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EDITORIAL

Perhaps the most interesting papers that came into the office last week were from the three hockey towns, Barrie, Acton and Georgetown," says the Fergus News-Record and then a rather lengthy article goes on in a paternal analysis of the three papers and their sports comment.

We use the word paternal as it seems to best describe the item which had extracts such as, "Two of them were jubilant, the other sad in a proud sort of way . . . When Acton failed to make the grade, a quick switch in the headings offered congratulations to the Sundridge Beavers and the Acton Tanners. That was quick thinking and a nice gesture as well . . . But the fact that Georgetown installed artificial ice—quite an undertaking for a town smaller than Fergus—is an indication of the way Georgetown people enjoy hockey, and support their team . . . But it might be added that the Acton Free Press in its reports of the final series last week was strictly fair and impartial. Maybe the biased write-ups of earlier games were just done to create local enthusiasm and swell the gate receipts."

Maybe that thistle that appears on the Fergus News-Record has more than Scottish significance. As a youngster we've brushed with such sticky things in the country before. But the hockey season is over and we'll leave it to the Georgetown Herald and the Fergus News Record to argue over which is the smaller town. The statistics we have give Georgetown the edge in population and acreage.

Almost overlooked the last paragraph from the Fergus paper: "It might be added that Acton won the Intermediate B title in 1939; Elora won it in 1938 and Durham took it in 1936. Fergus has never reached the finals."

Back Shop

Perhaps we may be forgiven if once in a while we "talk shop" in these columns. We're always interested in affairs of community and country but the business of producing newspapers and printing does occupy most of our time. We sometimes think these days that the business of being in business occupies too much time and doesn't leave sufficient over for the business of living. But that isn't the text we started out to discuss.

Last summer we seemed to be in quite a whirl getting ready to go west and after two weeks away in a whirl to get those weeks caught up. Then new presses that were badly needed came along in December and we started in with a vengeance to clear up the accumulation of work and keep abreast of the present orders. We're sorry that several times during this period we couldn't give the service to which patrons of our commercial printing department were accustomed but every issue of the home town paper came out on schedule.

This week the skies seemed to brighten and on the week-end we overtook the backlog of work. When Henry Ford made his millionth car he broadcast free pictures for every newspaper to publicize the event. When the Polymer Corporation turned out its millionth pound of synthetic rubber, newspapermen were invited for an inspection of the plant. When we completed on Saturday the millionth label printed in three colors and numbered for one of our many good customers, we heaved a sigh of relief and went home. Those million labels were handled from last fall until last Saturday in addition to a multitude of other orders. After this we'll speak with more respect of a million.

We're just a little proud of our staff and equipment. All the finances that were left after we paid our income tax and cashed our savings has gone into new equipment, which includes two automatic presses, a new casting box for stereotyping, a router and several other

items to improve our printed product. In the midst of all this we changed the size of the newspaper and made the column width standard. We're hoping to ease off a bit now that summer's here and we know from henceforth we can serve you better. We beg your pardon if we've given free publicity to our product but after all, motor car magnates and corporations ask us to do it for them free and they have plenty of funds to pay for it.

Hydro in the Political Arena

The Toronto Telegram sounds a note of warning regarding Hydro and politics that might well be heeded by Ontario and all parties given to understand that this great public utility should be divorced from politics. Here is the Telegram's editorial:

"Notwithstanding Premier Drew's elaborate argument that his government must have a public mandate to put through the Hydro expansion program, including the conversion of the Niagara distributing system from 25 to 60 cycle, it is difficult to discover any real reason for the general election which he has called. The Hydro Electric Commission has made other large expenditures in the past without asking a vote of the people and it could do so again. The necessity of developing new sources of electric energy is so apparent that no sensible person would attempt to block it. Although there are differences of opinion on the wisdom of converting the Niagara system from 25 to 60 cycle current it is a technical question and scarcely one for the electors. It can hardly be made a campaign issue since the Liberal and C.C.F. opposition groups in the Assembly would for the bill to permit the change-over.

"Whatever other reasons Premier Drew may have for calling an election at this time it is unwise to attempt to make Hydro the issue when it isn't one. The danger is that Hydro will be thrown into the political arena where it should not be.

