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G. ARTHUR DILLES, Editor

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**A Community Example**

We attended the past week the centennial events of Nassagaweya Township and are more convinced than ever that every community should mark birthdays or some occasion that will warrant a reunion at least every twenty-five years. Some will argue such a community event should be every ten years and we won't offer serious argument if workers can be secured for such a task every decade.

Every community owes to its sons and its daughters an opportunity to gather in the old home centre and renew friendships and when the opportunity is presented every son and daughter should make every effort to attend.

We can have nothing but admiration for the way in which Nassagaweya Township tackled its birthday celebration. Here is a community whose centre apparently had no facilities for such a gathering at Brookville. It meant the preparing of roads, parking field, playing field, stage, spectator seating, catering, etc., in addition to planning the celebration and Nassagaweya folks did it and did it well. If other communities want to know how, perhaps there are some folks who can explain how the task was accomplished. Our observance was that hard work and community spirit put the task over but, of course leadership must have been given too and although he would likely volubly disclaim it himself that leadership may have emanated from Nassagaweya's Reeve, Wm. Vansickle, backed by his four Councillors Max Storey, Stan Norrish, Edgar Ellenton and George Stokes and it was noticeable that so many men and women did the task with such fine team play under the captains.

Yes, Nassagaweya had a Centennial, a home coming, a pouring of typical hospitality and a fine example of community effort. May it never lose any of these individual characteristics in the years that follow.

**Is Unemployment Growing?**

Despite Government statistics which show employment still climbing, more and more reports of increasing pockets of unemployment continue to pile up, says The Financial Post. But in spite of these scattered reports over all employment kept climbing. At May 1 (latest figure available) the index for the nine leading industries was 124.3, against 123.7 the month before.

Here is the explanation given. Employment in mining and manufacturing is falling slightly, but the decline is more than offset by seasonal gains in agriculture, fishing, construction, transportation and trade. Also while more had jobs, our total labor force keeps increasing steadily. The result, total June unemployment was 100,000 against 80,000 the same time last year. When the seasonal rush is over the jobless future will probably rise sharply.

**Stay at Home Holiday**

Back after a holiday again and for a change one spent right in Acton and district most of the time. Up on some nearby visiting that has been postponed for a long time. Funny too, perhaps how we enjoyed the lack of planning and keeping on a schedule that is so often demanded on vacation trips, the facilities to get breakfast, or lunch, at any hour. We had not had such a vacation for many a year and it may be that we will try such an unplanned vacation more frequently.

It is said it's the change or variety that gives the benefits from a holiday. Such a not-go-far holiday would certainly not appeal to the younger folk in these days of fast travel. But, we can recommend it for trial of those over fifty. We do notice, however, that stay-at-home camps have become popular for children who cannot get away to other camps, so perhaps there is holiday pleasure to be derived for two age groups without too much travel.

**Permanency Early Anticipated**

Steady construction work on No. 25 Highway is making big changes in the permanent work on this road and is indeed encouraging in view of the many temporary measures which have over the years been used on this section. The road from No. 10 sideroad to Milton was completed a year ago and is settling into good condition before surfacing.

The section from Acton to No. 10 sideroad is longer and has heavier construction with some rock to be removed and numerous culverts to be constructed. The season has been very favourable and to date the road has not been closed but travel along most of it is slow and hazardous. One of the heavy cuts at Dufferin School where an entirely new section was made, has been completed and gravelled. Grading is done just as quickly as construction is completed but it is doubtful if this road will be finished this season.

Most folks who use the section (and they in dozens) are very happy to see permanency being made and quite content to bear with any inconvenience as long as the ultimate objective is secured and a highway with proper surface installed at a reasonable date. It will provide a much-needed connection between the north and south of the County.

**Vacations For All**

Never before have so many Canadians been able to take a holiday and get paid for it, says the Financial Post.

Vacations with pay, not so long ago, a workingman's dream, are being enjoyed this summer by 98 out of every 100 Canadian industrial wage earners.

The cost of all this can only be guessed at. A quick look at Canada's total monthly payroll gives some idea. In May, this amounted to a whopping \$600 millions in the nine leading industries also those covered in the vacation with pay survey.

A quarter of this \$600 million, for an average holiday period of one week, would place the holiday cost at around \$150 millions. Add to this another \$150 millions for paid statutory holidays and the total holiday with pay cost becomes sizeable indeed.

