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EDITORIAL

The Best Halloween Fun

Halloween comes this year on Sunday, but of course it will be observed on Saturday. And who would want to deprive the young folks of this evening of pleasure. It can be an evening of pleasure for all. Not so many years ago it was considered quite the thing to commit acts of vandalism that the daylight hours would not permit nor the law countenance at any other time. But folks have in a lot of instances found that pleasure can be had without displeasure to others.

If the weather is suitable the Band might add to the fun by parading on Mill Street that night. We liked the arrangement that was carried on for several years in the Arena, where all could join in the Halloween games in a community way. It takes effort and is perhaps a lot of trouble but it did seem worth while. Have a good time on Halloween, but be sure that your good time does not spoil the comfort and pleasure of others.

In Brief Review

In discussing business conditions of Ontario, the monthly business summary of the Bank of Montreal says:

Retail trade, after some recession, is showing signs of improvement, and in wholesale trade it is estimated there is a 10% increase over a year ago. Collections are fair to good. Manufacturing, lumbering, mining and agriculture are in a healthy condition. Automobile manufacturers expect to be in full production by the end of this month. Accessory manufacturers are well engaged. Heavy and light engineering plants are operating at capacity. Agricultural implement manufacturers are seasonally quiet. Lumber camps are being opened with prospects for a large cut of logs. Pulp and paper mills are operating at capacity. A curtailment of operations is visible in the tanning industry. Shoe manufacturers are well occupied on staple lines. Production of tires and rubber footwear is being well maintained. Textiles, woollens and worsteds, knitting and hosiery mills are generally operating full time. Furniture manufacturers have the largest back-log of orders for some years. Gold production for August amounted to \$7,400,247, compared with \$6,753,125 for August, 1935.

"Something Ought to Be Done"

Perhaps you've heard the words in the heading before. They are used often in every community and Acton is no different than others. They belong to the individuals who are great on reform but short on fulfillment. If that is the summing up of the argument, it's really time to put a word after it and question mark—What?

There isn't a doubt that in every branch of community activity there are needed changes. It's generally admitted none are perfect. There should be something done about them and improvements made. But that is the negative way of helping. It requires real practical suggestions, backed by real practical, ordinary every-day work to bring about the changes that reformers desire. It's not the indefinite "something" but the very definite "what" that really brings improvements about. "Something" requires no thinking or exertion, but "what" takes power and effort.

If Acton, Halton, Ontario or Canada are to be better places and progress, have your suggestions of the definite kind. Give them another turn over in your mind and don't turn them out while they are in the half-finished "something" stage, but have them completed and in the definite "what" stage.

A Thought to Remember

With Municipal Nominations just a month away, that topic will be of next concern. The work of Acton Council the past year can be reviewed with a great deal of satisfaction. Improvements have been carried on and are in evidence in many places about town. Evidence is not lacking that the Council has been about its business of looking after the maintenance of the municipality.

In the matter of collection of taxes also a firm hand has been taken and the finances will be revealed in the interim report to be in good condition. The continued illness of Councillor McMillan has placed an added load on the other members of the Council and his thorough work through several years has been appreciated by citizens generally, who all sincerely hope he may soon be restored to good health.

In view of all the circumstances, Reeve McCutcheon and his Council of 1937 have a splendid year to review. No one knows what may take place between now and the election day, but whatever matters may intervene it would be well for citizens to keep in mind the stewardship that has been given the past year.

Careless Cyclists

If cyclists would ponder for a moment the chances they are taking on the highways there would be more care shown in the conduct of many of them. In the first six months of this year twenty cyclists have been killed in Ontario and hundreds have been injured. In one of every ten accidents on the highways a cyclist was involved.

Under modern traffic conditions, and especially at this time of year, there is a great hazard for children riding bicycles on busy highways. Pavements are slippery and darkness comes early. Only last week we saw one lad go along Mill Street and get by with two narrow escapes in three blocks. Careful motorists saved him from accidents. A slip of the wheel and another accident would have been recorded.

Cyclists sometimes travel along with the traffic two and three abreast. With motor cars permitted a fifty-mile-an-hour rate it is often too late for the man at the wheel to stop or swing over in time. Bicycle reflectors cannot be seen at any great distance. Worst of all, many of the cyclists display a "hit-me-if-you-dare" attitude, which is often provoking to car drivers. It would be advisable for bicyclists to stay off main roads and heavily travelled streets after night-fall. They not only endanger themselves but all other traffic by their presence. They are really in a very little better position than a pedestrian walking among rapidly moving vehicles.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The consumption of butter in Canada during 1936 was 346,553,280 pounds, or about 31½ pounds per capita.

Canada's exports of nickel had a value of \$5,914,000 in August, compared with \$3,089,000 in the same month a year ago.

