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EDITORIAL

Off to a Good Start

The new year has opened rather brightly in one respect in Acton's industrial life. The announcement of completion of an agreement for occupancy of the shoe factory building is naturally pleasing to everyone. The assurance of employment to an extra number of people is always welcome and evidence of growth of any community.

To those who have arranged the multitude of details that are involved in connection with a factory and its sale, citizens generally are grateful. Reeve McCutcheon and the Councillors were all on the job and have held not one but daily and sometimes twice a day meetings to consummate the arrangements. Mr. R. M. McDonald, who was appointed some time ago to get a factory for this building, has been most untiring in his efforts to help consummate a satisfactory arrangement and secure an industry. The present completed arrangements are indeed a bright streak in the industrial horizon in Acton. It is to be hoped it is but the forerunner of industrial matters in Acton this year and that 1938 will be marked as a banner year in Acton's industrial growth.

Surely Something Better

It was a bit of a shock to many on Monday morning when, with over a score of heads of families receiving relief, that snow shovellers were not more in evidence among the group. No doubt this and other similar actions had a distinct bearing on the decision of Council to have all able-bodied recipients report each morning for municipal work at the Town Hall. Toronto is planning a similar move in clearing the snow from the streets.

There is no doubt that the method of relief assistance is far from satisfactory in all municipalities. The use and abuse of the system grows rather than diminishes as it continues in force. There is too often a tendency to lay away nothing for the time when adverse conditions are encountered, with the knowledge that with no funds relief is available. This attitude is certainly not fair to the taxpayer who struggles along and tries to meet conditions and pay his way. It is certainly no incentive to thrift and quite apparently a splendid teacher in the art of idleness. Experience has been secured in the present relief plan. Surely something better can be put into practise soon.

News

Perhaps it would be well to explain the position of THE FREE PRESS in regard to news on the occupancy of the shoe factory building. As a newspaper we want news, but we feel we also owe a duty to our community. Many expected that last week's FREE PRESS would carry some news of the new industry. The matter was not ready to be published since none of the details had been settled. We have enjoyed the confidence of municipal officials for many years. It has been our privilege to attend Council meetings for well over twenty years, and seldom has any municipal business been denied the press. We have appreciated that confidence and have endeavored to give news just as quickly as it is reliable and in the best interests of Acton for publication.

It must be remembered that THE FREE PRESS is read in many places beyond the immediate district of Acton. Just recently news of industries was published in papers with which we are acquainted and statements credited to the Mayors, regarding the industries opening in those municipalities, all of which were a bit premature. The news of Acton's new industry this week is authentic now and of the type of news THE FREE PRESS has pleasure in publishing.

The Need for Insurance

The frequency of automobile accidents, with many of the cars involved not carrying liability insurance, has resulted in a strong demand on the part of motorists for compulsory insurance of this nature for the protection of the public. There has also been some agitation for compulsory inspection to remove from the roads the hazard of defective automobiles. Over in Massachusetts they have had compulsory inspection for some time and the tests have shown the need of such a measure. Of 118,000 cars inspected, 9,817 were found to have faulty steering gears and in the case of 1,407 other autos, parts of these gears had to be replaced, while defectives of less importance were discovered in a great many others. Defects in lights were even more numerous, 39,728 cars requiring adjustments to be made. Figures such as these indicate that defective cars are sufficiently numerous to be a greater danger on our roads than most people imagine.—Barrie Examiner.

Safer Without One Drink

The campaign against intoxicated motor drivers will not be weakened by a warning from Colonel A. E. Kirkpatrick, of the Police Commission, that it may be carried too far. The Colonel is right in his contention that "a man may have had a glass of beer, but because he is involved in an accident, and liquor is noticed on his breath, he is not necessarily intoxicated." For one driver a single drink may be more potent than a dozen for another.

Intoxicated drivers—no matter what the quantity of liquor consumed—have made such a mess of things that any evidence of liquor in connection with a traffic accident should be investigated. Police cannot accept the assurance or the most violent protests, of drivers smelling of liquor that they are perfectly sober and fit to drive. They may be both; but there is the association of liquor and the car crash and liquor's part in it must be discovered by evidence. The impression that there is to be more police leniency about this aspect of traffic accidents should not be allowed to get abroad.

In the circumstances the sensible plan for all car drivers is to avoid taking even the one drink. The risk is too great. No hardship is involved by postponing the drinking. Then, if accidents occur, the drinkless driver, his conscience clear and his breath all right, has a distinct advantage over even the one-drink individual when questioned by the police. This is just ordinary common sense that all drivers with ordinary common sense should make it a strict rule of conduct. Safety first.—Globe & Mail.

