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EDITORIAL

The Plan Works

Perhaps the item was not noticed by many in the proceedings of Acton Council. Perhaps those who did notice it passed it over as a routine expenditure. Reference is to \$3,000 paid on the County rate at last Council meeting. Payment of that sum made possible a saving of interest on that amount, calculated as 4 per cent. per annum. This is the first year this was possible.

It is also revealed that the Municipality has no money borrowed to meet current expenditure. This change has all come about by the arrangements made last year for the collection of taxes on four instalments. In other words we are closer to a pay as we go policy in Acton now. The four instalment plan is not only a convenience to the taxpayer but the taxpayers' money is being used to finance the town instead of borrowed money. It is estimated that there will be a saving each year by this means of about \$500. In addition, ratepayers come into September, when taxes usually come due, with three-quarters of their taxes already paid. The plan seems to be working very favorably in this community.

You Too Can Serve

This present war offers means in which everyone can serve and National Registration, which takes place this month, opens a variety of means. The work is being done voluntarily. You can contribute by offering your services for the three days or parts of them. Leave your name with Clerk Leatherland.

If you can't help in this way, you can, at least, register early. You can make the hour one that is not a rush hour in the evening, perhaps. Canada is in this war beside the Motherland to win it. We need more equipment, materials and money as well as more men in the fighting lines. The orderly way to give Canada's greatest effort is to answer the questions fully.

These questions will be found in complete form on the page adjoining this one (Page Three). Study your sheet and have your answers ready for registration day.

Every male and female over 16 years of age must register on August 19th, 20th or 21st. Penalties are provided for failure to attend to this duty. Possession of a card showing registration will be necessary for everyone to go about freely. Registration provides another opportunity to serve on the home front. You can do a share in giving Hitler his answer and completing organization of all power of this Dominion to drive him and his crew from the face of the earth.

We Have Laws

Local experience gives evidence that Section 96 (2) of the Liquor Control Act is only a joke. This section reads: "No person shall be in an intoxicated condition in a public place." It has been so overlooked that it is inoperative, and we do not blame any constable or policeman for winking and turning his back on a drunk, because if they were taken to court they would likely be discharged and the officer would have his trouble for nothing.

We can recall two incidents of drunks being arrested in Acton in the past two years. Sure, there have been lots of drunks on the streets but let us consider the cases where they were brought to court. One broke up a prayer meeting in a local church, spent the night in the cells and was let off the next morning with a warning not to come back.

The most recent case was last week. Three males came into town, and were arrested after they had molested girls in the street and knocked down a

young lad with a blow on the face. Two of them admitted guilt of being drunk. One of the pleaded guilty on an assault charge. They were bound over to keep the peace for a year. One of them was already out on suspended sentence on another charge.

It's about time decent folks were given some protection on the streets and in public places. We could go on. On Saturday we were in Hamilton in a railway station. A drunken man reeled about the waiting room, making a nuisance of himself and accosting travellers, asking for money. Similar experiences could be given in any community. This is a Provincial matter and Premier Hepburn and his Cabinet Ministers might do well to give a little attention to provincial matters for a change. Surely public places are to be kept so they can be enjoyed by the public and our streets so that boys and girls can walk them without being molested.

County Council Has the Wider View

It was rather interesting to read of some of the argument put forth by members of County Council, whose vision of the County has narrowed down to that spot in the centre. We congratulate those members who were in the majority and have the conception that Halton reaches from Wellington County, on the north, to Lake Ontario on the south. The comment referred to was in connection with Milton Fair and the usual thought of some that everything should be centred in the County Town.

Milton has a good fair and good equipment. It is well patronized and serves a good farming district. Just why it should have extra help can never be understood by those of us who live outside the influence of the County Town.

Particularly interesting was the statement made by Mr. Robertson that, in his opinion, the County was financially interested in Halton County Fair. . . . Halton Fair grounds, situated in Milton, carry a mortgage and if Halton County Fair should shut up shop, this property would immediately become a charge on the County.

In just what way this would happen, Mr. Robertson did not explain. Surely, with the County of Halton now owning the Park and buildings immediately in front of the County Buildings and maintaining it out of funds raised by the whole of the County—from Wellington to the Lakeshore—the County Council would not allow itself to become financially interested in another park in Milton. We cannot conceive that Milton folk would expect it.

We congratulate County Council that the majority have a wider-view of the confines of Halton County. We feel that other municipalities would join us in extending a welcome to Mr. Robertson and those who share his viewpoint, to see the beautiful parks in Oakville, Burlington, Georgetown and Acton, that are maintained at the expense solely of these municipalities and without County assistance. Surely Milton will resent this assumption that it too cannot maintain a park without County help.

