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EDITORIAL

The Reasoning Back of Our Stand

At the risk of becoming monotonous we again inject into our editorial columns that contentious question, "The High School District in North Halton". The news columns give a report elsewhere of a meeting held in Stewartrtown and since we have consistently been an advocate of the Central School plan as opposed to other plans we desire to state briefly as possible our reasons for adherence to this plan for one High School in the centre of the district, as opposed to other suggestions that have been put forth.

In the first place a central school, of course, can only mean one established in the centre of the district to be served. Two straight lines drawn from the four corners of the two townships of North Halton show the centre of this district to be just north of Speyside.

At the meeting last week it was argued by members of Council and financial advisers that not one of the urban centres of North Halton was in a financial condition to issue the debentures for the erection of a central school. We agree with that statement. No one at the meeting argued contrary to that opinion. Esquing Township financially and geographically is the logical location for the school.

Our first reason for a central High School was, of course, better educational facilities and a school of sufficient size to give advantages comparable with those offered by city schools and by those schools established in the south end of Halton County. Then there was the consideration for rural pupils in equal balance with town pupils. It is no more hardship for town pupils to travel a few miles than for country pupils to travel equal miles to school. All should have equal advantages regardless of home location.

Our reasoning also was broader than the needs of High School and we viewed with concern the public schools in North Halton particularly in Milton and Acton since these are the only towns in the North Halton District. Both have overcrowded and rather old school buildings, both must acquire more space almost immediately. Both towns have financial problems, including payment and installation of sewers to consider.

For Acton we envisioned the taking over of the present High School building for public school purposes. This would give the required class rooms of good construction to fill the need until finances allowed an entire new modern Public School. It would provide rooms for the teaching of manual training and household courses in the upper grades. We hoped for improved educational facilities for all the children from 5 years to High School graduation.

For Milton we hoped the Public School would acquire the present High School building at moderate cost. It would give the spare necessary for kindergarten classes and the teaching of manual training and household courses in Public School forms that are now being conducted under very unsatisfactory conditions. Our educational outlook was for all Milton children from kindergarten to High School graduation.

We presume Georgetown has had similar growth as in Acton and Milton and is faced with the same problems, but since they had chosen to stay out of the district we gave no thought to their problem.

We have travelled the road pretty regularly on which Speyside is located for the past five years. Perhaps more regularly than anyone else; in all kinds of weather and often at night under worse conditions than any school bus would be called upon to operate. We've weighed all the argument for and against the central school plan, and in a give and take spirit, forgetting all local prejudices, we find the balance largely in favour of the school centrally located, on Highway 25 near Speyside. Further argument might be found in the improvement now being done on this road and the fact that it will be in first class condition long before any central school could be completed.

We have no quarrel with those who view the problem in another light. It has been drawn to our attention that we are stubborn and our attitude in not urging construction of another High School at Acton is not understandable. We have endeavoured to present our reasoning as concisely as possible. Our aim has always been for better education of all the children of North Halton and our hope has been that local prejudices would be forgotten to reach this higher goal.

We will be glad to accord to anyone else interested in the subject space for the expression of their views in the column "Letters to the Editor" whether they are in accord with ours or not. The question is an important public issue. We do not believe the Ontario Department of Education is very indefinite in its program and we do deplore the delay of the presentation of the report of the Royal Commission on Education appointed some years ago. We apologize to our readers for dealing with the subject at such length and for the exclusion of other editorial subjects of importance but it's not sensible for an editor to write under "Letters to the Editor" and after all these are only the opinions and reasoning of the editor on one of many local subjects.

For Cleaner Beer Parlours

Even the temperance forces which oppose the existence of beverage rooms will surely welcome the campaign launched by the brewing and hotel industries of Ontario to clean up licensed premises. Whether it is desirable or undesirable to sell beer and liquor to the public in licensed premises, such sale is legal in most provinces of Canada. And if it is going to be done at all, it should be done well.

There are too many beverage rooms throughout Ontario, not only in Ontario, which are themselves degrading. Many people who find nothing degrading about drinking a glass of beer find it thoroughly unwholesome to sit in a "beer parlour" for half an hour. Many others will go and drink their glass whatever the surroundings are like. But to suppose that it is in the interests of temperance to keep the "beer parlours" dirty, unmanly and sordid is to pile one evil on another.

