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EDITORIAL

Never a Perfect Score

The ideal of every newspaper is to have an issue without an error, but that is a goal that seems impossible of achievement. And what little innocent things can go to make errors that are never understandable. Sometimes they are in one department and sometimes they are not the mistake of our office.

For instance last week there was the wrong number of telephone in Acton and that didn't bring the proper picture. The picture had been given when the advertisement was put in. Then there was the error in the headline. The headline said "The Red River" when the article was about the Red Sea.

So it goes with every newspaper. It is impossible to stop these errors. The week following the error in the headline, the issue is published it was a week following would be a perfect score.

The newspaper is often unreasonable demands which are made upon newspapers do not appear to be fully realized by the public generally.

All too frequently the value of the work which the newspaper renders is overlooked. It is the mouthpiece of the community, it defends the rights of the people it serves. It endeavours to offer constructive criticism and to make people more happy and more prosperous.

What the newspaper requires is an intelligent realization by the public that it is providing services just as vital as those rendered by the doctor or the merchant.

The newspaper owes a duty to the community which it faithfully tries to perform. The community on its part owes a duty to the newspaper. It must be remembered that advertising is the sole means of sustenance which a newspaper has.

Every day of the year demands are made upon the newspaper for free space. When a public movement is launched or a campaign inaugurated, the newspaper is expected to make a cash contribution and also to provide free space.

The newspaper has to employ help, pay wages, meet heavy expenses for overhead costs, meet the cost of postage and equipment just as any other commercial enterprise.

Enormous sums must also be spent for news services and telephone bills, and yet the belief persists that it should give away the whole thing that it has to sell—Advertising.

Big Business

Recent mails have brought us many very fine Annual Reports from companies like the Ford Motor Co., Imperial Oil, and several of the Brewing organizations.

Big business firms apparently find this yearly edition quite an asset in furthering their relations with their shareholders and the public in general. These booklets give complete statements of the year's activities both financially and with their public and employee relations. From one of the letters that accompany each report we find that the organization looks on it as a report to their employees, the community and the people of Canada, from an industrial organization which plays a vital role in the national economy.

This week we received the Annual Report of one of the most interesting and active organizations with which we have been associated—our town—the Town of Acton. Its story is one of progress and thought, its reading is indeed interesting. Above all it is an organization that plays an extremely vital role in Canada's economic system.

It is not strange that we look on Acton as big business, it is quite in keeping with the part it plays. Last year the taxes that were spent in maintaining and improving the business concern or town, were partly contributed by us as a shareholder in this town. Neither does it seem strange that we are interested in our town, in what it does, and how it spends the shareholder's money.

The figures in that report cannot lie and with comparisons and speculation we can find whether our town is weighted with excess financial burdens or long lists of tax arrears. Every other taxpayer has an interest in the community, too, and each shareholder can judge the safety of his investment from the Annual Report that every town should provide.

Progress in Production

We were rather intrigued the other day as we read a booklet describing the growth of one of the big automobile manufacturers. Tracing the company from 1904 when a drill press was the only piece of equipment, the story of this industry told that that year in these small quarters 17 men put on the road 117 automobiles of 1904 vintage. Roughly that works out to about 7 cars per man employed.

Taking the latest year for this firm we find that with 240 acres of factory buildings, the finest of equipment and automatic machines there were 14,257 persons employed by this company and during that year 112,130 vehicles were put on the road which working on the same basis as in 1904 gives the stupendous increase of approximately 1 vehicle more per man employed. We sometimes wonder about all our efficiency, and modern mechanization and speed of getting things done. We are quite free to admit, of course, that the car of 1949 is a much different vehicle than the brass trimmed chariot of 1904 and of course the price is about five times greater. The man production unit was, however, the item that struck us as rather odd. Maybe we made a mistake in our arithmetic.

Big Cities are the Parasites

The debt that big cities owe smaller communities and farm areas was acknowledged editorially this week by The Financial Post.

Discussing a Toronto alderman's suggestion that the income of city people who earn their living in town and live beyond its limits should be taxed by the city, The Post says this:

"What the Toronto alderman failed to consider is the essentially parasitic nature of any large city in relation to the outlying country which supports it. Quite apart from the direct and obvious profit derived from business and industry operating in the city on the strength of sales to customers many miles away, there is the never-ending drain of men and women to the city where they produce for the city the profit from education obtained at the expense of home-town communities."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Examination times are at hand and the test of the year's application to study is being put into effect.