Preparations and rumors of the next sport activity are quite current now. Hockey is just in the gossip stage, but even that can be pretty lively.

An exchange reports that a man in its town paid 70c for a small ad. that sold 190 bags of potatoes at 85c each, or total sales of \$161.50, at an advertising cost of 70c. These little ads. are being more and more widely used.

We are pleased indeed that our suggestion that others write on community matters has been productive of a couple of letters this week on matters of general interest. The column is yours to use each week for subjects of general interest.

Development of the High Falls power site is to be proceeded with by the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission. It is evident that Ontario plans to be more independent in the matter of power. A production of 26,000 horsepower is believed guaranteed from the development.

The Brampton Conservator points out that in many instances Liberal majorities of members elected were greatly reduced, such as in the Simcoes and Muskoka-Ontario. Then, of course, there is Peel's bordering county of Halton, where the Liberal majority was increased. Yes, there were many impressive changes.

According to reports of the investigation in Hamilton of the John T. Byrnes estate, the son refused to answer when counsel asked if he had removed from Ontario to the United States last May one million dollars' worth of securities. Can it be that others beside the Government are taking money from the grave?

A letter from Mr. F. E. Coombs, Ottawa, editor of Boy Scout publications to THE FREE PRESS, concludes with the following sentence: "The support you are giving Scouting is of real importance in that area, and doubtless farther, and is greatly appreciated." THE FREE PRESS is always willing to aid any movement so worthy as that of the Boy Scouts, and is pleased to lend its influence to such movements.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

THE MORAL ISSUE IN THE DRINK PROBLEM

(International Temperance Sunday)

Golden Text.—Walk by the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Gal. 5: 16.

Lesson Text.—Rom. 13: 12-14; 1 Cor. 6: 9-11; Gal. 5: 16-24.

Time.—A.D. 55-58. Places.—Corinth and Ephesus.

Exposition.—I. The Challenge, 13: 12-14.

The coming of our Lord, so near at hand, is one of the mightiest motives for true temperance practices (Luke 21: 34-36).

As the night is so far spent, it is time to put off all "the works of darkness" (all practices that have their origin in this present world, that arise from moral and spiritual darkness, and lead to eternal destruction). These are too numerous to specify in their entirety, but as chief among them we may safely put the liquor traffic and its accompanying evils. He who is looking forward to the coming of Christ and His kingdom on earth will "make no provision (compromise) for the flesh." These things have no place in God's kingdom (1 Cor. 6: 9; Rev. 21: 8; 22: 15). And in the true Christian, character will conform to profession. God has given as a plan of life and a way of salvation which insures freedom from bondage to these sins—"to put on the Lord Jesus." But it is not enough, "casting off" these "works of darkness" personally, to wait passively for the coming of Christ. There is a battle to be fought against the malignant forces dominant in the world to-day. So long as there is one soul to be saved for God, constant, unremitting warfare is to be waged against the evils which are sapping and disintegrating the moral foundations of our civilization. Satan has no more effective weapon against holiness than drunkenness and the licentiousness which almost universally accompanies it. Barely are they separated. Strong drink is the greatest destroyer of bodies, minds and souls that the devil has ever found. It stirs up all that is basest in men and women, and this impurity spreads like a contagious pollution contaminating everything it touches. No compromise is to be made with this devil's work. In fighting liquor and its allied "brood of iniquities"—a corrupting, salacious theatre and motion picture industry, a bribed and subservient press, the obscene literature that floods the land, political corruption, perverted justice, a despotic clergy—Day—we are fighting against "principalities, powers, rulers of darkness in this world, spiritual wickedness in high places" (Eph. 6: 12), against all the sinister forces and their instruments that threaten to drag our nation down to hell. The issue is squarely joined! "Who is on the Lord's side?" (Ex. 32: 26).

II. The Wages of Sin, 1 Cor. 6: 9-11.

There were those in Corinth who, like the materialists to-day, asserted that, since the body was adapted for sensual gratification, it was right and even necessary, to indulge its appetites. Some of the psychoanalytic thought in vogue among us skirts dangerously close to this idea and through its perverted teaching has done incalculable harm. Paul sternly repudiates this horrible idea and annihilates it forever. God's word is plain. Those who give themselves over to these sins are shut out of heaven forever. "To be carnally minded is death" (Romans 8: 6). Let it be understood, however, that Paul states specifically some of the practices which if unrepented of and persisted in, shut men and women out of God's kingdom—regardless of whatever pretension of religion in Christ they may make. (1) Sins of social impurity. (2) Sins growing out of greed for money. (3) Drunkenness and its allied evils. The social evil would largely disappear were drink abolished; it is liquor that stirs up the uncontrolled physical passions of men and women. Prostitution could not flourish without it, and the huge money profits derived from various forms of traffic in vice would no longer be present to tempt men to greed. The pardoning blood of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit can, praise God, save those who have fallen victim to these abominations (v. 11). But shall we not do our part towards bringing in the kingdom of righteousness by striking at the tap-root which nourishes them—alcoholic liquor in all its forms?

