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EDITORIAL

Tube Conscious

One does not need to be reminded these days that Toronto is subway or tube conscious. There are songs about the new subway. The streets are torn up right in the heart of the city as Toronto puts into effect plans to travel underground. The tubes are the reason given for all downtown upheaval and untidiness. Toronto is these days very tube conscious.

We've been aware of this but did not anticipate this tube use had spread beyond the construction streets downtown. We hadn't been two hours in our University Avenue location last week before we found tubes were on the hospital program as well as downtown. A long tube from a bottle over the bed gave the meals 24 hours service for two days. Tubes can reach your stomach in spite of all the gagging you can put up and like the washing solution slogan of today, "tube does everything". Yes, when we finished feeding through the arm, milk came on the diet and believe it or not through a tube Toronto is certainly tube conscious. In our own mind we call the two young house doctors, Robert Saunders and Hiram McCallum for their adeptness in putting tubes down people's throats.

But, what is Toronto. It seems to be the assembly line for a great territory. The hospital staff are made up of folks from Stratford, Guelph, Kitchener, Chesley and nearly every district of Ontario. There are so many of the home town friends you and we know so well who make up Toronto's population. The solution one is fed intravenously is made in Acton (free plug for Baxter's), the milk doesn't come from Toronto herds of cattle, etc. because Toronto has no pastureland for cows. Toronto is only the assembly line of tubes and it's a great network that makes up this Ontario metropolis.

Editorial viewpoint is confined to the things editors view. Ours has been rather limited in scope this week but we hope to soon write again from the usual desk and tubes won't be a local subject.

Confession — Haven't had a cigar in over a week but we're taking alcohol twice a day (on the outside of our back).

A Ray of Light From Behind the Curtain

The abundant reports of threatened war in recent issues of the daily newspapers have finally been replaced and a brighter picture has been painted by the Secretary General of the United Nations, Trygve Lie, who has discussed the world situation with the four leading powers.

Suspicion of the powers seems to have been Lie's greatest obstacle. At Moscow they suspect Washington and at Washington they are suspicious of Moscow. The Secretary General reports that the Eastern and Western powers are all interested in peace and if this is true perhaps the door to a negotiated settlement of the Cold War has not been slammed shut.

Encouraging reports from Moscow, however, may be abandoned if the 28th of May brings forth the promised Communist march on the Allied sector of Berlin. Preparations have been made in varying degrees of severity since the Reds first announced their plans to stage a demonstration in a hall located in the Allied area of occupied Berlin. Fire hoses are to meet first attempts of demonstrators and if these are unsuccessful in quelling the march, Allied forces plan to swing into action using other defense weapons, which could end in anything.

Mr. Lie, however, went to Moscow armed with assurances from Washington, Paris and London that the leaders of these three powers were ready to take any practical steps that might result in reducing international tension. If the Secretary General met with the reported success in Moscow the situation is on the road to repair and the promised Red march on Berlin may not be carried out.

Nothing is Lost

Realizing that Highway 25 has been a regular discussion in these columns we thought perhaps a little complimentary comment was due.

On Sunday we enjoyed a pleasure trip over this road and looking beyond the dust created by our own, and traveller's vehicles, we again noticed the beauty for which this road was so famous. The scene has changed considerably since the construction on this highway began two or three years ago. Rather than hiding the green rolling fields and the beautiful view from the mountain, the work has improved and added to the beautiful scenery.

The small streams, not yet dried by summer heat wound their way through the green and freshly plowed fields. Beyond the patchwork appearance of this mingled green and brown the freshly leafing trees contrasted with the darker evergreens and nowhere have we seen more beautiful country.

Indeed, we would not hesitate to suggest that tourists who want to see a beautiful portion of our country take Highway 25 and at a leisurely rate enjoy the small roadside waterfall just south of Speyside, the bush that borders the road and in which we found the trillium and other wild flowers for which the country is noted, and the rolling splendour of the fertile fields that can be seen so magnificently from the mountain as the road winds.

Highway 25 is certainly a route of springtime beauty.