Skipping ropes, roller skates, spring, and one cannot help but admire the excess energy of the youngsters.

Mother's Day has come and gone, but there are still over 350 days left in which mother can have consideration.

Gasoline of super-quality will soon be coming on the Canadian market. What most motorists would like to see would be a tax-less gas now that the war is over some five years.

There's been a marked spring clean-up at Fairview Cemetery that is appreciated by all those who have loved ones interred in this sacred spot. Continued maintenance will be appreciated.

With motorized fire truck, two municipal trucks, a power grader, a truck for the Hydro department and a service truck for the Waterworks system, Acton is getting pretty well motorized.

Floods in Manitoba and the resulting relief fund seem hard to understand when the land in this vicinity is rather dry. It is, however, very real and the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund is quite a worthy cause.

When Ontario's Minister of Highways Doucet said that illiterate persons are perfectly capable of driving motor vehicles, he gave little consideration to his words. If such is the fact, why does the department issue instructions to drivers, issue traffic warnings, etc? How are illiterate persons to read the news of the highway traffic toll? The automobile of today is a machine that requires for operation, intelligence, and a sober mind, and surely Mr. Doucet is in a position to realize this.

Recollections of Acton

BACK IN 1900

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 24th, 1900

Principal T. T. Moore, has received a brief letter from his son, Gunner W. J. Moore, who was, when he wrote, just recovering from the effects of a kick from a mule, by which his left arm was broken. The accident occurred at Van Wyckie, South Africa.

About half past three last Thursday afternoon flames were seen bursting out in the rear of Mr. Thomas Easton's house, adjoining the new Baptist Church. The fire had full control of the barn and rapidly extended to the new Baptist Church and the shed in the rear. The kitchen of one of Mr. Easton's houses was destroyed, the roof of the barn was burned off and the main buildings adjoining were badly burned. The barn where the fire originated was completely annihilated and the shed at the Baptist Church was badly burned. The Baptist Church suffered severely and it looked for a time as if it would be impossible to save it. The fire had a strong hold upon the east side of the roof and tower and it took persistent efforts to subdue it.

Acton loses one of its best citizens this week in the removal to London of Mr. N. P. McLam, who went to London on Monday to take a situation at the G. T. H. car shops there. Mr. McLam has resided in Acton since childhood and for nearly twenty years has been employed by his brother, Mr. James McLam.

Mr. Wm. H. Welles, late of Plenton, has opened a very attractive stock of groceries and provisions in the brick store opposite Agnew's Hotel.

The family of William Walker who live in a log cabin near the town line were awakened from their slumbers at two o'clock last Friday morning by the fire fiend and the building was burned to the ground.

Fire-chief Harvey received yesterday morning a cheque for \$10 from the Baptist Church in acknowledgment of the splendid services rendered in saving the church last Thursday.

BACK IN 1930

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thurs. May 15th, 1930

Messrs Beardmore and Co. have beautified the surroundings on the Crescent by planting a good number of trees, which, when they develop, will add much to the attractions of this section of the community.

Quite a number of Acton folk attended the graduation exercises of the Nurses Class of 1930 of the Guelph General Hospital. Miss Dora Lambert of Acton, was one of the graduates.

At the Sunday evening service at the Baptist Church, Pastor Forsyth tendered his resignation of the charge to accept a call to Innerkip.

The worthy object, and a local worthwhile programme, attracted a splendid audience to fill the Town Hall at the concert of the Girl Guides last Friday evening.

The Women's Institute presented further plans for the entrance to Fairview Cemetery to the Council and these plans were approved.

DIED

DILLIS—At the home of his son-in-law, Mr. F. Browning, Toronto, on Saturday, May 10, 1930, George Dillis of Acton, in his 84th year.

SYMON—At the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Warren, Toronto, on Sunday, May 11, 1930 John Alexander (Jack) Symon, youngest son of James and Elizabeth Symon, Acton, in his 20th year.

