

EDITORIAL

A Future Program

During sewer construction all road and highway signs in Acton have taken a bad beating. They've been buried, smashed and wrecked. It was therefore we read with interest that Council was planning new signs to be erected at the highway entrances to town. We had thought that the Business Men's Association would have taken this project in charge but, again the burden seems to be taken by Council.

Many strangers pass through Acton on No. 7 and when No. 25 Highway is completed there will be many more visitors to this town. An attractive sign at the entrance to town gives the visitor a lasting impression. Certainly the sewer work on every street has not given them a very good impression this year, but a project of this size was bound to bring about this messy condition.

Highway signs are very fine but often a little outdated and at best not very conspicuous. Brampton Chamber of Commerce has recently erected very fine signs on the highway entrances to that town. With them are combined in an attractive arrangement the service club signs. We wish they had been placed closer to the highway but no doubt the reason for their placing is some highway regulation regarding such things.

Let's be proud of our town. Let's clean up and paint up after the sewer work is completed and be proud to tell all who pass through in good big signs that this is Acton and we're proud of it. It's a program for the immediate future that will require the assistance of all citizens in co-operation with Council.

Forgotten Drivers

Of all the lengthy articles that have been written decrying the number and types of careless driving that occur there has been little or nothing done to congratulate those who are careful, apparently sane drivers.

With the gigantic increase in car sales of both used and new models, there is as great an increase in accident possibilities. Everyone who pilots a car through the maze and tangle of summer traffic is endangered by the careless motorist, but credit for averting accidents goes to the careful driver.

A careful driver is not defined as one who cautiously picks his way through traffic or along the road at a very slow speed for this method can prove as great a hazard as the unlimited speedster. The careful driver might be classed as an ordinary Joe who keeps his eye on the road, hands on the wheel, a clear thinking mind, and a car in good condition with good brakes. He drives at a reasonable speed and uses his cool head and quick thinking when he meets a careless driver.

Comparing the number of cars that infest the highways with the number of accidents that occur each year, it seems that careful drivers are in the majority. If each motorist was to judge his own driving skill we don't doubt that there wouldn't be any careless drivers at all. The only rule by which a careful driver can be measured, though, is by the mileage and accidents. Unfortunately this is not even an accurate rule because the accident may have been caused when the two drivers of different categories met.

In all, however, there are a great many careful drivers and to this group should go the credit for partially safe roads.

Responsible Citizenship

The founding fathers who initiated Canada's confederation were men who knew Democracy's big idea that, "God shall rule in the affairs of men", and that it is from this idea and none other that the conception of man's equality and brotherhood springs.

On such an idea they could unite and move forward without fear. But today Democracy is fighting for its very life. Another big idea, "the State shall rule in the affairs of men", is on the march to capture the hearts and minds of men, a materialistic philosophy that can lead only to confusion and chaos.

We are in a war of ideas. One, God-inspired, insures freedom—the other which builds on hate, leads to slavery. We still can choose, so let's start to pioneer again to make Democracy live. Only we, ourselves, wherever we work and live with people can know, specifically, what that means. The yardstick is the moral test of absolute honesty, purity, unselfishness and love and the guidance of God.

If our dream of a free, inspired Democracy is going to meet, match and surpass the challenge of world communism, we must do three things:

1. Live it more effectively at home.
2. Sell it more effectively abroad.
3. Develop a world strategy for our Christian ideology which is as comprehensive and effective as the march of militant materialism.

Special Plates

The provincial government of Saskatchewan has adopted a plan for dealing with traffic offenders which we shall watch with interest. Any driver convicted of a serious offence has his current license plate taken away, and a new one in a distinctive colour is attached to his car, therefore all other drivers on the road know when they are near a driver who has been found guilty of driving to the public danger. So far 461 of these "disgrace" plates have been placed on Saskatchewan cars, 170 other motorists have had their licenses suspended altogether. Plainly Saskatchewan means business.

