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EDITORIAL

Just Depends From Where You Look at It

Last week the Fergus News-Record asked the question, "Is Play-off System a Racket?" and points out that amateur clubs follow the lead of the professional leagues in arranging the games to bring in the most revenue. The article concludes, "It is no wonder that some Fergus fans are saying that Fergus Thistles went about far enough, financially speaking."

Strange as it may seem, we have heard no complaint from the treasurer of Acton Hockey Club, and we believe he would be most likely to speak financially. It would appear that the Fergus fan who made that statement was not the one who telephoned from Fergus to Acton to check up on the rumor that was apparently current in that town after the group play-offs to the effect that Acton was dropping out and if so Fergus would like to make a bid to go on in the play-offs.

The hockey play-offs may look like a racket when you're not in them, but just now folks around Acton are quite pleased with the arrangements and satisfied that they are getting full value in sport for the money expended. If it is a racket, it's one that most any town's glad to be in at any time. Fergus fans would feel that way too if they had won that deciding game in Galt. We sympathize!

After the Hockey

Next week we plan to join with other editors from Ontario and Quebec in a two-day convention at Ottawa. Last year this convention was in Toronto, Timmins and Kirkland Lake and we had the opportunity to give you a story of the mining section of the Province. Ottawa is always interesting, even if a bit easy going.

Once again we have hopes of seeing in the House of Commons one of these lively debates we have read about but never witnessed. There are many other features of interest about Ottawa and addresses by two prominent speakers are slated, one by Gratten O'Leary, editor of the Ottawa Journal; and one by Sir Gerald Campbell, British High Commissioner. A trip to Lucerne and luncheon at the Seignior Club are also in the plans for these two days. A visit to a paper mill will also be a feature. With hockey over, our columns will require material from another source. We will endeavor to bring back glimpses of the Dominion Capital following a brief two-day visit that looks as if every minute of it will be crammed to capacity.

Plan Spring Clean-up Now

Even if spring does seem to hesitate in turning the corner, plans for clean-up improvement can be made. In urging a spring clean-up campaign, the Brampton Conservator says: Springtime is synonymous with clean-up and beauty time when everything is taking on new life and beauty. We want to remove the scars of winter and the accumulation of rubbish, so that all may harmonize with the beauty of new foliage and flowers.

If you think a general clean-up is not necessary, look at the corner lots, broken-down fences, litter in the back yard, the condition of store fronts and signs and of streets generally. In a few minutes' observation you can find 101 spots where some cleaning and a little paint would make a transformation, and add beauty to the environment.

Environment can inspire or discourage individuals—surrounded by ugly, uninviting conditions of living, the soul and physical being become warped

surrounded by beauty and loveliness the soul is raised to heights of idealism which make life worth living. You are asked, therefore, to make preparations for a general clean-up of the whole community. Co-operate with your neighbor in this very worthy effort!

Reading the Headlines

Headlines and newspapers articles, radio comments and everything seems so confusing these days that we read with a great deal of interest the following comment by Sir Ernest Benn, British publisher, in a recent address:

"Commerce and industry have always suffered the handicap of politics, but in these modern times a serious new barrier to peace and prosperity has arisen in the shape of an enormous expansion of the machinery for the distribution of news," said Sir Ernest. "Hour by hour the press and the wireless have to be fed with more and more news. There remains, however, among all this advance and improvement the age-old difficulty that good news is no news, and of foreign affairs, we only hear of the bad in other nations, and they, in their turn, are only informed of the bad in us. Every nation is amply supplied with skilful sensation sleuths, experts in the discovery or invention of scandal and rumor. To remember that the whole of this impressive structure is absolutely governed by the very human preference for bad news is to realize one of the difficulties of a peacemaking Prime Minister, and the jeopardy in which quiet and confidence always stand." Think this over as you ramble through the headlines or listen to the newscast from time to time.

It Gets Harder

Every motorist drives four cars when he is on the road, officials of the Industrial Accident Prevention Associations maintain. They point out that the motorist drives his own car, the car behind him, the one ahead, and, most important of all, the car just around the corner that he cannot see.

Any one of the four cars, they say, can get the motorist into a "jam" and he should allow for them all. The average man's reactions are not fast enough to match the speeds of to-day's automobiles. When the pinch comes, the average driver may find that the car is "driving" him and that he is not driving the car.

EDITORIAL NOTES

When you tell the truth, you don't have to remember what you said.

If you want to test your memory, try to remember the things that worried you yesterday.