EDITORIAL NOTES

To escape criticism, live openly. Who ever heard any scandal about a goldfish?

Keep accumulating War Savings Stamps. Shopping in Acton offers one method to add to the collection.

Saturday night in Acton resembles a re-union or Fair night. Folks are entering into the spirit of the contest with real interest.

Indication of establishment of new industry in Acton carried a good deal of local excitement during the week. It is to be hoped the plans materialize and it will be quite an acquisition.

Appreciation of a band in Acton was evident on Saturday night. This is the first year that Acton has not had a band since many of us can remember, and we miss those summer band concerts.

Be careful when bathing. Drowning accidents are all too frequent these days. Several have been narrowly averted right in Acton, where it is comparatively safe. If you can't swim don't venture beyond your depth.

Revenues from motor vehicle registrations and gasoline taxes in Canada in 1939 totalled \$79,915,492, of which \$27,961,132 was from registrations and \$51,954,360 from gasoline taxes. In 1938 the total for registrations was \$26,230,196 and the gasoline taxes \$41,247,688, making a total revenue of \$67,477,884.

The Department of Highways has revised their description of No. 25 Highway. It now reads: "Milton north for seven miles, gravel good. Seven miles north of Milton to Acton, gravel, rough in places, drive carefully." It's easier, apparently, to revise the description than make the road decent. Just why the seven miles nearest Acton is left the roughest is not explained.

YOUR PRODUCER IS . . . SYDNEY BROWN

There is nothing parochial about Sydney S. Brown. He has lived in many places on three continents since his birth in Sydney, Australia, at the moment when the mauve decade was bowing out elegantly in favor of the 20th Century.

At the death of his lovely Swiss mother, his English father took him to Manchester. There was a trip to Switzerland, to see his grandparents before school started in London. His next move was to Canada, equipped with two trunks full of outlandish garments, an automatic pistol and a flute. His first job was on a farm in the Peace River district, and his first pay was translated into chewing tobacco. At 17, he joined the 66th Infantry Regiment of Edmonton and proceeded with the Canadians to tackle the first Great War. He was



transferred to the Mounted Engineers, lost his horse in France, ended up as a dispatch rider with the Army of Occupation in Germany. Was honorably discharged in 1919, at the ripe old age of 26.

In the army he had been a member of a famous concert party, a rival of the Dumbells. After demobilization, he went to New York where he studied at engineering at Cooper Union, produced community shows, tried to conduct a business, financed by his devoted parents, hated it, slid into rickia because he read poetry so touchingly that broadest official wept.

First fame in Canadian radio was in 1935-36 when he received thousands of letters in appreciation of his constructive and entertaining job as Uncle Jack, entrepreneur of the capital's gifted young "Stars of Tomorrow." Next, he took on that brotherly task of the CBC Northern Messenger Service, and for the past four years he has spread good cheer across the land of the midnight sun. Every man and woman in the Arctic is his sworn friend. Among his most treasured gifts (and he received them by the bagful) is a seal-skin rug from a small group of nurses at Tanqurung. And then there's the old army tunic he wore on a certain date in 1918 that he would not sell if he were starving.

What manner of man is this globe-trotter who settles behind a control room window after crossing half a dozen seas, living in half a hundred cities in Europe, Australasia and North America? He measures 5 feet 6 inches, weighs 145 pounds, is tanned deep bronze winter and summer, and his blue-grey eyes tell what his tongue withholds about the adventures he has known. He has a way with children and beast, a love of fine literature, a palate for delectable food, a sound knowledge of music and a hand that busies itself with gadgets of his own invention. He loves the drama of life and the drama of radio when it's true to life. He is producer of the CBC feature drama series, "They Shall Not Pass." His integrity is personal as well as professional. He would sooner listen than talk; he would rather have a story written about his dog Mike than make the headlines himself.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK By R.I. SCOTT



CROSSES ARE OFFERED AT LONELY SPOTS WHERE TRAVELERS HAVE DIED.

THE HOOD OF AN ARAB'S GARMENT PROTECTS HIM BOTH FROM THE MORNING AND NIGHT COLD, AND THE HEAT OF THE MID-DAY SUN.

SPIRIT BOARDS ARE CARRIED BY NEW GUINEA NATIVES TO FRIGHTEN AWAY EVIL SPIRITS.