Whether the plan will be completely successful or not can only be shown by time. If it is strongly enforced it would work very well, but the penalty is a severe one, bringing bad drivers into public disgrace, and legal authorities, who have to live with the drivers who come before them on traffic charges, may be reluctant to impose severe penalties. Too often it is not the weakness of laws themselves, but the weakness of those whose task it is to enforce the laws, which permits abuses.

It might be a very good thing if a man who has been convicted of drunken driving were ordered to have a red license plate on his car. Other drivers who saw the signal would take special care when they were near him. But we are afraid that such a penalty in Ontario would make it even more difficult to get a conviction on a drunken driving charge than is the case at present. Such a penalty would probably be effective if it were rigidly enforced, but rigid enforcement of any traffic law is difficult and unpleasant. Lindsay Watchman Warder.

Top Six Inches

It has been wisely stated that the wealth and health of this world lies in the top six inches of its surface. Conservation of this top six inches is a problem of maximum importance to every nation in order that its people and their posterity may be well nourished or even survive.

Canada and other countries are spending hundreds of millions of dollars every year to prevent this six inches from being washed or blown away. However, if the greater part of this six inches of soil is kept in grass or forests, this problem is virtually solved.

Although the products of grassland, in their natural state, cannot be used as human food, the dairy cow can convert these products into the most valuable food nutrients that man has known. There is nothing to compare with the dairy cow from the standpoint of efficiency in turning inedible forage crops into the food nutrients, particularly proteins, needed and desired by the human race. Thus it will be seen that a major contribution to economy of our country is made by the dairy cow nourishing the nation while maintaining the top six inches of our soil. This is of prime importance to the health and prosperity of our country.

Editorial Notes

With the C.N.E. and the Fall Fairs in a few weeks it appears that summer is nearing its end.

A tie-up of the railroads is predicted by a strike. Force seems to be the popular thing to be used in most walks of life these days.

Grand Valley reports a reduction in tax rate this year due to lower County rate, lower village rate and library rate. The school rate is increased.

No water shortages, no long dry hot spells, bountiful crops throughout the province. Yes, it's been a mighty fine summer with little cause for complaint for those who labor.

Down in Prince Edward Island, two residents were prosecuted because they possessed shaving lotion which contained alcohol. The liquor control system there is administered by a Temperance Commission which made the regulation because the stuff might be used as a beverage. Says the Summerside Journal: "It has been used as a beverage, with staggering results." And in Ontario we're told hair lotions and such are still favoured drinks with some of the addicts.

Last year the Federal government bought butter at 58c per pound and is now selling these stocks at 51 cents a pound. When the cost of storage is considered the taxpayer will pay from 10 to 15c per pound on the government's investment. That should have been a lesson for any speculator but now the government is buying fresh butter at 53 cents a pound. You figure it out. It's too expert for us.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1900

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 16, 1900

Civic holiday next Monday Take a day off and enjoy yourself. Contractor Henry Hill has his staff of bricklayers at work this week on the Warren Block. He is making an excellent job of it.

Mr. G. Stovel, boot and shoe merchant, Mill Street, has disposed of his stock and business to Kenney Bros.

With educational supervision, the Acton Public School Board will get along with \$2024 this year. Receipts: Municipal assessment \$1,850, Legislative grant \$174, Expenditures: Salaries \$1,740, Fuel \$174, Repairs \$25, Supplies \$24.50, Interest \$31.75, Contingencies \$27.75.

The by-law prohibiting bicycle riding on the sidewalks seems to be a dead letter, for riding on the walks is indulged in with impunity by numerous cyclists.

Owing to the great heat last week (97 degrees) dairy products were not marketed. As a result a butter famine prevailed on Saturday. The mercury dropped 40 degrees between Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.

Farmers should beware of a gang of swindlers who are travelling through the rural districts claiming authority to examine the wells. They examine the water through a microscope and find all kinds of bacteria, cholera and also typhoid germs, and permit the farmer and his wife to look through the microscope, when they see of course a menagerie that will always be found in a drop of water. The very frightened farmer is advised to apply certain remedies which the fakers sell at high prices, and which proves to be a little plain soda.