Employment Increased

In the Ontario region the decline in the number of persons looking for work through National Employment Service offices has been quite rapid throughout the month of April. Agriculture and construction are providing many new jobs. In the construction industry, employment is expected to continue upward to record levels, some shortages of skilled construction workers, particularly bricklayers, is anticipated. The primary iron and steel industry, most pulp and paper plants, and the automobile industry are working close to capacity at the present time. Demand for pulp and paper products is strong in the United States and the primary iron and steel industry is expected to continue high level operations in order to meet the current heavy domestic demand for steel.

Lets Get Going

1950 seems to be Acton's construction year. It is at least a public construction year. That's what brought to our mind the proposed Swimming Pool.

With a good percentage of the money pledged or collected, for the construction of this community asset, we're a little surprised that officials haven't been anxious to make an early start and possibly have the pool in operation for at least part of the summer. More funds are needed, however, and will be needed before the swimming pool can be completed, but, perhaps people would consider additional donations if some direct progress was made.

If the coming summer season is as hot as last year and the pool is not completed, that cool refreshing swim will have to be taken in other centres such as Rockwood. To have children hitch-hiking and bicycling on busy highways to other places is not the safest arrangement for them.

It is with the children in mind that the project was begun and all possible speed should be made in its completion, as an insurance policy for them. The supervision that the pool will have will greatly assist in developing a better swimming, safer Acton.

EDITORIAL NOTES

You may think it and it may be perfectly true but don't tell us or the staff that they turned out a better paper while the editor was away. It has an unbalancing effect to be real candid.

Weekly newspaper publishers in the Counties of Grey, North York, Simcoe, Dufferin and Muskoka met at Camp Borden recently and formed the Central Ontario Press Association. Eighteen papers in the district were represented.

Suppose this should go in the "Card of Thanks" column but we do appreciate the inquiry and many kindnesses that have been shown. It's nice to know that in the community where a lifetime has been spent one still has so many fine friends.

The weekly newspapers were recently honored when a car was named "The Canadian Statesman." The first Canadian-built car of this series was presented to George James, editor of "The Canadian Statesman", Bowmanville's weekly newspaper.

Sewerage construction on the east end of Mill Street has been quite interesting this week. Well points were sunk and these points suck the water from the surrounding ground to a main line which leads to a street drain. The well points are sunk by water pressure, that is the pipe is located and the water pressure forces the ground away and allows the point to sink into the ground.

Recollections of Acton

BACK IN 1900

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

Some ninety-in-the-shade weather this week. James Matthews is having a splendid demand now for his new rein protector. An order for 250 was received this week from Winnipeg, and a smaller order from Astoria.

Mr. Geo. Statham who opened up a baker shop in Waterloo on Monday, has decided to quit the business on account of the oven. He will return to Acton in a day or so and take his father's place in the bakery.

There is general rejoicing in the congregation of Knox Church, as well as throughout the community, because Rev. H. A. Macpherson remained loyal to the congregation and to the town when the call from Strathroy was formally presented at the regular meeting of the Guelph Presbytery, and refused to accept the call.

Dr. F. J. R. Foster left Acton on Tuesday morning for the scene of his future labours at Caltonville. Mr. A. T. Brown drove with him and returned yesterday. Mr. Moltz, electrician has moved his family to town and is now comfortably settled in the dwelling opposite St. Alban's Church on Willow Street.

DIED
 RYDER At Plainfield, New Jersey, on Tuesday, 15th May, Thomas G. Ryder, son of the late James Ryder, Acton, aged 26 years.

CHEWSON In Georgetown, on Saturday, 13th May, William M. Chewson, aged 75 years.

BACK IN 1930

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 22nd, 1930

The lawn mower has to be pushed these days to keep ahead of the growth of grass.

The ball season will be opened on Saturday, locally, with all the opening ceremonies and a contest between Acton and Oakville.

Rev. H. L. Bennie, M.A. the new minister of Knox Presbyterian Church will be inducted into the charge at a service in the church this evening.

Mrs. L. G. King and Dorothy returned on Monday from a six-month's visit with relatives in England.

A record attendance greeted the third annual Musical Festival of Halton Public Schools held in St. Paul's Church Milton last Friday evening. Acton captured one prize for Boy's Choir.

DIED
 COLE At the family home, lot 31, seventh line, Ballinacree, on Friday, May 16, 1930, Gladys Margaret, beloved daughter of Peter and Margaret Cole.

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