and flu and other complaints, both major and minor, but there is one epidemic threatening which only affects the female of the species and apparently comes on in spasms. I had an awfully bad attack of it myself last Monday and by supper time I was so tired I could hardly drag one foot after the other. What was it—didn't I tell you? Why I mean this epidemic of housecleaning. It has not become very wide spread at present but some women seem to be more susceptible than others, which accounts for the isolated cases which we come across when we least expect them. It seems that any day of bright sunshine will hatch out the bacillus, which immediately becomes active. Unlike other complaints the person thus affected does not suffer acutely, the effect is more noticeable with those with whom she comes in contact. Medical science has made wonderful strides during the last decade, but I have never yet heard of any discovery being made to counteract this common affliction. Fortunately we very rarely hear of a case being fatal.

As I was saying, I succumbed to this malady last Monday—it practically took me unawares while I was in the front part of the house and there I stayed off and on until the spasm had passed. Partner came in during the morning, opened the hall door and called up the stairs to know what I was doing.

"Housecleaning," I answered. Partner said something—I did not hear what, and went out. Maybe this sudden urge to energy was on account of remembering a little story I read several years ago and which often comes to trouble my conscience when the time seems ripe. This was the verse and it was called—

WOMAN

You can tell her by her collar, By the way she keeps her brooms, Or by peeping at the keeping 'Of her back and unused rooms. But oh dear, when Monday supper time came, Partner said, "What about that lantern lecture to-night?" Just think of it, a lantern lecture on the Passion Play of Oberammergau, to which I had been looking forward for two weeks, and then when the night came to forget all about it.

The only thing to do was to get over the idea that I was tired, so I hustled over the dishes and got dressed while Partner was out to milk and we managed to get there before the lecture started. And was I not glad we did not miss it? For years I have been interested in this marvellous story of the Passion Play, and now that I have seen the pictures the wish to see the real play is intensified. Time after time as pictures of Christ were flashed on the screen—pictures of Christ's betrayal by Judas, of the Virgin Mary saying good-bye to her Son, and of Christ in His agony, there was absolutely dead silence in the hall, silence more expressive than words could possibly have been.

Several times since then I have thought of this lecture and also of the discussion going on these days in the daily papers about atheism. Now supposing there were two meetings—one a lecture on the Passion Play, and the other a treatise on atheism—which, I wonder, would attract the greater crowd? I venture to think that the former would have the larger number, but supposing they were equal, even then the Passion Play would have an influence that would be more intense and more lasting. Atheism is more often than not a transitory state in the lives of young people. Time and again I have seen instances of this—young men in their early twenties adopting the pose of an atheist because they think it clever, and adding to their prestige among their colleagues.

My brain comes to function or to concentrate as the case may be, every once in a while there is great shouting and laughter from the barnyard and the cause of all this excitement is Molly, exercising her six months' old heifer calf on the top of a rope. At least she is supposed to be giving it exercise, but from what I can see the boot is on the other foot. Now the calf is still, as immovable as a statue, then she kicks up her heels and away she goes, trampling Molly through the mud to whomever she has a notion to take her. Pat just came in and suggested I take a snapshot of them, but I think it would have to be a moving picture.

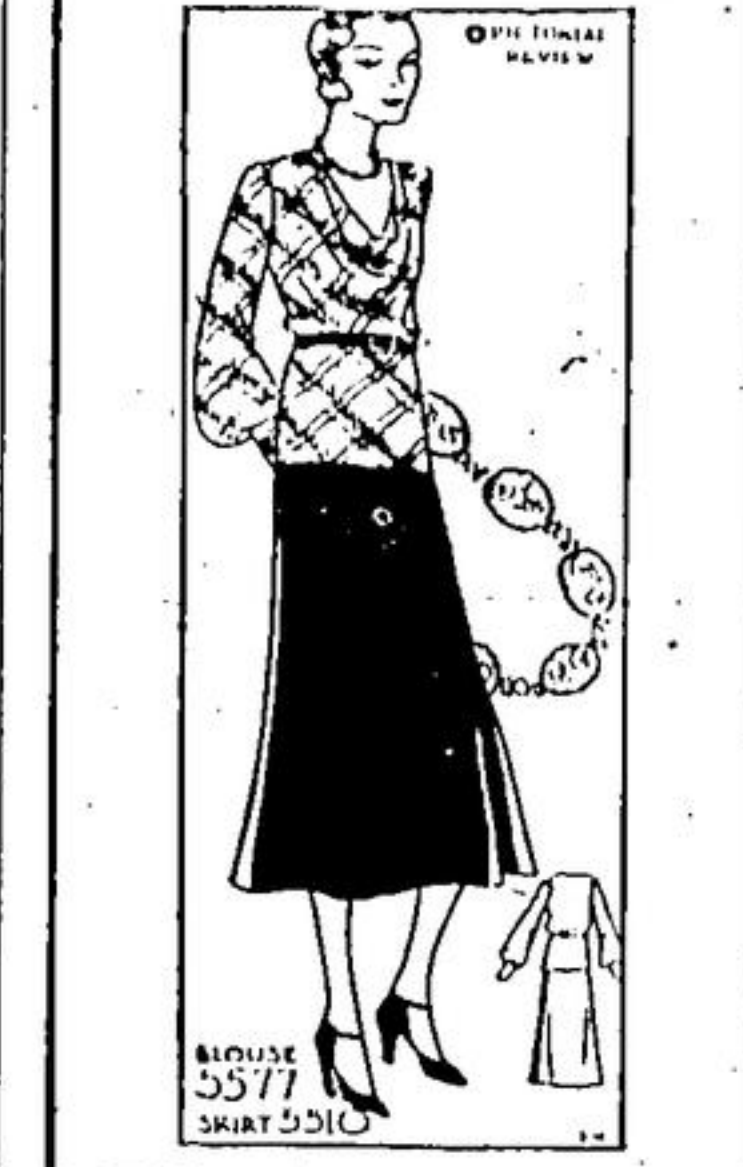
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WAITING TO BE MADE HAPPY

Most of us want to be made happy. We get out of bed each morning, waver between hope and apprehension, waiting to see what is going to happen to make us happy or the reverse.

Happiness is too precious to be left to the turn of circumstance. Things are reduced to a condition of melancholy if there is toast for breakfast the morning they expect waffles. If this seems silly, it is little if any siller than many of our reasons for depression. The soul should not be a tennis ball, batted now this way and then that, by trivial circumstances. Happiness should depend on the will, rather than on chance. Mold circumstances so as to conform to your mood instead of allowing your mood to be molded by what happens. Do not wait for the matter to make you happy. Take the matter into your own hands. Be happy.

Fashions for the Smart Woman



MAKE A PLAID BLOUSE

The era of the blouse and skirt is back again—but in a new and modern guise. The blouses, for instance, are smartest when they take to cowl necklines and huge puffed sleeves, like this one. And, to be up-to-the-minute, you should make your blouse of a new plaid silk, and belt it with shiny patent leather. The skirt, of course, is circular, set on a yoke that fits about your hips without a wrinkle. It can be made without a yoke, if you prefer. Of course the nicest part of this separate blouse and skirt fashion is its economy. One skirt forms the basis of many costumes!

VERY THRIFTY

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