

EDITORIAL

I'm a Hell Driver

We were lured to the afternoon grandstand show at the C.N.E. last Friday to see the daring Hell Drivers put the cars through rough usage. Perhaps we craved some fresh excitement, because the rail strike was settled and the war in Korea wasn't making as much sensation since being pushed out of the headlines.

For an hour we watched the drivers do all sorts of things close to capsizing but with the whole road to themselves and ideal track conditions, pull out of spins. Might be well to remember these points if you have any idea of trying these stunts with your car.

Saturday morning we drove about Acton streets, went down Highway No. 25 and drove around Millers Streets. Both towns are installing sewers. The highway is due for surfacing and consequently has had little maintenance. We twisted the wheel to avoid holes and bumps; we slammed on brakes to ease the jolts. We did most of the things in a miniature way that we had witnessed the previous afternoon, except crash through a flaming wall!

Our car wasn't painted a bright yellow and we didn't have any applause from the grandstand because every other driver was going through the same contortions. We were jolted to the conclusion that perhaps we're all hell drivers in this district, but do not realize it.

Beneath It All

Symbolic of the city are the crowds of hurrying people, the honking horns, and the clanging street cars as they roll along, loaded with people hurrying to get somewhere. That is the picture conjured up by the visitor as he sees only the surface of a great metropolis in which speed seems to be the most important factor in the everyday life of the thousands that live there.

A city without a heart is not a city, it is a machine. But is there such a thing as a city without a heart? To some who look on the surface of it, the city is heartless, but to the person who looks deeper the heart of the city is emphasized.

Recently riding a street car through a downtown section, at the busy noon hour, we glimpsed what might be termed one of the little things that give a city its heart.

People were jostling, pushing, crowding through the doors of the street car and the operator continued, good naturedly, calling out the street names. In the middle of the block he stopped the car, opened the doors, got off and went to the curb. There stood a little girl with fair hair and pig tails earnestly watching the steady stream of traffic and clutching a quart of milk.

The motorman asked where she was going and she pointed to the other, distant side of the street. He took her hand and carefully guided her across the busy thoroughfare, and returned to the car with a smile on his face.

A Greek playwright aptly summed up a similar situation with "To live is not to live for one's self alone, let us help one another."

During the course of the day that motorman would help a number of people find their destination. But many of the speeding throng would never notice or care for they were looking only for the surface of the city.

Extend your outlook from that of city to that of nation and you will see greed, quest for power and a great many unpleasant pictures. But look at the heart of a nation to draw your conclusions of that great nation's desires.

In these days of a troubled world it's the big things that are discussed at the conference tables. Perhaps a realization and understanding of the little things like the motorman's act of kindness would paint a different world situation.

A Country of Employees

The trend toward greater dependence on government, and a decline in individual enterprise is explained in no small measure by the reduction over the past century of the number of self-employed.

Prof. Summer Slichter, of Harvard University points out that 100 years ago more than half of the working population were working for themselves. Now less than one in five is his own boss.

"We are a country of employees. The number of skilled workers in proportion to our population is dropping while the number of professional people is growing 10 to 14 times faster than the labor force," Prof. Slichter states.

If this trend is to continue and if workers are not given a greater sense of management responsibility, the business interests which were once the leaders of thought and political action will soon take second place to organized labor.

Golden Days

School bells have summoned students and teachers back for the fall term and classes have begun for the youngsters.

It is with natural regret that some will return while others will be eager to get back to their desk in another grade with a new teacher. It's a fresh start for the majority of pupils and the work will be different for them. But after the first few days the novelty of the affair will wear off and they will be settled down to the daily routine that does not appeal to all.

For some children school will be a new experience. Starting in Kindergarten or Grade 1 everything will be new and different. But it is here that the future citizens of this great country will begin their careers which will fit them for a place as a worthwhile Canadian.

Associations with class mates will be fostered in the schools and from this beginning will develop the understanding of friendship that will no doubt play an important part in their future as Canadians.

Public School graduates will be entering a new chapter in their life too. They will be leaving the school where they have spent some eight years and advance to their place in a High School. New work and surroundings will again meet the student and they will develop an understanding of a new group of subjects.

For the High School graduate, there has been a serious choice to make. He must make his decision to either continue into the realm of learning or step into a place in the business world where he can apply his interests and realize his ambitions. Whatever the choice, it is one for serious consideration.

School Bells mean a lot of different things to a lot of different people as they present a new situation for pupils in varying steps on the ladder of education.

Family Allowances

More than one and a third million dollars have been distributed to children of Canada in family allowance payments since the Act came into effect five years ago.

The effects of this distribution of money are being felt in various ways throughout the ten provinces of Canada. Newfoundland, Canada's newest province, provides this example in a letter to one of the regional offices that distribute the allowances. The father writes "Prior to Confederation I could not clothe or feed my children, of which there are ten, and pay for their education. My oldest son had reached the age of eighteen years and did not complete the third grade. Each of the next four children of school age are similarly behind because of their lack of clothing and not being able to attend school."

The father had kept a very close check on the purchases made with the family allowance and there followed an itemized list, totalling \$671.23. Boots and shoes, pants, windbreakers, blankets and other clothes were on the list and at the end was an item of \$12.75 for a cart for one of the children who is an invalid.

The effect of the allowance that is felt in this family is being felt in many similar families across Canada. In June 1950, there were 1,867,598 families receiving the monthly cheques.

From Newfoundland to British Columbia, the 49th parallel to North West Territories, the effect of the family allowance cheque is being felt and benefits derived.

The men and women who don't appreciate baby talk never had one of their own.

Still waiting for warm summer weather that usually characterizes a period between July and September.

Summer never really comes until we've dipped our winter-weary feet into a refreshing country brook.

