

EDITORIAL

Will They Notice?

In a busy town like Acton that has an abundance of traffic on its through Highway, it is no wonder a lot of people see our main street. Many of the people who suffer five minutes inconvenience in passing over the roads are not too kind in bearing the results of our growing pains.

Indeed several of our contemporary weekly publishers have managed to comment unfavorably on the conditions. That seems to be one of the results of being a busy centre that has a lot of visitors.

Several years ago we visited Clinton, Ont. and they too were installing a sewerage system. Their streets were terrible beyond a doubt and they too drew much unfavorable comment from visitors.

But things have changed and progressed in Clinton and they now have some of the finest roads and streets in Ontario. We wonder how many people have found time and space to compliment this centre on its improvement.

We are also wondering if all those who have commented unfavorably in passing through our busy town recently, will take the time to pass on the nice things when we soon have renewed pavement, underground cable and steel standards for lighting, new curbing and all the other things that are to be done in improving the lot of visitors when they pass through. Or will they zip through keeping barely under the speed limit, growling if they get a traffic violation ticket, and not noticing our busy town?

Unity for Canadians

Canada is a vast land, only the southern fringes of which are populated with a scattered fourteen million people, a land divided into sections by mountains and wilderness and sea, a land where dwell people and descendants of people from nearly every nation of the world.

And yet despite distances and differences, Canadians are brethren dwelling together in unity, motivated by the common objective of building a great nation of the north in the new world.

Whether we speak French or English we are convinced that by working together we can build on the northern half of the North American continent a nation that will be a stronghold of democracy and freedom—a model for others to follow.

Unity in Canada is a living, growing thing. It has developed greatly during the first half of the twentieth century. Even in the lifetime of many Canadians now in their prime, old animosities have died, old sectional feuds have disappeared, or nearly so.

Never, however, in our development of national unity has there been any thought of eliminating the variety that makes us what we are. Rather there has been encouragement of the cultures and traditions brought here from other lands.

There is much that can be done to strengthen our unity if we Canadians will but make the effort. We need, for example a national flag, more national songs, a more extensive interchange of plays and music and dancing, more books about Canadians and our way of life, more of everything that will help bring us together so that we will have an opportunity to know each other better.

Thanks a Million

If anyone has ever told you that you have a million dollar smile, take good care of it. A million has a flippant sound about it these days—but it represents, after all, a very, very great deal. It's about half the assessed value of all the land and property in town, for instance.

We have more respect for even a low form of millionaire when we realize if he took it into his prosperous mind to donate \$1,000,000 to the town, each man, woman and child would receive between \$300 and \$400.

What was going on in Halton in 998 049 B.C.? Were the mosquitoes bad? That was a million years ago.

So you said there were millions of people at the exhibition last year, and you bumped into about half a million? Not so likely. The population of Canada was 11,506,655 in the 1941 census, and will be considerably higher this year.

And the whole population of Toronto—about a million—wasn't at the C.N.E. either, judging by the traffic on the way in and out. Traffic is pretty heavy week-ends already, but don't exaggerate. There are just about two and a half million cars in the whole of Canada's 3,845,144 square miles!

And Trans Canada Air Lines, flying to different spots in Canada, the United States, the

British Isles, Bermuda and the West Indies, covers only 16,000 miles of routes.

It is in sums of money, though, that we realize how much we err in undervaluing large sums. "Thousands" and "millions" are too easy to say. Actually, the private and public expenditure of all Canada was estimated at \$3,900,000,000 for the year 1950. And this town's expenditure would just form a small fraction of that amount.

This year's assessment for Acton is \$2,124,171. At a tax rate of 43 mills, this totals about \$93,000 for public use this year. The sewerage system, for which 12 mills is designated this year, will total over \$500,000 in 20 years. That very major expenditure for a town of this size is just half a million.

It would take a man earning \$50 a week many years to earn \$1,000,000... not counting food, rent, family and, of course, taxes. A lifetime? No indeed—it would require 384 years of steady work with not a cent spent. So it's highly unlikely our neighbors will reach that bracket.

