

EDITORIAL

It's Your Money

The abuse of public property is often appalling and especially to those who foot the bills. We don't suppose the misfits who are responsible for most of the depredations read editorial comment but we write in the hope that the appeal may reach parents or those responsible for the decent upbringing of children.

Acton has a fine park. Councils have, over the years, spent money on making it more attractive. A number of picnic tables were supplied. Small structures were built for dressing for those who bathed in Fairy Lake. The picnic tables have been thrown in the water and used for rafts. The boards have been torn off the dressing houses until there is only the framework left. The old grandstand continues to take a beating but there isn't much use in replacing it and spending more of the taxpayers' money until those responsible for damage learn to respect public property and leave it so it can be used for the enjoyment of all. It's all very discouraging and a very bad indication of some Acton homes.

We wouldn't blame any ratepayer for administering some punishment to culprits who are apprehended in view of the fact that punishment through the processes of law seems so involved. It's your money that is being wasted and abused. If you want your property respected it looks as if ratepayers will need vigilance to combat plain rowdiness and destructiveness.

The Elder Brothers

We have never agreed with ninety per cent. of the sermons preached on that pet sermon of "The Prodigal Son". But like the ministers and most newspapers we have been guilty of giving publicity to those boys and girls who have left home and made a success and often forgotten those who have stayed at home and made a big contribution to building up their home community. We are proud, of course, of the hometowners who have made good in the cities.

Although Acton and its adjacent districts have a large quota of success stories concerning men and women who left here and made their mark in their particular fields of endeavour, the boys and girls who stayed behind should not be forgotten. The stay-at-home groups have sometimes been referred to as "forgotten heroes", as they carry on in their modest and quiet way without fanfare, publicity or self-glorification. Yet, in many cases they are the salt of the earth, the foundation and corner stone on which citizenship has been built in this great and growing nation.

Yes, there are scores of home-town and district boys and girls who have not been swayed by the "far away green fields", but have remained at home, and have done, and are doing, a good job, in factory, business or profession. Some of them never had the opportunity to leave their home-town; others did not want to, since they felt their opportunity was here; others left, only to return.

The home-town boys and girls who made good are not always in some place. A good many of them are right now doing good work in bettering their community, and lots more of them will be here in future generations, we sincerely hope.

Time Changes Viewpoints

It's been quite a while since we discussed editorially the North Halton High School District. Our position as a member of the Board, and editor of the local papers in two of the towns in the district has been unique and some times a bit of a problem. In view of the change as indicated at present from one central school to three schools—one in each town—some comment may seem desirable.

We have no regrets that we put forth at some detail the advantages of one central school. We are still of the opinion that such a move would be the most economical and provide the greatest advancement in secondary school education. The public have been given the opportunity to examine the question in all phases and it would appear they have decided otherwise.

One may logically ask why our sponsoring of a motion to now have three high schools in one district. The answers are quite simple.

(1) The Ontario Department of Education which pays grants of approximately three-quarters of the cost have changed their ideas of central schools built outside of centres. We have always contended that he who pays the piper calls the tune.

(2) It would appear that with three towns of almost identical size in the district none were prepared to yield their prestige or local patriotism or whatever you may call it and the accomplishment of one central site could not be settled. It would appear the public are prepared to pay for this maintenance of local rather than centralized institutions.

(3) The continued growth of not only the towns, but also the townships would presently

indicate that three high schools would be required here much more than in centres where the Department has already given approval to establishment of districts and maintenance of secondary education institutions.

It has never been our desire to thwart the leadership of elected governments, or the will of the public. We always feel it a duty to present the issues as we see them for public judgment. We readily agree that we are human in our decisions and not infallible. The trend of centralized educational facilities has changed in the past five years and at our age we are content to swim with the tide rather than against it and hopeful of being able to meet our share of the costs to have the things apparently most desired.

We do earnestly hope the various departments of municipal and provincial governments will too find agreement now that the North Halton District Board has come to unanimity.

Leadership Demands Respect

Leaders who demand respect are men of character. This is particularly true of youth today. A young soldier will follow the leader he respects and has confidence in through thick and thin. A school boy relies almost entirely on the leadership portrayed by his teacher. An athlete whether engaged in a game of hockey or in running the hurdles will study the pattern of those who are adept at that brand of sport. Members of the rank and file in politics, municipal or provincial, admire a man in whom they have confidence.

