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EDITORIAL

The Helpers

Some Acton people might read and learn from an editorial which recently appeared in the Lindsay Daily Post. It runs, "Some people seem to have little faith in their home town and its people. If the effort is made to accomplish some needed improvement, they talk discouragingly, and do not see how it can be done. If the organizations are carrying on various enterprises, they are likely to see flaws and defects and to find little to praise. These folks do not mean any harm, and they simply fail to realize how easy it is to discourage other people from activity. This attitude does not help a particle. It makes people think that improvement and progress are hopeless. The people who say "It can be done," when any practical plan is offered, encourage every good movement."

The Pace Makers

The opening of the Canadian National Exhibition to-morrow marks the entering of the fall season and that great season of the year when the product of farm and garden are put on exhibition. World's fairs may come and go (and go into debt) but this great annual event continues to be enjoyed year after year. We talked during the week with various folks from Acton who had visited the New York event and they invariably expressed a greater interest in the C.N.E. and their visit there had in no way dampened the enthusiasm for a day or two at the world's greatest annual fair.

For sixty years this great annual event has been entertaining and educating those who visit it. For all these years it has continued to grow and has brought to our doors many outstanding features of world wide interest. The program for this year shows the following of the same plan and provision for the finest. The C.N.E. is a worthy exhibition to open the season of fairs in Canada and sets an example for all.

Movements to the Towns

In a recent article, R. J. Deachman, M.P., tells why he likes living in a town preferably to a city. In concluding his article Mr. Deachman says: "Yes, I am glad to live in a town. But a tale without a moral is not a tale at all. Economic circumstances modify conditions. All over the United States the movement of manufacturing industries is from the large cities to the towns. Trucks and electric power have altered conditions. The towns are coming into their own. The next census will reveal a similar trend in Canada—a healthful, happy movement towards a better life."

Those of us who have lived in towns have hoped and predicted such a movement for some years. Having tasted of town life, Mr. Deachman now joins the same class and cannot understand why large industries want to centre in the big cities. A year or so ago it was our pleasure to meet Mr. Deachman and have lunch and a half hour or so with him in his office in Ottawa. We can readily understand he would enjoy town life. Matter of fact, we didn't realize that he hadn't always enjoyed it.

Seems a pity that more city folks wouldn't take a taste of town life. They would undoubtedly come to the same conclusion Mr. Deachman has reached. And in substantiation of Mr. Deachman's statement there aren't as many empty factory buildings in the towns now as there were a short time ago. As a matter of fact Acton had three formerly vacant factory buildings put back on the active list last year and they are all doing very nicely with the new industries established in them.

The Brighter Horizon

Just as regular as an exhibition and fall fair time rolls around, the war rumors become thicker in Europe and the present year is no exception. It is however interesting during these days of fearsome headlines to read in the Financial Post an article, "Canada's Business Horizon Brightens." One paragraph from this interesting article reads: "As a matter of fact the feeling is growing that war may be avoided this fall and possibly indefinitely. It is also realized by many that war or no war, business must progress. People have to be fed, clothed and housed and accordingly trade and industry must be prepared for peace as well as war."

Europe has business too and it seems most of it is war business. Not knowing the European background, we in Canada no doubt often misinterpret European moves and seldom understand them. Canada, too, has problems that require attention. Perhaps it would be well to realize our own and continue with their solution. In that viewpoint the horizon is at least brighter.

To Help Municipalities Finance

Premier Hepburn has announced that at next session of the legislature the government will bring in a measure to enable municipalities to issue treasury bills for short term borrowings. The idea is to lessen the cost of municipal administration. The short term bills would be issued against prospective tax collections, instead of borrowing from the banks and incurring overdrafts. Speaking of the proposed legislation, the Premier stated, "I am satisfied that municipalities can make considerable savings in interest. They should be able to get money on treasury notes at 2 1/2 per cent, as compared with the 4 1/2 per cent they have to pay now." There are a number of municipalities which would undoubtedly benefit from legislation of this sort, provided they can secure the advances they need at the interest rate suggested by the Premier. Many urban municipalities have cut down their overdraft and bank interest charges by providing for payment of taxes on the instalment plan.

To assist in meeting this very problem, Acton Council has made a move this year which will, however, not be helpful until next year. Taxes that are now due in two instalments will next year be divided into four. Two of these will come due before the present rates are now due. In other words, half the taxes will be payable next year two months ahead of the present first instalment. The plan is not alone to assist with the interest problem but to help the taxpayer meet his payments in smaller amounts. There are other township taxes where this plan is not so feasible and the lower interest on borrowing will be doubly helpful.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The house problem in Acton is now one that is quite acute. We know of none that are now available for renting, and tenants are moving into properties that are being completed after occupancy.

