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**EDITORIAL**

**This Year Or Not At All**

Tomorrow night citizens will gather in the Town Hall to consider plans to give Acton a fitting celebration in connection with becoming a town. The success of the event will be measured by the support it receives from citizens who are willing to sacrifice a little and put effort into the community.

There may be arguments that this is not the right year since sewers are in course of construction. There may be other good reasons for postponing such a celebration but the fact remains that it is this year of 1950 that Acton has become a town and if the objections to celebration this year are most important then the whole matter should be dropped. The seventy-fifth anniversary of Village incorporation was passed over since it occurred during war years and re-union was impossible with so many in the armed forces and doing war work in 1943. The war was of major importance and the anniversary was passed up. If these other events are of similar importance then town incorporation will just have to be ignored—it won't occur next year and the next step will be city incorporation which is a very long way off—no matter how optimistic we may become.

**Is It Education?**

Perhaps they laid too much stress on the three R's in the good old days. Perhaps they devoted too much time to languages and history dead and gone, comments the Financial Post. In our grandfather's time things were much simpler anyway. There were no electric fuses to blow out in the cellar, no complicated doorbells, plumbing and radios to keep in constant repair. There was no need for any special knowledge of motor mechanics, no need for mastering the principles of canasta or the atom bomb. Nevertheless they turned out some real scholars, and the young people who worked hard and persevered got a genuine education. One wonders whether the new type of schooling will produce as satisfactory results. More and more the old tough hurdles are being lowered or abandoned. We are frowning on set examinations, and difficult compulsory subjects. We don't have to memorize a lot of dates, tables and rules, don't in fact have to take up hardly anything that might require some concentrated study.

**Government Aid a Handicap**

When governments have made available the results of adequate research to free farm people end have established sound standards for the grading and identification of farm produce and have maintained a free competitive field for co-operatives, they have done all that they can do usefully to promote sound agriculture economy in which farm people will produce the best results in their own personal growth and in the production of food. The restoration of free markets and of freedom from all compulsory marketing schemes would do more to stimulate food production and lower farm costs than all the plans the perfectionists ever produced. Earned profits are the principle factors in securing the adoption of better practices and nothing is so persuasive as better returns from better efforts. Farmers who are free to profit by their own intelligence and industry will produce the most food at the lowest cost and maintain the highest best.—From the Rural Scene.

**Courtesy At All Times**

It is not always easy to be courteous and polite to all one comes in contact with in a day. Yet, courtesy is one of the greatest virtues to be cultivated and has great effect on the individuals one meets day by day. How easy it is to turn away the anger by a sweet, gentle, courteous action instead of the usual retaliation. These are the things that one should study; these are the things that should be taught in every class room and in the home. Be courteous under all circumstances and conditions.

This means when the irritating nagging often arouses the angry word; this means when the questioning boy or girl interrupts the reading, or the game at home. This means when the angry motorist rubs or crumples your fender; this means when the individual who is under strain calls you all sorts of names. On all these occasions turn aside the individual with a light courteous answer. This is the highest development that man can achieve. It means an absolute control of the tongue and the mentality. It means a careful checking of language that all will understand. Is it worth while? It certainly is. If courtesy could be taught in the home, in the school, in the workshop, in the office and on the streets, there would be a definite relationship established among all and it would be a happier world to live in. Bowmanville Statesman

**"Respond Generously," Says Prime Minister**

Prime Minister St. Laurent called upon all citizens to "respond generously" to the \$5,000,000 national appeal of the Canadian Red Cross Society which opened recently.

As the army of volunteer canvassers across the nation began their door to door campaign, the Prime Minister reminded citizens that the Society, being a voluntary organization, depended on the continued effectiveness of its important work on the generosity of the public.

I warmly commend to the people of Canada this year's appeal for funds with which to carry on the Red Cross full peacetime work," he said.

"All Canadians, I feel sure, are familiar with the great humanitarian work of the Canadian Red Cross—the assistance to hospitalized veterans, the medical care of frontier settlers, the immediate aid for disaster sufferers, the free blood transfusion services, to mention only a few of the Society's activities.

"I am glad to join in inviting my fellow citizens to make the continuation of this work of mercy possible by responding generously to the urgent appeal of the Canadian Red Cross."