Middle age is the time when a man would rather go without a good time than have to get over it.—Saint John Citizen.

April moisture has been more in the form of snow storms, than the showers which are supposed to characterize this month.

The rain comes just after you have had your car washed, and your daughter gets married just when you get her educated to make her own way.—Windsor Star.

If seems difficult to believe that the trout fishing season opens a week from Saturday and Daylight Saving (Summer) Time comes into effect at the same time.

Production in Canada of commercial salt in the first eleven months of 1938 amounted to 255,553 tons, compared with 240,085 tons in twelve months the previous year.

It is not easy to explain how 11 million people in Canada will raise the money to give the Federal government revenue of nearly \$580 million.—Hand-over Post. Give is the wrong word in this instance, we contend.

Writing an essay on "Cows," a student rises to the heights of wit when he says: "The most important part of the cow is the receptacle in which the milk is stored. This is called the udder. By a clever arrangement it is divided into four compartments, each with a separate tap. By this means the milk is divided at the source so that one part goes to the landlord, one to the mortgage company, one to the government and one to the farmer."

The Canadian Magazine, Canada's oldest monthly magazine, will discontinue publication with its April issue. It has always been a wholesome publication that gave every encouragement to Canadian writers and was always keenly interested in Canada and subjects of special interest to Canadian readers. The publishers attribute inability to continue to ever-increasing taxation, uncertainty and the unfair competition of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, "which invaded publishers' revenues by methods only possible to a tax-supported institution."

The Sunday School Lesson

FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 23rd

PAUL WINS RECOGNITION FOR GENTILE CHRISTIANS

Golden Text.—A man is not justified by the works of the law, but through faith in Jesus Christ.—Galatians 2: 16.

Lesson Text.—Acts 15: 23b-29; Galatians 2: 1, 2, 9, 10.

Time.—A.D. 50-52. Place.—Jerusalem.

Exposition.—I. The Declaration of the Holy Spirit and the Apostles, 23b-29.

The great controversy in the early Church was, whether a man is saved upon faith apart from works of the law, or whether a man is saved upon faith and works of the law. This is the great battle Paul fought, and in a later day Martin Luther. Three arguments were brought forward at the Council in Jerusalem to refute the Judaizers:—(1) Peter's argument: God has borne them witness by giving the Holy Spirit to the uncircumcised as well as unto us, and has purified their hearts by faith" (vs. 8, 9).

(2) Paul's argument: God has wrought signs and wonders among the Gentiles by us, and thus set His seal upon our preaching of salvation by faith apart from the works of the law" (v. 12).

(3) James' argument: It is according to Old Testament Scriptures that God will take a people for His name from among the uncircumcised Gentiles.

These arguments convinced the Council, and the Mosaic law was not laid upon the Gentile Church. The apostles and elders and the whole Church took precautions to guard against any misrepresentation of their decision being taken back to Antioch by the legalizers. They knew the men they had to deal with. Thus Paul gained his chosen companion of the coming days (v. 40). Good had come out of the schemes of Paul's enemies. The mode of address used in the letter is full of significance: "The brethren which are of the Gentiles." Faith in Christ makes all men kin.

Many Canadian Christians have not yet reached the point where they regard every converted Chinese or African as a brother. The description of the Judaizers is very striking and suggestive. "Certain which went out from us have troubled you with words." This kind of trouble is not all dead yet. They creep in unawares and whisper specious, false words to young converts. There is no way in which the devil can more trouble believers (and especially young converts) or more thoroughly unsettle (subvert) their souls, than by false words.

These false words must be met by the word of truth (Col. 4: 6), and above all, by the Word of God (2 Tim. 3: 13-15). The apostles emphatically denied all responsibility (v. 24) for this pernicious teaching, that men must keep the law of Moses in order to be saved (v. 1).

They had come to absolute unanimity about the matter in question. It is a great thing when brethren who differ can meet together under the Holy Spirit's guidance, as did these early Christians, and thus "come to one accord." There is no need of any differences on essential points among those who bow to the authority of the Bible and are honestly seeking the wisdom of God (Jas. 1: 5-7). The apostles and the whole Church bestowed very lofty praise on Paul and Barnabas. It was well deserved (2 Cor. 11: 23-27).

Of how many disciples to-day could it be justly said that they had hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ? Any one who desires to be a disciple of Christ must be willing to do it (Luke 14: 26). It was not their own decision on this great question that they were sending; it was the Holy Spirit's decision. They were perfectly

HOW IT STARTED

The universal totem of the barber, the pole painted in alternate stripes of red and white is familiar to everyone. Does everyone know how it started?

