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EDITORIAL

Watch For It

With over six months of planning and research behind it the 75th Anniversary Edition of the Acton Free Press is nearing completion and is scheduled for publication on July 6th.

This sixteen page anniversary number is to be chock-full of amusing and authentic historical information that will interest anyone who enjoyed recollections of Acton. There will be no advertising in this Anniversary Section and it is planned to be our birthday present to subscribers and readers.

Clippings from the early 1875-1890 files of the Free Press are bound to make you smile and a few of the interesting occurrences from "Acton's Early Days" are included. Acton's early industries and the churches also have their story told in the Anniversary pages. There's a picture story of the present day plant and a story of the progressive history of the Acton Free Press, too.

But, these are only a few of the many interesting things that will be contained in this edition that is to be a supplement to the regular weekly paper.

Our regular edition will inaugurate the use of a revised format with new headings, layouts and a generally modernized appearance.

It is with pleasure that the Acton Free Press plans on making its step of progress as Acton rises from village to town. It will always be our endeavour to keep pace with Acton's growth.

Nearing Fulfillment

We await with keen interest the letting of the tender for paving that section of No. 25 Highway from Acton to Milton. Perhaps the reason is that we travel it more frequently than anyone else and have bumped over it for years in the various stages of temporary maintenance that have been used over the past quarter century.

Newspaper files show that the government of Premier Drury first made promise to make this section of Highway standard in width, grades and surface. Most every government since made some slow progress toward that end but stopped short of fulfillment. First definite program after twenty-five years of measuring and surveying came three years ago when half of the section was graded and widened. Last year the section between was completed to Acton. Its curves, grades and fill were splendidly done and a credit to those in charge.

The final phase of surfacing has brought prospects of being done this year. With the good drainage provided there is every reason to believe the new roadway will stand up well and provide an important connecting link between No. 7 Highway and the three highways across the south end of Halton. From Milton to the Dundas Highway has been surfaced for several years. It will likely mean additional bus and transport service through this section and more through traffic in Milton.

Bouquet to Weekly Newspapers

The Windsor Star, one of the most progressive daily newspapers in Ontario, was very generous in publishing a much appreciated editorial bouquet to the weekly editors during their convention in Windsor last week. With characteristic modesty we pass it on to our readers for their information and consideration.

Weekly editors are both representative and creative of public opinion in the towns, villages and countryside of these two major provinces. Close to the people, they know what people are thinking. And, by constructive, sound leadership, they themselves have no small part in shaping that opinion.

Weekly and daily newspapers are supplementary to each other. The weeklies provide that type of news local to their communities which could not be provided as well by any other media. Yet it is important to their readers because it deals with the events of their day-to-day lives.

Weekly editors are more than just editors of

their newspapers though that, in itself, is a very busy life. Almost invariably they are community leaders, busy in all those activities which make for the sound, healthy and decent citizenship one finds in the towns and villages and rural parts.

Good weekly newspapers and good towns go together. One can pick up an Ontario or Quebec weekly newspaper and tell almost at a glance the kind of a town in which it is published. A progressive town usually has a progressive newspaper, and vice versa. This is not by chance. It is almost impossible to have one without the other.

Down through the years there has been a consistent improvement in the quality of weekly newspapers. Partly this is due to a reduction in the numbers. In earlier days there were often two or three in a town which could not support so many on a basis which allowed the production of good newspapers.

But mainly it has been because of the development of a fine type of editor, progressive and modern, men determined to give to their communities the best possible service, and fitted so to do.

The Simple Rule of Courtesy

Officials of the department of highways are applying themselves persistently and commendably to the task of bringing motorists of this province to a realization of their responsibilities in keeping the highways safer for traffic.

Three rules enunciated cover the greatest source of highway danger. They point out the absolute folly of attempting to drive around the curves at a high rate of speed, leaving the line of traffic without being absolutely sure that the road ahead is clear, and passing another car on a hill. Nor do they forget to urge courteousness on the part of every motorist.

Government officials, automotive leaders and highway authorities these days are doing their best to find means of creating better traffic facilities for the fast increasing number of automobiles in this country. It is a cumbersome and difficult problem, for the room we have on the highways in no way compares with the increase in motor cars.

Traffic is becoming more and more congested, driving more difficult and costly. In the final analysis, the solution to this problem of increasing congestion, lies in the human being himself more than in the improvement of highway facilities or the construction of safer automobiles, or in the development of more uniform traffic laws.

For there is just one essential rule that lies only within the power of the individual, by the practice of which we may be assured of room for all of us on the public roads, of safe progress, of continued pleasure in the use of automobiles. That is the simple rule of courtesy.

Statistics show that a very large percentage of all motor accidents have been the result of erratic or mistaken human behaviour, the lack of courtesy on the highway. What an easy thing it is to bring this figure down to practically nothing. Just to think of the other fellow, to be aware of his rights on the road and to respect them as we would have others respect ours.