Now if it could only put floors and ceilings on the thermometer, what a wonderful government we'd have.

There was variety of expression on the children's faces as they responded to the school bells on Tuesday morning.

The Canadian National Exhibition ends this week but we still have those friendly gathering places and the fine local exhibits which makes the fall fair here such an anticipated event.

An investment in soil conservation, in reforestation, in wild life preservation, is a reaffirmation of our belief in leaving to our children a heritage of which they may be increasingly proud.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1900

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, Sept. 6, 1900

The mercury crept up to 90 degrees again on Sunday. The bracklayers are pretty well up on the second story of the Warren Block.

Street Commissioner Williams is having a number of splendid new stone crossings laid.

A team of horses attached to a seed drill became frightened at Grindell's machine shop on Saturday and ran at terrific speed up Mill Street and out to the third line where they were caught by a farmer coming into town.

Mr. Hugh S. McDonald sowed a small plot of fall wheat on the farm of Mr. Robert Sprout yesterday with grain which he grew in 1899 while working the Darling farm near Milton. It is of the Delta variety and that year yielded 40 bushels to the acre.

A letter from Governor W. Gould of the 10th Battalion Second Royal Canadian Contingent South Africa to his Acton friends arrived here last Friday.

Georgian Central Fair on Thursday September 25, 26 and 27 promises to be more attractive this year than for many years in the past.

The public schools reopened on Tuesday with the following staff in their places: T. T. Moore Principal, Miss C. McPhail, 2nd Department, Miss E. Jean McPhail, H.A., 3rd Department, Miss Tina Currie, 4th Department, and Mrs. E. H. McQueen, 5th Department.

MARRIED
AKINS DAIRY At the Manor, Newmarket on August 28, by Rev. A. Blair, Robert Akins to Jane H. Dairly, both of Newmarket.

ERIN

Appoint New Clerk And County Nurse

Mrs. Larry McKenzie was appointed Clerk Treasurer of the village after council considered several applications at their recent meeting.

Miss Louise Brown, C.P.H.N. of Fergus will be the Public Health Nurse with the Wellington County Health Unit, and will visit the local schools and give a general public health nursing service in Erin and Eramosa Townships.

Junior Farmers and Junior Inhabitants held their regular joint meeting in the form of a social evening and winter roast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burt with a large attendance of young people.

A highly respected citizen of Erin Township in the person of William Graham, passed away early Thursday morning at his late residence.

Funeral service was held on Tuesday, August 22nd at the "Chapel of Chimes" Vancouver B.C. for Bessie Hamilton, beloved wife of the late James Gilloitt, who passed away after a long illness on August 19th in her 84th year. Advocate.

MACCABEES MARCH AT C.N.E.

All Macabees in the Canadian National Exhibition Grandstand on the evening of Thursday August 31, will feel right at home as they see the crack Calgary Stampeder Drill Team of the Macabees go through their precision drill. This will be a special one-night feature to be included with the regular evening grandstand performance.

There are 39 men and women in the drill team drawn from Tent-Hives No. 1, 2, 5, and 17 of Alberta.

A telephone company warns that banging the receiver may cause trouble. Especially when a man who does it is talking to his wife.

BACK IN 1930

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, September 6th, 1930

The Tuesday evening performance of Acton Fair in the new arena promises to be an outstanding attraction.

The property built by George Town Lumber Co. about four years ago on upper Mill Street has been purchased by the Baptist congregation and will be known as "The Baptist Parsonage."

British boys who came to the country under the auspices of Norway Hotel during the past three years held their first reunion on Friday. 225 boys came from various parts of Ontario to enjoy their first get together in Canada.

Contestants from this district featured prominently in the old time fiddlers' competition at the Canadian National Exhibition. C. E. McMillan of Erin won the Gold medal in the contest for older men. D. Tarzwell of Arkell was in a tie for second place and Harry Shortall of Hamilton secured the third award in another division.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Flynn and son Robert of Portland, Oregon, returned to Acton and visited at the Flynn homestead with his brothers. It is twenty years since Mr. and Mrs. Flynn have visited the old home.

DIED
CROSBY At the home, Frederick Street, Acton, on Monday evening September 6th, 1930, Frank J. Crosby in his 64th year.

GEORGETOWN

17 Ottawa Prizes McMillan Horses

Mr. and Mrs. Ken McMillan and Joyce attended the horse show at the Ottawa Exposition last week for the first time and made a wonderful showing with their horses. They returned home with eight firsts, five seconds, two thirds and two fourths. The McMillans had previously been in Ottawa where they completed last year at the Ottawa Winter Fair. Their next show this season will be the Canadian National Exhibition.

Swelling the total of the local enlistments in the Canadian Army Special Force to nine, Bill James and Jim Brandon left last Friday for training at Petawawa.

While visiting in town with Mr. and Mrs. Sol Dewhurst Mrs. E. E. Young left a copy of the Detroit Free Press featuring on the front page an excellent picture of the massed pipe bands at the St. Andrew's Day celebration held in that city recently. A member of the local Girls Pipe Band could be seen quite clearly in the foreground. Mrs. Michael George (formerly Edna Aitken).

William Boal is the new manager of the Roxby Theatre. Mr. Boal arrived in town last week-end to take over the management of the theatre which is one of the Odette chain.—Herald.

AND THAT'S THAT

An old Texan, attending an angler's banquet in California, was slightly irked as speaker after speaker told tall tales of the West Coast fish. Finally, the visitor from the Lone Star state was asked for a few remarks. "Well, we don't have any fish in Texas worth bragging about," he began humbly, then, holding his hands about 12 inches apart: "I never saw any bigger than that."

He stopped briefly, surveyed the gathering blandly, and concluded: "Of course you have to remember that we always measure our fish between the eyes."—The Reader's Digest.

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