Haltom's aged poor still go to jail there being no other place of accommodation for them. Constable Summer of Oakville, brought John Ingram, an old man committed as a vagrant to jail a few days ago. Ingram's brother, somewhat younger, followed on foot and wanted Jailer Vanaller to take him in too, but the Jailer was unobtainable and refused. Milton Champion.

GEORGETOWN

Three Fire Calls Within 48 Hours

Members of the fire brigade had a busy time last week when they answered three fire calls within 48 hours. At supper time on Friday the siren sounded and investigation showed that a crossed wire had caused the "false alarm." At 6:30 Saturday morning the brigade was called to Norval where the motor in a Coca-Cola machine had burned out in Somerville's Store and filled the building with smoke. Saturday afternoon a small fire started during repairs to a car at Fred Sinclair's garage on Main St. and the alarm sounded again. It was not necessary to take the truck from the fire hall and the fire was put out with slight damage to the vehicle.

A strong supporter of the Stay-at-Home Camp since its inception last year, Georgetown Lions Club voted at a meeting last week to spend at least \$400 next year on a similar project. Ex-Lion president J. L. Lambert was one of the prime movers of the two week camp which was inaugurated in 1949 and which has been very successful. This year the Lions Club paid \$400 of the \$750 cost of running the camp.

Remembered in town as founder of the Argonaut Bible Class which he conducted during his residence in town, Stanley F. Howard died suddenly last Wednesday at his summer home at Barry's Bay. Herald.

BACK IN 1930

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, Aug 16, 1930

Lightning struck a tree in the yard of Mr. William Middleton, Mill Street, during the severe storm last Friday.

Another new diving pool with spring board has been erected at Fairy Lake, through the efforts of more community builders.

The municipal officers removed the old Hydro poles from the north west side of Mill Street in the two lower blocks. A decided improvement.

Last Saturday night two rinks from Oupring played a group from the Acton Hockey Club at the Arena here. Oupring was defeated by Acton on the game.

Mr. A. G. Kirshen has been appointed Agricultural Representative for Halton County succeeding Mr. A. P. MacVannell.

BORN
DILLIS On Monday August 14th 1930 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dillis Acton Ontario a son.

MARRIED
ROBERTSON-ANDERSON At the home of the bride on Wednesday, August 9, 1930 by Rev. H. L. Henne, M.A. Jesse Irene daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Anderson Acton to William Robertson son of Mr. D. M. Robertson of Toronto.

DIED
HEWITSON At Millard General Hospital on Friday August 10th, 1930 J. W. Hewitson of Brampton.

BURLINGTON

Fifth Swim Regatta Attracts 2000 Fans

With perfect weather, warm water, and lots of a huge crowd of spectators, some two thousand of them, the fifth annual Swim Regatta, sponsored by the Burlington Red Cross and the Yacht Club, just couldn't help being a success. There were so many spectators on the pavilion wall that it was practically impossible to move along it without spilling into the water. J. Wilkinson, the capable Master of Ceremonies had to get up on the very top of the wall to do his broadcasting, a hot and arduous task, but done in his usual fine style.

In the next issue of the telephone directory, Burlington and district areas will find a new feature. Yellow Pages, a classified section listing all business firms and professional people having telephones in this community.

At six o'clock on Tuesday evening flames suddenly broke out under the hood of a car on Ontario street, driven by A. Aikens, Beach Blvd. The fire was extinguished with extinguishers by Constable Charles Parsons and Dan McLeod, a truck driver for Halliday's, as the firemen arrived on the scene. Damage was done to the wiring of the car.

The Burlington Boys and Girls Community Band held their annual picnic at LaSalle Park on Sunday August 6th. During the afternoon a sports program was run off. Gazette.

WINNIPEG GETS DDT SPRAY

Co-operating with the Manitoba Department of Health and Public Welfare, entomologists of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa applied 9 thousand gallons of fuel oil containing one ton of DDT in an effort to control mosquitoes after the flood waters had subsided in the Winnipeg area. Through the co-operation of the RCAF two Dakota DC-3's sprayed 20 square miles in the short space of three days on the north, south and west suburbs of the city and checks indicated nearly 90 percent control in the area covered.

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