

EDITORIAL

Speyside's Front Window

Speyside was never as much in the local news as it has been ever since it was designated as the central point of the North Halton District. It's not Speyside's fault that it's small and any reference to it is associated with the rock and swamp that is on the three corners. Speyside has had no growth, so therefore it wasn't considered necessary to build chain stores or clear up these corners. There was no demand for building sites so of course there were no building sites prepared.

But being named the centre for a prescribed purpose makes Speyside appear in another light. While the junction point of the four roads is not necessarily attractive, if the viewpoint on Speyside were widened it will be found to have very good building sites just a short distance from its undesirable corners.

Every district has parcels of land that are not exhibited with pride to visitors but it's unusual that it's so prominent as in Speyside. The towns of the district have 10 to 20 miles of street each and it's quite probable that in those miles there are spots which are very unsightly.

Speyside has no newspaper. These days we do not even have correspondence from Speyside, although we can recall when there was quite a budget of news items from this community. It therefore behooves some one to take up the cudgels on Speyside's behalf when these days it is spoken of so much and its immediate building sites are so often belittled. There's nothing wrong with Speyside, only its size and its front window. If folks who speak of it these days would broaden their viewpoint it has attractions and building sites nearby that are as desirable as any in the district. And in spite of anything that may be claimed for any other points it's still the centre of the North Halton District as presently constituted.

The Community Night

We have had the opportunity recently of being in some of the nearby cities on Saturday nights and what a difference to a few years ago. The most of the shopping district is closed and deserted and evening crowds are elsewhere. We noted, however, that in the sections of the city in outlying districts that many shops are open in the evenings and doing a very good trade.

Saturday night shopping has become a tradition and we hope the towns and villages will not follow this city trend of making Saturday just another night. There's something about Saturday night in town that appeals to us all. The week's work is done, there's relaxation, an opportunity to visit with others.

On the other hand there are the clerks and merchants to consider who require rest and a time for relaxation. We suggest that Monday holiday would be preferable to losing Saturday night. But as long as the crowds continue to come to town that are seen these Saturday nights there seems little danger of losing the Saturday night here. Parking meters are not popular either. Towns will do well to keep parking meters out and Saturday night in.

Passing of the Great

William Lyon Mackenzie King is dead. Prime Minister of the Dominion of Canada for the longest time in the history of Canadian politics, Mackenzie King died after a brief illness and government leaders deluged his home with tributes and memorials of his life devoted to the welfare and betterment of Canada and the world.

For 21 years he guided the nation through war, depression and prosperity. He floated Canada on a sea of world recognition. In 1939 he added his voice, the voice of Canada, to those of other neutral leaders who made pleas to Germany for peace instead of war.

Born in 1874 at Kitchener he graduated from the University of Toronto in 1895. At 25 he was offered a professorship in Harvard but declined the position to engage in public life in his own country at a much lower salary. In 1919 he succeeded Sir Wilfrid Laurier as leader of the Liberal party and in 1935 was swept into office by the greatest majority ever recorded in the history of Canadian politics. In 1939 an interesting event of his administration was the Canadian visit of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

He held the longest term of office in the British Commonwealth of Nations and was accorded the title of World Statesman by other officials. Mackenzie King's task was not an easy one. He devoted his entire life to Canada. As the bitter conflict of 1939-45 raged he was busy administering the affairs of a war torn nation and these busy hours and demanding days took their toll of the Prime Minister's years.

He retired from public life less than two years ago to relax and write his memoirs but that

one task he left uncompleted. In the process of this occupation he was seized with an acute attack of pneumonia and after 18 unconscious hours his life ended.

The democracies of the world are expressing their sorrow at the passing of what was one of the greatest political statesmen of all time.

The man around whom so much of Canadian history has revolved for so long was himself claimed by history on July 22 in his 76th year. In his last few weeks there were periods when he would work enthusiastically on the memoirs displaying the flickering spark of the old enthusiast for which he was famous.

The ex Prime Minister was brought from the quiet of his Gatineau Hills to lie in state in the Hall of Fame in the Parliament Buildings.

William Lyon Mackenzie King, who never ceased to work for Canada and world peace is dead but his spirit marches on.

It is the Law

It is a violation of the Highway Traffic Act for any person under the age of fifteen years to operate a tractor on the Highway. In recent years the number of tractors using the highways has increased. They are either travelling from one farm to another or being used as motive power to transport supplies. Inasmuch as they are not geared for fast running and are not as adaptable for easy handling on the roadways as an automobile only an experienced and mature operator should be at the wheel when driving them on the highway. It is not unusual to see them in difficulties on the highway which would tend to support the claim that they should be handled with care on such roadways. To allow a juvenile to operate them on the highway, no matter how careful or practised the operator may be, is dangerous and contrary to law. The Highway Traffic Act forbids such operation by a person under the age of fifteen years and also forbids any person to employ or permit anyone under that age to operate such a vehicle. This law also applies to the operation of any motor vehicle on a highway by any person under the age of fifteen years. — Peel Gazette.