III. "Unspotted from Evil," Gal. 5: 16-24.

Paul tells us here the simple but glorious secret of keeping ourselves undefiled from the lusts of the flesh, namely, to "walk by the Spirit." Made in the image and likeness of God (Gen. 1: 27), man, but this first state of perfection and the will with which he was endowed became perverted. The flesh, whose natural tendency is downward, usurped primacy. But the Spirit of God is ever ready to take complete control of every act and word of our life, and if we will yield our will to Him, we shall have the power to live daily, hourly, without sin. Victory is not achieved once for all in some hour of high spiritual exaltation; it is fought-out on the battle-ground of life's daily experience where "the flesh lusteth against the Spirit." But "in the strength of the Spirit," who "justifieth against the flesh," the power is ours to avoid temptation, to resist evil, and to walk "unspotted from the world." (Gal. 1: 27). "We'll thin edumages some of the gross forms of immorality in which the society of his day was steeped. It is a noxious crop, not a whit different in kind or degree from those of to-day. The same old sins of drunkenness and sensuality! The same temptations against the law of love! Cocaine ("white powder") still has its devotees and men still make idols of themselves. For one it is his business, his profit; for another, his politics. For countless thousands it is the god of pleasure and sensual indulgence. All these are classed together with murder and addition—crimes punishable by death. And, indeed, they are punished with death—eternal death (Romans 6: 23). Paul again reiterates the warning truth that "all they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Only as we yield ourselves to the pruning of the Divine Husbandman will these bitter, poisonous fruits of the flesh be transformed into the "choicest fruits of the spirit," beginning in love, ending in temperance" (vs. 22, 23). This is the privilege and reward of the Christian life!

IN "O. K." CONDITION

It's easy for a driver to blame some defect in his car for an accident. Don't be misled by these flimsy excuses. Figures of the Accident Recording Division of the Department of Highways show that in 1935, 9,851 out of 16,428 cars involved in accidents were "in apparently good condition, and 577 of 626 cars involved in fatalities seemed to be "O. K." These statistics show clearly that the defect is usually curable by the application of a little driving "horse sense."

QUITE RIGHT

Archie, asked the teacher of the new pupil, "do you know your alphabet?" "Yes, mib," answered Archie. "Well, then," continued the teacher, "what letter comes after A?" "All of 'em," was the reply.

NOT NECESSARY

Pat said to Mike: "Let you and I build a fence around the cemetery." "Mike says to Pat: "Why put a fence around it? Those who are in can't get out, and those who are out don't want in."

NONE SATISFACTION

"I always go to a restaurant for my lunch now," remarked the meek little man, assuming an air of bravado. "Why? Is the food so much better?" asked his friend. "Oh, no, but I can give orders there," was the touching reply.

TAKING IT LITERALLY

A countryman, while walking along a street, saw a sign. "Please ring bell for the caretaker." After reflecting for a few minutes, he walked up and pulled the bell. The face of the disturbed individual appeared. "Are you the caretaker?" asked the bell-puller. "Yes. What do you want?" "I saw that notice, so I rang the bell, and now I want to know why you can't ring it yourself."

WELL EXPLAINED

"Sambo, I don't understand how you can do all your work so quickly and so well." "I'll tell yuh how 'is, boss. I stinks de match of enthusiasm to de fuse ob energy—and jest natchurally explodes, I does."

NOBODY CARES WHETHER I GET A TELEPHONE



but... ask your friends.

You'll be surprised at the number of people who really want you to have a telephone. Many of them don't even know you but they're interested nevertheless because of what your telephone means to their service. Too few telephones curtails service and the value of each individual instrument as well. The more telephones in service, the greater the value to each user. From the viewpoints of both service cost and service scope, every farmer is interested in seeing that every other farmer has a telephone.

NEW LOW RATES
for farm telephone service
are now in effect!

Horses, Machinery vie as Plowmen Turn "The Good Earth"



Unhindered by high winds, rain and cold, the world series of agriculture—the 1937 International Plowing Match—got under way at Fergus, with champion plowmen from Canada and the United States competing in all classes. It was the 34th renewal of the annual plowing classic, which each year sees more and more plowmen in action. This year, as for several seasons past, modern machinery vied for attention with the best of the old-fashioned horse and tractor-plowed teams as horse and tractor plowmen turned the brown furrows of Western Ontario's fields. As one of the competitors in which she was placed fourth against the plow of male tractor plowmen. Experts at turning the plow in the single stubble class, shape up his came from as far east as Iowa. Goals to attend the meet.