



The Acton Free Press

Published Every Thursday at Acton, Ontario. Authorized as second class mail, Post Office Department, Ottawa.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES—\$4.00 per year in advance. United States per additional. Single copies 5c. Both old and new addresses should be given when change of address is requested.

ADVERTISING RATES—On application and as given in various columns headings.

Although every precaution will be taken to avoid error, the Free Press accepts no liability for any error in any advertisement published hereunder unless error in any advertisement is requested in writing by the advertiser and returned to the Free Press business office duly signed by the advertiser and with such error corrections plainly noted in writing thereon and in that case, if any error is noted in such a correction, the Free Press, its liability shall not exceed such a proportion of the entire cost of such advertisement as the space occupied by the noted error bears to the whole space occupied by such advertisement.

G. ARLOF DILLS, Editor.

TELEPHONES—Editorial and Business Office Residence



If Toronto, Why Not Acton?

Towns and cities are planning many improvements in these post-war days and most of us are getting anxious to see their fulfillment. Votes taken on questions for municipal improvements receive splendid public endorsement for instance, the big majority of those here who favored the installation of sewers and construction of a sewage disposal plant.

Likewise in Toronto, the electors there by a good majority (of the 25 per cent. who voted), favored the construction of a rapid transit system. There was a difference, though, in Toronto and such municipalities as ours. Toronto expects Dominion and provincial governments to assist them with their project. Some of us who live out in smaller towns fail to find justification in it and we hope that the same holds true of governments and Toronto gets no more than other municipalities.

If Toronto is to receive government aid for its subways, municipalities like Acton should receive assistance for construction of their sewage disposal system. We don't need rapid transit systems here because we didn't get government help to build more houses to have more people to have to take them to and fro every day. But we have so many people using a municipal water system that we desperately need a method of disposal beside septic tanks. Toronto has had sewers for years, and chlorinated water. We don't mind being a little behind in securing conveniences but we don't like having Toronto get help from Dominion and provincial governments to which all contribute and then being charged seven cents to ride on their transportation system as well.

If Toronto's rapid transit system is to be government endowed, why can't Acton's sewers receive similar aid? Our need is greater. Maybe our representatives in Dominion and provincial governments will tell us how they feel about this viewpoint? And if representatives across Canada from rural centres stick together on this question, cities won't be the only places that will go forward.

A New Editor's Chair

Post-Christmas inventory and use of some of the gifts received brings many reflections and often much praise for the thoughtfulness of the giver or sometimes givers. For instance, few readers will know that there's a new editorial chair for the editor of the home-town paper. Not many folks see the editor's chair except the staff of the paper. So the staff of the Acton and Milton papers decided the editor needed a new chair and on using it for a week or so with recollection on the many quirks of the old chair, we do appreciate more and more their thoughtfulness. It is not so big as the old chair and we fit it better. It isn't so likely to let go and leave one in almost any posture except a dignified one. We feel more secure in our seat—sort of a senatorial feeling.

But with the new chair, we had to put the old one aside. Yes, that's just what we did—put it to one side of the desk and it still remains in the office. Some day it will go further away but not just now. You see, when we started the printing business as a lad, say thirty-five years ago, that piece of furniture was the editor's chair. It wasn't so loose in the joints then. One could tilt back in it with a sense of security of not being let down. It spun then as one swivelled away from the desk. Not that we sat in it much at that time but we know its good behavior fairly well.

Before it came into our possession it had on many occasions let the editor down badly as it has since sent us sprawling. But somehow we never thought of buying a new chair. We've bought many new conveniences for the shop and machinery to in-

crease and make production easier. We've replaced machinery costing many times the price of the editor's chair but it never occurred to us to replace the editor's chair.

Now, fortunately, others have seen the need which escaped our notice. We write from a firmer foundation. There should be an improvement. At any rate the staff of both the Acton and Milton office have done their part. It's a silly idea of ours not to put the old chair out of the office but we suppose it's been here for fifty years and if we don't oust it someone else will do it promptly after they sit in it a couple of times.

A Vital Service

Weather is officially public property again. Not that it hasn't always been a topic for conversation but the war's end brought about the removal of censorship restrictions. Now information on winds, temperatures, humidity and forecasts is anybody's for the asking.

To the average person such free service may mean only fuller reports and forecasts in newspapers and on the radio. But for others something new has been added. It is possible that within the next few years complete week-end forecasts for holiday-ers will be issued. The present system of detailed local coverage for the protection of orchards from sudden spring frosts and fruit crops from wind damage will be extended. Already mothers on the prairies are dressing school children by weather forecasts and keeping them home if blizzards are reported imminent.

