

EDITORIAL

It's Your Fair

That grand institution of Canadian life in these parts—the fall fair—is at hand. This week end on Friday and Saturday the Acton Park will be the gathering place for town and district for old friends to hold re-union and for all to see the best that the farms, gardens and handiwork of women and children can produce. It's the community show window and the greatest annual community outing.

It takes many months of planning, many hours of work by officers and directors of the fair. They endeavour each year to make the event more interesting and more attractive. In these days of rising costs this becomes a big problem and we know that those in charge will welcome any assistance any citizen can give to make the event more successful and to keep down costs. It's a co-operative event for the whole town and district. Perhaps you can help as an exhibitor but all the community can definitely help by making sure that visitors are welcomed. Shake hands with the visitors; chat a moment, tell them about what is going on here while they have been away.

Perhaps you can offer your services on Fair Day and if you can, do not hesitate to approach the officers and tell them what you can do. Remember it's your fair and your help and good will are important in its success.

We'll see you on Friday and Saturday at Acton Fair and we'll hope the weather man is kind.

Stabbed in the Back

Democracy was stabbed in the back by Acton citizens last Wednesday evening when a nomination meeting was scheduled.

Of the 1400 citizens eligible to attend and make nominations, other than the present councillors and town officials there were no more than four. A total of some 14 to 16 citizens took the hour required to attend the meeting, which is a democratic symbol of freedom of speech and freedom from fear.

From the appearance of the meeting it would be gathered that there were no other citizens in this whole town of 2,965 population that were interested in the future or progress of the town.

It was an unfortunate situation that the nomination meeting was required but since it was, citizens should have enough interest in municipal affairs to attend the meeting.

At the majority of the regular council meetings which are held the first and third Monday of each month, there have been delegations and citizens requesting the time of those members of council for decisions. Recently 460 ratepayers signed a petition to that council asking for a change in a by-law. Yet there were only four or five citizens at the nomination meeting to take their responsibility of choosing a member to sit on that council.

Democracy, the thing that wars have been fought over for years—the four freedoms developed as a basis for democracy—all these things can so easily slip from the citizens' mind and when they see a nomination meeting poster they think, "Let someone else go and get stuck for the job".

It is time public meetings and municipal affairs were considered important by ratepayers and citizens.

In an Old-Fashioned Way

Modern packaging and new methods have brought many changes in our way of living and may in some cases have added to its greater costs. Some of you older folks like ourselves can remember when chocolate bars and such handy confections weren't available. We used to appease the after school appetites with a couple of slices of bread and a liberal coating of brown sugar, or perhaps molasses or blackstrap was the spread.

It may be a surprise to the present day school child to know that brown sugar is still available and like the blackstrap is quite cheap in price. The big lumps of brown sugar that could be bought for the price of a chocolate bar would last a week and the molasses is often fed to cattle and they thrive on it at a very moderate price. You can buy it packaged at a higher price and still use it as an economical spread.

But now they are packaging the brown sugar and it doesn't go lumpy and it isn't as moist and attractive as the kind that's weighed out of the bin in the grocers. Don't know how it compares in cost but we sure hope that retailers will "stick" to the old method of selling brown sugar. Some things are improved by packaging but in our estimation brown sugar isn't. We're not giving a recipe column here but we are leaving a thought that perhaps high living costs can be kept down and nourishment kept up by utilizing some of the old-fashioned products in an old-fashioned way.

A Practical Approach

Every year in September there is another crop of high school graduates who have to make their choice about their next step. They can take a job, of course, and learn a trade or business with no clear qualifications at all to begin with. They can go on to study and then they have to face another choice—between a practical or an "arts" education.

As far as practical education in high school goes, it is really only a foundation of what a qualified student should know on any one subject. Although it is a wonderful opportunity for the students in the lower high school grades to be able to take classes in shop work and home economics, their ability along these lines is still very limited when they leave high school.

So it's on for further education? As far as practical education goes, the Ryerson Institute of Technology in Toronto seems the answer to many a problem, with classes in costume design, furniture arts, business, electrical technology, radio broadcasting, food technology and many other completely down to earth subjects. Students handle tools, brushes, needles, wires and dials rather than facts in a unique school which fills the long-empty gap between high school education and the ability to handle a specialized, practical job.

There are plenty of openings for diploma graduates from this technical institute and its work is already recognized even though the school has only started its third year of existence this last week. Recently the Star Weekly and The Financial Post have considered it worthy of feature articles and complete description.