If you're still casual about millions, we'll gladly accept your cheque for that sum. At the regular rate of \$2.50 per annum, you will receive this paper for 4,000 years! If you feel that's not too practical, we'll leave instructions to have the subscription passed from generation to generation. Your descendants will find a little "Please Renew" note some day when you're a grandfather or grandmother with 160 "greats" in front of the title.

Buz z z, Ouch!

Just like the weather, one of this year's main conversation subjects is mosquitoes and yet no one does anything about them but swat here and there in an attempt to beat the life from one of the million little pests that surround you when you go into the garden or outside any place anytime.

It isn't just a local problem either. In every town we have been in, the blood-sucking armies seemed to be attempting to conquer. Many of the mosquito repellents on the market keep them away—but just about six inches. The repellent soaked individual must tolerate the penetrating hum and await the stinging strike that never comes.

Gardens have been neglected this year because an attempt to work in them is just inviting an army to attack leaving you with many miserable scratching moments.

Just as the weather though, no one does anything about them. We spent a most enjoyable week at a mosquitoless cottage once. It wasn't because the area was mosquito proof either. It was because a group of the cottagers contributed, and hired a plane to spray the area for mosquitoes and black flies. And it was done while people were at their cottages. There was no mass evacuation necessary.

It did the trick. Mosquitoes were not buzzing around preying on humans and all this contributed to an enjoyable time. Why can't towns be sprayed for the same reason?

Numerous reasons have been put forth for the unusually large mosquito crop this year but one of the best we have heard and probably the most logical is that the mild winter did not kill off enough of the potential winged creatures in what ever stage they are in during the winter.

A Commendable Stand

We commend the stand taken recently by the reeves and mayors of Ontario when they went on record as not favoring the running of sweepstakes for hospital maintenance.

If hospitals are to be included in such a venture where would the thing end? Universities are even now in desperate need of additional funds to avoid putting a high price on education. They are seeking funds through grants and donations but as yet they have not been included in the sweepstake lists.

There must be a better way than gambling to keep these necessary institutions operating on a sound financial footing. Although you may never go to university or never enter the hospital they are there for your protection and enlightenment.

It seems that too many people are pressing the idea of something for nothing or next to nothing. The magnitude of a sweepstake necessary to raise enough funds would kill any personal touch that it might have.

Service clubs use the raffle idea to raise funds but the sweepstake is a much larger scale. The local raffles are usually quite successful because people realize they are contributing to a local project and will eventually see the result of their having taken a chance. A sweepstake is conducted on much larger proportions which makes administration costs high and much graft possible.



"WELL, I TOLD YOU I'D NEVER WORKED ON A FARM BEFORE."



THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1901

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 20th, 1901

At the semi-monthly session of council Monday evening it was moved by Jno. Henderson, seconded by H. Swackhamer, that the petition of W. D. Frick and others for the construction of permanent pavements on Mill St. from Frederick St. to G.T.R. track be received and that being sufficiently signed, that the work be proceeded with without delay.

Reeve Williams, chairman of the Gunner Moore Memorial Committee, stated that the committee had decided to place the proposed monument in the circular plot at the entrance of the cemetery if agreeable to council.

The government grant to Acton public school this year is \$183, the largest sum received by any school in the county.

Nine men were charged in court during the quarter ending June 11, 1901 in the county of Halton. Fines from \$6 to \$1 were ordered paid for breaking of town by-laws, dog worrying lamb, illegal fishing and one of vagrancy. The defendant in the last instance was committed to jail for two months in default of payment.

Single fare to Guelph to-day. It is circus day you know and to get the cheap rate you must get a circus ticket.

Acton is one of the best stocked markets in the country. The amount of cash paid out every week by Mr. Holmes and other drovers who occasionally ship here is away up in the thousands of dollars.

ORIENTAL INSTINCT LEADS SECOND ACTONIAN TO KEEP BANK ROLL CLOSE

Another pierced coin demonstrates the Oriental caution of some earlier Acton resident. Two weeks ago an old coin with a hole in it was reported by Frank Rawlings. Last week J. H. Price told of a second punched piece.

Evidently the Chinese method of carrying one's bank roll on a string around the neck failed the owner of this American nickel. For Mr. Price found the coin in his garden. This coin that flouted the bank's facilities is dated 1867.

