

EDITORIAL

In the Leisure Hours

Recently we've visited with relatives and friends who are farming in various parts of Ontario. It was great to hear of the general good crops and bright prospects of the present season. It was nice to note too that buildings were being repaired, repainted and there was a general air of prosperity in the farming business. Stock was good and generally in Ontario, farming seemed a good business.

There was another note we couldn't overlook. Often our visits were on Saturday afternoon and sometimes on Sunday. These are days when factory workers and townfolk are not working. On the farms there were times when the farmers were working on home and property improvements. They are doing the odd jobs in long hours. We found no forty or forty-eight hour work week on the farms. The improvements are the result of farmers own efforts. The folks we met were using their leisure for improvement of their living conditions.

The question kept coming in our mind. What are town folk doing with their leisure? Not many of them are doing their own home improvements. Not many are doing carpentry, painting, papering and such things in their short work week. Yes, the farmers of Ontario are prosperous but it's not accomplished by a shorter work week. There's a price of accomplishment and contentment on the farm that is not noticeable in the shorter week in town. It's quite evident that what one does with leisure hours has a bearing on the living conditions. The answer isn't in mass production, shorter working hours and more money and more taxes. It may well be found in what is done in the more leisure hours.

Point of No Return

I'm a nice customer. You all know me. I'm the one who never complains, no matter what kind of service I get.

I'll go in a restaurant and I'll sit while the waitress gossips with her friends and never bothers to serve me. But I don't say a word. I just wait. If the soup is cold, or the cream sour, I try to be nice about it.

It's the same when I go to a store. I don't throw my weight around. I try to be thoughtful about the other person. If I get a salesgirl who becomes "uppity" because I want to look at several things, I'm polite as I can be. I don't believe that rudeness is the answer — you see, I wasn't raised that way.

I seldom take anything back to a store, because I find people so disagreeable about such things, but one day I did take back a pair of nylons. I'd bought three pairs in a box and one pair had a run in them. The girl crossly told me it was my fault. I guess it was, for I hadn't examined them before I bought them. But I didn't make a fuss about it. I just decided to take the loss myself.

A short time later I bought a toaster that burned out after I'd had it only two weeks. I certainly hated to take that back. But I thought maybe they would know where to send it and I could pay for having it repaired. I didn't get the chance to tell them this, they were so busy telling me I had burned it out on purpose. I couldn't think of anything to do but leave. So I quietly walked out.

I never kick, I never nag, I never criticize, and I wouldn't dream of making a scene. No, I'm the "nice" customer.

But I'll tell you what else I am — I'm the Customer who never comes back. That's all I do — I just never come back. But unfortunately a dissatisfied customer like myself, multiplied by others like me, can just about ruin a business.

I often wonder why they spend so much money on expensive advertising trying to get us back when they could have kept us in the first place by a few words and a smile — *Kiwanis Magazine.*

On Everyone's Program

To-morrow the C.N.E. opens its exhibits for the 1950 event and starts off the season of fairs in Ontario. We who live in this district visit it every year and are privileged to see the latest and best in most every field of Ontario agriculture and manufacturing. Its proximity may not give it the prominence which is due.

For well over fifty years we have been a regular visitor, not only once during its two weeks but several times each year. It has never failed to amply repay the time spent there, but how it has grown. Visitors from afar marvel at its magnitude and well they might for it is the world's greatest annual fair and finest educational show for young and old. We hope to be present for the opening tomorrow and again on the following Friday. We know it's on the agenda for many from this district for the next two weeks.

Locking the Car a Duty

During the course of any year many cars are stolen. A goodly number of such vehicles are involved in accidents.

The usual car thief is desperate. Accordingly, he is inclined to be reckless.

He does not own the car. He has no investment tied up in it. He is anxious to get some where as quickly as possible. He is not as greatly concerned about his own safety as is someone within the law.

Accordingly, he is more inclined to speed. He is more likely to take chances. The odds that he will become involved in an accident are so much the greater.

