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EDITORIAL

Bigger or Better

We've followed with a great deal of interest the trend for community recreation centres across Canada in every little hamlet and also the great urge for artificial ice surfaces. The community spirit which has been shown in erection of many of these centres is most commendable. The working together of the neighbourhood not only in the raising of funds but in the actual construction makes for not only a better community but a better country.

With shorter hours there is no doubt more need for good recreation and more time available for giving to community work. It is, however, in the small communities where we find this community work service applies in most instances and not in the cities or larger centres where the hours are shortest. Perhaps the answer is that the city dweller has no community but is just part of a well organized institution. Perhaps the answer is that the city dweller has become so accustomed to paying for everything by way of cash that he is not prepared to make a community contribution by any other means.

All of which leads us back to the same conclusion that we might be better with a Canada of more small communities and fewer big cities. That shorter hours, bigger take home pay aren't the complete answer to happiness, and getting better acquainted and working together in small groups does give understanding.

Importance of Tourist Industry

Great plans are being made for National Tourist Service Week, May 1st to May 8th, to impress upon Canadians the importance of the tourist industry and to urge each citizen to do his and her part to extend a cordial welcome to the tourists and see that they receive good values and courteous treatment.

Canada's tourist "take" in 1949 is officially estimated at \$288,000,000, \$270,000,000 of which were in United States dollars.

Many benefits from the Tourist industry come locally . . . to employment, through profit and taxes, and as a definite market for the farmer. It has been too often said that tourist business is not the agriculturist's concern at all, but one realizes how short-sighted, how incorrect, that statement is when one ponders the fact that a single resort hotel, of moderate rates and average guest capacity of 200, bought \$18,000 worth of Canadian produce during its 80-day operation of last summer. Let's carry these benefits further afield, into our tourist services, and we find that the aforementioned \$270,000,000 overall expenditure of American visitors was distributed as follows: in retail and department stores, \$59.4 million; in hotels, restaurants and camps, \$45.9 million; in service stations and garages, \$32.4 million; for movies, entertainment and recreation, \$24.3 million; for train, steamship, motor coach and plane fares, \$18.9 million; for refreshments and roadside purchases, \$13.5 million; and for novelties, souvenirs, and a host of other things, \$8.1 million.

The Speech-Worshippers

Nowadays it is getting so that a dozen Canadians cannot sit down to lunch or dinner together without the self-imposed torture of having to listen to the guest speaker harangue them for twenty minutes or so on whatever happens to be his pet peeve. The speech-worshippers have become a cult not only among women's groups, but among business men as well. So rigid is the herd instinct in recognition of the social custom of having a guest speaker that his presence could no more be dispensed with than the toast to the King at a St. George's day banquet.

So great is the demand for luncheon and dinner speakers that almost anyone will do. What he says is not important so long as he does not embarrass his audience by a stuttering, stumbling delivery. And the reward, at least in Canada, so far as the speaker is concerned, is mainly confined to the stillation of his own ego. For Cana-

dians seldom attach a monetary reward to the perspiring efforts of practitioners of the speech cult.

There is an old saying that a product is only as good as what you pay for it. Certainly nobody can deny that the quality of luncheon and dinner speeches would be greatly improved, and a lot of the chaff eliminated from the wheat, if the guest performer received a reasonable fee for his services. Those on the receiving end might become a little more discriminating, too.

Real Competition Now

To the Canadian automobile industry, the invasion of the domestic market by the small British car is no longer a matter of indifference, says a Financial Post writer.

At first the trade generally tended to airily dismiss the United Kingdom's bid for a place on Canadian roads. Now the smile is gone.

Phenomenal shipments to Canada in January and February are hastening the shift. Trade returns show 6,649 British passenger cars and 387 trucks imported in February. This is 100% above the previous record monthly average set in the last quarter of 1949.

More significant, it represents one quarter of all cars going into the Canadian domestic market in February.

Everyone Can Listen

The word Democracy has suffered much discredit from two causes.

First, it has been misused and twisted by extremists of right and left, who have made it by turn a butt for their gibes and a cloak for their totalitarian aims.

Second, it has sometimes stood for nothing much except inefficiency because we, who inherited the benefits of democracy, have failed to live in a way that makes democracy possible.

For democracy in its true sense can be made up only of those who deliberately prefer the good of the whole to their own selfishness. Its essence is not the wide sharing of privileges, but the wide sharing of responsibility. The strength of democracy is strength of human character. But the evidence of history teaches that even at its best human character is not enough.

So today, we must look beyond the purely human conception of democracy to the further vision of an inspired democracy in which every individual not only contributes his best, but is also instructed and guided by God Himself.

Inspired democracy will not come about by the action of a few leaders appealing to the self interest of the masses, playing down to human nature instead of pointing men to their true destiny. It can and will come to the leaders and millions of ordinary people and families through the new quality of life and the new teamwork which God gives to those who listen to Him and obey.

In an inspired democracy every individual whatever his background or his brainpower, has an equal chance of playing a decisive part. For anyone can listen to God. And everyone whose heart is willing can be used by God here and now in the re-making of the world.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Last week it was spring floods and current danger of damage will be from grass fires but surely these can be supervised and controlled.

At the rate beef prices are climbing that old song about the cow jumping over the moon doesn't seem nearly as impossible.