It therefore behooves leaders in all walks of life to set a good example, especially where youth is concerned. Leaders must have a stability of character and if placed in positions of trust they should act in such a manner, as to always command respect and admiration.

Happy the leader who carries out the duties of his office in a manner which at all times calls for steadfast support on the part of those with whom he comes in contact. Woe to the leader who succeeds in climbing to a position of trust and respect in the community, province or nation and then spoils everything by getting the idea that he is indispensable and can get away with looseness of character and habits which lower his status in the eyes of the youth, or the people who elevated him to that position. A leader must always be steadfast and true and to a certain degree exemplary in his habits. — Bowmanville Statesman.

Another Phase of Life

The local High School and the Public Schools will soon be closing for the summer vacation and final midsummer examinations will commence in a couple of weeks. Colleges are already dismissed for the term with graduation exercises the order. Yes, another graduation time is again here.

At this time of the year young people are faced with decisions of great importance to them and to the country. Those who graduate from our schools this year must decide at once what vocation they will follow; within a few years they must make up their minds about marrying and founding a family; and from now on they are charged with a certain responsibility for the development of Canada. All this requires that they set up a philosophy of life, if they have not already done so.

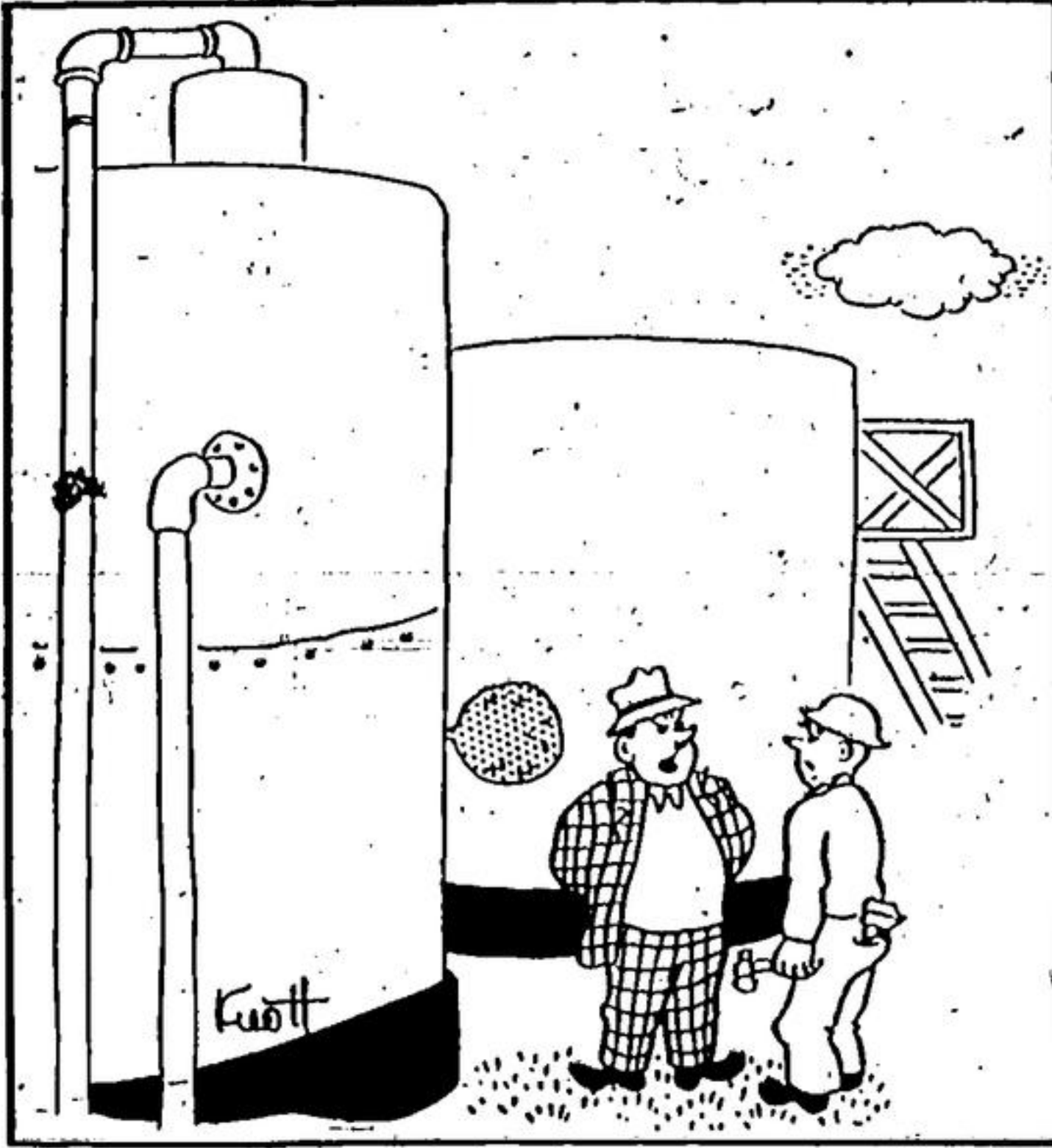
The graduates have passed through chosen courses; matriculation, science, philosophy, arts, engineering, and so on. The next course is in survival not physical survival, because that is comparatively easy in this age but survival as free men and women getting great satisfaction out of life.