The owner of the car is, of course, indignant. He is put to considerable inconvenience and expense. He feels very badly about the whole matter. That is only to be expected.

Foresight is better than hindsight. The time to lock the stable is before the horse is stolen. So the old adage goes.

The same may be said about cars. Too many people leave their cars unattended and unlocked. They extend a tacit invitation to the potential thief. Then they complain when that invitation is accepted.

Locks are placed on car doors for a purpose. They are not particularly things of beauty, enhanced the appearance of the vehicle.

Hence, motorists should use them. When leaving their vehicles unattended they should lock them, particularly during hours of darkness when the thief is not so likely to be apprehended.

To leave a vehicle unattended and unlocked in circumstances in which it can be easily stolen is to invite such action. And there are plenty of car thieves waiting to receive and accept such an invitation.

Many motorists also find it advisable to immobilize the motor in their cars when leaving them parked in more or less isolated places or at times when there are not likely to be many persons who would see someone taking them. This can be done very simply. Any garage mechanic will be glad to explain how. *Welland Post-Courier Tribune.*

More Trees

"One of the unhappy traditions of North American cities is that trees have no place on commercial streets." That statement comes from the Edmonton Journal which would like to see trees planted on downtown Jasper Avenue, just as a lot of Torontonians would like to see trees back on their University Avenue.

One doesn't have to visit either of these thoroughfares to confirm the Edmonton paper's opinion. With a few notable exceptions, councils in this country seem to have the same feeling for trees as that of their pioneer forefathers. At the drop of a hat they will turn loose a bunch of power saws and down come elms, maples, and oaks that have taken from 50 to 75 years to grow. In street widening, or the laying or repairing of water mains and sewers, or even to make way for a string of unsightly poles, the trees are sacrificed seemingly without compunction.

There seems to be a mistaken belief that business and trees cannot get on together even in our tiniest hamlets. Those who hold that opinion should visit some of the biggest and most beautiful cities in Europe and South America, or at least get some picture postcards of these places. There they will find plenty of broad business streets lined with trees. The grand boulevard of Paris, for instance, has a double row for miles, and as for retail business, it flourishes with the trees as helpers for shade and shelter. Chopping out trees was the characteristic enthusiasm of our frontier, colonial ancestors. But is there no hope of local politicians aspiring to civilized urban amenities? *—Burlington Gazette.*

Editorial Notes

A note of appreciation is due the Department of Highways in bringing up-to-date the population figures on the signs at the entrance to town. The figure of 2965 is quite a change over the old one of ten years ago at 2100.

Top prize for Canada's best loved husband went to a man who, on their tenth wedding anniversary, gave to his wife a solemn pledge to do the dishes twice a week for the next twelve months while she sat down to read the paper.

A rail strike can be a great inconvenience to a lot of people but as long as the necessities are maintained things will still run. It does seem too bad that people within a country can not agree on their problems when we expect people in other countries to retain amicable relations.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1900

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 23, 1900

The longest stalks of corn which have come to this office for some time were brought in last week by Mr. William Guernsey, Church Street. They are twelve feet in length and of the fodder corn variety.

Rev. Father Feeney's garden party at Georgetown on Tuesday evening was a great success. The Fire Brigade won the tug-of-war over the Georgetown firemen easily, drawing their opponents over the line twice in succession in ten and twelve seconds.

Buildings Examined. The new addition now being turned out at Brown's planing mill, Acton. Mr. A. T. Brown and Miss Clara E. Moore, were in Hamilton yesterday acting as groomsmen and bridesmaids respectively at the Foster-Featherstone nuptials.

One day last week as Mr. Geo. Douglas, Esquire, was driving a fast row to Georgetown where he had sold it to Messrs. Holmes and Wetherall, drivers, it became restless and unmanageable, and during its antics got its head in a hole in the ground and falling broke its neck.

