

The Acton Free Press

Published Every Thursday at Acton, Ontario

Authorized as second class mail, Post Office Department, Ottawa

SUBSCRIPTION RATES—\$4.00 per year in advance. United States see additional. Single copies 5c. Both old and new addresses should be given when change of address is requested.

ADVERTISING RATES—On application and as given in various columns headings.

Although every precaution will be taken to avoid error, the Free Press accepts advertising in its columns on the understanding that it will not be liable for any error in any advertisement published hereunder unless a proof of such advertisement is requested in writing by the advertiser and returned to The Free Press business office daily accompanied by the advertiser and with such error or corrections plainly noted in writing thereon and in that case, if any error is noted, it will be corrected by The Free Press. Its liability shall not exceed such a proportion of the entire cost of such advertisement as the space occupied by the noted error bears to the whole space occupied by such advertisement.

G. ARIOP DILLS, Editor

TELEPHONES—Editorial and Business Office 124 Residence 125

EDITORIAL

The Band By-Law

Council proposes to submit to the ratepayers at the municipal elections this year a vote on the band by-law which under the 1949 assessment gave the band a yearly grant of approximately \$500. Under the 1950 assessment the grant would be \$1000 since the whole of Acton's assessment is now doubled under the new County system.

It is necessary it appears to repeal the former by-law and at the same time vote on another question if the grant is to remain the same. We believe most citizens agree that the band should have an annual grant. The original vote on the by-law showed a big majority favouring such a grant and very appreciative of the services rendered by the band through the years.

It is quite easy to understand the need for the change. If the change is not made it will just cost the taxpayers double the present amount and that means higher taxes. We believe the band does not expect or urge that the grant be doubled from this year.

We trust the issue will be simply put to the ratepayers on the ballot so that confusion will be avoided. We can see no reason why it cannot be combined in one question on the ballot paper. We recall very vividly the confusion that resulted from the voting on the sewer question and the narrow majority accorded largely on account of the confusion on the issue. We know that no vote would have been called if the assessment picture had not changed. You'll be asked to make a decision in December. Get the issue clear before that time.

Maybe We've Had It—Maybe Not!

"Indian Summer" is not a scientific designation, but it is a name commonly used to describe the period in autumn which is characterized by calm and absence of rain. Any period of unusually quiet, dry and hazy weather even if it lasts only a few days may be called Indian Summer, provided it occurs at any time between the middle of September and the end of November. The haze which fills the air at such times is caused by dust and smoke floating near the earth's surface because there is not enough wind to blow it away. To say that any definite period in October is Indian Summer is impossible because there may be a later period of the same kind of weather which would also be known as Indian Summer.

Salesman for Better Farming

In most counties and municipalities across Canada there is a man doing one of the most important jobs in the country. He is the local agricultural representative—called "ag. rep." by the majority of farmers.

Right here in Halton County J. E. Whitelock is the farmers' professional counsellor. He advises on the suitability of soils, what crops should be grown, identifies plant and animal diseases and works out pest control programs. He answers countless questions on farm economics, helps organize farm clubs and breeders' associations and lectures extensively to rural groups on the newest methods of modern farm management.

The field of an agricultural representative's activities is so vast, his entire life is dedicated to his work. During his travels about his territory he has acquired an intimate knowledge of the countryside, calls every farmer by his first name and usually knows more about the farmer's farm than the farmer himself. His work starts early in the morning and continues well into the night.

A graduate from an agricultural college, he is expected to possess a vast fund of knowledge on practically every phase of agriculture. Yet, the remuneration he receives for his work is quite modest, in fact too small for the valuable services rendered.

Farmers are indeed privileged to have the services of such an advisor—without a penny

of cost to themselves. A new generation has grown up since the inauguration of agricultural representatives and these young farmers give their whole-hearted co-operation to him in the various farm activities he inspires for they know it pays handsome dividends.

For The People First

Down in Quebec it is proposed to legalize lotteries with the funds to be used for provincial obligations such as education or some other scheme that sounds well to get the plan across with the public. In Toronto this year citizens are to vote on having Sunday sports with admissions and all the sale that goes with such events.