Editorial Notes

Tomorrow's world isn't going to be what we want it to be. It's going to be what we are.

Unless a new spirit grips the nation, Democracy may be buried with the very men who are giving their lives to save it.

Rain is a mud-maker on local streets and a good example of that was the storm on Monday when storm drains were blocked and oozy mud was in abundance.

New time planners are urging that folks start planning for hobbies for ten years before retirement. Might be restful to have time to do things that were not planned.

Men's trousers are losing their shine when a new material is being used on pressing machines. It's a pity for some men to lose the only bright spot in their lives.

Smith's Falls council recently banned the sale of lottery tickets on autos. This seems to have been a fine idea since the number of salesmen increase to the nuisance number.

Decision of the dairy farmers of Canada to finance and direct an advertising program for dairy products makes good sense. Sound advertising is essential to intelligent marketing.

A recent week's newspaper editorialist says he has avoided discussing the Korean war situation because it does not concern the town his newspaper serves. It must be nice to have such a secure feeling.

We often wonder if our governments might not be run just a bit more efficiently if we remembered that our politicians and civil servants are not our bosses but rather hired hands, hired to work for us.

A clipping found its way to our desk this week reporting, "the first time in the history of Kingston, a summons has been issued against a citizen for failure to secure and use a galvanized garbage pail". Perhaps too few people are aware of the laws that govern the advantages of garbage collection but perhaps a few such summonses after repeated explanations might improve the knowledge of the law.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1900

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 26, 1900

The plentiful golden grain waving in the farmers' fields indicates an abundant harvest.

After some considerable delay, owing to alterations in plans, the new block, corner Mill and Willow Sts. is now in course of construction. It will be occupied by the Merchants Bank, Mr. J. D. McKee, druggist, and Mr. R. J. McNabb, conveyancer.

Two fine barns were burned in Erin Township during Tuesday's thunderstorm. One, that of Mr. D. Robertson Osprunge, and the other was Mr. Binnie's near Ballinacree.

Mr. George Douglas, Esquire, is building a fine brick farm house this summer. The foundation is finished and ready for the brick-layers.

Mr. W. P. Campbell has built three houses this year and intends building two more. He now owns eight and has built twenty-seven. Acton has an enterprising citizen in Mr. Campbell.

The remains of that old landmark, the big willow at the corner of Mill and Willow Sts., was taken out on Saturday and on Monday afternoon a four horse team driven by Councillor Williams, hauled the stump to the park and dumped it into Fairy Lake on the north side. Old residents tell that the tree was planted then a mere shoot by the late William Steel Esq. in the spring of 1852. It grew to an enormous size, and its stump, which was perfectly sound from heart to bark, measured 16 ft. 7 inches in circumference and five to six feet in diameter.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson McLaughlin of Nassagaweya, lost their two year old son Percy, on Saturday after a lingering illness of several months.

MARRIED

LAING ADAIR. At the residence of the bride's mother, Omagh, Neth. by Rev. C. N. Dawson. At that time, Acton, to Miss Belle Adair, daughter of Mrs. M. A. Adair.

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday August 2, 1900

The weather of the last harvest of the century will long be talked about as one of the finest in a lifetime.

Caretaker Graham deserves credit for the manner in which he has kept the gravel walks and drives in Fairview Cemetery this season.

The stonework of the Warren block is about completed and the carpenters are setting the joint. Mr. Henry Hill, Brampton, the contractor for the brick work, will commence his contract in a few days.

During the thunderstorm on Sunday evening the fine barn of Mr. S. F. Lindsay, east of town, was struck by lightning. Very slight damage was sustained.

The first golf match in the history of Acton was played in the links of the Acton Golf Club last Saturday afternoon between the Brampton Golf Club and the local club. The Acton team, consisting of J. B. Wallace, W. Stark, H. S. Holmes and J. A. McGrail, won by one hole score 15-14.

Acton readers will be interested in Dan Mann's latest exploit. The prospectus of the Canadian-Northern Railway has recently been issued by Messrs. Mann and McKenzie. The road may eventually be a trans-continental line in three divisions, the Ontario, Winnipeg, and Saskatchewan. The line when completed, will do a great deal to open the Canadian Northwest.

The electric light has been installed in Hill's Hall.

MARRIED

DRON-CLEAVE. At the residence of the bride's parents, on Wednesday July 25, Mr. James Dron, of Markham, to Miss Edith Cleave, of Erin Township.