"The public will rightly conclude there was no real reason for holding a general election at this time when the present government could continue in office for two years more. Mr. Drew has an overwhelming majority in the Assembly. None of his government's policies have been seriously challenged in the session which has concluded. The only justifiable conclusion that can be reached is that the Premier sees an opportunity to win an easy victory and he has taken it. The election will cost more than a million dollars and it is very questionable whether this amount should be spent when there is no justification for it.

"Had there been any question as to public confidence in the government; had its policies been seriously questioned in the legislature, there would have been more reason for an appeal to the people than now appears."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Over four and a half million Canadians own about \$12 billions of life insurance, equal to almost \$1,000 per person.

Brampton is planning to instal artificial lighting on the baseball diamond. It's interesting to note the cost is in the neighborhood of \$3,000.

Mother's Day a week from Sunday. An early reminder may be helpful to living mothers who might have things other than flowers that are appreciated.

These are the days when it's just good to be out-of-doors and the urge is to get away from even spring housecleaning that may appear to be related to indoor activity.

We've known folks for whom May 1st held special significance each year. The streams ought to be in fair condition for Saturday and the opening of the trout fishing season.

Suppose a sigh of relief is appropriate. The income tax returns are away and at least there's the assurance that one won't hear about them again for a couple of years.

A cocktail lounge in Toronto, with an investment of \$100,000, made a profit of \$90,000 in nine months. What in the world are we doing in the newspaper business? asks the Chesley Enterprise.

Daylight saving came into effect on Sunday and by Monday most everyone was fairly well adjusted. The evenings are of such length that little excuse is left for leaving undone the garden work.

One of the news articles coming to our desk the other day referred to appointments being made by Councils to the "Grand River Conservative Commission." We hastened to make correction before it appeared in print. Conservative and Conservative are words apt to be confused.

Recollections of Acton
BACK IN 1898

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of April 26th 1898.

War has been declared. Spain and the United States are now in active conflict on the seas. Firstbrook's fish pond is to be opened to the disciples of Isaac Walton this season. It is well stocked with very fine "speckled beauties."

A fair entertained a crowd at the Mill and Main St. corner Monday night. He pretended to swallow Jack knives and various other indigestibles. He raked in the shekels for trinkets.

The crokinole concert under the auspices of the Crokinole Club on Monday evening was a decided success. The A.D.C. Quartette sang three selections. Mr. Harry Jeans sang a solo; Mr. W. Stark read a selection from the "Pickwick Papers." Music was supplied by the Arthur's family string band, the Jubilee Orchestra, and Mr. J. C. Hill's parlour orchestra.

One of Acton's oldest and best known landmarks has had ruthless hands placed upon it during the past week. The old edifice has been used by Knox Church congregation as a place of worship for half a century. The building was, however, valueless in its dismantled state and Mr. John Cameron, who purchased it, will put it to very worthy use. The front section has been removed to a line with the dwellings on Main St. and will be converted into comfortable homes.

BORN
FORBES—In Acton on Thursday, April 14th to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Forbes—a son.

BACK IN 1928

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 3rd, 1928

Numbers of local fishermen got pretty fair catches of trout on Tuesday morning.

Prizes given for essays, posters, etc. for the W.C.T.U. contest will be presented at a meeting on Friday evening. In the Middle School, Frank Cook, Roberta Michie and Mae Stewart were the winners. In the Lower School, Barbara Guthrie, Helen Oatman and Katherine Stewart won and in the poster contest, the highest were Barbara Guthrie, Frederick Harrop and Kathleen Molozie.

News reached Acton friend last week of the sudden death of Mr. John McGrail of Hastings. For a number of years Mr. McGrail was superintendent of the Beardmore business here.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Mason have taken up residence in Acton, having moved from Kitchener, where they resided for several years.

MARRIED
ELLARBY-JOE—At Knox Church, Acton, on Saturday, April 28, 1928, by Rev. A. C. Stewart, M.A., Blanche Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Joe, Esquimaux Township, to Ronald Herbert Ellarby of Toronto.

DIED
WEBSTER—At Norval on Tuesday, May 1, 1928, Sheriff Samuel Webster, M.D., in his 86th year.

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F. W. B. FITZGERALD,
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