These are but the wedges trying to be driven into our present way of living that will make greater gain or profit for somebody. A lottery like a bar-room is no better run by a government than by an individual. Both are out for all the gain there is in it and experience has proven that government control of the liquor problem has been a rank failure. It will be even worse with lotteries and if Quebec gets sanction for provincial gambling it will not be very long until every province across the Dominion will be clamoring for a share in the juicy revenue, regardless of the effect on the welfare of Canada and Canadians.

It is the same desire for profit that motivates the campaign for Sunday sports in Toronto. There is at the present time no desire to curb the individual in playing a game in which he or she partakes for the pleasure of the game. It is done openly on golf courses and tennis courts and parks see regularly games of baseball between groups and skating on free rinks. Not content with their take on six days in the week, the promoters of professional sports want the Sunday opened for their gain and use any means to gain their end. Put Sunday professional sports in Toronto and every hamlet will have a money making day on Sunday.

Governments, whether they be municipal, provincial or federal, can best give service by giving heed to the general welfare of all the people rather than the clamoring selfish interests of the few.

Another Butter Story

A rosy picture was painted in the House of Commons a few weeks ago of the way butter was selling. Now, states The Financial Post, we hear a different story from Ottawa.

Instead of the eager housewife snapping up the butter, we find that the major buyer has been the Department of Agriculture with the necessary money, of course, put up by the taxpayer. Exact details of the amount are still not revealed, but an estimate of 60 million pounds has not been denied. The Government announces that this butter is for sale at approximately 60 cents per pound but again is rather vague about actual buyers. Such is the story of government operated business on your money. Wartime necessities are over. Why the need for the Department of Agriculture to be in the butter market?

Highways and Livestock

It is generally believed by motorists that if an accident is caused on the highway through collision with livestock that the owner is therefore responsible for all damages. This apparently is an erroneous idea. A number of recent accidents caused by cattle straying on to the highways has focussed attention on the liability involved in these cases of a criminal and civil nature.

J. D. Miller, Deputy Minister of Highways for Ontario, explains that under amendments to the Highway Improvement Act of two years ago, a farmer or owner of cattle cannot be sued for any damage caused by the animals while roaming or crossing a highway.

"Even though the owner may be at fault in permitting the animals on the highways and an accident results, he faces only a nominal fine on conviction and cannot be held financially responsible for damages arising from the accident. This change was made to prevent farmers from losing their property and life savings by being held financially responsible for the damage a roaming animal might do by getting out onto a highway," he stated.

While a railroad company is obligated to maintain for all time fencing along their right-of-way to keep cattle off the tracks, the provincial government, as owners of highways, is not required to undertake the same obligation in connection with roads. The obligation in this instance rests with property owners whose lands border the highway.

EDITORIAL NOTES

You can count the days until Christmas but whatever number you arrive at you'll find it will not be enough when the last week rolls around.

Nominations and municipal elections are drawing close. Time for all good citizens to take an active interest in the operation of their municipality. Don't complain but be ready to do your share toward making our town a better town.

Recollections of Acton

BACK IN 1899

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, Nov. 16, 1899

About an inch of snow fell Friday night. Mr. John Kennedy, Church St., is under treatment for a severe case of blood poisoning.

The grain market continues somewhat dull. The prices here yesterday were: wheat 65c, oats 24c to 25c, rye 30c, barley 35 to 36c, peas 50c.

Mr. H. T. Arnold purchased the double dwelling on Main Street from the estate of the late Archibald Campbell, at the sale last Saturday. The price paid was \$700. W. P. Campbell, the builder, has changed his mind about leaving Acton and will continue to supply the town with new dwellings. As is well known he has already built between twenty and thirty houses here, all of which are occupied. He has purchased some three acres of land from Adam Cook on Mount Campbell and is dividing it into lots. A new dwelling has already been commenced at the corner of Brock St. and Victoria Avenue.

Mr. Wm. C. Cameron and his daughter Miss Lillian, arrived back home from their trip to Great Britain and the continent last Wednesday evening. The paper mill safe at Georgetown was blown up on Friday evening the 3rd inst., and \$4000 secured.

BACK IN 1929

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, Nov. 14, 1929

Quite a number from Acton attended the Anniversary banquet at Ebenezer Church on Monday evening.

