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EDITORIAL

Thirty Years Ago

In November, 1919, Acton citizens went to the polls to decide if a waterworks system would be installed here. 205 ratepayers voted for the expenditure and 56 opposed it. At the same time citizens endorsed a loan of \$25,000 to a man who planned to operate a shoe factory here. (Incidentally, this latter deal didn't go through and the expenditure was not made).

We recall these items at this time because next Monday the citizens of Acton in 1949 will be asked to decide on another forward step—the installation of sewers. Perhaps we might make some other recollections, too.

Thirty years ago Acton had only two industries, and was willing to advance \$25,000 to get another in operation. Today we have 16 and none of them are bonused by the municipality.

Thirty years ago we had no paved streets and during this period the roadway from Queen St. to Main St. West has been paved and paid for.

Thirty years ago the High and Public Schools were all in one building and a separate High School grounds and building has been acquired and paid for in that period.

Thirty years ago we had no covered arena in Acton. We've enjoyed one for twenty years and now it's almost paid for. The last payment will be made in February.

Thirty years ago the park wasn't much better than a hay field and had a very unimpressive entrance. Look at it today!

Thirty years ago Acton had a population of about 1600 and only a small proportion of its houses were served with Hydro. Today the population is near 2700, there is one house which does not have Hydro and there are just two wells in operation in town.

Thirty years ago, some said, citizens wouldn't use the water from the new system. We had an old steam fire engine with three or four supply reservoirs to fight fires. They pulled the steam engine to fires by manpower. Since then Acton has had two fire trucks and has an adequate supply of water from hydrants about town and fire equipment that is modern and well handled.

Yes, we've gone a long way since we decided to put in waterworks. There have been extensions and enlargements made. It takes 150,000 gallons a day to supply the demand for water and three pumps instead of the first small one end every part of Acton is served.

Thirty years ago we didn't vote for waterworks installation because we didn't own any property and didn't qualify for a vote. We've been helping to pay for that expenditure for 25 of those thirty years and we're glad those 205 citizens back in 1919 had foresight enough to vote for progress and keep the town abreast of the times.

In 1949 we've got a vote on sewerage and we're going to vote "Yes" because we know that those 205 citizens in 1919 took a chance and the evidence of thirty years say they were right. We believe we owe it to our day and generation to keep in step with progress. We just couldn't welch and vote "No" next Monday when we've enjoyed for thirty years the progressive steps of men and women of another generation.

Program For All

We attended last Friday afternoon the opening ceremonies of the C.N.E. and heard Viscount Alexander open the 70th annual event — the greatest annual fair in the world. We saw the young representatives of Canada's ten provinces go to the platform and meet Canada's Governor General and Lady Alexander.

Then in the evening we listened to the Leslie Bell singers and the Canadian artists presented by the Toronto Star and stayed on the hard benches while the Royal Marine Band gave most of its evening concert. Only the benches didn't seem hard and the program was all too short. We spent most of the time in just one spot at the C.N.E.

We'll be going back at other times to see features of this great annual event. We usually leave over part of our holiday leisure so that this can be accomplished. We've been doing it for years and it never seems to get tiresome. It seems such an easy way to see so much in a few brief days that we anticipate it with a relish each year.

Most folks can find an interest here, too, because it does seem that this great event has over the years found the means of giving to each visitor the things they want to see and hear and become the show window of the nation.

Parting Pains

Opinion is divided in Peel County on the dissolution of partnership of the two Counties on the Old Peoples' Home. It's always regrettable when partnerships that have been so mutually satisfactory are forced by growth to dissolve. Both Counties have for forty years operated the Home for the Aged well. There is only one reason for the dissolution of the partnership and that is the growth and added loads of both Counties.

No longer is the present building adequate but with Halton building a new structure, Peel should have ample room for some years to come. The dissolution is going to cost both Peel and Halton some money, but it seems to be the only satisfactory solution and when all the details are adjusted there is little doubt that the years will prove the wisdom of the move.

Death Takes No Holiday

Recipe for danger-filled Labor Day week-end is given by Highways Minister George Doucet who states flatly that unless all of us behave sensibly while driving or walking a terrible accident total will be recorded for this period.

"Take the thousands of Canadian and American motorists bringing their children home for school opening," he explains, "add the thousands of others headed for the Canadian National Exhibition and other points, mix with those taking advantage of the last public holiday of summer, and the hoards of children having their last carefree fling before school opens, and you have an explosive condition that can strew death and destruction the length of the highways."