Mr. W. H. Kerr, of the Brussels Post, has the following to say in his readers respecting his recent visit to Acton. "On the home trip from Quebec we called off at Acton where we greatly enjoyed a day at 'Moorecroft' the residence of H. P. and Mrs. Moore of the Free Press. Mr. Moore piloted us through the large Beardmore tanneries where the most approved machinery is at work, and the firm is meeting with such success that a large mill is being built to keep pace with their growing business."

The Storey Glove Works were also visited in connection with which some 150 hands are employed in the manufacture of gloves, valises, shoe pads, moccasins etc. It is a genuine hive of industry and the reliability of the output is such that a thriving trade is being done by the travellers of this enterprising firm. There's no use in talking it's the dinner pails that make the town, and Acton is fortunate in having so many hustling enterprises within its borders.

GEORGETOWN

Schedule Plebiscite GRC Annual Grant

Council will hold a plebiscite at the December election on the question "Are you in favor of organized recreation with an annual grant of \$2500 to Georgetown Recreation Commission?"

A. M. Baxter asked council to do this on behalf of the GRC, explaining that the organization was continually hampered by lack of funds. At present, he said, he could not see enough money coming in to pay the director's salary. The recent Stay-at-Home Camp had cost \$822 and the GRC share of this had taken all ready cash. Crs. Petch, Hale and Tuck said that if a fund campaign was launched they would canvass in their wards.

Council accepted the proposal extended by Esquering Township that Esquering accept 50 per cent of the amount levied on Georgetown by North Halton High School District for 1950 in excess of \$7000, up to an amount of \$7655.

The second Lt. Col. Scott to win an honour at training camp at Petawawa. Bill Hillier, Jr., came home last week with the Infantry Cup awarded to the best soldier taking a first year infantry training at the camp. Previously Ken Norton had won a cup in the recruit's class. *—Herald.*

BACK IN 1930

From the issue of The Free Press of Thursday, August 21st, 1930

The residence of Mrs. Murray and Miss F. Murray, on Mill Street is being converted into a store and a new entrance and show window put in the front.

The picnic of the Masonic Lodge of Georgetown and Acton, which was postponed previously, was held in the Park on Saturday afternoon and was a delightful outing.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Peters, formerly of Acton, and now of Gloucesterville, N.Y. and Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Baker, of Waterdown, called on Acton friends on Monday.

Mr. F. Peter Reid, of Pampa, Texas, visited his cousin, Mr. J. H. Denny, this week.

Week-end accidents in Ontario claimed twelve lives. Eight were killed in motor car accidents and two were drowned.

On Sunday a bush fire on the farm of Murray Bros at Stewarttown, destroyed about forty acres of bush.

DEED. STEWART. At the home of 6th Concession, Frontenac Township, Peter Stewart in his 78th year.

OAKVILLE

Enthusied Crowd Floodlight Opener

Before an enthusiastic first night audience the opening ceremonies of the new floodlight system in Wallace Park were handled Friday night by assistant-secretary of the Oakville Baseball Association, Bill Hughes. From a microphone behind home base he introduced Mayor James Black who, on behalf of the town presented a sterling silver life membership card to Mr. J. M. Wallace. "We hope that this small token will serve to tell you of the appreciation everyone feels for what you have done," the mayor said. "It will express in small measure the satisfaction and pleasure you have made possible."

The car-splinting claims of pneumatic drills hitting into concrete rebar-berated throughout Oakville's business district this week. But the noise does not herald the start of a new job such as is under way in Oakville's suburb, Toronto. It is a prelude to the re-surfacing of Colborne Street, from Dundas to Brookfield Road on the west side. Congratulations are extended to Ian Wilf Herbert, ace hurler of Bud Corbett's Oakville juveniles, who realized the moundman's dream by chucking a no-hit, no-run game against Georgetown. Junes the happy evening of August 3rd. Only 23 batters faced Wilf as his mates defeated the visitors 7-0 before a delighted Wallace Park crowd, and he was never in trouble. Last Oakville twirler to toss a perfect game was Mark Pollock. *—Journal.*

HOW BIG WILL WE GROW?

