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EDITORIAL

This is Fair Week

This is the week when folks make their annual renewal of friendships and gather at Acton Fair for the big event that brings town and country together and gives such splendid opportunity to see the best in agricultural products in the district. The Fair is an institution that lasts well and the Acton Agricultural Society is this year holding its 36th annual exhibition and down through the years has grown bigger and better and attracted an ever increasing group of friends.

Time was when Halton had six fairs and Burlington, Oakville and Nassagaweya all staged shows of the products of the farm. For some years only three events have survived, but it is rather interesting to note that Oakville feels the lack of the fall event and after an absence of 25 years, the fair is coming back up that community.

There's a place that only the Fall Fair can fill in any community. Friday and Saturday are the days for Acton Fair—a place to meet friends and see the finest this rich agricultural section produces in stock and farm products. The 36th event promises to surpass all others.

A Great Editor Passes On

It was with deep regret that we learned only this week of the passing of Walter R. Legge editor of the Granby, Que., Leader Mail who was known among weekly newspapermen from coast to coast and in Eastern United States. He was 58 years old.

Few men worked more faithfully to raise the standards of weekly journalism. He served as President of the Ontario-Quebec Division of the C.W.N.A. and was also the dynamic President of the National C.W.N.A. in 1941-42. At the time of his passing he was Chairman of the important committee on advertising and finance. For a man in fragile health, these exacting responsibilities marked the measure of devotion that Walter held for the welfare of the weeklies.

Words are hard to fashion to tell the personal loss felt at the passing of this able, kindly Christian gentleman. Wherever Walter went he brought his unfailing smile and his very presence brought inspiration and a genuine fraternal spirit. The leadership he gave in newspaper circles was duplicated in his home community of Granby.

He served well his day and generation and to his wife and family go the heartfelt sympathy of friends from coast to coast in the loss they have sustained in the passing of a great friend and big Canadian.

Public Business and the Press

Because an editorial of his criticized the proposal of the town council to hold a series of public-excluded committee meetings, a writer on an Ontario weekly was subjected to violent personal abuse by the local mayor.

Among other things the mayor suggested that the writer was unfamiliar with the Ontario Municipal Act, which under certain conditions permits holding of closed meetings. The mayor may have been right in that opinion but, states the Financial Post, he showed himself woefully wrong about the responsibilities of the press and the conducting of public business.

In this case a matter of vital public importance was to be discussed and one that concerned a substantial expenditure of public funds. At such meetings the public expects that the press will be represented and that a fair and full report will be published in the local newspapers.

When public officials attempt to conceal public business from the public there is bound to be criticism. And there should be.

An Effort For Equality

Assessment notices have been distributed to many Acton ratepayers based on the new schedule for County uniformity. In nearly all cases there is an increase of a large amount over previous assessments and the notices are causing quite a furor. It is well therefore to note that

the whole assessment of Acton on the present basis is more than double that of last year. On these figures then a tax rate of 35 mills will supply as much revenue for 1950 as a 70 mill rate provided in 1949.

If municipal expenditures are not increased next year over 1949 therefore your amount of taxes payable should be the same based on a 34 1/2 mill rate and a double assessment, and after all that is what counts. It is quite true that assessments needed readjustment and any change is difficult and irksome. If you feel your assessment is not on an equal basis with similar properties it would be wise to ask the Clerk for the assessment of a property that compares with yours and take into consideration location, and age of the two properties when making your comparison.

Our casual examination of the roll confirms our belief that citizens have little cause for complaint. Congratulations are due Assessor E. E. Harrop for his completion of the task ahead of any other municipality in the County and on his effort for his fairness in a difficult task. There may be errors but Acton is fortunate indeed in having the services of Mr. Harrop in this biggest revision of assessment in the history of the municipality and the County.

It's been a big undertaking. Don't be too critical until you have made a careful study of assessment as a whole, rather than your own individual assessment. Maybe you haven't been paying your fair share of taxes for years and maybe under the new rate your actual amount will be lower. Really the important part is for an Assessment on a basis of equality for all and we believe Assessor Harrop has made real effort to meet this requirement.