The Minister urges that all heed the grim lessons of other holiday week-ends of last Labor Day when 11 were killed, of Dominion Day '949, when the accident death toll was 13, of the recent August civic holiday that chalked up 12 traffic fatalities.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Schools re-open next week and the rooms have all been freshened and made pleasant for another session of studies. Back to school has been made as pleasant as possible.

Toronto will receive more liquor outlets in spite of its protests and when the protests cool down, some more sales places will be opened without much fuss. The same treatment is accorded the rest of Ontario so Toronto need not feel so hurt.

Been driving the back concessions lately and we don't mind the hen that crosses the road to get to the other side but we've developed a real dislike for the biddy that keeps crossing several times and flies into the bushes squawking when nearly clipped. Seen youngsters in town do the same thing, too.

Canadians are still buying a large volume of life insurance, reports The Financial Post. Total sales of new ordinary life insurance for the whole country in July were \$103.5 millions, an increase of more than 10 per cent over the same month last year. During the same period new industrial and group insurance sales totalled \$11,931,000 and \$16,595,000 respectively. Sales of new ordinary insurance showed gains in eight of the ten provinces.

Amusing is a Gallup Poll study of the honesty and intelligence of voters, in using the cars which kind politicians supplied to draw voters on Federal election day, June 27th. The Poll claims that eight per cent of passengers in Liberal cars voted Progressive Conservative; one per cent for the C.C.F. Progressive Conservatives did worse; thirty per cent of those given a Pro-Con. ride voted for other parties. There was even more ingratitude among those who rode in C.C.F. cars.

Canadians are accused of being wasteful people, and proof of this can be seen every day and on every hand, but little is being done to rectify the condition. Here is how they stop leaks in England. In a town over there a shortage of water began to be felt. Sensing the cause, the Town Council began to repair, free of charge, all leaks, amending or repairing all leaking faucets. The leakage was overcome. According to the Councillors of that burgh "few people realize how much water is wasted through dripping faucets." The same sort of treatment in Canada might serve to solve a problem here.

Recollections of Acton

BACK IN 1899

Some farmers are already busy with the fall seeding. The contractors are busy setting the joice for the flooring of the new Baptist Church. They will go on at once with the frame which will be veneered with brick later.

The largest crowd that has witnessed a lacrosse match west of Toronto saw Acton defeat Galt at Waterloo last Thursday by six goals to one. Scorers for Acton were F. Cornett, E. Ryder, Cornett E. Ryder, Gurney and Cornett. After winning this championship match Acton was given an ovation and evidently owned the town of Galt in a few minutes Waterloo and Berlin were cleared out of football, hockey, and hockey and the remaining time before the train's arrival was spent in parading the two towns to the accompanying exhilarating music.

The resignation of Miss Patterson, teacher of the third department was accepted by the School Board and the Secretary was instructed to advertise for an experienced lady teacher, salary to be \$275 per annum and duties to commence on the re-opening of school.

Messrs. Nell McNabb and Angus Johnson arrived home from Johnstown, N.Y. on Monday to spend a couple of week's vacation here. Mr. Geo. Ramshaw returned to Chicago on Tuesday after spending a couple of weeks most enjoyably in the old home and with friends of a quarter of a century ago.

BACK IN 1929

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, August 29th, 1929

In the baseball fixture last Saturday the town team won from the tanners by a score of 13-12.

At the Wonderland Theatre on Monday evening Mr. R. L. Gregory announced that talkies would soon be installed in the theatre here.

Dufferin Agricultural Society at Orangeville, met with a severe loss when the main building at the exhibition grounds was destroyed by fire on Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sutton, of Johnstown N.Y. are visiting friends in this vicinity. Mr. Sutton left Acton many years ago for his adopted town.

BORN At Acton, on Tuesday, August 27th, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. George B. Somerville a daughter.

DIED At her home, Arthur Street, Acton, on Monday, August 25th, 1929, Margaret Michie in her 84th year.

HUNTER At the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Chapman, Knox Avenue, Acton, on Saturday, August 21th, 1949, Edith Florence Chapman, beloved wife of William Hunter.

LOCKER At her home, Howse Avenue, Acton, on Wednesday, August 25th, 1929, Margaret Ann Akens, beloved wife of John Locker, aged 39 years.

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