

EDITORIAL

Still No Progress

Weather is often defined as the most discussed subject, yet no one ever does anything about it. This summer the weather has adopted a fickle note but, nevertheless, it is punctuated with hot, humid, sultry days.

All this brings to mind a community project which started in the summer of 1948 and to which a number of people contributed. The swimming pool that was proposed in that year at a public meeting seems to have slipped from the path of progress.

Other community projects such as artificial ice have been proposed but due consideration has been given to these proposals. The money was raised for a swimming pool and should be used for that purpose.

Enough money has been raised, we understand, to install the pool and pipes. Why not make that installation while the digging equipment is in town and the summer heat is with us?

Elmira built a swimming pool and held three campaigns as the construction progressed. Their third canvass was the most successful and easiest because people saw progress.

When local officials visited the Elmira project volunteers were working with enthusiasm towards the completion of the job. One report we heard on the completion of the pool and on its second year of operation stated that over 10,000 people have made use of the facilities that year.

Each year the mounting death toll points alarmingly to the need for more and better swimming facilities. Acton citizens have expressed their desire by making inaugural donations, yet there is a hold up.

It is unfair to issue merciless beratings to the officials on the swimming pool committee because they are only volunteers. It is possible, though, for us to point out that people have invested money for the construction of a swimming pool away back in 1948 and since that time they have seen no results from that investment. As investors they are anxiously waiting and watching what has turned out to be a speculation. Seeing no progress they are speculating other uses for that money.

We suggest that either the money be returned or the work on the project be started. As we see it there is no need or advantage for any further delay. These days certainly show the need of a swimming pool for Acton's children.

A Treasure

The National Parks of Canada are areas of natural beauty and special interest that have been "dedicated to the people of Canada for their benefit, education and enjoyment". Established primarily for the preservation of unspoiled natural landscape and for the protection of native wildlife, they are to be "maintained and made use of so as to leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations".

Although a few parks have been devoted chiefly to the conservation of certain species of big game animals once threatened with extinction, some contain sites memorable in the early history of Canada. Others have been developed so that park visitors may more conveniently view the magnificent scenery and relax in the peaceful environment.

By progressive stages the parks have been made more easily accessible, wildlife scientifically managed, public services provided and accommodation and recreational facilities expanded. A staff of experienced wardens keeps constant vigilance throughout these park areas to ensure the protection of the flora and fauna. Conservation of the forests, the flowers, and the natural wildlife is their chief concern.

In making, preserving, and restoring sites of national historic importance the National Parks Service is advised by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada. From the Fortress of Louisburg in Nova Scotia to Fort Prince of Wales on Hudson Bay, nine such sites are administered as National Historic Parks, and many other places of historical importance have been suitably commemorated.

The National Parks of Canada are part of a great national heritage, and under careful administration will continue as a perpetual asset—undiminished by use—for all future generations.

Government Raised

To our desk this morning came a nice booklet entitled, "You and Your Family". It was issued by the Dominion government Department of National Health and Welfare. It was a delightful book and our only regret was that we didn't get it twenty years ago. It told all about family allowance, spending the family income and children and their problems.

Trouble is we raised a small family without all these modern advantages. We never received a family allowance cheque; we just did the best we could in a haphazard sort of way with the in-

come we could earn in as long hours as we were able to work. We just took children's problems as they came along each day and never did find out how to scientifically deal with them. The more we perused the book the more our ignorance was impressed upon us.

Now we'll never know what we've missed or neglected because twenty years ago parents had to raise families without the aid of government advice or assistance. If the families of today are not just all they should be take comfort that the next generation will be "super" because of present government aid. Send and get a copy of "You and Your Family" if you haven't received one. They are as free as all government aid or we'll let you have our copy if you like.

Distrust at Home and Abroad

Lack of agreement in world affairs often leads to wars which do not settle the matter. Lack of agreement in local affairs leads to court action which does not always settle the matter. Usually in both cases the sides just get tired and quit taking time out to get wind and start again.

About twenty-one years ago Halton municipalities had an equalization court which, if memory serves us correctly cost over \$40,000. Then about five years ago an improved device was set up which would maintain equalization of county assessment. It might be an improvement but its speed is not geared to modern requirements.

County Council members agreed upon a more equitable distribution of rates at a recent meeting to be effective next year. Now we have the spectacle of Burlington and Oakville Councils refusing to endorse the action of County Council. Yes, even going in reverse to their own members sent to County Council. All this in spite of the often and loud expressions of accord between the north and south ends of Halton. The actions of these two municipalities is a splendid denial of such accord. It brings to mind the actions of Burlington a few years ago when the County Council was rushed into an action unfair to the other municipalities and guaranteed an issue of bonds that municipality was selling. The present action has the same odor of selfish interest.

We regret that the settlement proposed by County Council was not accepted. We might have had some faith in the public protestations of north and south agreement. We might have had some hope of County assessment eventually meeting the requirements of equal distribution of the county levy. But it appears that Burlington and Oakville lack even faith in the judgment of their own representatives, so how could those in other parts have other than feelings of distrust in view of their present actions.

