

EDITORIAL

Planning Board

Last week's edition of this paper carried the announcement of a \$1,500 expenditure for compiling of an Acton plan. Some confusion seems to have resulted in the minds of local citizens who do not fully understand the expenditure.

The Town Planning Board was established by by-law of Acton council to deal with items in town planning set out under an Ontario act covering the subject. Council, at the request of the planning board, added to these duties those of sidewalks, roads, boulevards, parks, town entrances, corner view obstructions and industrial development.

Power to carry out these items still rests with council. The Planning Board can only make recommendations and the council must approve the final decisions.

At the first of the year the Planning Board, in asking for their annual grant, included a sum of \$1,500 for the specified purpose of securing a new town plan. This was approved by council and granted, thus giving the planning board authority to proceed.

For the registering of lots within the municipality it is necessary in the deed to refer to the town plan. Since the last plan was registered in 1920 it was thought advisable to secure a new plan which would include recently added sections of the town and remove such confusing things as the Toronto Suburban Railway. Some streets have been added to the town, some opened, and some sections were not included in the original plan, all of which would be incorporated in the new plan.

Canada's Stock-Taking

On June 1st Canada will start a compilation of its people, industry, merchandising, etc. It's a regular stock-taking of our country compiled every ten years—and known as taking the census. To put forth the true picture it requires the assistance of every citizen. When your enumerator makes his call be as helpful as you can. There is no desire for him to personally learn about you or your business and he is sworn to secrecy on the information he secures. The figures given him will not be used in any way other than for the purpose of Canada's census. Remember too that every other resident of Canada is being asked the very same questions. Be helpful when he calls and give him the facts that are required on the form to be filled out.

When complete the information will take a dozen volumes—at least that was the size of the 1941 census—and not any individual names can be found in any of the pages.

According to the 1941 figures Halton had a population of 28,515. There were 394 stores in the county and sales amounted to \$8,071,500. Salaries paid the 563 employed in the retail trade amounted to \$513,700. There'll certainly be a big change when the 1951 figures are compiled for Halton County.

We could go on and give many other interesting local figures of 1941 but then these are 10 years old and not a true picture. Let's make the 1951 census the best mirror we can in our town and county. It's up to you to show what we as a people have been doing in the past decade.

This is 1951

If you are well over fifty years old you'll remember the reign of good Queen Victoria and the reason for twenty-fourth of May observance. It always was a popular holiday in Canada because it provided the opportunity for the first spring outing. Nowadays folks with summer cottages like to pay their first visit to their fair-weather homes and those of us with only one home like the opportunity for a trip in the countryside or a motor trip to friends with all the enjoyment of the first summer scenery.

Queen Victoria died January 22, 1901, but the Queen's birthday observance has never lost its popularity. The birthdays of four kings who have followed her reign have never been widely observed. Times have changed since 1901 and we have a shorter work week. Saturday holidays are quite common in industry and the desire felt that holidays provide greatest enjoyment when they can be observed in conjunction with the week-end. We feel that in the observance of Victoria Day the Monday observance would be only logical.

This year Victoria Day falls on Thursday and we find a divided observance with a distinct tendency to mark Victoria Day on May 25th. We hope before another year rolls around our leaders will arrange our annual May holiday to meet the needs of the present day and not those of 1819-1901. Let's be sensible.

Blaming the Dumb

No doubt there are folks as old as we are who can recall that when the cows went out to pasture in May that the production of milk was greatly increased and milk products, which were then perishable, were in cheaper and better supply. Now it appears that something has changed the schedule and we find butter prices on the rise. Maybe the cows don't eat grass and dandelions any more but one is inclined to be more sensible and agree that the appetite of cows is the same as always but the ways of man have made the alteration.

We are not inclined to disagree with the price of dairy products paid the producer in relation to other items of the family budget but we do think those who make up the reasons for price increases are very stupid. There is no shortage of milk in the present season of the year. Why not give the real reasons for the increase.

Dairy products are not the only ones camouflaged for price adjustments either. Paper products have been having some unreasonable and too frequent price boosts. Judging by the earnings reported by the companies these increases are not entirely necessary. If increased prices are necessary let's put the issue in true light and not put the blame on those who have no way of denial—like the cow.

Keep Your Garbage

Warm sunshine and bright blue skies are adding the annual spring-summer attraction to the countryside. A pleasant walk, drive or hike reveals all of nature's beauty at the opening of the warm season.

