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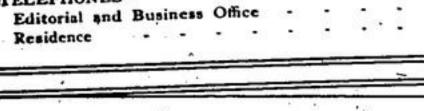
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G. ARLOF DILLS, Editor



TELEPHONES-



Back to School-Acton School!

The shortest days of the year are at hand for pupils and teachers—the days before school starts after the long summer vacation. Next Tuesday will see thousands of pupils starting back to school. Back

closes. that will fill your needs. Don't ask them for credit finally got his son home from college to help him. on some requirements and take your cash out-ofprices if you will but in your comparisons count in going to pot."

industry and upbilding of your community.

As the school year opens, wouldn't it be a good time to instil this, along with the school curriculum, "We certainly are in the middle of a great depresin the future citizens? After all, education of young sion." lives isn't all the duty of the teachers. Some one has made this apt observation, but who, the author we do not know: "Education begins with life. Before we are aware the foundations of character are laid; and subsequent teaching avails but little to remove or alter them."

Mirror and Bond-

Prize lists now issued for Acton Fair show this splendid community event to be presenting in this its twenty-sixth-year one of the finest fairs of its years of successful operation. Officers and Directors have done good preparatory work. The success of the event is now dependent on the o-operation received from exhibitors, the weather and the attend-

A perusal of the 1939 list in comparison with that of a few-years back reveals many changes. We find more ocmpetitions for junior farmers creeping in. Gone are all those special prizes for apples, potatoes and dressed poultry, where the donor of the prize received the goods. The butter classes, which used to be so well filled, are down to a mere shadow of their former offering. The Fair is changing as the lives and products of the farm change.

Just how fine a mirror of farm conditions the fall fairs'are is not often realized. Not all the activities of the fair are visible on Fair Day, either. A crop competition and a contest to beautify farm home surroundings have been among the projects sponsored by Acton Fair this year. The fairs are doing excellent work in promoting farm life and products. They are a splendid bond between town and rural residents. Acton Fair is among the best and continued cooperation of all will keep it to the fore.

Whether We Like It or Not

We might as well be honest about it. We were the publication notice. quite surprised to get the markings of the judges in the newspaper contests and find that the editorial than get the editorial columns ready each week. If meetings, County Councillors!

we didn't consider them a necessary part of eyery newspaper, we know they would have been deleted

We recall too that in school days we detested geometry and art. The only difference seems to be that in later years we have been able to conceal our dislikes from the examiners. In that respect we suppose some progress can be checked up. Well at least the marks are an encouragement and an open confession is good for the soul and it will be necessary to continue these columns, that others tell us are not too bad, even if they do draw the prespiration Government held emergency cabinet weekly and are largely accountable for the gray hairs in our head. It looks as if the editorial columns would have to continue and perhaps some day the task will come easier.

Towards More Permanent Roadways

We often think that if communities realized the impression given visitors and towns folk by the con dition of streets and roadways, there would be general improvement. In this respect we think Acton is well maintained, but our neighboring village of Rockwood doesn't take second place to any of them. Here each year a section of roadway has been laid with a permanent surface and the result is that all roads are in good condition.

vised to adopt such a program. With gravel and material to keep down the dust, a dirt-road is not the cheapest type for maintenance. 'A program of a section each year would, as in our neighboring centre, soon have all roadways with a permanent surface. course. But of conscription comes, it Georgetown and the County Council have agreed on a plan that will allow certain streets there to be so plants to meet unprecedented demands treated. Perhaps Church Street and Bower Avenue for war materials of all kinds." and a section of Mill Street might come under the same plan.

The Man Who Sold Hot Dogs

A subscriber of the Bowmanville Statesman told the editor of that excellent newspaper a story, well worth passing on. Here it is:

road and he sold hot dogs. He was hard of hearing to a year of study and preparation, the results of so he had no radio. He had trouble with his eyes, so to intimate also that there was little which will be judged next summer as the school year he read no daily newspapers. But he sold good hot chance of another Canadian expeditiondogs. He put signs up on the highway, telling how ary force in the event of another war. School supplies and clothing of a different kind good they were. He stood on the side of the road from that enjoyed during the summer will be neces- and cried, "Buy a hot dog, mister?" And people understanding between the Canadian sary. Wherever it can be purchased locally it should bought. He increased his meat and bun orders. He government and British officials, under be done. Merchants have endeavored to lay in stocks bought a bigger stove, to take care of his trade. He

But then something happened. His son said, stant threat from enemy planes during town for another part of the requirements. It's not "Father, haven't you been listening to the radio? community building to deal this way. It's not a good Haven't you been reading the newspapers? There's example to set for the children, who are the citizens a big depression on. The European situation is terof Acton of to-morrow. Make comparisons as to rible. The domestic situation is worse. Everything's guns and ammunition, clothing and food-

Whereupon the father thought, "Well, my son's What applies to patrons of stores likewise applies been to college, he reads the papers and he listens to to those who operate stores. Communities are built by the radio, and he ought to know." So the father cut for Canada to affirm her loyalty to the community loyalty to all the institutions in the com- down his meat and bun orders, took down his advermunity. If you can purchase goods made by Acton tising signs, and no longer bothered to stand out on manufactory establishments, you are adding to the the highway to sell his hot dogs. And his hot dog sales fell almost overnight.