BACK IN 1930

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 31, 1930

Acton Citizens' Band is always on hand to enliven election night, regardless of party.

The cooler temperatures, following the sizzling weather of Sunday and Monday were appreciated.

Turn out on Saturday and help in the community bee and make safe bathing facilities for all the kiddies.

The Oddfellows of the district picnicked at Huttonville on Saturday.

On Monday evening the True Blues gathered at the home of Mrs. Lappin and presented Miss Annie Collier a bride to be, with a silver flower basket.

By R. K. Anderson the Conservative candidate for Halton recorded a majority of 1167 in the county. Miss M. C. Farrington has been engaged as High School principal at a salary of \$2,200.

BORN

TERRY. At Bradford to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Elmer Terry, one Margaret Elizabeth on July 26th, 1930 a daughter of Joan Martin.

DIED

SMITH. At his home, Acton, on Sunday July 27, 1930 Peter Arthur Smith beloved husband of Adeline H. Smith in his 73rd year. GIBNEY. Accidentally drowned in Acton on Tuesday July 29, 1930 Wallace Fred Gibney son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gibney in his 11th year.

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 24, 1930

345 candidates were nominated on Monday for the 245 seats in the Dominion House.

The Horseshoe Club has been having some fine games on the ground next to Coxes garage. Now they are going to play, rain or shine at the arena.

At the close of the business meeting of the Baptist Church last Thursday evening the members adjourned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crowson where they presented Mr. and Mrs. W. Coles with an address and present on the occasion of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

The Ladies' Aid of Knox Church held an enjoyable lawn social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Murray, second line, last evening.

The Council arranged to have the grandstand refreshment booth and Judge's stand in the park moved to a new site and also decided to sell the pound lot.

DIED

MANN. At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McTavish, Acton on Wednesday July 23, 1930 Mary Ann Mann, daughter of Geo. and the late Jennie Mann in her 20th year.

FALL FAIR DATES

Acton	Sept. 22-23
Aberfoyle	Sept. 19-20
Arthur	Sept. 26-27
Bolton	Sept. 29-30
Bracebridge	Sept. 14-15
Brampton	Oct. 5-7
Caledon	Sept. 22-23
Drayton	Sept. 26-27
Elmira	Sept. 6-7
Erin	Sept. 1-2-4
Fergus	Oct. 7 and 9
Georgetown	Sept. 15-16
Ingersoll	Aug. 21-23
London	Sept. 11-12
Markham	Sept. 5-7
Millton	Sept. 29-30
Mount Forest	Sept. 16 and 19
Orangeville	Sept. 19-20
Waterdown	Sept. 26-27
Woodbridge	Oct. 7 and 9

The Canadian National Exhibition unquestionably is the most diversified show of its kind in America offering displays and demonstrations in science, art, sport, education, agriculture, music, industry, fashions, electronics, transportation, etc., etc.

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RED OCHOZ SALMON 1 1/2 LB. TIN 31c

Spaghetti & Meat BALLS 15 OZ. 19c

ROSE BRAND DILL PICKLES 2 1/2 OZ. JAR 27c

GLOBE CHOICE DESSERT

PEARS

2 15. OZ. TINS 25c

Kellogg's CORN FLAKES Pks. 12c, 19c

GRAPE-NUTS Flakes Pks. 12c, 17c

VELVEETA CHEESE 1 1/2 LB. PKG. 29c

GOLD CAKE MIX 8 OZ. PKG. 33c

HORNE'S PUNCH CONCENTRATED 33c

SHIRIFF'S GOOD MORNING Marmalade JAR 26c, 43c

MARGENE MARGARINE 1 1/2 LB. PKG. 35c

MIRACLE WHIP SALAD DRESSING

8-OZ. BTL. 25c, 16-OZ. 45c, 32-OZ. 75c

HEINZ KETCHUP 1 1/2 LB. BTL. 24c

York SPICED HAM 12 OZ. TIN 50c

BLUE RIBBON Cream of Tartar JAR 14c

CHAMPION DOG FOOD 2 15. OZ. TIN 25c

R.-M. DOG MIDGETS 1 1/2 LB. 16c

RAISIN BRAN

NEW! KELLOGG'S PKG. 20c

SOAP FLAKES

MAPLE LEAF 1-LB. PKG. 28c, 3-LB. BOX 79c

Leamington, No. 1 ONIONS 3 lbs. 21c

California Valencia ORANGES, 288's, Dozen 29c

Homegrown ICEBERG LETTUCE 2 lg. Heads 15c

Homegrown CABBAGE, Good Sized Head 10c

Georgia WATERMELONS, Good Size Each \$1.29

Golden-Ripe BANANAS Lb. 19c