Fishermen on Canada's seaboards will follow their calling in greater safety; maintenance of open highways can be better regulated; human activities dependent in any way upon weather conditions can be more comfortably and efficiently carried on as a result of the wide extension of the services of meteorological bureaux and stations in Canada.

The Canadian Army's "Musk-Ox" operation scheduled to start February 14 into the Northwest Territories for the purpose of testing military equipment under extreme weather conditions will be constantly supplied with detailed atmospheric data. The 3,000 mile dip into Canada's frozen northland by men, snowmobiles and supply planes, will permit further weather investigation, and the results of the work are expected to have a bearing on future long-range forecasting and aerial navigation.

The demands of aviation during the war for weather information dotted the rim of Canada's Arctic with observation posts and covered the country with an inter-linking system for the integration and exchange of weather data of all kinds. The whole intricate organization of the meteorological service can now be channeled into peacetime uses. The forecast is that the weather will be taken out of weather.

Reconversion

Some \$45 millions of Crown owned industrial plants had been disposed of by War Assets Corporation as at December 21, according to official figures. Net return to the Crown on these sales is placed at \$17.1 millions or 37.2 per cent. of original stated cost price.

Of the total, \$9.6 millions represents land and buildings which netted 49.5 per cent. or \$4.8 millions. Machinery and equipment whose original cost price was stated to be \$21.8 millions was sold for \$7.6 millions. In addition, \$13.6 millions of complete establishments were sold for \$4.7 millions for a recovery of 34.9 per cent.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Selfishness in democracy is sand in the grass.

1946 will have no opportunity for V-E and V-J holidays and we hope 1946 will make sure that no other year will have the opportunity, either.

If your line fence is a bone of contention, don't heel about it, and get into a stew. Meet your neighbor half way.

The absence of a January thaw last year was made good this January when the thaw was almost a spring clean-up.

This is the time of year when speculation is made on who will be Warden of Halton County in 1946. There will be several new County Councillors and competition will be cut down among the older members.

Tire rationing was another one of the nuisances that was discarded with the old year, and like other restrictions, no one was sorry. Now having the price of tires is about the only stumbling block in this New Year program.

The Smith Falls Record-News last week completed sixty years of publication and at its three-score Editor A. E. Dobbie, well known in this district, is giving that community a splendid and progressive newspaper service. Birthday congratulations and best wishes for many more years for the present editor to guide the destinies of the Record-News.

Livestock Breeders Co-operate in N. S.

Provincial Government Behind Body Formed on Community Basis

HALIFAX (CP) An organization embracing the entire cattle, sheep and swine industry in Nova Scotia has been formed. The organization, the Nova Scotia Livestock Council, will come under the guidance of the provincial government and was announced by Hon. A. W. MacKenzie, minister of agriculture and marketing.

A group of 15 breeders, representing the different breeds of livestock, carried out the initial organization and the council probably will be affiliated with the Nova Scotia Farmers' Association. Breeds will be developed on a community basis and thus certain breeds will be established in definite areas.

The group is planning to use any funds that may be made available through the provincial agricultural department for promotional purposes, rather than for the purchase of land and buildings. Although established breeders will be aided, most attention will be devoted by the new council to rendering any assistance possible to young and enterprising breeders of meat and dairy animals.

RECORD ELK

BANFF, Alta. (CP) Believed to be a record in this district, an elk with a horn-spread of 54 inches was shot by a party of hunters near here. The elk stood 64 inches high and the size of the base of the horn was 13 1/2 inches. The party also bagged a moose which had a horn-spread of 51 inches.

ICE-COLD WATER BAD FOR LIVE STOCK

In the winter time, as well as in summer, a liberal supply of good, clean water is a necessity for all animals on the farm, particularly dairy cows, but ice-cold water should not be put before them. It is important that the chill be taken off drinking water. Apart from the humanitarian point of view, feeding ice-cold water to farm live stock is bad practice. The animals will not drink enough water and the small amount they may drink checks natural functions. Constipation, ill-thrift, and sometimes indigestion follow in the wake.

A heater in the drinking tank will not only avoid much ice-chopping but will contribute decidedly to the health and welfare of the farm stock. Warm water is relaxing and substitutes in part for succulent feed. Half a pail of tepid water has brought many a horse round after an immersion or after a cold hard drive. Swine do poorly on ice-cold drinks. Also many horses suffer from toothache, so that forcing an ice-cold bit between their jaws is an act of unintentional cruelty. Dipping the bit in a bucket of tepid water will obviate any suffering on the part of the horse.