"You're right, son," the father said to the boy, seeming confidence of a number of key

EDITORIAL NOTES

Back to Standard Time on Monday. Here's where the falling off of the export market for we get back that lost hour of last spring.

The amount of liquor consumed in Ontario

creased in four years from 91/2 million gallons to million gallons.

The exhibition crowds are again this year finding new thrills at the annual event. We plan on visiting Both were angry at optimistic statements here on Press Day (to-morrow).

Shipments of Canadian silver fox fur to the United Kingdom amounted to 153,434 pelts in 1936; 203,233 in 1937, and 193,508 in 1938.

August and September are distracting months. But it appears that the crisis this time will come to -showdown-if it hasn't already before this item ap-

Canada holds an outstanding position amongst the water-power using countries of the world, with an average hydraulic installation of 731 horse-power per thousand of population.

The holes on the highway, between Acton and Milton are most numerous at this end. Perhaps the gravel applied was not evenly distributed between the north and south, or did it all slide down?

Interest in the announcement of the publication of "Acton's Early Days," shows that many folks are interested in local history much the same as in local news. We are pleased with the reception accorded

Burlington is to-sepnd another \$65,000 on page of THE FREE PRESS had a marking of 91 out of waterworks system. Is that the system whose former 100. Frankly we would sooner do anything else debentures were generously backed by the whole of about the whole plant, even to washing the press, the County of Halton? Beware of frequent special

Ontario News of the Week

By Murdle McDonald

Where to Canada?

With Great Britain mobilized for war against Hitler's threat to destroy the independence of Poland, the Canadian sessions; mobilized permanent forces;

completed plans for coastal defence worked feverishly to provide protection of yital communication systems throughout the country.

But while a spokesman for Australia delcared emphatically that that Commonwealth was ready to send manpower to the Mother Country in the same generous manner as during the last great war, official Ottawa kept a significant silence on thta point.

The answer may have been given officially from Ottawa by the time this column is in-print, so swiftly do decisions come in the time of war crisis. But on the chance that Canadians are still in the dark on what they are expected to do with war an actuality, we present We believe every municipality would be well ad- the shrewd conclusion of an unusually well-informed observer at Ottawa. He

> "With Britain at war, Canada becomes the vital supply depot. Volunteers will embark to fight besides Englishmen, of will likely be conscription of men and women to man farms and industrial

Some time ago, Prime Minister Mackenzie King declared that Canada would never again send an expeditionary force to fight in Europe. He was criticized then, and later when he repeated that statement. Then Dr. Manion was elevated to his position as Leader of the Opposition. Shortly afterwards he was called into a conference with the Prime Minister, who gave him much inside in-There was a man who lived by the side of the formation to which he was entitled in his new position. Curiously enough, it became Dr. Manion's turn a little later

It was about this time that word got around that there was some sort of an which Canada would take a new role

With industry in Britain under conwar. Canada was looked upon as a new strategic centre in which to carry on the business of keeping armies supplied with all the necessary war materials,

Right or wrong, this enswer would account for the odd silence at Ottawa whenever the opportune time arrived

What affect war would have on business in Canada is so uncertain that it would be foolish to hazard a guess. It is interesting to observe however the men in the country's ability to weather such a storm if it broke, As one man back further in the hole, but we would not be in nearly as bad a shape as some other countries taking part in the war. With all our setbacks-the large commitments for relief to the unemployed, grain-it must be remembered that Canada has kept her financial structure in a fair sea-going shape, thanks to a sound money policy followed by the various governments at Ottawa since the end of

the last war. Talking about business, we should tel the amusing story of two Toronto business men who were deploring-the state of business for them three weeks ago. being published in the press. One is in the textile trade, women's and girls' dresses, the other in leather goods manu-

Last week, they met at luncheon. The textile man was in a dither, roundly cussing customers who piled in orders! all in a heap. He was at his wit's end to handle all the business being tossed at him. The leather goods man wasn't mad, but much surprised. His northern Ontario traveller had come back with the biggest orders in a long, long time. From Western Canada, the firm had just received an order for three car loads of

At the Canadian National Exhibition. the attendance is another sign that there are more pay envelopes being given out each week. And patrons are spending their change with a lack of caution that is strongly reminiscent of former pros-

PRODUCING THE PROOF

At Rugby the late Major Barttelot was once asked in class: "What is the meaning of the word 'adage'?" .Without hesitation, young Barttelot

replied: "A place to put cats into." At the end of the lesson, when the laughter of the boys's classmates had at last subsided, the master called him up and inquired where he had found such a

"Why, sir," replied young Barttelot in astonishment, "doesn't it say in Shakespeare: "Like the poor cat in the adage'?"