Defence Ministers Pledge Themselves to Untiring Effort

Hon. J. L. Ralston, Minister of National Defence, has sent this message to the officers and men of Canada's Naval, Military and Air Forces: "I have just taken over the post of Minister of National Defence. My colleague, the Minister of National Defence for Air, and the Honorable A. L. Macdonald, Minister Designate of National Defence for Naval Services, joins with me in sending you this message. We are workers together in the biggest task which Canada has ever undertaken. World conditions make it impossible to tell with any certainty what lies ahead of us. No man can foretell what will be required of this nation. Our job is to be prepared for whatever may come. The foundation of that preparation is physical fitness and discipline and training in the basic principles of the fighting services. Then with that foundation training in any arm of any special branch can be readily added. The Department of National Defence must spare no effort to provide the personnel and manpower. The task of providing equipment is not being allowed to lag for a moment. The abrupt cutting off of major sources of supply and the greatly increased requirements which the changes in the last two months have called for are making tremendous demands on purely Canadian production. We ask everybody to make the very best use of the things we have and to use their brains and ingenuity to improve and keep going at full speed even when complete supplies are not available. We did that in the last war and we can do it again. We know that every officer and man will work as he has never worked before. The enemy works Sundays and holidays as well as week days, and nights as well as days. And so shall we because victory depends directly on the untiring energy and effort of us all. Major Power, Mr. Macdonald and I pledge you the very best we can give in this great undertaking."

So They Say . . . !

"We have learned that the force of law is a better thing than the law of force." Hon. J. A. MacKinnon, Minister of Trade and Commerce.

"We are not refugees. A refugee is someone who runs away from something. We're not running from anything. I didn't want to leave England—my dad sent me." Ten-year-old English evacuee in Montreal.

"Ah! those politicians! How we wish-ed for them in Dunkirk!" French officer stranded in England.

"The meat rationing scheme is fine. Fine. But it doesn't go far enough. I'd abolish meat altogether. The nation would be much better without it. True, no doubt, that beef made Old England what it is. But just look what it is!" —George Bernard Shaw (a vegetarian).

"The British income tax has rapidly departed from its title of tax on income, and has practically become the most painful form of Capital Punishment." —Capt. Montague Evans.

"Britain must fight now with brass knuckles." —News-Chronicle, London, England.

"Sailors no longer have sweethearts in every port, but are studious gentlemen, who act just like other tourists." —Capt. William G. Tyrrell, of Boston.

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"We have been led by men with the hearts of rabbits." —A French soldier.

PLANES BUILT FOR TRAINING PLAN

Coupled with the statement that the production of that type of plane is being increased substantially, the Department of Munitions and Supply announced that more than 20 per cent. of the 808 elementary training aircraft required for the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan have already been delivered. The accelerated schedule calls for the completion of the order about the end of the year.

THE LAST STRAW

Father—Look here, Emma Jean, I don't mind your sitting up late with that young man of yours, but I do object to his taking the morning paper when he goes.

R.C.M.P. Board Dutch Vessel



Before passing the wind-swept Atlantic gat way to and on Canada, boats from all parts of the world must undergo a close inspection by officers of the Royal Navy. A lieutenant of the R.C.N. is shown, right, as he boards a freighter, his briefcase slung over his shoulder. Inside the shipper's cabin, upper left, the officers tell all about their vessel. When the young examining officer has finished his job, there will be no doubt as to whether the visitor is a friend or foe. The formalities of examination completed, the boarding party rolls away while the incoming freighter, lower left, slowly moves toward the harbor. Within a few seconds shore batteries, navy authorities—and all others responsible for the defence of the harbor will know that the visitor has received a clean bill of health.

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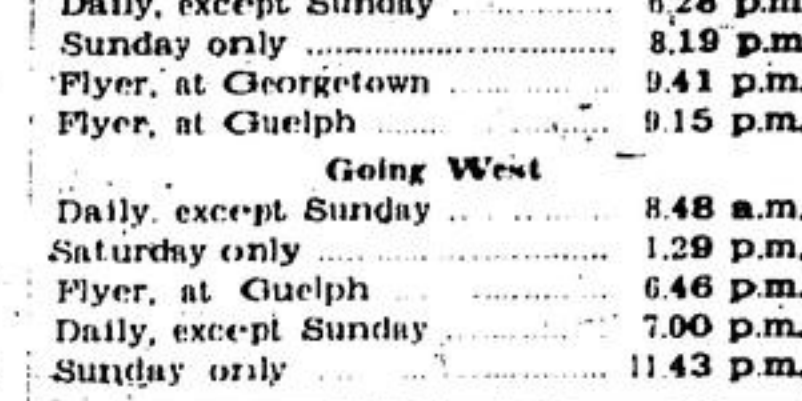
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GRAY COACH LINES

COACHES LEAVE ACTON Standard Time

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Wife Preservers



Keep a jar of plumper of sugar syrup in the refrigerator to use in making cold summer drinks. It eliminates waste and the difficulty of removing caked sugar from the bottoms of glasses when drinking.