Editorial Notes

Seeding on most farms is complete or has been for a little while. Crop conditions appear to be favourable but there is nearly always something to spoil the picture and add to conversation.

Looks as if the days of cheap money and low interest rates were nearing an end. This will indeed be good news to those who have to live on their earnings and meet the present high costs of acquiring the necessities of life.

With an increase in postage rates now in effect an increased excise tax on material and another boost in the cost of newspaper, it's only a matter of time until the price of your home town paper will have to pass on part of the load in a higher subscription rate. In the meantime we just have to continue our policy of stopping all subscriptions when they become due. We can only supply subscribers who keep their subscriptions paid in advance.



"HEREAFTER, HIGGINS, LET'S REPAIR LEAKS WITH SOMETHING MORE SUBSTANTIAL THAN BUBBLE GUM."

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1901

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 6th, 1901

After a couple of weeks continuous rest the street sprinkler is on its rounds again.

A meeting of the contributors to the Monument Fund will be held in the Council Chamber tomorrow evening.

Council met on Monday evening. Members present were Reeve Williams and Councillors Henderson, Swackhamer and Hynds. Council adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

The Georgetown Herald says there were twenty boys in various stages of intoxication reeling about the streets on 24th May.

Mr. T. T. Moore, Principal of the Public School, was the recipient yesterday of the finest speckled trout seen in this section this year. It measured 16 inches, weighed a little over two pounds and was caught by Mr. Joe M. Moore, foreman of the Georgetown Herald.

Call all the others what you will; but when all is said and told, and retold, there is but one Great Circus which is in every particular and detail the greatest and grandest of the entire world's circuses, and that is the Great Pan-American Shows which are coming to Acton on Saturday, June 8th in all regal magnificence, its unequalled numbers and vast proportions. Under the greatest city of snow-white tents ever erected on any grounds will be seen fully one hundred—count them—one hundred exalted stars, who will give one hundred and fifty superior acts, too numerous to classify, too many to name, too multifarious to describe.

Misses Lottie and Hazel Mason gave cornet and organ duets at the Epworth League garden party at Ashgrove on Tuesday evening.

An exciting game of baseball was played last Saturday afternoon between the employees of the sole-leather tannery and those of the tannery of W. H. Storey and Son. The playing was not of the most brilliant character but was very interesting for the numerous spectators. The sole-leather boys won the score being 15 to 14.

The B. Grennan Co. of Secord's Block Acton, advertise men's sock special of four pairs for 25c. Grape Nuts 14c a package, vermicelli 1c a package, choice lemons 1c for 10c extra choice Ceylon Tea 25c a pound. Since 1892 Ontario has not known a less sun-shiny month of May than the one closed last Friday.

Fairbairn Reviews Weekly Editors

CBC coverage of the annual meeting of the Ontario-Quebec Division of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association to be held in Montreal June 7-8-9 will include a special Trans-Canada network broadcast from 9:45-10:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 10th, with Don Fairbairn reviewing the work of the convention and interviewing some of the weekly editors.