**Taken For Granted**

It did not come as any surprise to note that Halton had decided almost unanimously on a building program for shelter for the aged. It is merely an indication that the partnership which has been enjoyed for so many years between Peel and Halton has outgrown its building accommodation and in the best interest two units must take the place of one. The same thing happened a few years ago with the Children's Aid Society. It may be an indication too, that the social security claims are becoming heavier on the governments, dominion, provincial and municipal. It certainly does not indicate in any way any dissatisfaction with the partnership of the two Counties over the past forty years.

We trust that the concluding arrangements in the dissolution of the partnership will continue just as amicable as the forty years have been. Yes and we dare to hope that a central location will be selected for the building of this new home since it is to serve all parts of Halton County.

In spite of costs, heavy indebtedness of all municipalities we commend County Council on the step that has been taken. We hope ample time and consideration will be given to the final planning of the Halton Home for the Aged.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

This month sees most of the summer vacation periods ended and is the last month before school's re-open in September.

Seems to be that even a week's break in local contacts make it difficult to get the subjects on which to base editorial comment.

Labor Day will be the next public holiday and then comes the season of Fall Fairs with Factions on September 30th and October 1st.

July maintained Jones' record for summer heat and we never could expect August to be併done for high temperatures as a summer month.

Civic Holiday accidents did not top the news after the last holiday and all can be thankful and decide to use care that all holidays may have a happy ending.

By the way folks were securing the historical books of Nassagaweya, there is a real appreciation of local history. Certainly no township will be able to present a more complete record to hand down to future generations.

More accidents could be avoided in Acton if a double white line were placed on the corner of Mill and Main Streets. In the cause of prevention surely the Department of Highways could give this immediate attention.

**Recollections of Acton****BACK IN 1899**

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, August 3rd, 1899

The purple two cent postage stamp in use at present will soon be superseded by a red colored stamp.

The Guelph Pavement Co. commenced operations on the Mill Street pavement on Tuesday.

While Robert Little of Campbellville, was taking a walk on Saturday afternoon through Mr. Wheelham's barnyard, he was passing an old barn which had been in the course of being taken down during the week, when one of the beams blew down upon him, killing him instantly. He was not found till the next morning when Mr. H. Shaw, Mr. Wheelham's foreman, was walking out of the stable and discovered a man under the beam.

Misses Edwin Francis and John Henderson wheeled up from Toronto on Saturday and were guests at the home of Councillor Francis. Mr. Edwin has completed his business college course and secured a good situation in Toronto.

It was sweet satisfaction for the Acton Crews on Saturday when they played Galt. With a final score of 6-2 in Acton's favor, the excited crowd rushed in and fairly carried the boys off the field. Watson, Ryder and Williams played a star defense game. Captain Scott starred center and was a wonder in his new position. McIntosh, Ryder, Cornett, Erwin and Gurney excelled themselves playing beautiful football combination throughout.

**BACK IN 1920**

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, Aug 1st, 1920

A large crew of men have been at work the past few weeks rock ballasting the roadbed of the Canadian National Railways through here.

Mr. Wm. Cooper has installed a new cement and granite sign in the boulevard opposite his store on the Mill and Main Streets corner.

Seven hundred Oddfellows Rebekahs and their friends held a most enjoyable picnic at Eldorado Park on Saturday. It was the first annual district picnic comprising Acton, Brampton, Georgetown and Milton and it was a great success. H. S. Holmes and W. Williams won the prizes for the oldest Oddfellow.

Last Thursday afternoon a motor car and radial collision occurred at the Main Street crossing of the Electric Railway which resulted in damage only to the automobile.

BORN: BESSEY, At Hillside, on Tuesday, July 24th, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bessey, a son.

MARRIED: TERRY, JOSEPHINE, At the home of the bride, Lake Avenue, Acton, on Wednesday, July 1st, 1929, to Rev. C. L. Poole, B.A., Margaret Bell, daughter of Mrs. and the late Robert Bennett, Acton, to Mr. J. F. Elmer Terry, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Terry of Kitchener.

BABCOCK, On Sunday, July 28th, 1929, at his home No. 4 Crescent, William H. Babcock, husband of Pauline Goodsky, in his 39th year.

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