Crude petroleum and natural gasoline production in Canada during the first five months of the current year totalled 2,544,472 barrels compared with 2,381,771 barrels in the corresponding period a year ago and 852,886 barrels in the same period of 1937.

The Toronto papers announced the other day that Miss Mazo de la Roche is to return to native Toronto to take up her residence. Perhaps Miss Roche will also, when residing there, find time to visit Acton, which was also native to her some years ago.

Compulsory "dimming" of motor car headlights at a distance of not less than 500 feet from oncoming cars, is provided in new lighting regulations which now form a part of the Highway Traffic Act. Owners of cars should give heed to this latest regulation. It will be part of the duty of traffic officers to see that it is properly observed.

Although the teen-age girl may not lay out much actual cash, she forms an important market, according to results of a survey by the Curtis Publishing Company. It was found that teen-age girls in Boston directly influence sales in the home, 32 per cent, introducing a new dentifice, 22.2 per cent, a new cereal, and 44.9 per cent, a new soap.—Marketing.

A speaker at Lake Couchiching the other day proposed to invite 200,000 refugees to Canada a year. Canada needs to be very careful in not accumulating all who are refugees from other countries. If the selection is to be the same as the placing of young men on the farms, it would perhaps be well to first hear from the farmers on this tried plan and its workability.

A government report shows the index of the physical volume of Canadian business during the first half of 1939 averaged 5 1/2 per cent, higher than in the first half of 1938, the standing being 116.2 against 110.1 a year ago. The gain in business operations was one of the most tangible advances of the period. Building contracts awarded showed a gain of 3 1/2 per cent, and the demand for electric power increased by 8 per cent.

Ontario News of the Week

By Muriel McDonald

Slot machine gambling is likely to become soon a topic of strong conversations in and around the Attorney-General's office at Queen's Park. There may be repercussions in the Legislature a little later on.

From a reputable commercial traveler, it was learned this week that literally hundreds of these machines are being operated quite openly throughout Ontario, with little opposition from the police authorities. He reports that youngsters in their early teens put in their nickels, dimes and quarters as well as adults—and while adults are looking on.

Those who are not initiated, it should be explained that the slot machine is a device by which you put in your money and pull a lever. You may get nothing back; you may get back three coins, or eight, or, if you are very lucky, a "jackpot," which often reaches a total of two dollars. It is a straight gamble along similar principles as those of the roulette wheel.

The organization behind these machines has planted units in practically every summer resort throughout the Province. In an area close to one of the smaller Muskoka lakes there are five operating on the shores of small refreshment stands. You can see them being played from the main road skirting the lake. Out on the highway, two or three miles away, there is another slot machine operated in plain view of provincial policemen who patrol the road.

Such a defiance of the law is bound to come to a head before many more days have passed.

The question of whether or not Canada should lower the bars against immigration is becoming a very live one. Latest public man to reintroduce the subject is C. L. Burton, of the Robert Simpson Company. He believes that one of the solutions to Canada's difficulties is a larger population. And his views were no sooner published than Attorney-General Conant backed him up.

Then at the Canadian Institute on Economics and Politics being held at Orillia, G. Raymond Booth, Secretary of the Canadian National Committee on Refugees, urged the appointment of a non-partisan and representative migration board, with the responsibility of inviting up to 200,000 refugees to Canada within the next twelve months.

Remarks of the week: "Within a few years Canada would be under a system of Government more closely resembling fascism than democracy."—B. K. Sandwell, of Toronto Saturday Night.

"You are suffering from the cruel, brutal, narrow competitive system that obtains throughout the country."—A. W. Roebuck, M.P.P., addressing Retail Cleaners.

And, as the radio announcer might say, these opinions expressed are those of the individual only.

With complaints prevalent that certain towns and villages in Ontario maintain traps for unwary motorists, general relief will be felt by the announcement of Attorney-General Conant that a new experimental highways patrol scheme has been adopted. The Province will be zoned in three districts—western, central and eastern. A specially qualified provincial patrol officer with the rank of sergeant is appointed to the immediate supervisory control and direction of each. By this change it is hoped to ensure that a maximum of time, if spent in the actual patrol of the highways.

The great Canadian National Exhibition opens its gates this week and the current of enthusiasm running through all the preparations of the two weeks' program is marked. There is little doubt that when the finale is over, there will be another surplus chalked up and another year of achievement written into the long history of the fair.

With conditions brightening a little for the farmers of the country, fair directors are anticipating a larger attendance than ever from the rural areas and an increase in the entries for the various agricultural events.

ORIGIN OF THE PEACH

It is believed that the peach originated in China many generations before the beginning of the Christian era. The Chinese have always ascribed miraculous powers to the peach. One Chinese sage wrote, "The peach, if one is able to eat it enough times, will save the body from corruption till the end of the world." Another philosopher Chou-Y-Ki declared, "Whoever eats the peach obtains immortal life."