WHEN TURKEYS LAY

It is believed by some breeders that turkey hens will commence to lay earlier in the spring if they are housed in warmer buildings during extremely severe weather and especially from Feb. 1 onwards. At no time should turkeys be housed with chickens because chickens are carriers of blackhead disease although the chickens themselves are seldom affected by it.

Business Directory

MEDICAL

DR. W. G. C. KENNEY, Physician and Surgeon (Successor to Dr. J. A. McNiven) Office in Symon Block, Mill Street, Acton. Office Phone 78—Residence Church St., Phone 180.

DR. H. G. JOYCE, Bachelor of Medicine, Office at R. H. Elliott's Residence Formerly Dr. McNiven's Office Elgin Street, Acton. PHONE 222.

DR. D. A. GARRETT, Physician and Surgeon, Frederick Street, Acton. Formerly Dr. Nelson's office. Phone 238.

DENTAL

DR. HUGH S. AUSTIN, Dental Surgeon, Mill Street, Corner Frederick, Acton. Office Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Evenings by Appointment. Telephone 19.

DR. A. J. BUCHANAN, Dental Surgeon, Office—Leahman Block, Mill Street. Office Hours—9 a.m. to 6 p.m. X-RAY—GAS. TELEPHONE 148.

LEGAL

C. F. LEATHERLAND, B.A., ACTON, Barrister and Solicitor, Notary Public, Issuer of Marriage Licenses, Registrar of Births, Marriages, Deaths. Office 22. Phone. Residence 182.

LANGDON & AYLSWORTH, Barristers, Solicitors, Etc., Offices: Acton Cooper Building, R. MacIntyre Aylsworth, B.A., ACTON. Office 215W. Phone. Residence 211EJ. Georgetown—Gregory Theatre Bldg. Phone 88W.

LEVER & HOSKIN, Chartered Accountants, Successors to JENKINS & HARDY, 1305 Metropolitan Bldg, 44 Victoria St., Toronto. Ely 9131.

VETERINARY

B. D. YOUNG, V.S., B.V.Sc., Veterinary Surgeon, Office: Brookville, Ontario. Phone—Milton 146 R 4. F. G. OAKES, V.S., B.V.Sc., Veterinary Surgeon, Office and Residence—Knox Avenue, Acton—Phone 130.

REAL ESTATE

WILLOUGHBY FARM AGENCY, Largest and Oldest Agency in Canada, Head Office, Kent Bldg., Toronto. Georgetown Representative, Tom Hewson—Phone Georgetown 337.

Real Estate Broker, General Insurance, W.M. R. BRACKEN, PHONE 26—ACTON, ONT.

TIME TABLES

GRAY COACH LINES

COACHES LEAVE ACTON. Eastbound: 8:31 a.m.; 9:16 a.m.; 11:51 a.m.; 2:06 p.m.; 4:56 p.m.; 6:36 p.m.; 9:06 p.m.; 11:11 p.m. Westbound: 10:38 a.m.; 11:43 a.m.; 2:35 p.m.; 4:53 p.m.; 7:33 p.m.; 8:33 p.m.; 9:23 p.m.; 11:28 p.m. a—To London. b—Sundays and Holidays only. x—Daily except Sundays and Holidays. y—To Kitchener. z—To Stratford.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Going West: Daily, except Sunday 0:41 a.m. Saturday only 2:38. Daily, except Sunday 7:48 p.m. Monday, only 12:08 a.m. Daily, except Sunday 1:34 a.m. Flyer, at Georgetown, daily except Sat. and Sun. 6:35 p.m. Flyer, at Guelph, daily except Sat. and Sun. 7:12 p.m. Going East: Daily, except Sunday 6:40 a.m. Daily, except Sunday 9:56 a.m. Daily, except Sunday 6:50 p.m. Sunday, only 8:19 p.m. Flyer, daily, Georgetown 9:25 p.m. Flyer, daily, at Guelph 8:59 p.m.

CARROLL'S SPECIAL VEGETABLE SOUP 2 TINS 15c. ROLLED OATS 4 LB 19c. PEAS 12c. BULBS 15c. JAVEX 14c. All-Bran 21c. GOLDEN TIP TEA 44c. CARROLL'S OWN TEA 38c. OLD DUTCH 10c. SHREDDED 33c. ALMONDS 20c. BABY FOODS 25c. JUICY SEEDLESS GRAPEFRUIT 25c. FRESH SPINACH 25c. NEW GREEN TEXAS CABBAGE 5c. CALIFORNIA ORANGES 33c Doz. Fresh Rhubarb, Cauliflower, Tomatoes, Lettuce, Celery. Green Peas—Special Week-End Prices.