The history of this pole dates back from the Middle Ages when the barber was the only surgeon.

In the reign of Edward IV, a charter of incorporation was given to the "Freeman of the Mystery of the Barbers of the City of London using the Mystery of the Faculty of Surgery." Thus the art of the surgeon and the trade of the barber were combined. Governors of this combined body appointed and this step may be said to have been the inception of what is now the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

In the reign of Henry VIII, the barbers and surgeons of London were merged into one body under the name of the "Mystery and Commonalty of the Barbers and Surgeons of London," and Holbein, the celebrated artist, made a painting of the event.

The charter of King Henry was confirmed by Charles I, but in the reign of George II, the old union of the Barbers and Surgeons was dissolved and henceforth the surgeons of England were left to struggle along as best they could. They haven't made such a bad job of it.

The colors of the barber's pole represent incidents of far away times; the red signifies blood, the white the bandage.

But the barber-surgeon, if divorced from his former occupation in England, survived for a long time in other lands. As late as 1846 in the south of Spain, barber shops generally had a notice that the barber did mid-wifery and surgery as well as shaving, and far more recently Sir John Simon says that "he had the honor of being shaved by a barber who had Prof. Virchow's (the great German pathologist's) latest publications on the book-shelf beside his basin."—John W. S. Meulough, M.D., D.P.H.

OBEYED TO THE LETTER

A woman about to entertain a duchess for the first time gave careful instructions to the maid about the way the duchess was to be received.

"Now, Mary," she said, "remember that whenever you address the duchess you must say 'your Grace.'"

When the great day arrived, and the maid opened the door to the duchess, the latter inquired if the mistress was at home. The maid answered, "Yes, she is, and may the Lord make us truly thankful for what we are about to receive."

SURE ENOUGH

"Peter is growing a moustache on the installment plan."

"How come?"

"A little down per week."

STILL LEARNING

Truck Driver—Use your noodle, lady; use your noodle!

Lady—My goodness, where is it? I've pulled and pushed everything in the car!

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK By R. J. SCOTT



A NOVA, OR EXPLODING STAR, BECAME BRIGHT ENOUGH IN THE YEAR 1572 TO BE SEEN IN THE BROAD SUNLIGHT—FROM A DEEP WELL, GIPPING OFF THE SUN'S GLARE, STARS MAY BE SEEN WITHOUT TELESCOPE.

POLISH MARSH FARMERS HAVE THEIR OWN SYSTEM OF "TELEGRAPHY," TALKING TO EACH OTHER BY MEANS OF TRUMBITS, GREAT WOODEN HORNS—A CURIOUS CODE OF SOUNDS IS USED INSTEAD OF WORDS.

THE ART OF ARRANGING FLOWERS IS AN APPOINTED COURSE OF STUDY IN THE HIGHER SCHOOLS OF JAPAN.

British War Minister Examines Famed Bren Gun



Perhaps the most important man in Premier Chamberlain's British Cabinet in these crisis-filled days is Leslie Hore-Belisha, Minister of War, and responsible for the advancement and augmentation of Great Britain's armed forces. Working on the theory of "understand the armaments and you understand the army's complex problems," he is never too busy to join the troops as they go through manoeuvres, especially when some new type of weapon is under scrutiny, as was the case when this picture was taken. "The Minister of War is seen with a division outside London, as he is instructed in mastery of the intricacies of the Bren machine-gun, of which Canadians have heard more than a little over the past few months."

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Daily, except Sunday 6:25 p.m.
Sunday only 8:19 p.m.
Flyer for east, flag stop in Georgetown at 9:41 p.m.

Going West

Daily, except Sunday 8:48 a.m.
Daily, except Sunday 3:40 p.m.
Daily, except Sunday 7:07 p.m.
Saturday only (flag) 12:38 a.m.
Sunday only (flag) 11:32 p.m.

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Standard Time

EASTBOUND (To Toronto)

a 6:51 a.m. 4:21 p.m.
9:11 a.m. 6:31 p.m.
11:31 a.m. 8:46 p.m.
e 2:06 p.m.

WESTBOUND (To London)

9:53 a.m. 5:03 p.m.
11:38 a.m. 7:18 p.m.
2:23 p.m. 8:18 p.m.
ca 2:13 p.m. 12:13 p.m.
12:06 a.m.

x—Through to London
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