80 on Saturday

Birthday wishes have been extended on this page by the editor on the anniversary occasions of journals and editors known to the editor and our readers. None have ever given us more pleasure than the greeting we now give to Mr. J. S. Coleman, who, on Saturday, 22nd inst., will observe his eightieth birthday at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Ralston Brown, in Turner Valley, in Alberta. THE FREE PRESS has never enjoyed a more faithful or interesting correspondent than Mr. Coleman. The present editor's recollection of Mr. Coleman's articles in THE FREE PRESS goes back to school days, before he made an entry in the mysteries of the printing and the grime of printer's devil days. It was Mr. Coleman who suggested and wrote the first articles of "The Twenty Years Ago" column. And what a furor was created when school reports were published in the first few of the columns published under this head.

Perhaps some of you readers will recall "Some Observations," by "Observer." These articles were from the same pen and for years formed an interesting section of THE FREE PRESS. Then Mr. Coleman removed from Acton. But the contact through the years has been maintained. From Wisconsin, Montreal or Turner Valley we have had the privilege of passing on to our readers the interesting writings of Mr. John S. Coleman. It's an association we have greatly enjoyed.

Saturday, Mr. Coleman will be eighty. As editor to a man it has been our privilege to number among our friends, words fail us to extend the birthday greetings we would like to convey. Those eighty years have been fruitful and THE FREE PRESS has enjoyed the fruits of his able pen. We wish for him many happy years and a continuance of our pleasure in the future in having articles from his pen for THE FREE PRESS columns. We know readers everywhere join us in expressing birthday felicitations to Mr. John S. Coleman.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Newspaper men and many friends, not only in this district, regret the death last week of Editor W. D. Sampson, of the Elora Express. Although handicapped badly the last few years, he has carried on his duties. He was an editor and publisher of wide experience.

The Ontario Fire Marshal's Department is of the opinion that a half smoked cigarette was responsible for the \$450,000 fire at Loretto Girls' Academy, in Niagara Falls, last week. Have the girls now to be taught to be careful with fags and the same costly experience that has instilled care into the average male smoker?

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 22nd

MINISTERING TO PHYSICAL NEEDS

Golden Text.—And He healed many that were sick. Mark 1: 34.

Lesson Text.—25 Place.—Capernaum. Exposition.—I. Jesus' Power Over Sickness, 25-34.

Here we have Jesus in the home. The family invited Jesus to dinner and were well repaid: it always pays to invite Jesus to our homes (Matt. 25: 34, 37, 40). There was sickness in this home, and they did the wisest thing that can be done in sickness, "They tell Him of her" (v. 30). Jesus would have us act today toward Him just as the disciples did when He was here on earth (Eph. 1: 8). He would have felt hurt if Peter had run off for a doctor instead of coming first to Him. There was no delay in telling Jesus, "straightway" (v. 30, R.V.). Note just what Jesus did. (1) "He came." Jesus could heal at a distance (John 4: 50-53). But He loved to come right to the afflicted one.

To-day there is too much trying to minister to the sick and suffering and stinging at a distance. (2) "He took her by the hand." It is the hand grasp of a strong, healthy hand that the sick need: it is the hand grasp of a holy, strong hand that the sinful and the weak need. This taking by the hand religion is much needed in many of our churches to-day. (3) "He raised her up." People need to be lifted: it is not enough to say, "Arise." Then it was "the fever left her." Sickness vanishes when Jesus comes. She at once began to use her new found strength in ministering to her neighbor. Many who are helped forget to do this.

A wonderful scene follows (v. 33, 34): the people wait until the Sabbath closes at sunset, then from every corner of Capernaum they bring to Jesus all the demon-possessed and the sick; they had had proof of His power to deliver and heal. Would that we who have so much more proof would bring all our devils-tormented and sick ones to Him. But these people were very like us—they were not so eager for spiritual blessings as for healing, but Jesus healed every one of them" (Luke 4: 40). These great blessings and wonderful manifestations of the divine power of Jesus did not result in a spiritual regeneration of the place (Matt. 11: 23, 24).

II. Jesus Alone with God, 35-38. Jesus' healing work cost Him something: the strain upon His intensely sympathetic nature and the drain upon His vital forces were far beyond what we ordinarily think. He needed rest after that eventful day in Capernaum, but there was a place of refreshment that brought more lasting relief to His burdened heart, and quicker restoration to His exhausted energies, and a larger increment of power for the work yet to be done, than the softest couch. He needed rest, but He needed God more (cf. Mark 6: 31-46). After wearying days, and in anticipation of coming events, Jesus always spent long hours in prayer (Luke 6: 12; John 6: 15; Luke 23: 39-46).