We have had some intimate knowledge of what Ryerson Institute offers and we commend the Ontario Department of Education and those in charge of this development and the fields that are opened for fitting young people in practical business and filling a need in our educational system. Its first two years have seen it grow from 100 students to over 700 with 1600 taking night classes. All courses were filled when Ryerson Institute opened its course this week.

Right at Home

Passing frequently within a few miles of it many times perhaps we should be loathe to make it known that up to this week we had not visited Malton airport since the days when the field was first laid out and the buildings on it were a hangar and a small ticket office. We were surprised, therefore, to find the growth and the importance of the place in travel that has come within a few years, when we went there this week.

The modern facilities of air travel, the accommodation for the public and the regularity of air schedules are impressive and give a new feeling to the public who like us have been lax in discovering this travel method that has grown up in our midst. It was interesting also to note that nearly every plane was carrying a capacity load.

We suggest if you haven't done so that some time you take a few hours at Malton airport. You will find it as interesting as we did and it's certainly not expensive as long as you stay grounded, and if you need travel, not much more expensive than other methods.

Editorial Notes

Now we all hope the weather is good for the fall fairs of the district which make the week-ends popular right at home.

We acknowledge receipt of first samples of big potatoes from a local grower. We'll be looking for more fine produce to be shown at the fair.

We've been assured by the local issuer of motor vehicle licenses that keeping the plates clean is not his responsibility. A week of steady moist weather has made the task a steady one.

The Federal M.P.'s drew \$25 a day for the special session, in addition to the regular \$4,000 sessional indemnity and the \$2,000 tax-free annual expense allowance. Wonder if they received pay for the days they were absent from the special session and also had their Unemployment Insurance books properly stamped.

The businessman who is proud of the goods and services he offers is proud to have his signature appear regularly in his advertisements. Because consistent advertising of quality goods and services is profitable to both buyer and seller, the advertising businessman is also proud to have his signature appear regularly on his cheques. Advertising is an investment which brings credit as well as custom.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1900

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of September 20th, 1900

At the annual meeting of the Methodist Women's Missionary Society the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. T. Easton; 1st vice-president, Mrs. J. M. Hagar; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. J. Norrish, cor. sect.; Mrs. H. P. Moore, rec. sect.; Mrs. Jas. Moore, treasurer; Mrs. Jas. Brown.

A large gathering of the faithful gathered at the G.T.R. station on Monday to get a look at Sir Charles Tupper as he passed by en route to Guelph in the Conservative Demonstration that afternoon. But he didn't come this way.

Mr. Scott of Parker's Dye Works, Toronto, arrived in town last Thursday with an automobile of the Winton, Cleveland type. He came from Georgetown in the remarkably short time of 35 minutes. A Free Press representative favored with a trip about town in the horseless carriage found it was easy, comfortable and under perfect control.

Mr. George Stovel who recently sold his stock to Kenney Bros. with the intention of going to the northeast, has opened again with another stock in the old stand. He states that his northwest arrangement miscarried.

The conservatives from South Wellington and many from neighbouring constituencies turned out Monday in Guelph to join in the political ovation tendered Sir C. Tupper, Hugh Macdonald, Hon. George Foster, the Big Three and the other members of the touting political party. Among those present from Acton the following were noticed: James Brown, George Hynds, C. C. Henderson, Dr. Coughlan, R. Agnew, Jno. Kenney Jr., Henry Savers and R. G. Brown.

The Free Press received last Friday from Gunner Gould of "B" battery Royal Canadian Artillery an interesting letter written from South Africa.

BACK IN 1930

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, September 18th, 1930

The store formerly occupied by Mrs. Bearhope is being remodelled and redecorated in preparation for new tenants.

Work has commenced this week on the remodelling and enlarging of Wonderland Theatre and preparations made for the installation of the "talkies".

Acton was signally honored in having His Honor Lieutenant Governor Ross present to open the fair. He was accompanied to Acton by Mr. Alfred Beardmore and Col. A. O. T. Beardmore of Toronto.

Acton Fair of 1930 set new high records in every way. The Arena performance on the first night was something new for Acton. It was a trial but it was splendidly successful.

BORN

WEST: On Monday, September 8, 1930, to Mr. and Mrs. D. F. West, a son.

MARRIED

KENNEY DOUGLAS: At Montreal on Saturday, September 14, 1930, Elizabeth Lynd, beloved daughter of the late William and Flora Lynd.