A few minutes after this special show (that is, starting at 10:03 a.m.) Don will give his regular broadcast of Neighborly News from the Ontario and Quebec weeklies from the CBC's Montreal studios.

BACK IN 1931

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 4th, 1931

After July first postage will be three cents in Canada.

Six Saturdays with rain. Possibly June will switch its showers to some other day in the week.

Acton Tennis Club have entered a team in the Western Ontario League and will compete this year with two towns in that group.

The section and equipment laid out for the horseshoe pitching at the Athletic Association grounds is finding favour and now being utilized.

The United Church held a congregation evening last Thursday when a sketch of the compilation and mechanical production of the new hymnary was given and a number of the new hymns were rendered as solos and by the choir. Mr. E. J. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. C. Franklin Legge, noted musicians of Toronto, assisted the choir.

On Tuesday evening a number of the friends and business associates of Mr. L. B. Shorey assembled at home for a social evening and presented him with a beautiful fitted club bag.

BORN
BLOW—In Acton, on Wednesday, May 27, 1931 to Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Blow, a son.

DIED
MULLIN—At the home, Arthur St., Acton, on Saturday, May 30, 1931, Martha Florence Scott, wife of William R. Mullin, in her 78th year.

CREWSON—At St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, Ontario, on Monday, June 1, 1931, Kenneth John Crewson, son of Bessie and Fred Crewson in his 13th year.

Local Breeders Buy At Holstein Sale

Mrs. Anne Meagher, Graymar Farms, Oakville, received the highest price for an open heifer of \$1,800 at the National Holstein Sale held May 28th at Oakville. The purchaser was Mrs. B. M. Hallward, North Hatley, Que. This richly bred heifer described by the auctioneers as a "glamour baby" was Graymar Lady Duchess a daughter of Abegweit Milford out of a 932 lb. "Very Good" dam.

D. D. McKersie, Moffat, secured a bred heifer from G. E. D. Greene, Acton, at \$625. Ralph I. Ford, Milton, paid \$600 to the H. C. Dominion Nursery Co. Ltd., Shabrook, Ont. for an open heifer.

The 69 head sold for \$2,075, an average \$30.11 the third highest average in the 31 year history of the National Sale. The Hamilton District Cattle Breeders' Association paid the two highest prices of \$7,000 and \$11,000 for bulls to be used at their artificial breeding unit that serves Wentworth, Lincoln, Welland and Haldimand counties. The \$7,000 bull was Abegweit Premier Consort consigned by Premier J. Walter Jones of PEI while the \$11,000 bull "Household Inspiration" came from J. E. Houck, Brampton. Top price for a female was \$1,975 received by Raymondale Farm, Vaudreuil, Que. from Nelson Pendleton, Lyndonville, Vermont. 18 head brought at least \$1,000. Twenty head went to the U.S.A.

In 1948, Canadians on the average attended motion pictures 18 times and paid about \$7 each in admissions.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 10th, 1951
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Subject—"The Doctrine of Providence" (Sermon 2).
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship, Subject—"What Christianity Is" (Continued).

Baptist Church ACTON
SUNDAY, JUNE 10th, 1951
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:30 a.m.—Morning Service.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service.
Monday to Friday, June 11 to 15—Each evening at 8 p.m. Evangelist Rev. E. T. Summers. Special music. Everyone welcome.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 10th, 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. Luxton, B.A.
SUNDAY, JUNE 10th, 1951
Trinity III
9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class.
7:00 p.m.—Evensong.
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COACHES LEAVE ACTON
Eastbound
6:38 a.m.; 8:58 a.m.; 11:23 a.m.; 2:04 p.m.; 5:03 p.m.; 6:33 p.m.; 8:33 p.m.; 10:58 p.m.
Westbound
10:17 a.m.; 12:52 p.m.; 2:57 p.m.; 5:27 p.m.; 7:27 p.m.; 9:12 p.m.; 11:32 p.m.; 1:12 a.m. (Sun. to Kitchener only)
a—Daily except Sunday and holidays.
b—Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Standard Time
Daily 5:55 a.m.; Daily except Sundays 9:54 a.m.; 7:10 p.m. Sunday only 8:16 p.m.; Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown 9:02 a.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown, 10:11 p.m.
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