Only a year or two ago, it was being said that on the basis of our previous growth trends Canada would do well if it ever reached a peak population of 15 millions and the United States 150 millions. The U.S. census this year and Canada's in 1951 will make these gloomy predictions look pretty far astray, says The Financial Post. It seems to be the old, old story of not knowing how much a vessel or country will hold until you try to fill it. With yesterday's limited knowledge and primitive equipment were able to make a living in a country like ours. Today, with far more knowledge and far better equipment, we can accommodate far more.

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WHAT A SURPRISE!

Maids at the Henry Hudson Hotel in New York were astonished recently when they discovered that 500 guests had made their own beds before checking out. The guests were 500 Boy Scouts on route to the National Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pa.—An old Scout tradition: Always leave a camp ground as neat as you found it.

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AUCTION SALES

Galt Livestock Market

Auction Sales held every Tuesday at 1 p.m. sharp in Ontario's finest equipped sale barn. Established 1860—8 years of faithful service to the livestock public. Hundreds of farmers are now using this market for satisfactory cash prices in the sale of their livestock. Excellent accommodations for complete disposal of stock, public address system, 3 top flight stables, fast accounting system, premises regularly disinfected, low commission rates. No sale, no charge. Special rates to large consignments and certified dealers. Bus service to Galt's shopping centre. A. E. Linn, Manager, Phone 488 Galt. H. Hamilton, chief accountant, Phone 5011 Galt.

CARROLL'S

LOW PRICES ON HIGH QUALITY FOODS EVERYDAY

KEL APPLE JUICE 2 20 OZ 15c
BURFORD PEACHES 2 15 OZ 25c
Aylmer TOMATO JUICE 3 20 OZ 25c
Canada First SOUP 16 OZ 5c

QUENCH YOUR THIRST WITH FRESHIE Orange, Lemon, Lime, Grape, Strawberry, Cherry. A PACKAGE MAKES 3 2 QUARTS PKGS. 14c

Pink SALMON 1 1/2 LBS 23c, 2 1/2 LBS 41c
Sockeye SALMON 1 1/2 LBS 39c
RED COHOE SALMON 1 1/2 LBS 31c
CLOVER LEAF BLUE SALMON 1 1/2 LBS 35c
Margene MARGARINE 1 LB 37c
Romar Coffee 1 1/2 LBS 43c, 2 1/2 LBS 85c

RUBY Brand, GOLDEN CREAM STYLE CORN 3 16 OZ 25c

Brown Bear HONEY 1 1/2 LBS 23c, 2 1/2 LBS 45c
GRAPE-NUTS FLAKES 2 1/2 LBS 35c
DANDEE TEA 1 1/2 LBS 38c, 2 1/2 LBS 75c
Robin Hood CAKE MIX 1 PKG 30c
NEWPORT FLUFFS 1 PKG 23c, 31c, 43c
LUSHUS JELLY Powders 3 PKGS 25c

McLarens PUNCH ASSORTED FLAVORS 8-OZ. BTL. 19c

SHIRRIFF'S CAKE MIX 1 1/2 LBS 35c
ROMAR PEANUT BUTTER 1 1/2 LBS 37c
VELVET CAKE FLOUR 1 1/2 LBS 35c
Heinz BABY FOOD 3 TINS 25c
HEINZ KETCHUP 1 1/2 LBS 24c

CANNING NEEDS

FRUIT JARS 1 DOZ \$1.27, \$1.41
MASON JARS 1 DOZ 93c, \$1.07
TOPS WITH RUBBER FOR MASON JARS—DOZ 17c, 31c
JAR RUBBERS 1 DOZ 7c

FOR PICKLING — HEINZ WHITE VINEGAR 1 GAL 61c DEPOSIT EXTRA

Cal. 100's GRAPEFRUIT 3 for 21c
Large Bundle CELERY HEARTS 15c
Duchess Cooking APPLES 3 Lb. 21c
BANANAS 1 Lb. 19c

FRESH DAILY — Cucumbers, Peaches, Tomatoes, Eggplant, Cauliflower, Grapes, Cauliflower