Many a follower of His has learned the same secret of refreshment after past and preparation for coming effort. His choice of the time and place to pray are full of suggestiveness and severely condemn the followers of those who think they can do all the necessary praying while at their work and can pray equally well at all times and in all places. The man who would help men by intimate fellowship with them must cultivate a still more intimate fellowship with God. Simon and they that were with him followed Him, not to imitate His way example, but to get Him to do what they thought wise. Jesus has many such followers. Their thought was a great revival is in the air, and Jesus must not waste His time out there in the desert in prayer. To Jesus these hurrying crowds were the reason for hurrying away from any not back to Capernaum.

III. Jesus' Power to Cleanse the Leper, 40-45. This leper would have fled from a rabbit; he flees to Jesus. The leper had no precedent for his act, but faith does not ask a precedent. There is nothing like a sense of our need and of our utter ruin without Christ to make us forget all difficulties and cast all doubts to the winds and to get right to His feet. In v. 40 we find faith in Jesus' divine power, but questioning concerning the greatness of His Divine love. Note well the word "Compassion" in v. 41. His miracles were the simple spontaneous expression of His compassionate love (Matt. 14: 14).

So far from being at this stage of His ministry credentials to which He wished to refer, they were rather hindrances, and He strove to keep them from observation as far as possible (v. 43). But love was more than prudence to Jesus, and where suffering came to Him for help He could no more keep from helping them than the sun can keep from shining upon everything in its path. Touching the leper made Jesus ceremonially unclean; but it made the leper clean (cf. 2 Cor. 5: 21). If we would heal the leprosy that shuts the leper out from the society of clean, we must come as near to the drunkard and rumrunner and the harlot as Jesus did, and stretch out the hand of love and touch them.

Professor: "I forgot my umbrella this morning." Friend: "How did you remember you forgot it?" Professor: "Well, I missed it when I raised my hand to close it after it had stopped raining."

WELLINGTON MILK

THIRTEEN CENTS

Of interest to Canadian consumers of milk are the facts recently brought to light about the milk delivery system in Wellington, New Zealand. During the wrangle over the Toronto milk price, it was suggested in some quarters that, as neither the farmers nor the distributing companies were making undue profits, the only way to reduce the price to the consumer was to municipalize the city's delivery system as had been done in Wellington, the capital of New Zealand, which had one of the few examples of city-owned distribution systems in the world.

But Professor R. B. Stolts, head of the Department of Dairying at Ohio State University, having returned from a tour of the Antipodes, writes in the Country Gentleman to the effect that the price of milk in Wellington is "a little higher than the prevailing price in our own larger population centres at the present time." "Farmers receive \$1.65 a hundred for their milk, which is sold to the city for 'bottling,'" continues Professor Stolts. "But a farmer sells only part of his milk for this purpose. The rest he must send to the butter factory, where he receives only 90 cents a hundred for it. Thus, if he sells half to the city and half to the factory, his average price is only \$1.30 a hundred, which is less than most American farmers are getting now."

New Zealand is a famous dairy country, and it has long been considered a testing ground for public-ownership schemes. A municipalized milk distribution system in the capital city would appear to have the best chance of success of any place in the world. Yet Professor Stolts, who is a recognized authority, points out that the price to the consumer

Orange Pekoe Blend "SALADA" TEA

REMARKABLE CLOCK

The astronomical clock of Strasbourg Cathedral, which has attracted more than 5,000,000 to the city during its career, will celebrate its 100th anniversary this year.

Started in 1838, the famous clock tells the time of day, indicates religious and civic festivals, the hours at which the moon and sun rise and set, eclipses and the average revolution of each planet. Allegorical personages figure in the action of the clock and at noon visitors come to see the Twelve Apostles appear and kneel at the feet of Jesus Christ while the cock crows three times. The present clock is considered a mechanical masterpiece, and is the third to be erected on the cathedral. The first clock, begun in 1452, was used for 200 years and in the latter 19th century a second astronomical clock replaced it, remaining in-use for more than 300 years.

SOME SPEAKER

"I understand your husband is something of an after-dinner speaker." "Yes," answered young Mrs. Perkins. "What Charley is liable to say after dinner is reason we can't keep a cook."

AND HOW!

"Is she very pretty?" "Pretty? Say, when she gets on a street car, the advertising is a total loss."

Jock: "And how do you like your radio, Mac?" Mac: "Mon, it's grand! But the weather's hard to read by."