Last Sunday afternoon at the Knox Sunday School a presentation to the Superintendent, Mr. Wm. Cooper and Mrs. Cooper was a pleasing feature on the occasion of their twenty fifth wedding anniversary. Miss Doris McDonald read the address and Master Jack Graham and Miss Grace Stewart presented Mr. and Mrs. Cooper with a silver flower basket filled with red and pink carnations.

A splendid address by Dr. A. E. Lavell, Commissioner of the Ontario Parole Board was the feature at the meeting of the Men's Club of the United Church on Tuesday evening.

The Anglican Church of Acton took the leadership of the Georgetown Softball League by defeating the Oddfellows of Georgetown 11-5 on Tuesday at the arena in Georgetown.

A number of the Lady True Blues of Acton motored to Oakville to the banquet and birthday party of the lodge there.

MARRIED NEAR-VANNATTER—On Saturday, November 9, 1929, at the United Church Parsonage Georgetown, by Rev. R. W. Rumley, Mary Alice, daughter of Mr. Ira B. Vannatter, and the late Mrs. Vannatter, of Georgetown, to Mr. William Martin Near, son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Near, of Nassagaweya.

FINLAY-WALKER—On Thanksgiving Day, November 11, 1929, at Knox Church, Acton, Ad. Ruth, daughter of the late Mr. B. Walker and Mrs. B. Walker, Kendall, England, to William John Finlay, of Owen Sound, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Finlay, Caledonia, Ireland.

Your Eyes

A Proper Eye Examination is Most Important

consult R. M. Bell Registered Optometrist

Phone 48211 ERIN

RADIO Service

Guaranteed Repairs To All Makes And Models.

MANNING ELECTRIC

PHONE 230



Phone 128 Acton

CARROLL'S

ORANGE JUICE BLENDED JUICE PRUNES SOAP FLAKES

RED Pitted CHERRIES, Dessert PEARS, AUSTRALIAN RAISINS, Australian CURRANTS, Shelled ALMONDS, Shelled WALNUTS, NIBLETS CORN, GREEN GIANT MEXICORN

SPECIAL - CARROLL'S SOAP FLAKES

Kellogg's RICE KRISPIES, MARSHMALLOWS, C. & B. PLUM PUDDINGS, Mother Parker's TEA, Christie's RITZ BISCUITS, OOLVIE'S SILVER CAKE MIX, PANCAKE FLOUR, HARVEST MARGARINE, Nature's Best TOMATOES, HEINZ BABY CEREALS, LIBBY'S BABY FOODS, Palmolive SOAP, JOHNSON'S GLO COAT, PARD CAT or DOG FOOD, SUPER SUDS, QUICK QUAKER OATS

U.S. No. 1 Florida 96's GRAPEFRUIT, Florida U. S. No. 1 ORANGES, Red Emperor GRAPES, P.E.I. POTATOES, P.E.I. Large for Baking POTATOES, Large Solid Head CABBAGE

Business Directory

MEDICAL DR. W. G. C. KENNEY Physician and Surgeon

DR. D. A. GARRETT Physician and Surgeon

DENTAL DR. A. J. BUCHANAN Dental Surgeon

DR. GEORGE A. SIRRS Dental Surgeon

LEGAL C. F. LEATHERLAND, B.A. ACTON

LEVER & HOSKIN Chartered Accountants

VETERINARY B. D. YOUNG, V.S., B.V.Sc. Veterinary Surgeon

F. G. OAKES, V.S., B.V.Sc. Veterinary Surgeon

MISCELLANEOUS THE VICTOR B. RUMLEY FUNERAL HOME

WILLOUGHBY FARM AGENCY Largest & Oldest Agency in Canada

WRIGHT REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE F. L. WRIGHT N. B. WRIGHT

TRAVELLERS' GUIDE GRAY COACH LINES COACHES LEAVE ACTON (DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME)

RAILWAYS CANADIAN NATIONAL (Standard Time) Eastbound

A. S. Holden Optometrist 7 DOUGLAS STREET GUELPH EYES EXAMINED GLASSES FITTED

Use Classified Ads for Results