Notice to Creditors

IN THE ESTATE OF DANIEL BOWMAN NUNN, late of the Village of Acton, in the County of Halton, Retired Farmer, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Statute that all persons having claims against the Estate of Daniel Bowman Nunn, late of the Village of Acton, in the County of Halton, Retired Farmer, deceased, who died on the 10th day of April, 1930, are required to deliver full particulars thereof to the undersigned solicitors for the Executor of the last Will and Testament of the said deceased on or before the 27th day of May, 1930.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that after the said last mentioned date the said Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have received notice, and he will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person of whose claim notice has not been received at the time of distribution.

DATED at Brampton, Ontario, this 28th day of April, A.D. 1930.
Graham, Gibb and Bowyer,
Brampton, Ontario,
Solicitors for the said Executor.

INFLATABLE CHAIR

Inflatable lounge chair weighs about two pounds, has no rigid parts and tucks into overnight case. reports The Financial Post. For sun bathing, picnics, boats, etc., is of Vinylite plastic, said resistant to moisture, salt, sand, grease, oil, sun, heat. Adjustable back. Seat measures 18x19 in. Chaise longue model also available.

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Office Hours 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
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LEGAL

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TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

GRAY COACH LINES

COACHES LEAVE ACTON
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
Eastbound
8:38 a.m., 8:58 a.m., 11:23 a.m.,
2:04 p.m., 3:03 p.m., 6:33 p.m., 8:33
p.m., 10:58 p.m.
Westbound
10:17 a.m., 12:52 p.m., 2:57 p.m.,
5:27 p.m., 7:27 p.m., 9:12 p.m., 11:33
p.m., 11:42 a.m. (Sun to Kitchener
only).
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
9:54 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 Sunday and Monday,
1:56 a.m.; Sunday and Monday
only, 12:08 a.m.; Daily except Sunday,
8:48 a.m., 6:50 p.m., 7:44 p.m.;
Daily except Sat. and Sun 5:48 p.m.
(flagstop); Saturday only, 1:56
p.m.; Sunday only 8:43 a.m. (flagstop).

A. S. Holden

Optometrist

7 DOUGLAS STREET
GUELPH

EYES EXAMINED
GLASSES FITTED

CARROLL'S



Suggestions for May 24th

MIRACLE WHIP 25c, 44c, 75c
Kraft Mayonnaise 29c, 52c, 90c
SANDWICH SPREAD 27c, 46c
FRENCH DRESSING 25c
PREM 47c • • KAM 41c
Red "BLUEBACK" SALMON 35c
Fancy Pink SALMON 41c

RED SALMON

COCONUT "SPECIAL" 1/2-LB. TIN 29c

Orange JUICE 19c, 43c
Blended JUICE 19c, 43c
GRAPEFRUIT JUICE 18c, 47c
Tomato JUICE 3 25c
STRAWBERRY JAM 41c
CARROLL'S TEAS 38c, 45c, 55c

FOR PICNIC SANDWICHES —
ROMAR HOMOGENIZED
PEANUT BUTTER
9-OZ. 27c, 16-OZ. 37c
SCOTTY TUMBLER 27c, JAR 37c

GOLD REEF APRICOTS 29c
RED PITTED CHERRIES 25c
AYLMER BLUEBERRIES 25c
Romar COFFEE 42c, 83c
Kellogg's CORNFLAKES 19c, 12 1/2c
MAPLE LEAF LARD 17c

Aylmer Corn

CHOICE GOLDEN 2 15-OZ. 23c
CREAM STYLE 2 TINS

Nature's Best TOMATOES 2 27c
ODEX SOAP 3 20c
MAPLE LEAF FLAKES 28c, 79c
SUCCESS FLOOR WAX 63c
LIBBY'S EVAPORATED MILK 2 27c
HEINZ KETCHUP 24c
Libby's Deep Brown BEANS 17c
LIBBY'S MUSTARD 10c

FIG BARS

A FRESH SHIPMENT 1-LB. 29c

Cello Pkg. 23c
TOMATOES, Pkg.
Cauliflower, Size A 5 lb. 29c
NEW POTATOES 3 for 29c
Size 96
GRAPEFRUIT 8c
Imported Green
CABBAGE, 1b.

FRESH DAILY—Home grown Asparagus, Leaf Lettuce,
Rhubarb, Green Onions, Pineapple, Mushrooms,
Cucumbers, Pineapple