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EDITORIAL

The Christmas Edition

Christmas is just a little over a week distant. The number of shopping days are limited as most advertisements will warn you, and the day of doing your Christmas shopping early is past for this year. This issue of THE FREE PRESS has been put out with the idea of showing that Acton has facilities for Christmas shopping in all lines second to none. Every line of business in Acton carries splendid stocks and a visit to the stores will prove this statement. The advertisements, the windows and the stocks, we believe, never gave better opportunities for shopping in Acton. This Christmas edition of THE FREE PRESS was produced entirely in Acton at the local office. The illustrations for the front page and all the advertisements were cast from matrices in the local plant, and the entire work done by the staff. It has entailed extra effort but we are glad to be of service in our field. We have appreciated the splendid co-operation and support of local advertisers in furnishing us with early copy and taking space. Only with this co-operation is the publication of a special edition possible and only with regular loyal support of the community and business institutions is the publication of a local newspaper continued. That the Christmas of everyone may be a right merry one is the sincere wish of the editor and the staff.

Have Performed Good Service

There still seems an unsettled state of affairs between our Municipal Council and the Cemetery Board, according to Council session and the speeches at the nomination meeting. When the Board was formed, we commended the Council upon this action and we are still of the opinion that the Cemetery Board formation was the right move and the personnel was well chosen. Here are some of the reasons for our opinion. For years the Council had control of Cemetery matters. It was sadly neglected. Few members of this Council Committee desired to work on this committee with the result that when the Commission was formed there were no plots available for sale. The funds had all gone into the General Account of the Corporation, and there were no funds for improvement. Care of plots in the Cemetery was done by private effort, which left one plot well cared for while the grass or weeds might be allowed to grow high on the next one. It was in this condition when the Council asked the Cemetery Commission to take over the operation of the Cemetery. New land has been added and new plots made available. All the Cemetery is properly cared for and kept neat and each year the auditors' statement has given a clear and concise report of the affairs of the Cemetery Board. Like many another institution, possibly Cemetery accounts have not all been promptly met, and the Board, we understand, has not been able to meet all obligations promptly and all the payments toward retiring of the capital expenditure. Is this condition not, therefore, one of the people rather than a sin of the Cemetery Board? Hundreds of citizens we know are deeply interested in Fairview Cemetery and its continued beautification and improvement and join in extending to the Cemetery

Board their sincere thanks for the work that has been done gratuitously and well. We believe the Council would be well advised to leave matters in the present hands, which have proved so capable and in doing this would have the thanks and backing of the plot owners in Fairview Cemetery. The financial aid when and if necessary of the Corporation is due the Cemetery and should be forthcoming without hesitancy. To date the Corporation of Acton has not been called upon to assist by one penny in the financing of this institution which they handed over to the Commission in a bankrupt condition.

The People's Column

The published letter to the editor last week from Mr. George Cowie was appreciated very much, for not only the kind things that were said regarding THE FREE PRESS. We appreciate and gladly publish letters of public interest in this column. There is absolutely no charge. Sometimes we agree with the writer and at other times we hold other views on the subject, but always we endeavor to publish the letter, providing, of course, the matter is not libellous and of general interest. Like Mr. Cowie, we would welcome more letters to this column and we believe that matters of public concern could be discussed to better advantage here than on the street corner. The letters must be signed but the name will not be published or divulged if the writer so desires. We believe the letters with signature published are the best. The editor has the editorial columns to give expression to his viewpoints. We give expression to our views quite freely, and are not so egotistical as to believe that we hold and express the only correct views. Our viewpoint may or may not be correct, but we have the courage of conviction to give expression to our views. There are many others of our readers who have ideas and thoughts on public matters. The column headed "Letters to the Editor" is your column. We will be pleased indeed to have our readers use it freely.

Our School System

Last week the writer of "The Chronicles of Ginger Farm" column in THE FREE PRESS struck a responsive chord in every mother's heart when she devoted her article to the subject of school homework. A week or so ago a meeting of the teachers of the district was held in Acton. We understand part of the discussion of this meeting centred around the curriculum of the schools, with the advisability of change considered. In many circles thought is being directed to just such things as Mrs. Clarke writes about in last week's Chronicle. After all, what is all the rush to cram children through school, and after being crammed through—be unable, with the learning acquired, to find a place to fit in the activities of every-day life. None will deny that education is necessary and advisable. None, we believe, will say that our system and curriculum is entirely wrong, but all, we believe, will agree that it is in need of moderate and gradual revision that will allow some part of it to fit the children for the every-day duties of life. The present rush and push of school life makes home life for the children just a continuation of school life in many instances. Exceptions there are, of course, to all rules, but we believe also that some strictness should be given to our educational system with a view to allowing more leisure after school hours for the children. Why not some letters to the editor on this subject?

EDITORIAL NOTES

A newspaper heading says that "Bennett Backs Henry Campaign," and it might have added also that Ferguson also backs it from England.

There's one thing certain — Christmas is just around the corner — and every youngster doesn't mind reminding one of the fact constantly.

And now, for the next month, you'll find the news of the world in small type down at the bottom of the pages of the Toronto dailies, while the city's annual battle of peanut-politics takes place. — Hanover Post.

Since the O. A. C. has decided not to have any intermediate O. H. A. team this year, it is likely that Guelph will have an entry in that series. The city is too small to get up a team without aid from the College. Maybe they could get a goal-tender from the Reformatory; who was used to the cage. — Ferguson News-Record.