Another coin found by Mr. Price is a heavy old American penny of 1837. Still beautiful after dear-knows-how many years in dear-knows-how many places. Miss Liberty defies any Scotchman with oriental inclinations to punch a hole in her.

PRESENTATION HELD FOR MR. MRS. R. GREENE RETURNED FROM HONEYMOON

On Thursday evening, June 7th, a presentation was held at Greenock School for Mr. and Mrs. Richard Greene, Denver, who have just returned from their wedding trip.

Clarence Reid read the presentation and the couple were given an electric silex coffee-maker and bed lamp.

During the course of the evening entertainment was supplied by the Greenock School Choir, several educational films, readings by Mrs. Ralph McKeown and Muriel Allen and a solo by Mary Reid accompanied by her mother. Ralph McKeown was chairman. Refreshments were served.

BACK IN 1931

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 18th, 1931

To-day is Halton's day at the O.A.C. at Guelph. Rev. W. H. McCracken, formerly of Rockwood, was inducted into the pastorate of Knox Church in Walkerton.

Sometime during Sunday morning last burglars broke into Benton's meat shop and stole several dozen eggs and other articles of food. The bill was rifled but it contained only a few cents.

On Saturday afternoon the United Farmer's Clubs and their friends were favoured with the very best of weather for their annual picnic which was held at Edgewood Park, Eden Mills. The afternoon was spent in ball games and races.

The local ball team made a poor showing in Saturday's game with Georgetown. The score was 21 for Georgetown and 3 for Acton.

DIED
COLE—At Akron, Ohio, on Sunday, June 14, 1931, Henry Cole in his 80th year, formerly of Acton.
MCGREGOR—At Brandon, Manitoba, on Tuesday, June 9, 1931, Archibald McGregor, aged 72 years.

Beardmore's Form Recreation Club

Acton Lawn Bowling and Tennis Club is opening this year under the name of Beardmore Employees' Recreation Club with the thought in mind that it will operate all year round and carry on functions during the winter months.

Plans were made last year for the members of the Lawn Bowling and Tennis members to take over the club operations last year including the upkeep of club house and grounds but officers felt the plan was not feasible.

Membership in the club is open to all residents of the town as in the past, a letter to former members points out.

R. F. Bean has been appointed chairman of the committee in charge of the club and is assisted by W. H. Rogers and Doug Davidson.

To provide an opportunity for new members, those who have not belonged to the club since January 1, 1946, may get membership for \$2 as a senior member and \$1.50 as an intermediate member.

Horse shoe pitching has been added to the facilities and Mr. Bean points out that a good many potential members have shown enthusiasm for the addition.

AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITS

Forty-two fairs across five provinces ahead of them, personnel of the Canada Department of Agriculture's Exhibition Service now are putting finishing touches to displays and giving itineraries a final check as time to get on the road draws near.

Planned, designed and constructed at Ottawa, the exhibits this year will be shown at fairs in Quebec and Ontario and on the prairies, Western A and B circuits.

Three main themes—"Beef Production", "Graded Beef" and "Animal Diseases"—will be illustrated by the displays.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 24th, 1951
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship.

Baptist Church ACTON

SUNDAY, JUNE 24th, 1951
10.30 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class.
11.30 a.m.—Morning Service.
7.30 p.m.—Evening Service.
Rev. Arthur Homer, Perth, Ont., at both services.

Friday, 8.30 p.m.—B.Y.P.U.
Saturday 23rd—Mission Circle picnic at home of Mrs. Bert Boyd.
Wednesday, 8.30 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.

Presbyterian Church in Canada

KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG
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SUNDAY, JUNE 24th, 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 24th, 1951
Trinity V.
11.15 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Beginners' Class.
3.30 p.m.—The foundation stone of the new Parish Hall will be laid by the Very Reverend W. S. Jackson, D.D., Dean of Christ's Church, Cathedral, Hamilton.

The evening service has been withdrawn.
Saturday, June 23 at 1.30 p.m.—Sunday School and congregation picnic at Old Mill, Guelph.
Wednesday, 8.30 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.

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