Since people are going to drink beer where ever it is legal (and in some places where it is not), it is desirable that the legal places should be as well conducted, as clean, and as attractive as they can be made. Those who see nothing wrong with beer drinking may find much that is wrong with some of the premises where it is permitted. Those who think that beer-drinking is wrong in itself should be anxious at least to make it as little degrading as possible. Financial Post.

It's a Long Job

The Bowmanville Statesman editorially last week discussed the need for re-assessment every ten years and says:

"Re-assessment of a community along the lines laid down by the Department of Municipal Affairs is not something that can be accomplished in a short time, in fact, without extra help, it would probably be impossible to do it in one year, but once the system is established it should be comparatively easy to keep the records up from year to year."

Speaking from experience in Halton, brother, it sure can't be done in a short time! It started in this County about five years ago and no one dares to predict that the job will be done in the next five years. Yes, it's under the County Assessor plan with all the information. It's a great theory but in the meantime tax rates are high and unequal waiting for the big task to be finished and the assessment brought up to date.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Last week's showers broke the long drought and the rainfall was music to the ears of most everyone and the cooler weather has been a delight to all ages.

We're doing our best to get all printing orders rushed out before the annual week's holiday but sometimes it just seems impossible and after all the staff have made their arrangements to start holidays a week from Saturday and they'll be back on August 2nd—missing one issue of your local paper.

Watch out for pedestrians who don't watch out for themselves. They may be in the wrong, but the Department of Highways reminds you that it may haunt you the rest of your life if you make them dead wrong! Remember: pedestrians are people—human like you. They don't always think—so be sure that you do.

We get several enquiries each week on the road conditions on Highway No. 25. The conditions change from day to day and it's best to remember this road will be under construction all this season and as such travelling will not be good at any time. The section from No. 10 to Milton is good. The rest is barely passable.

Recollections of Acton
BACK IN 1899

Taken from the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, July 14, 1899

New stone crossings are being put in around town. They are quite an improvement. Business is brisk in the Glove Shop at present. The hatters and makers are working overtime. A new boiler has been put in at the Acton Tanning Co's tannery, the past week. It is over 100 horse power and is perhaps the largest in town. New filter beds are also being built below the tannery and a road cut to them.

On Monday afternoon while Mr Angus McEachern was helping to tear down the old barn of Mr Keith, he was struck by a tree and knocked from the building unconscious. It will be some time before he will be able to resume work.

At his father's home, McLaughlin, George, first oldest son of Dr. and Mrs. Hayden, died last Tuesday at the age of eight years. One of the tubes of the boiler at Arnold's factory blew out on Saturday, consequently work was discontinued for a couple of hours.

BACK IN 1929

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, July 11th, 1929

Acton Orangemen will participate in the Orange demonstration at Georgetown tomorrow. The heavy rains knocked down the winter wheat in some places, but not much damage was done.

Messrs. Wm. Watson, H. E. Harrison, Thos. Watson and Roy C. L. Poole went to Stratford on Tuesday evening and won the challenge trophy from a rink of Stratford bowlers.

The Sunday School Prizes were held yesterday, when Knox Church went to Edgewood Park and the United Church to Riverside Park, Guelph.

BORN
 In Esquing on Thursday, July 8th, 1929 to Mr. and Mrs. William Burton a son, VANCOUZEN. At St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, on Friday, July 11th, 1929 to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Vanover a son.

MARRIED
 At the United Church, Esquing, on Tuesday, July 9th, 1929 by the Rev. J. H. Vanover, third daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. Caldwell to Mr. Earl H. Vanatter, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Vanatter, of Georgetown.

WORLD CLIENTELE FOR ENGLAND'S LAST COTTAGE WEAVER
 One man in a quiet East England town is earning Britain enough dollars to buy in the dollar market sufficient bacon to keep 200,000 people in rations for one week. He is A. J. Jarvis, last of a line of Lavenham weavers who once made the town the most famous centre in the world for fine handwoven cloth. Today his cottage loom is supplying Savile Row, London, and exclusive tailoring centres overseas each year with 5,000 yards of the finest wool cloth suit lengths, tweeds, scarves, and so on. Due to the perfection of his cloth, Mr. Jarvis' clientele is spread all over the world from the Middle East to America and to the Far East. He pursues his craft in a simple domestic atmosphere; in a kitchen adjacent his workshop his wife carries on the household duties while he weaves secret patterns from 12 to 14 hours daily.

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