With commendable enterprise the Brampton Commission last week issued a splendid edition of sixty pages, commemorating Brampton's sixtieth anniversary and also the founding of the newspaper. It was complete with historical interest and fact, well illustrated and a credit to the Messrs. Charters, who serve Brampton's newspaper field so well.

A new journal made its debut this week with the issue of the Peel Gazette, published at Brampton by the Peel Gazette Publishers Limited. It is a bright newsy sheet and strongly Liberal in its viewpoint, and judging from its first issue Brampton will have both sides of the political question now well put forth. Men of experience in the newspaper field are at the helm and the new journal is being well received and will undoubtedly find a place in this field.

SLATS' DIARY

BY ROSS PARQUHAR

Friday—Rance Purry told me today that since his wife went and bought a new washing machine, and her work was a picking up so much he thinks she was a little bit fabled when he and her 2 months ago.

Saturday—The Barber is what Sam Wood call a fiddle. He admitted to Aunt Emmy that he was not so particular about going to Heaven because he never cared for Harp midget and he didn't like her 3 fingers off of the hand 4 yrs. ago.

Sunday—Mr. Pellamp and his wife are finally leaving town. They don't like it here because they can't get no place in Society on West. He never lost no money in the Stock market when every body else was losing money in the stock market.

Monday—Mrs. Penny with is the best woman in the P. T. A. In this state called me on the telephone today and she was over me was embarrassed and she was a spot of cold dust on her hair head.

Tuesday—I carried in some coal for Mr. Freese today and when he started to pay me off I thanked me. He looked at me kinda funny like as if he thought I was crazy but I thought maybe if I thanked him in advance he wouldn't let my good manners and gratitude, go to waste.

Wednesday—Aunt Emmy was a talking to me and she said "What do you suppose has become of the old fashioned Dime Movie like you use to by for 10 cents and pay replied and said it is now in the library and you pay 3 cents a day to read it or a \$ and a 1/2 if you want to by it to keep.

Thursday—A fellow asked me for 2 Blts today he said they was trying to get enough money to buy a saxophone player Pa give him a 1/2 a dollar. he said maybe they could berry 2 Saxophone players while they was at it.

AN INDUSTRY RECOVERS

The value of co-operative effort to save an overproduced industry is being demonstrated by the tea growers of Ceylon, India, Java and Sumatra. Faced with the lowest prices for tea in years, the growers united and agreed to abide by the regulations of a Committee which now controls the amount of leaf that is plucked and marketed. As a result, tea prices have steadily improved and the growers are beginning to get a fair return for their work. This is the reason why Canadians will have to pay more for their favorite beverage.

Exhausted from Asthma. Many who read these words know the terrible drain upon health and strength which comes in the train of asthmatic troubles. Many do not realize, however, that there is one true remedy which will usually stop this drain. Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy is a wonderful check to this enervating ailment. It has a countless record of relief to its credit. It is sold almost everywhere.

"Lawyers are interested in preserving the past. There is nothing sacred to them unless it has existed before. They are against anything new." — Clarence Darrow.

The most beautiful maple leaf, prize winner in the nationwide competition conducted by the Canadian Pacific Railway, was submitted by Mrs. C. McCoull, Fredericton N. No. 3, York County, New Brunswick. It has a flare of autumn coloring ranging from light yellow to deep blood red, and its perfect symmetry and form won it distinction in competition with 10,000 other beautiful leaves, submitted by enthusiastic Canadians from coast to coast. The leaf, a thing of sheer beauty, was selected by such outstanding artists as C. W. Simpson, R.C.A., R. W. Pilot, R.C.A., and James Crockett.

In the largest leaf phase of the competition, six-year-old Bobby Hume, of Revelstoke, B.C., made an astonishing win with a leaf showing an area of 222 square inches.

The success which greeted the original competition this year has encouraged Canadian Pacific officials to plan for another competition on a larger and more comprehensive scale next fall.

A BIRD'S CHRISTMAS TREE

Several years ago a bird-loving family added to the holiday pleasure of the household, and also to that of its bird neighbors, by having a bird's Christmas tree. Three people lived in the suburbs of a city, and a large lawn with trees and shrubbery contributed to the success of their project. The tree was placed on the roof of a veranda and fastened to the narrow strip dividing a large double window, so that it was easily seen from the room. Small berry baskets containing sunflower and hemp seeds were fastened on the limbs, festoons of pumpkin seed, and strings of nuts were also tied to the branches. Loosely-woven egg bags, resembling the traditional stocking and filled with cracked nuts, were hung to the tree. Suet and bones were hung on all the trees around the house, and the birds enjoyed the royal feast. They came in large numbers, especially in the morning and late afternoon. The play company was composed of chickadees, woodpeckers, brown creepers, gold-crowned kinglets, blue jays, tree sparrows and others.

The children in the neighborhood enjoyed the novelty of the Christmas tree for the birds and the grown-ups also watched with keen interest the feast of the birds.

A SAFE RULE EVERYWHERE

One of the great financial authorities of our day has laid this down as a fundamental law in business: "Never do anything you do not approve of, in order to more quickly accomplish something you do approve of." This far-sighted rule applies not only to commercial affairs but to the business of life. Some young people, finding themselves in a new environment and being anxious to make friends, consider it the part of wisdom to hide their scruples and make a pretense of falling in step with their new acquaintances, even if they disapprove of much they do. The ambition to pass an examination is a worthy one, but the student who falls back on dishonesty, is making a big mistake.

In the long run you will accomplish the desired ends more surely and more safely if you refuse to do anything of which you disapprove, in the hope that it will be a short cut to a desired end.

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