Leaves are out and their variety of green adds a delightfully fresh appearance to the rolling hills and freshly plowed fields. Wild flowers of the early type are dotting the bush and everywhere nature is resplendent.

But driving through the country sometimes necessitates a lunch and that lunch is usually wrapped in wax paper and encased in a brown paper bag. The more ardent travellers carry foods and cook by the roadside.

These things do not add to the attractiveness of the countryside! Left behind they clutter up Nature's handiwork and present a sort of tarnish on the green country. Everyone likes to see beautiful things just as much as they like to eat. If something were to stop our eating we would violently object. Let's apply the same fervour to the cause of protecting the beautiful things we all like to see.

Think before you wind down the car window and let the empty brown paper bag, banana peelings, and wax paper fly out, blotting the attractive fields. Canada is beautiful in the spring and summer. Do your part to keep it that way.

Just Revenue Collectors?

A news release this week informs us that Ontario government officials, three members of the Ontario cabinet and leaders of the wine growing industry attended the opening ceremony and inspected new equipment at a winery in the Niagara district. The new product is being marketed in many government retail outlets and wine stores in the province.

Thus another addition to the liquor trade is foisted on Ontario people with the blessing of the Ontario government and the crop of drinkers will be increased by a new attraction in drinking. The head of the winery describes it as "an all-purpose wine that is ideal as a meal-time or party beverage". Apparently it will do everything that alcoholic beverages are supposed to accomplish. We see plenty of evidence at all times of the willingness of the government to accelerate the drinking habits of the people but little showing of the government in promoting temperance education for the people of the province.

There was a day, we are told, when governments were leaders and not merely collectors of revenue.

Editorial Notes

Getting back to near normal again in regard to roads about town—which is more than Toronto can boast with their underground construction work.

Grass fires have not been as prominent this year and it's a hopeful sign when a public becomes conscious of the damage caused and takes steps to eliminate this loss.

Queer how these predictions of new products to replace higher priced commodities get so quickly whipped into the same price sale of the commodity they replace.



"Well how far to Sonny's Service Station if the cow had to walk and carry a gasoline can?"

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1931

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 21, 1931

New cars are becoming quite common on the streets these days. Some very fine models have lately been delivered.

Quite a number of the local boys have enjoyed swimming in Fairy Lake during the past week and report the water as being fairly warm.

Miss Laura Hall attended the third annual conference for the Junior Girls of Halton at Milton on Saturday as a delegate of the Acton Women's Institute.

Mrs. G. R. Agnew, Mrs. M. R. Moore, and Mrs. George Havill attended the annual meeting of the Halton Public Schools Musical Festival Association at Bell's School.

Alterations are nearing completion in the Williamson Block at the corner of Mill and Main Streets, preparatory to the moving of the Acton Creamery into these new and larger quarters.

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the IOE held a delightful social afternoon and presentation last Friday to mark the esteem in which Mrs. L. B. Shroy is held prior to her removal to Bobcaygeon. The event was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Arnold.

A boxing match contest arranged by the Acton Athletic Club was held in the arena but did not apparently appeal to Actonians as only a small number was present.

BORN
BLACK—At the Wellesley Hospital, Toronto, on May 19, 1931, to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Black, Toronto, a son.

"Doodlesack" is a colloquial name for bagpipes.

WMS Takes Work In India As Topic

On Thursday afternoon, May 10, Mrs. E. J. Hassard was hostess to the members and friends of the Senior Auxiliary W.M.S. of Knox Presbyterian Church, with Mrs. H. Mainprize presiding.

Group three, with Miss Robena Clarke as convener, was in charge of the program, which consisted of a special study of the church's work in India, particularly that of the Ihansi Field. Here Miss Margaret Leash, Miss Edith Magee, Miss Hazel Reaueley and Miss Beatrice Scott serve the church and W.M.S. through the Helen Macdonald Memorial School, where Miss Scott is principal.

The topic was taken as a personal interview with Miss Laura Gray interviewing Miss Clarke, who impersonated Miss Reaueley of India. Mrs. R. M. McDonald gave highlights of the recent Presbyterian Rally in Fergus and Mrs. R. O'Hara gave her impressions.

Mrs. E. W. Smith assisted with the devotional period.

Announcement was made of a Home Helper meeting in June at the home of Mrs. R. L. Davidson when Mrs. Bricker of Elora, Home Helper Secretary of Guelph Presbyterial, will be a guest.