Full Value When the Canadian Dollar Stays At Home

Just what effect the all-out devaluation of the British pound will have in world markets can only be found out after some months of trial. The events that followed in other countries may make the English move of lesser value. Certainly Canadians learned within a few days of the effect on their pocket books of the devaluation of the Canadian dollar.

Gasoline, fuel oil and coal were boosted in price immediately. The prices on British automobiles came down the same week. The trouble seems that the things one must have gone up, and non-essentials have gone down. Truly our everyday living is more closely allied to the United States than to any overseas trade.

Canada will likely gain in tourist trade from the United States as the \$1.10 now offered for the American tourist dollar will likely be an added attraction to visitors from the South. Florida holidays of Canadians will, however, be more expensive but winter in Bermuda and the British West Indies will have a bigger value attraction for Canadians who can follow the sun south in the winter.

Last week's financial turmoil set off by the devaluation of the sterling pound has wide effect but it might be well to remember in all the confusion that in Canada your dollar is still worth a hundred cents and on everything Canadian that you buy or sell the market has not been altered. So, if you would beat the higher costs buy Canadian wherever possible.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Next week will be Thanksgiving and with the bounty all around us, we as citizens of Canada, have every cause to be thankful.

For the first five months of the current fiscal year, corporation taxes paid to Ottawa were up approximately 25 per cent over last year, reports The Financial Post.

See you all on Friday and Saturday at the greatest place to meet in the whole year—the Acton Fall Fair and here hope the weather is more suitable than last year.

About the worst part of No. 25 Highway now is not the part under construction but that section from the boundary of Acton to the junction of No. 7 and No. 25 which is under destruction.

The week of October 9th to 15th is fire prevention week and the time to clean up and put everything in readiness for winter is now. Prevention now is much better than being homeless in mid-winter.

Guelph Memorial Gardens has shown a profit of \$27,000 in the first 10 months of operation and \$11,000 has been turned back to reduce the tax rate. If that can be kept up over the years it will be a fine investment for the Royal City.

The fact that an Owen Sound fireman was injured and later died as a result of a wall falling upon him while he was helping fight a fire at Dornoch is an indication that towns take a risk in sending their firemen and equipment to fight fires outside the town limits. It is necessary that the cost of the risk be shared where service is rendered.

Recollections of Acton BACK IN 1899

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, September 22, 1899

W. P. Campbell has sold his last erected new house, Lots 5 and 6, in Cook's survey to William Holden (recently moved to Acton from Georgetown).

Rev. J. A. McLaughlin M.A. narrowly escaped a serious accident last Saturday evening. While splitting kindling in the yard his axe caught the clothes line and he received a painful blow across the forehead and nose. His appearance in the pulpit on Sunday suggested the irreverent question "Were you playing at the lacrosse match with Galt, yesterday?" The effects of the blow are now almost entirely gone.

If there is any truth in the saying that a plentifulness of nuts means a hard winter, we would advise all to save their money and buy fuel.

Mr. Michael Lamb has sold his farm, Lot 29, Con. 6 Enslaying, to Mr. James Moffat who recently moved from Nassagaweya to Acton.

The cold weather yesterday seemed to add zest to the interest of the assessment ladies who visited the millinery display made by Henderson and Co. The variety shown was "highly" creditable and many pretty compliments were bestowed. The general impression of the season's hat is one of largeness, although the colours are modest. Black, grey and ecru (something between fawn and brown) are the prevailing shades. Velvets and taffeta silks and griles and huckle feathers are the new superficial trimmings.

In the lacrosse game in Guelph last Saturday Acton again won the championship from Galt 7-0. The game had been ordered replayed by the executive of the C.I.A. when Galt had protested Acton's win on August 24. Acton played good clean lacrosse throughout and Galt was numerically whitewashed as desired.

BACK IN 1929

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, September 28, 1929

Albert Riviere of Guelph, has purchased the McLean lumber, coal and gasoline business and will take over on October 1st.

Agricultural Representative A. P. MacVinnell gave a splendid address at Acton Fair last Wednesday afternoon.

Miss (Dr.) Johnston who has been spending several months visiting in England and Ireland returned home this week.

After almost a month's absence from ball the Acton Ladies competed in the Annual softball tournament held at Georgetown and won a handsome trophy.