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

St. Patrick's Day in the mornin' and every good Irishman will be wearin' the green tomorrow.

Easter Seals help provide for crippled children. A ready response to the appeal will be appreciated by many children.

In peace or war the work of the Red Cross never ends. Give generously to the appeal now being made so that the Red Cross may always be ready for emergencies.

Municipal Government is most efficient, argues the Bowmanville (Ont.) Canadian Statesman, because "you can't make a big mistake in a town or city and get away with it."

At least the coal situation is likely to improve from here in rather than deteriorate. It perhaps won't take as long for the consumer to catch up as it will the miners. And warmer weather is ahead.

In 18 months Canada will have television. If what we will see can be judged by what we hear in radio, there'll be mostly soap bubbles. Shows in television cost from \$15,000 to \$42,000. The World Series cost \$150,000 for TV rights alone.

Sales of beer, wine and liquor in Ontario amounted to \$187,811,074 including \$100,392,231 through breweries and brewers' warehouses in the year ending March 31, 1949, it was reported in the annual report of the Liquor Control Board of Ontario. The Board's net trading profit was \$26,927,859. In addition to this amount the Board realized another \$11,614,934 from permit sales, taxes and fines, making a total net income of \$38,542,793.

Farmers, gardeners, fruit growers and tree planters will not be very happy about the proposal of the Ontario Government to limit the game bag on cottontails, predicts the Financial Post. Rabbits are a serious pest, about in the same category as field mice. They do enormous damage and if not kept down by continuous hunting they will do still more. Almost every winter literally millions of young trees and shrubs are destroyed by these pests despite considerable money and time spent on special protective measures.

Joe McCarthy, considered to-day's greatest baseball manager in the United States, prefers cigar smokers on his team, and will never engage a player who smokes a pipe if he can help it. It is his opinion that most pipe smokers are slow thinkers and lack the energy and ambition that are necessary for a great ballplayer. According to Mr. McCarthy, "the pipe is a symbol. It means the smoker is satisfied with himself and the world, and would like to sit around in slippers and bathrobe and dream." We're glad McCarthy figured that one out but there are still a few of us whose cigar smoking habits "have" nothing whatever to do with baseball ambitions.

**Recollections of Acton**  
**BACK IN 1900**

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 15, 1950

The morning service given by the electric light plant will be discontinued in a few days until next fall.

The management of the Grand Trunk Railway announced, effective April 1st, an increase in pay to section foremen of five a day, and in the case of all track labourers who are at present receiving \$100 a day.

It is stated that the Steel property opposite the Post Office has been purchased from the trustees of the Baptist Church and that operations for the erection of a first class business block will be commenced as soon as spring opens.

While three young men from South Block were returning home from Acton one Sunday morning they ventured in a horse race which did not prove very satisfactory to the winner. The one who had lost his hat and the other two tips ran over it.

Campbell left on Wednesday for South Bay Marie the scene of their future business operations.

A very successful sale of stock and implements was held by Mr. Michael Lamb on Wednesday. Mr. Lamb will shortly remove to near by Guelph and Mr. James Moffat will take possession of the farm.

Master Herbie Gamble, son of Mr. Thomas Gamble narrowly escaped serious injury while jumping on sleighs. He fell off and the sleigh ran over his ankle, bruising it somewhat painfully.

**BACK IN 1930**

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday March 12, 1950

Loblaws, of Guelph, provided the entertainment for the local hockey fans the past week. The first fixture was on Friday evening here when Acton won 9-3. The return game in Guelph was a tie score.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Holma celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home on Bower Avenue last Monday.

Mr. G. A. Dills attended the gathering of the Weekly Newspaper men of Ontario and Quebec at Montreal last week.

Miss Florence Marshall, of Nasagaweya, was presented with gifts by Ebenezer congregation on Monday evening and on Tuesday evening by friends and neighbors of Eden Mills on the eve of her marriage.

**BORN**

SIBBETH On March 8, 1930, at Victoria Memorial Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sibbith, a daughter.

**DIED**

FLYNN At St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, on Wednesday March 12, 1930, Mary A. daughter of the late Lucy and Martin Flynn, in her 20th year.

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