DIED

LYND: At St. Mary's Hospital, Niagara Falls, N.Y., on Sunday, September 14, 1930, Elizabeth Lynd, beloved daughter of the late William and Flora Lynd.

Equalization Given Council's Approval

The regular meeting of Esquating Township Council was held Tuesday night, September 19th. All members were present and Reeve George Currie presided. Minutes of previous meetings held in August were read and adopted.

It was moved that the following accounts be paid: Board of Hydro Commissioners, Georgetown, \$81.25; HEPC of Ontario, Brampton, \$72.38; Bell Telephone Co. \$8.07; Georgetown Herald, \$5.94; A. W. Benton, \$7.00; Association of Assessing Officers, \$20.00.

The following sheep claims were paid: E. F. Brain, 1 reg. lamb, \$35; George Currie, 1 lamb, \$25; Spencer Wilson, valuator, \$8; Horace Bell, 1 lamb, \$25; T. H. Price, 2 lambs, \$50; A. N. Stark, valuator, \$8.

Claims for foxes destroyed in Esquating were paid as follows: Gerald Macleod, Acton, RR. 4, 3 foxes, \$15.

The Council approved the proposed County equalization as set up by the County Council at a special meeting called for that purpose.

Relief accounts as presented by the Relief Officer were ordered paid, \$69.70.

The treasurer was instructed to pay road accounts of \$3,955.22 as presented by the Road Superintendent.

It was moved that the treasurer pay the following grants: Acton Agricultural Society, \$75; Esquating Agricultural Society, \$75; Halton Agricultural Society, \$25.

The Council agreed to instruct Roy Smith, County Engineer, to advertise for tenders to build a culvert on Lot 19, Concession 10 and 11, Township of Esquating.

The treasurer was instructed to pay the town of Milton \$8,200.50 and the Town of Acton \$771.00 payments due on behalf of the North Halton High School District.

The Council will petition the Department of Highways for the statutory grant on road expenditures, January 1, 1950 to August 31, 1950.

A by-law was passed to assess the several school sections and school areas of the township for the year 1950 and said by-law be now read a first time.

EDEN MILLS

Mr. Russell Neville Dies After Illness

The sympathy of this community is extended to Mrs. Evelyn Neville, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Neville and Lloyd in the death of Mr. Russell Neville after a lingering illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Willard and daughter Jean and Mr. Thomas Scott Jr. of Sheffield visited last Sunday in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Scott.

Miss Madeline Kellington of Toronto spent the holiday week-end in the home of her sister, Mrs. Edwin Watson and Mr. Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rennie of Toronto spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lowrie.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Carson and daughter Doreen of Bowmanville were Labor Day week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brinklow.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Barnes and family of Brooklyn and Mr. and Mrs. George Mingo and family of Toronto visited in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Mingo on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. James Ross of Guelph were also visitors in the same home.

Mrs. Ernie Gavin spent the week-end in Orillia.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Spencer spent a few days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clark.

Mrs. Frank Lemmer and family of Port Credit are spending some time in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lowrie.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Howatt and family of Guelph visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lowrie on Sunday.

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KRAFT SLICED CHEESE 2 29c
GOOD LUCK MARGARINE 1 40c
Blue Ribbon TEA 1/2-LB. PKG. 50c
PEP DOG FOOD 15-OZ. TIN 10c
BRUCE'S BUDGIE SEED 10.02 17c

GLOVER LEAF SOUKEYE SALMON 1/2-LB. TIN. 39c

AYLMER TOMATOES 2 29c
Heinz BABY FOOD 3 25c
HEINZ BABY CEREALS PKG. 22c
ORANGE JUICE 48.02 41c
BLENDED JUICE 2 37c
Red Cohoe SALMON 1/2-LB. TIN 31c

Romar Coffee 1/2-LB. BAG 44c, 1-LB. BAG 87c

AYLMER TOMATO JUICE 3 25c
VELVET CAKE FLOUR 1 35c
BRUNSWICK SARDINES 3 25c
QUAKER MUFFETS PKG. 12c
ROMAN MEAL PKG. 33c
KLEENEX 2 PKG. 35c
JAVEX 15c, 24c, 47c
SUNLIGHT SOAP CAKE 10c
Carroll's Own TEA 1/2-LB. PKG. 45c
Kraft Dinner 3 PKG. 27c

PLUMS Prune Basket 50c
ONIONS No. 1 Small 10 pound bag 37c
CABBAGE Savoy Good Size, Each 10c
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