During the past couple of weeks interesting ball games have been played between teams from Acton and the Rockwood Continuation Schools. Acton has won both the fixtures.

DIED

McINTYRE. At the General Hospital Guelph on September 22, 1929, Priscilla Mcintyre, beloved wife of Daniel Mcintyre in her 53rd year.

STORIE. At her home Maria St. Acton on Tuesday, September 24, 1929, Elizabeth McCarty, beloved widow of the late Thomas Storie in her 82nd year.

Many negro families in Cape Breton can speak Gaelic.

R. Robt. Hamilton
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EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS by Don Graham

More than one man has said to me in effect: "I've got a good job. My home life is satisfactory. And I'm probably as happy as the average man. But I still feel that my life is too humdrum."

Such remarks usually prompt me to suggest a remedy frequently advised by psychologists. That is: "Love yourself in a worthy cause, especially one that involves working with groups of people."

This gives one the deep inner satisfaction of helping to accomplish something of value to others—whether it be for the church, Red Cross, municipal affairs, charities, home and school association or other worthwhile organizations. And it adds a new dimension to one's outlook, making life richer and more purposeful.

Among the people who are most active in community affairs you will invariably find one or more life insurance agents.

This kind of activity comes naturally to the life insurance agent because he is used to helping other people. And his job makes it possible for many people to face the future with a sense of security. It itself a vital contribution to the welfare and happiness of his community.

CARROLL'S

LOW PRICES ON HIGH QUALITY FOODS EVERYDAY

HARVEST CORN 2 25c
AYLMER PEAS 2 29c
ROMAR COFFEE 2 28c, 1 lb 53c

Tomato Juice
HARVEST 18-OZ. TIN 7c

DESSERT PEARS 2 23c
QUAKER CORN FLAKES 2 25c
Brookfield CHEESE 2 96c
Ogilvie's CAKE MIX 2 29c
SHREDDED COCOANUT 2 27c
ROMAR PEANUT BUTTER 16-OZ 37c

DUTCH FLOWER BULBS
HYACINTHS - 6 for \$1.10
DAFFODILS - 12 for \$1.10
TULIPS Assorted 12 for 99c

Brown Bear HONEY 2 47c, 1 lb 91c
Kellogg's ALL BRAN 1c 22c
Cut MIXED PEEL 1/2 LB. PKG 17c
SWEET MIXED PICKLES 48-OZ. 45c
SURE LITE MATCHES 3 BOXES 19c
AEROWAX PASTE WAX 1 lb 39c
AEROWAX NO RUB WAX 1 lb 39c

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HEINZ KETCHUP 13-OZ 24c
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LEA & PERRIN'S SAUCE 8-OZ 35c
Green Giant PEAS 2 35c
NABOB COFFEE 1/2 LB. PKG 33c, 1 lb 62c
Mother Parker's TEA 1/2 LB. PKG 51c, 54c
PALMOLIVE SOAP 2 CLANT CAGES 27c, 2 9c
BALLARD'S DOG FOOD 2 27c
CHAMPION DOG FOOD 2 25c

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TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

GRAY COACH LINES

COACHES LEAVE ACTON (DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME)

Eastbound
6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8:25 p.m., 10:25 p.m.

Westbound
10:42 a.m., 12:52 p.m., 2:57 p.m., 5:27 p.m., 7:27 p.m., 9:12 p.m., 11:21 p.m.

a-Daily except Sunday and holidays
b-Saturday, Sunday and holidays

RAILWAYS CANADIAN NATIONAL

(Standard Time)

Eastbound
Daily 5:55 a.m.; Daily except Sunday 9:52 a.m.; 7:10 p.m. Sunday only, 8:19 p.m.; Daily except Sunday, Flyer at Georgetown, 6:37 p.m.; Daily, Flyer at Georgetown, 10:11 p.m.

Westbound
Daily except Monday, 1:19 a.m.; Monday only, 12:30 a.m.; daily except Sunday, 8:43 a.m.; 1:36 p.m.; Sunday only, 8:43 a.m.; flagstop, 8:43 p.m.; (flagstop) except Sat. and Sun.

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