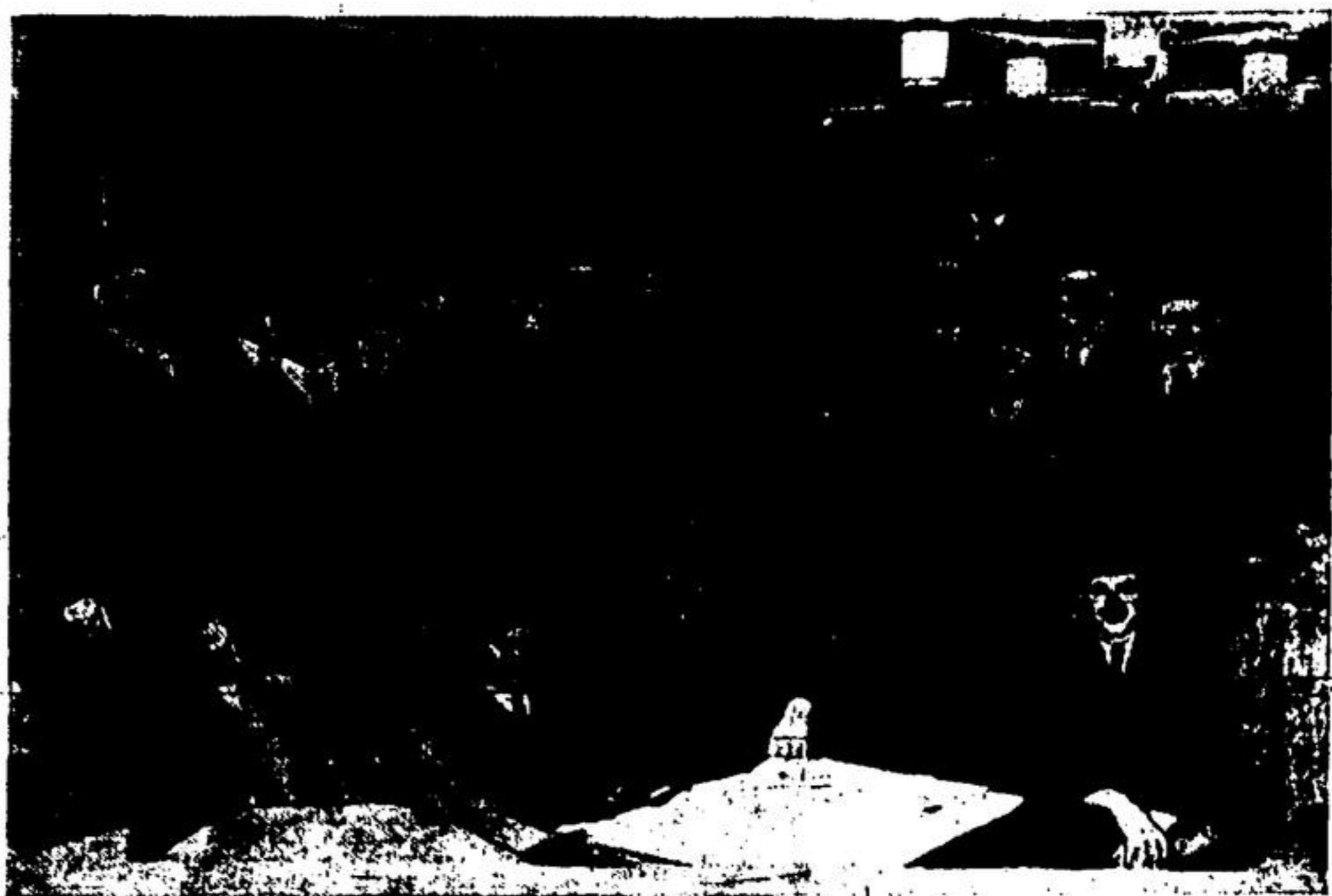
American Cow Sets New Butter-Fat Production Record



Gaze with respect upon this aristocratic bovine, for on her head, although invisible, are the laurels of greatness. She is Pemco Alma, purebred Holstein in the registered herd of Pemco Farms, demonstration farm of the Minneapolis Tribune at Breckenridge, Minn., who is the new butter champion of the world. On January 9th,

Pemco Alma completed the highest record, under official test, for production of butter in 365 days, ever made by a single two-year-old cow of any breed. She is the first Minneapolis cow offspring of a sire and dam both bred and developed by the same owner to win world honors as a producer.

Scottish Curlers Arrive to Meet Canadian Rinks



These bonneted Scotmen photographed in the lounge of the Canadian Pacific liner Du-chess of Bedford on arrival at Halifax New Year's Eve are members of the party of curlers who have come to Canada to meet Canadian adherents of the "roar-in game" in many cities and towns of the Dominion. They are

all members of the Royal Caledonia Club. Captain William Henderson is seated third from the left of the group. During a two months' tour they will visit Saint John, N.B., Sherbrooke, Quebec, Three Rivers, Shawinigan Falls, Montreal, Ottawa, Sharnot Lake, Kingston, Port Hope, Lindsay, Peterboro, Galt, Detroit, Toronto, Welland, Hamilton, Medonte, Port William, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Banff, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Sudbury, North Bay, Timmins, Swastika, Kirkland Lake, Buffalo, Ulen, Albany, Boston and Portland, Me., and will sail from Saint John on the Duchess of Bedford on February 25.