DOUSE FINCHES SEEN IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

normally extends as far north as Oregon, Idaho and Wyoming, a pair of house finches took up residence in Okanagan Landing, B.C., during the month June, raised a family, and then depart-

This unusual bird event was recorded by J. A. Munro, District Migratory Bird Officer of the Department of Mines and Resources.

The house finches built their nest in a Virginia creeper which climbs the verandah of the bird officer's home. Both birds were shy and quiet, contrary to heir usual habits, and when first examined the nest contained five eggs. the least disturbance the female would leave the nest. On different occasions and also on his singing perches, one of the cloth manufacturers for sale. nest, and since that time neither the sufficient to encircle the earth adults or young have been seen in the again

In addition to its occurrence at Okanngan Landing, the house finch has recently been found in Penticton and Victoria, B.C. The three records fairly well establish it as a Canadian species.

TO AVOID MOTOR ACCIDENTS

Following is a valuable list of rules for the guidance of both children and adults in connection with motor traffic. the careful adherence to which would undoubtedly lessen the toll of accidents: 1. Don't ever ride with strangers.

of the road and get clear of the road when you meet an automobile. Give STREAMLINER WHISTLE

them plenty of room. 3. Don't ever cross a road or highway until you are sure there are no cars coming from either direction. 4. Don't attempt to cross an inter-

section until you are certain that there

6. Keep clear of the wreck. Let grown Leople give aid to the injured. Here are some suggestions for drivers: 1. Don't ever pick up strangers.

side of the road and when you meet a pedestrian give him plenty of room. crossing the road.

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The first High Commissioner appointed by Rire in Canada, Mr. John

Hearne, is pictured here with Mrs. Hearne and their two charming children

Maurice, Right, and Justin, aboard the Duchess of Bedford as they

arrived at Montreal en route to Ottawa, where Mr. Hearne will take up his

new duties.

HIDES IN A COOL BURROW DURING THE

DESERT SUMMERS, LIVING ON FAT

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AUSTRALIA, THE CALL BEING

ROUTED THROUGH NEW YORK

AND LONDON, AND BY RADIO

STORED IN IT'S TAIL

OVER THE OCEANS

WORLD GIRDLE OF COTTON

Lancashire's production of cotton cloth is now so extensive that it would stretch eight times the distance between the earth and the moon, according to the latest figures which have just been published. The total output of piece-goods made for sale_during 1937 was 3,376, 175,000 linear yards, the equivalent of slightly over 3,000,000,000 metres.

The figures are only now available be cause there is necessarily a time lan sources can be worked out. They are stated that the yardage of the products of Lancashire looms for the year was sufficient to provide a belt of cloth approximately 40 inches in width which would extend 80 times round the world. the male was observed in her company -These figures refer to goods made by which was a nearby telephone wire, and addition there is the yardage of cloth another, a fence wire, A week after the made on commission which would pro- Phone-Milton 235r3 - After 10 p.m eggs were hatched, the young left the vide another belt, not quite so wide, but

The clearest idea of all, however, can be gained from the realization that the cotton cloth production of this country is sufficient to provide every living soul on earth (according to 1931 estimates) with two yards each. If the goods were confined to the British Empire the provision would be eight yards each.

In 1937 Lancashire cotton weavers paid £59,037,000 for their raw materials (raimarily cotton yarn) and produced

goods to the gross value of £84,500,000 The average net output of the 173,595 persons employed was £142 and this compares with £123 in 1935. This last point may be said successfully to refute 2. Always walk on the left hand side any talk of Lancashire's loss of efficency.

The whistles of the new streamlined Grand Trunk Western locomotives-sister engines of Canadian National engine 6400, now on exhibit at the New York World's Fair have been heard 5. If you see an accident go for help 3 000 miles; in Northern Ireland Germany, to be exact. An amateur radio operator who lives near the Grand Trunk main line recently was "working" Belfast and Berlin stations in a Three--I way hook-up. As one of the stream-2. Always drive on the right hand liners whizzed by hauling the "International Limited" from Montreal, the whistle was blown for a Battle Creek 3. Maintain a lookout for persons cro-sing in Michigan. Both Irish and German operators heard the whistle

By R.J. SCOTT

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