When one gets April's tax returns all away the need for a day's fishing is very evident and it can't be a very expensive day either.

Wonder when the Highway department will get up-to-date on population figures posted at the town limits. The new figures can readily be secured in the 1950 Municipal Directory.

Orangeville has secured approval of plans for a new \$357,000 High School which will have a large gymnasium, lunch room, shooting gallery and cadet room. It will have five regular classrooms and six special classrooms.

Some expert has predicted that either this generation or their children will certainly engage in an atomic war. Some prospect for a group of nations who have been professing Christianity for centuries.

After being on strike for sixty days, 89,000 Chrysler workers lost \$84,000,000 in wages, and the firm lost \$400,000,000 in production and sales. The strike is now nearly ninety days old and the losses of all continue to increase.

The life-span of the average family auto has doubled in the past 25 years, reports SKF Industries Inc. Today's car can be expected to have 12 years of service and 103,000 miles behind it before reaching the junk heap. Expectations unfortunately do not always measure up. Service of new cars of the past five years has not been on a par with that of the previous years.

Recollections of Acton

BACK IN 1900

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 19, 1900

The Fire Inspector arrived in town on Monday and a test was made of the apparatus. At one o'clock the engine was run out and in nine minutes steam was up to 70 lbs and engine pumping. The Inspector was quite satisfied with the condition of the apparatus and pronounced the test altogether satisfactory.

St Alban's paragon was the scene of a fire which might have been attended with serious consequences but for the prompt and heroic actions of Rev and Mrs. Gudden. About nine o'clock on Monday morning their baby boy, Percy, was playing in the parlour and it is supposed that he had found and lighted a match, which ignited the lace curtains and in an instance the room seemed to be filled with smoke and flame. With the use of heavy materials the flames were soon subdued by the parents but not before the carpet, paper on the wall and ceiling, and woodwork of the windows were badly burned.

Never in the history of Acton has the community been so stirred as during the past week over the strike in connection with the tanneries here. Among the strikers who have already left town are George Osburn, Dufferin Bingham, Arch Green and Frank Kelly to Sault Ste. Marie, Robt Moore and John Hiscock to Toronto, James Dunbar to Guelph and Herman Eulenstein to his home west of Berlin.

Mrs. W. H. Kenney and two children and Mrs. W. D. Frick visited friends in Niagara Falls, N.Y. during the week.

Tenders are asked up to Saturday for the excavation for the new block on Mill Street.

The championship won last season by the Crescent Lacrosse Club carried with it a prestige for the Club and a manifestation of the popularity of its president, Mr. John H. Matthews, into the courts of the Association this year. In the election of the Council of the Association for 1900, Mr. Matthews was not only elected one of the ten members for the province, but received the third highest vote among the thirty one candidates for the coveted positions.

BACK IN 1930

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thurs April 17th, 1930

The snow fences along the highways are being removed. Spring must have surely come.

A band of gypsies, travelling in the up-to-date method, by automobile caravan, were in town this week. They camped just at the edge of town for a night.

The School Board discussed the planting of trees around the school grounds and of beautifying the grounds by the planting of shrubs and perennials.

Two hundred guests assembled to enjoy the banquet, concert and dance last Friday evening at the "At Home" of the Acton Oddfellows.

A local play by the Women's Institute drew a good crowd at the presentation of "Safety First" in the Town Hall, last evening.

DIED

CURRIE—On Tuesday, April 15, 1930 Lachin D. Currie, of Osprey in his 81st year.

HUTCHISON—At the old home—ad. Lot 14, Concession 3, Nassagaweya Township on Monday, April 14, 1930 Kathrine Ann Hutchison in her 62nd year.

In England there have been demonstrations of a new auto horn that "whispers" at close range but at the same time is audible at a considerable distance.

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DOES RETIREMENT HASTEN DEATH?

There seems to be a somewhat popular impression that when a man who has led an active and regular life retires he signs his own death warrant. Actually, reports The Financial Post, there is no real proof that he is hastening or retarding the end.

A man who suddenly leaves his job and faces a radical change in life, with no interests, is certainly risking a breakdown. If not worse. Available statistics, however, do not confirm any sudden mortality after the normal retiring age. The death rate is pretty high at this period anyway, but the acceleration seems to be steady.

In the latest year of record, 1948, there were 2,035,000 motor vehicles registered in Canada averaging one vehicle per 64 persons.

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Post's BRAN 2 1/2 PEG 25c, 1 C. PEG 20c
Special Process PEAS 2 20-OZ TINS 29c
Green Giant WAX BEANS 2 15-OZ TINS 29c

LYNN VALLEY GOLDEN KERNEL CORN
3 14-OZ TINS 25c

Aylmer SOUP TOMATO OR VEGETABLE 2 TINS 19c
FRUIT COCKTAIL CLEWWOOD 15-OZ TIN 25c
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NIBLETS CORN 14-OZ TIN 17c
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Choice **27c**
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Cello **25c**
TOMATOES, Pkg.
California, Size 288 **39c**
ORANGES, Dozen
Italian **29c**
LEMONS, 300's, Dozen
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BANANAS, lb.
FRESH DAILY—Radishes, Cauliflower, Spinach, Pineapple, Rhubarb.

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10:42 a.m., 12:32 p.m., 2:57 p.m., 5:27 p.m., 7:27 p.m., 9:12 p.m., 11:30 p.m.

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—Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

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