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EDITORIAL

Some Records

There were a couple of records hung up in Acton last Thursday. The arena had a paid crowd of 1660 and for the first time in an O.H.A. group, a team backed by Georgetown put Acton out of the group running.

We had always liberally estimated the capacity of Acton arena at 1600, so that when 1660 paid admissions and another hundred or so were there, it more than justified our calculations and found them short.

Perhaps we should have felt bad to see the other record broken after sixteen years, but after seeing the game last Thursday, we have no regrets. We've seen the Tanners win their group more often than they lost it. We've followed them through play offs and seen them win the Ontario Intermediate B Championship but we never felt any prouder of the Acton team than last Thursday night.

But our pride was not centred in the game or the result particularly. It was in the fact that the Acton team was made up of players who were doing their best in spite of years and overseas service which denied them constant practice. Many of them did not want to turn out again this year. Many of them landed back off the boat and in two days were playing a game. What we liked was this willingness to do their best to keep Acton Tanners in the running. We just want to say thank you all for a swell season. We dare not mention names. Acton Tanners went out of the group this year early but certainly they did not go down in sport and our thanks is to the players and officials of the Acton Athletic Association who carried on. Our cheer from the benches joins those of many more fans for the team we know as all Acton and we admire

Key to Deadlock

How do you deal with deadlock? Some people decide they can't. Or won't. So they leave home, quit their job, "bolt" the convention or go isolationist in world affairs. Some just "grin and bear it" and let the stalemate run on. Other compromise—give in a little so the family, industry, nation or world can begin to function again, but no one is really happy about it. The last resort is to smash the deadlock through divorce, a strike or lockout, a revolution or an atom bomb.

None of these ways exactly leaves the door open to peace. They either leave it locked or make men bitter enough to break it down. A sledge hammer is no answer to deadlock. We need a key.

A wise man once said that "when people close the door on each other, they fasten it with one of seven bolts—pride, anger, sloth, gluttony, lust, envy or malice." The medieval church called these the "Seven Deadly Sins." To-day we might call them the seven deadlock sins for if we track down the cause of an industrial dispute, a family bust-up or even a world war, we usually will find somebody's pride, anger or some other of these motives at the bottom of it. Men trying to work out a deadlock bring these sins into the conference room with them along with their abilities and bright ideas. This suggests the missing key.

The key to deadlock is not compromise or clash, but change. It is willingness to be dead honest with each other, checking up our own faults instead of pointing out the other fellow's.

At the dinner table or the conference table, the man who always wanted to be right will have to change, swallow his pride and admit he was wrong. The man angry at the other fellow will have to see whether, possibly, his anger should be redirected at himself. Men who envy each other will have to drop their tug of war and start pulling as a team. The key in every case is simple but expensive.

It hurts to swallow pride. There is always pain in change. But it is also painful to smash deadlocks and it leaves sore heads. We might as well choose "growing pains" and end the deadlock with a cure instead of with a broken principle, a broken home, a tied-up industry or broken skulls.

Quit the Camouflage

The fight between two radio stations over the broadcasting of a program by a brewer is, to say the least, amusing. CBC officials turned down the program and CFRB is broadcasting "Ontario Holiday". The sponsor's name is mentioned once on the program.

The amusing part is the elastic definition of advertising. We understand all advertising of intoxicating beverages is illegal in Canada. CBC interprets that law as we do, that all advertising paid for by brewers and distillers is advertising of these interests and their business. But CFRB and the majority of newspapers take a different interpretation and if it's called "Ontario Holiday" or some other name it is no longer liquor advertising.

It's about time that an interpretation was given by the government that made the ruling. From our own viewpoint, we don't care, because we will not accept advertising from the brewers and distillers that carries their name or their products. Without a doubt it's advertising. We carry plenty of advertisements every week that contain only the name and nature of the business carried on and it's advertising the firm's products and paid for as such. You can't talk Victory Loan or Ontario Holiday or any other name on it and say it's not advertising the liquor business when the name of the maker appears in it.

We Can Dream, Can't We?

Now that Groundhog Day is past with its varying reports on whether he saw his shadow, the usual thing for those of us who don't ski or sell coal is to wait more or less impatiently for the first robin to herald spring.

But hardy birds who flaunt red breasts against the snow are proving the robin no more dependable a harbinger than the groundhog. So as it is to realize, they are both puffed-up frauds who would have lost their reputation years ago but for naive or newsless newspaper feature writers.

Much more reliable is the average garden-tending, lawn-cutting male, now plodding half-heartedly through the snow-shovelling winter days. The mere fact that he is thoroughly-tired of the snow he welcomed last November is in itself a more reliable tip that spring is coming than anything a robin or groundhog can produce.