The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 1939

UZZIAH: A KING WHO FORGOT GOD Golden Text.—Every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled; but he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.— Luke 14: 14.

Lesson Text.—2 Chronicles 26: 3-5, 16-21.

Time.—110-756, H. C. Place.—Jehovah's name.—1. Uzziah's Trust in God and Consequent Glory, 3-5.

For the major part of Uzziah's long reign of fifty-two years was one of the most brilliant in the history of Judah. In some respects it bears a striking resemblance to the reign of Solomon. Old-time and dangerous enemies of Judah became subject to him (v. 8; cf. ch. 26: 1). His fame spread far and wide, even to the borders of Egypt (v. 8). He "waxed exceedingly strong." The secret of his prosperity is found in v. 5, "He sought God." and as long as he sought the Lord, God made him prosper. It was by the help of God that he won his victories (v. 7; cf. Psa. 27: 1-3; Tom. 8: 31). He realized the dangers with which he was encompassed and fortified himself against them (v. 9, 10).

He was a man of affairs, as well as a successful warrior (v. 10; cf. v. 6, 7). The description of his agricultural undertakings suggests that of Solomon's efforts in the same direction (v. 10; 1 Chronicles 27: 25-31). "He loved husbandry" and encouraged agriculture. Nevertheless he was a warrior (vs. 11-15). His father Amaziah in the early days of his reign had also a large and conquering army (ch. 25: 5-12), but in his later years suffered defeat (ch. 25: 14-28). Uzziah brought the army to a higher point of efficiency that it had reached in the best days of his father. He equipped his army with the best weapons known in those days (v. 14) and fortified Jerusalem (v. 15). His fame spread far and wide because God was with him (v. 15). The whole secret of it was by the help of God that he won his battles. Each one of us can have the same marvelous help from the same source and upon the same condition, namely, that we seek the Lord (v. 6; cf. Eph. 6: 10; Phil. 4: 13).

II. Uzziah's Fall and Shame, 16-21. Here we read one of the saddest stories of man's failure in all history. Uzziah's strength became his ruin. Like many another, "when he was strong his heart was lifted up." Prosperity has been the ruin of countless men and women

(cf. ch. 26: 10; 22: 26). Very few men, even in Christian work, can stand great prosperity. God marvelously helps many a preacher and many an evangelist and many a personal worker, that he becomes puffed up and God is forced to set him aside.

In the very dawn of Israel's history, Jehovah had warned them that their prosperity would lead to their ruin (Deut. 8: 11-17; 32: 13-15). Uzziah's pride consequent upon God's help, led to his destruction (v. 16; cf. Prov. 16: 18). Pride consequent upon a God-given prosperity has led to many a man's destruction. Forgetting the source of his power and becoming filled with self-sufficiency "he transgressed against the Lord his God." God had appointed him to be a king, but he took upon himself the office of a priest and violated the plain instructions of God's law (v. 16; cf. Num. 16: 40; 18: 7; 10: 1, 7, 10, 35; 1 King 12: 33; 13: 1-4; Heb. 9: 4). Uzziah was a faithful and fearless priest and was followed by a company of men like-minded (v. 17). Uzziah was king, but they did not hesitate to withstand him when he withstood God (cf. 2 Chron. 16: 7-9; 10: 2; Jer. 13: 12; Matt. 10: 18-28; Mark 6: 18). There is great need to-day of servants of God who do not hesitate to rebuke those high in authority for their sin. How strangely it must have sounded in the ears of his humble subjects, saying "Go out of the sanctuary for thou hast transgressed."

No honor ever comes from disobeying God (v. 18; cf. 1 Sam. 2: 30; Dan. 4: 37). Uzziah was not great enough to tolerate rebuke, even from a God-sent messenger (v. 19; cf. ch. 10: 10; 25: 16). How many kings are there? Uzziah's wrath was of short duration, for God took him in hand and thoroughly humbled him. The stoutest hearted king soon wills when God deals with him. The leprosy was the direct infliction from God (v. 20; cf. Deut. 28: 22-35; Num. 12: 10; 2 Ki. 5: 27). The doctrine that God never sends sickness has no warrant in the Word of God. The all-conquering king became a leper to the day of his death, unclean and separated from his people—what a sad ending to a brilliant reign, and all because "his heart was lifted up to his destruction."

Uzziah's chief sin was one of presumption. A lesson God had constantly to teach His people was that they should not commit sins of presumption (Psa. 19: 3). The reason for that is that self-importance and pride will lead people to invade the realm where God alone is sovereign. And in the matter of the formula of our approach to the holy God, man may not presume. He can only come as a suppliant, meek and humble (Psa. 51: 10, 11). God has (Concluded on Page Six)

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