It appears that Halton County cannot settle its differences within itself. There remains only one thing to be done — to have outsiders who are unbiased by selfish interests make the decision no matter what the costs. Fighting is always costly but we always have to exhaust our resources in a struggle first. Perhaps that is the reason we hung on to the Privy Council so long. Perhaps we acted rashly in disposing of the appeals there. There is a dispute in Halton—and in Korea it's a war, all because men are distrustful of each other and a bit greedy. World problems begin at home.

Danger Time

Now that school is over danger stalks the highways and streets ready to injure, maim and kill children. In Ontario last July and August there were 436 children between the ages of five and fourteen involved in accidents. Twelve of them died. Of this former number, 168 were involved in motor accidents. 151 children were injured or killed on foot as the result of coming from behind parked cars, crossing intersections or highways or playing in the streets. 110 children were injured (some killed) in accidents while they were riding bicycles.

The above figures taken for the two holiday months are appalling. These accidents can be prevented in two ways. Firstly, by the education of our little ones in how to be safe in traffic. Also educate the older children how to look after the little ones. There are certain fundamental rules that are quite simple for children to learn with respect to automobile traffic, crossing of streets and the safe use of bicycles that are quite simple for even the youngest child to grasp. Teen-agers can give guidance to the younger children, especially by setting a good example.

The second way in which accidents to children can be prevented is by parents being aware of their responsibilities for the safety of children. This awareness can increase if parents encourage children to practise and discuss safety at home. Parents can impress upon their children that good citizens are safe citizens.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1900

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thurs. July 19, 1900

Mr. J. C. Matthews has opened an ice cream garden on the lawn adjacent to his shop. It is quite popular.

Judgment has been given against the claim of Mrs. Wealey Campbell in the higher court, against Beardmore and Co for the death of her husband who died from anthrax two years ago, alleged to have been contracted from handling diseased hides.

Tethering animals on the streets is now forbidden by law under penalty.

The Grand Trunk has made a new running record between Toronto and Montreal, the distance 300 miles being covered in 6 hours and 40 minutes by the second section of the Chicago express.

Mr. Arch McNabb, who has been for a dozen years carpenter with Beardmore and Co, left on Monday to take a position on the Ottawa Atmopior and PARRY Sound Railway.

The Congregational Church at Churchhill last Sunday celebrated its 60th Anniversary.

At a barn raising at John Harding's last Wednesday, Tom Moffatt, son of Mr. Christopher Moffatt, was knocked off the roof. He hit on his feet and sustained no injuries other than a severe shaking up.

Master Harry Moore of Hamilton whined over from that city on Tuesday and is visiting his uncle at Monroeville.

STONE In the hospital at Guelph on Saturday, 27th July, Jennie, daughter of the late Richard Stone, aged 27 years.

OAKVILLE

Early Post Office Slated for Museum

Oakville's earliest post office is about to be moved. This week a group of Oakville-Trafalgar Chamber of Commerce volunteer workers started preparing the old red frame structure that for many years has stood on Colborne Street near the river bank for removal to a permanent site at the corner of Thomas and Front Streets by the lake where it is expected to become a museum.

Frenzied tooting of a tug, engaged in raising the Radel from the creek bottom, added shrill volume to the blasting of the town's fire siren at 3:15 Monday morning when the dump burst into flame. Firemen made a fast run and soon had the blaze under control.

Blood drawn from the veins of more than two hundred Oakville and district residents is now in a "bank" at Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, in readiness to be administered in transfusion whenever emergencies arise.

Meeting to discuss playing problems, representatives of the Oakville Baseball Ass'n. and the newly formed intermediate club Monday night reached a mutually satisfactory agreement for the setting up of practice and games schedules. It was disclosed yesterday in a joint statement by the two groups. — Trafalgar Journal.

SURPRISE!

The usual hilarity of a children's birthday party was over and the mothers and small guests were saying their good-byes. The hostess stood at the doorway and as each mother left she handed her a small package, most attractively gift-wrapped. "This is for you," she said. "Open it when you get home." Imagine the surprise each mother received! Inside the gaily wrapped package lay—two aspirin tablets.

BACK IN 1930

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 17th, 1930

The park in Acton is growing in popularity as a picnic grounds and recreation centre.

Miss Grace Skilling has been successful in her recent examinations at Toronto Normal School.

Mr. and Mrs. John Agnew, of Wintipeg, have been spending the week with friends in the old home.

Duncan Campbell of Moffat, prominent Northern breeder, took the championship at the first Western show at Brandon, Manitoba.

Acton Loyal True Blue Lodge and Acton Citizens Band participated in the celebration of the Orangeton at Bolton.

MARRIED

JOHNSON SCOTT On Thursday, July 17, 1930 at Kitchener, Ont. by the Rev. C. L. Poole, B.D. Lettie, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott to Dr. Joseph E. Johnson of Waterloo.

DIED

CURRIE At the family residence, Brook Avenue, Acton on Friday, July 11, 1930 Jean Graham is loved wife of Archie C. Currie.

We don't exactly disagree with vegetarians, but we do think that the taste of an opinion is improved greatly by adding a pound of steak to it.



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