Mrs. Buchannan spoke of the importance of the summer camp program of the church for teen-age girls.

Mrs. Hassard told a very inspiring story of the work being carried on by the Grenfell Mission in Labrador.

BACK IN 1901

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 23rd, 1901

A trip from Acton to Buffalo and return in one day, with 11 hours and a half at the Pan-American Exposition thrown in, is one of the marvellous accomplishments of the new century methods of transportation.

Mr. George Stovel wheeled up from Weston last week. He has arranged to return to Acton and will occupy the shop just vacated by Mr. Wm. Melvin, barber. Mr. Melvin who has for six years occupied the shop on Mill Street between Hynd's Jewellery Store and Cooper's Tailor Shop has removed across to the larger premises lately vacated by T. Statham and Son.

The G.T.R. announces a trip to the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo next Tuesday at very low rates. Acton to Buffalo and return \$2.10. Leave Acton at 8:08 a.m.; arrive in Buffalo at 11:55 a.m.

Messrs. Frank McIntosh and Ed Ryder have signed with the Manchester Lacrosse Club of Galt for the season. They played with their team at Paris last Saturday. Fred Ryder will act as catcher with the Berlin Base Ball team to-morrow. Charlie Erwin and Willie Gurney have signed with the Berlin Lacrosse Club and will play for that club in the Intermediate league this season.

Mr. C. F. Goodeve last week purchased the brick house and lot on Main Street belonging to Mr. John R. Kennedy. The price paid was \$1,300.

The census returns for this county reveals the fact that Oakville has the largest population and Acton comes next, with Milton and Georgetown close in the race for third place.

Good Attendance At Regular Meet

The Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church met at the home of Mrs. L. Agar on Tuesday with a good attendance. The president, Miss M. Z. Bennett, presided. The devotional period was taken by Mrs. C. L. Poole, assisted by Mrs. B. Mowat, Mrs. J. Lambert, Mrs. J. Gardiner, Miss M. Z. Bennett and Miss E. Hawthorne.

The library report was given by Mrs. Selwood. Mrs. R. West gave a report on C.G.I.T. work. An affiliation meeting with the W.M.S. will be held at the home of Mrs. J. Symon.

The Bible Chapter for June is from the book of Ruth. The missionary for prayer for 1951 is Miss Hilda M. Smith, M.D., Central India.

Wishes were expressed for the recovery of Miss Ruth Nelson, a missionary who has been ill in hospital.

The book shelf was taken by Mrs. Selwood.

The meeting closed with prayer by the president.

Mrs. Agar served a cup of tea and cookies at the close of the meeting and a social time was spent together.

A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Agar for her home and those who assisted on the program.

News is formed from the first letters of North, East, South and West.

AT THE Churches

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Miss O. M. Leonard, A.T.C.M., Organist and Choir Leader

SUNDAY, MAY 27th, 1951
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School
11.00 a.m.—Morning Service
7.00 p.m.—Evening Service

Baptist Church
ACTON

SUNDAY, MAY 27th, 1951
10.30 a.m.—Sunday School
11.30 a.m.—Rev. W. N. McDonald, Galt, Ont.
8.00 p.m.—Special Evening Service. Speaker, Mr. Gladstone Zimmerman and the Ross sisters, Marimba and Piano artists, all of Preston Baptist Church.

Wednesday, 8.30 p.m.—Prayer meeting.
Friday—B.Y.P.U. cancelled. Convention in Hamilton, Ont.

Presbyterian Church in Canada
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG, M.A., B.D., Minister

SUNDAY, MAY 27th, 1951
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School
11.00 a.m.—Divine Worship
7.00 p.m.—Divine Worship
ALL ARE WELCOME

St. Alban's Church
(Anglican)
Rector—Rev. W. G. Laxton, B.A.

SUNDAY, MAY 27th, 1951
Trinity I
9.00 a.m.—Holy Communion
11.00 a.m.—Confirmation service, conducted by the Right Rev. W. E. Ingham, D. D., Bishop of Niagara. Sunday School scholars will attend. The Beginners' Class will meet in the Parish Hall.

3.00 p.m.—Dedication of new Parish Hall in Rockwood by Bishop Bagnall. St. Alban's congregation are invited. The evening service in Acton has been withdrawn.
A Welcome Awaits You

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