Soon he will cock a speculative eye through frosted windows toward the garden and talk grandly of what will be done about a new fence, a larger vegetable plot and perhaps, yes, almost surely, an arbor.

The next stage is an almost irresistible impulse to rake the winter's debris from the lawn while it still holds patches of snow. Before long our gardening male is pausing on his way to the furnace to clean last summer's caked dirt from a hole, coil the hose he dropped in a corner in September and read advertisements about the new rubber-tired aluminum lawn mowers.

If he is a golfing, lawn-bowling, or fishing male he gives infallible indication that warmer weather is on the way when he spends evenings fondling the tools of his sport.

And when he actually ventures into the garden with digging fork and rake, believe it, spring is just around the corner.

Short winter, wasn't it?

Only 15 Millions in 2000 A. D.?

A rude shock to planners of Canada's future has come from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in an estimate that the Dominion's population will be only 15 millions by the end of the century. Unless buoyed up by immigration or a swing to larger (and healthier) families, the estimate shows Canada's population will increase less than 25 per cent. in the next 54 years. The estimate predicts fairly rapid growth to 14.6 millions by 1971, followed by a flattening-out in the next 30 years and a declining trend after 2000 A. D. The trend would be accompanied by a marked increase in the average age of Canadians—unless immigration or a higher rate of fertility come to the rescue.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Men really begin to feel equal when they're all at the end of their rope.

Highway travel in this district has been remarkable this year in that there was not a single day when travel was completely stalled.

The boys and girls who received skis and toboggans for Christmas haven't had much use of them but then last winter was different.

Now that the ladies have their nylons, perhaps some attention can be given to producing large size fine all wool socks for men—and then we'll join the line-up.

Stress Importance Of Fruit Products

Horticultural Council to Survey Distribution to Rural Areas

OTTAWA (CP) The economic committee of the Canadian Horticultural Council has recommended that a survey be made to determine to what extent rural areas and centres are receiving supplies of various fruits and if they are inadequate.

The committee, reporting to the council's annual meeting here recently, said there had been suggestions that in many parts of Canada, particularly rural areas, villages and towns, consumers did not use much fruit because of "inefficient distribution."

The committee also reported that if forecasts which have been made of employment possibilities in Canada for 1946 are realized, the domestic market this year and probably for the next two or three years "should absorb such great quantities of fruits and vegetables."

"The need of these products in our diets is being stressed more and more," said the committee. "They are classed among the 'protective' foods which are essential to buoyant health and maximum efficiency. The amount of these foods purchased by consumers is closely related to the income of the household and therefore full employment should mean excellent markets."

"The further extension of knowledge of the value of these commodities in the diet must continue. Our per capita consumption of fresh and canned fruits and vegetables (except potatoes) was far below that of the United States and lower than that of the United Kingdom in pre-war years. It is still much below that of the United States," the committee

GOOD TIME NOW TO FIX HARNESS

Except for those now busy at work in the woods, most farmers are able to give their horses a bit of a rest during the winter. And while the harness is not in steady use, many farmers take this opportunity of getting it in shape.

It is worthwhile to take harness apart and soak it well in warm water and washing soda. After that, borrow the wife's washboard and give the harness a good scrubbing. Then, when it is thoroughly clean, the harness can be soaked in oil.

During the past year, it may have been found necessary to make home repairs to the harness. These may have been times when it has been mended with nail or wire or a break fastened with rivets or even with binder twine. These emergency repairs were stop-pays only and probably would not stand up under the strain of another season's work. These temporary repairs can now be made permanent by taking the harness to a harness shop before the harness maker is swamped with spring orders.

Canada's Original Aromatic Pipe Tobacco. OLD CHUM

CARROLL'S MAN! WHAT A SCRUMPTIOUS MEAL! FLOUR, SYRUP, BEANS, etc.

CARROLL'S Coffee, JAVEX, SUPER SUDS, WHEATLETS, etc.

HEINZ SOUP, Juicy California ORANGES, Waxed Table TURNIPS, etc.

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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.; 6:26 p.m.; 9:06 p.m.; 11:11 p.m. Westbound: 8:10 a.m.; 11:43 a.m.; 2:35 p.m.; 5:13 p.m.; 7:31 p.m.; 8:33 p.m.; 9:23 p.m.; 11:28 p.m.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS. Going West: Daily, except Sunday 8:41 a.m.; Saturday only 2:36 p.m.; 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 6:49 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 8:35 p.m.; Flyer, daily, at Guelph 8:50 p.m.