The practice of a little more care in driving, constant attention to the matter of driving, and the safe and sane rule of giving the other fellow the benefit of the doubt, will do much towards reducing motor accidents and relieve traffic.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Rains have been more frequent and as a result the countryside looks very June-like and gardens are getting along splendidly.

Students at the Public and High School will soon be taking to the wide open spaces when they leave classes at the end of another term.

All will be welcome at the service in Acton Park on Sunday afternoon and especially former residents who can return for this commemorative service.

Canada in 1949 suffered the greatest fire loss in more than a quarter century. Resources Minister Robert Winters stated in Ottawa in releasing statistics for the year. No less than 7,046 forest fires were reported in the 10 provinces in the year, about 1,000 more than in 1948. "Prevention measures must be intensified," said the federal minister, reporting 2.5 million acres burned out.

Editor George James of the Bowmanville Statesman turned his paper backward last week with front and back pages reversed. Reason was given to fulfil a promise made that the first time a full page of classified advertising was booked he would run the issue with the Classified on the front page. Apparently the editor thought years ago when making the promise that such a section was impossible. The Bowmanville editor is one who lives up to his promises even if they do hurt.

Recollections of Acton
BACK IN 1900

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 21, 1900

It is reported that wages are being increased at the factories. The excursionists from south Ontario who passed through Acton on Tuesday to the Model Farm through Acton Public School will send a class of 21 high school entrants candidates for Georgetown next Wednesday for their examinations. Acton Cornet Band has had three engagements this week and is very much in demand for garden parties.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Morton of Milton visited Acton friends this week. Mrs. Redpath of Toronto, Mrs. Jennie H. Cameron and Miss Lillian Harvey Acton leave for the North-west on Friday. Mrs. Cameron goes to visit her sons, Arthur L. Cameron of Calgary and Angus H. Cameron of Cranston, Minnesota. Mrs. Redpath will reside in future at Medicine Hat. Miss Jennie Harvey goes for a prolonged visit to her uncle at Indian Head, N.W.T.

Beautiful June was never better than on Tuesday, the 19th inst. The brightness of the day added much to the pleasure of the company of friends and relatives who assembled at Cedar Grove, Erin Township the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Matheson to witness the marriage of their daughter, Miss Sarah G. Matheson and Alexander T. Burns of Erasmus.

Mr. Charles Brody, of the Merchant's Bank, Elora, is relieving Mr. A. J. Gentler, teller of the Merchant's Bank here during the latter's vacation.

Miss E. Chapman, Speyside and Mr. T. T. Moore, of Acton, were appointed delegates to the Ontario Educational Association by the County Teachers' Association last week.

BACK IN 1930

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 14th, 1930

Tuesday was Halton's day at the Ontario Agriculture College, and quite a number from this district visited the institution on that day.

Acton Citizens' Band gave another splendid Sunday evening concert last Sunday. They were assisted by Mr. Jas. Algie solo cornetist of the Brampton Band.

The three farmers' clubs of the Acton District held a picnic at Stanley Park, Erin on Saturday and had a very enjoyable outing.

An usual service was held by the Presbytery of Guelph in Knox Church, Acton on Tuesday evening when they met to conduct the designation service for Miss Mary E. Anderson, who is to take up work for the Presbyterian Church among the Koreans in Japan. The service was in the hands of the Moderator, Rev. D. Matheson and opening exercises were conducted by Rev. H. L. Bonine.

Sunday was the annual Decoration Day Service of Acton Lodge IOOF and church service at the Baptist Church.

DIED
 MURRAY A. the General Hospital Guelph on Sunday, June 15, 1930. James Albert Murray, husband of Etta Smith in his 71st year.

WILES, At the family home, Mill St., Acton on Monday, June 16, 1930. Nancy Barbara Wiles, widow of the late William Wiles in her 72nd year.

COMMANDO DEATH SLIDE

One of the features of the Royal Entertainment now being held in London is a Commando exercise by the Royal Marines. 65 men will stage a night raid against an enemy-held coast line in order to destroy an important communication line. The manoeuvres will include landing on the beach, climbing a steep cliff in waves, placing an explosive charge on the bridge and descending the cliff by means of ropes. This perilous descent has been dubbed the "Death Slide" by Commandos.

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 6:45 a.m. 7:45 a.m. 11:21 a.m.
 2:01 p.m. 3:02 p.m. 6:33 p.m. 8:33 p.m. 10:58 p.m.
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 10:17 a.m. 12:42 p.m. 2:12 p.m.
 5:27 p.m. 7:27 p.m. 9:12 p.m. 11:32 p.m. 1:12 a.m. (Sun. to Kitchener only)
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 Daily 7:00 a.m. Daily except Sundays 9:44 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.
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 Daily except Sunday and Monday, 1:56 a.m. Sunday and Monday only, 12:06 a.m. Daily except Sunday, 8:18 a.m. 6:50 p.m. 7:44 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. 3:45 p.m. (flagstop), Saturday only 1:58 p.m., Sunday only 8:43 a.m. (flagstop)

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