

EDITORIAL

Music, Children Play

The need for decentralization tugs at a town that has grown as Acton has. Although the clock atop the post office keeps its eyes open for 24 hours a day it misses a lot more now than it used to. For the town has spread out and developed steadily beneath its gaze.

Last Sunday Acton Citizens' Band members serenaded progress and a good crowd at a concert in the Wartime Housing section. They hope to play regular concerts in different parts of town for the convenience of those who live to borrow a city term—in the suburbs of Acton. It seems that the Crescent is next on the list as host for the band.

The traditional spots for concerts—the park, town hall or theatre—are all far from those in the east end of town. And from there all the way down to the area closest the watchful clock is a long walk for other things as well as music. Post office mailing boxes have solved one problem of distance. And for the adults, none are insurmountable, as long as they can bear in mind that walking is healthful.

But with the youngsters, it's different. Many live quite a distance, as short legs travel, from the park or school grounds. Playground areas would be ideal for the youngsters these hot days. We understand where the band concert was held Sunday was intended as a play area for the youngsters in the Wartime Housing. There's plenty of grass but no equipment.

Decentralized playgrounds would be a splendid municipal boon in Acton, which now requires moderate decentralization.

"Wonderful Buys"

An advertisement we read the other day said, "Some Wonderful Cars at \$200." Perhaps you have met some of these wonders in your travels. Perhaps your meeting has been such that you wondered why these cars were on the road. There may have been a day not long ago when it was justified to keep some of these cars in service.

Now with product catching up with demand for better cars it would seem time to eliminate some of these "accident risks" from our highways. We know there is a real temptation to keep the old cars in operation, but when cattle are found diseased it is made compulsory to destroy them so that human health may not be endangered. Would it not seem reasonable to scrap machines which are a menace to the lives of citizens unless they meet standard requirements of safety. Perhaps it would be reasonable to make a payment from the unsatisfied creditors fund and see that some of these "wonderful buys" were removed from service. At least with each one sold a proof of financial liability should be enforced.

What Is Work?

Labor at the present time seems to have a growing feeling of indifference and lack of responsibility. Half-hearted effort, lateness in reporting on the job and doing a minimum of work are some of the conditions complained of by employers.

Employees who wouldn't think of stealing a nickel from their employer would waste time for which they are paid—a habit which amounts to the same thing. It is a trend which could have serious repercussions to the individual and the country at large.

"Many workmen are 'watching the clock' to such an extent that they aren't getting much satisfaction from their work nor giving much comfort to those who employ them. 'If only we were taught that work is the greatest happiness in life and that in doing an honest day's work we are not only loyally serving ourselves but our fellow men,' was what Marie Beynon Ray had to say about it.

The pioneers toiled from sunrise to sunset to leave Canada the heritage it is today. While we would not wish to see those long days return we should all be prepared to give of our best on the shorter hour schedule.

Thomas A. Edison, just before his death said, "I am wondering what would have happened to me by now if fifty years ago some fluent talker had converted me to the theory that it was not fair to my fellow workers to put my best efforts to my work. I am glad that the eight-hour day had not been invented when I was a young man.

"If my life had been made up of eight hour days, I do not believe I could have accomplished a great deal. This country would not amount to as much as it does if the young men of fifty years ago had been afraid that they might earn more than they were paid for."

With a forty hour week for the railway and freight boosts announced the price and cost wheel spins again. But the consumer never wins.

There Ought To Be a Law

In our reading this week we came across this bit of modern philosophy which suggests more truth than fiction, but too many in this age of leisure are sidetracking the issue hoping the other fellow will carry the load.

There ought to be a law that would make everybody rich.

The lawmakers ought to put an end to need by voting to guarantee everybody an income of \$50,000 a year.

It wouldn't matter that prices would increase. We'd all be getting a thousand crisp dollar bills every Friday night.

The only work anyone would have to do would be to collect the cash.

But where would we collect?

Bank clerks would be too rich to be bank clerks. Nobody would be foolish enough to run a printing press to turn out money. Even the lawmakers wouldn't attend any more sessions; they wouldn't have to because they'd be rich, too.

We would all like to go to Miami or Hawaii but no pilots or sailors or train crews would be working to take us there. They, too, would be too rich to want to work.

There wouldn't be any milkmen or mailmen or motormen. There wouldn't even be any salesmen because there would be nothing to sell.

Everybody would be gloriously happy under the new law for—well, for an hour or so.

Then the folly of the law would become painfully obvious.

We'd all suddenly remember that buying power does not come from having a barrelful of money. We'd learn all over again that buying power comes from production of goods and services with market value.

Buying power comes from creating clothing and cars, harvests and homes—and all the other goods that people want and need. Buying power comes from providing services like telephone communications, transportation, and taking care of the baby while parents go out for the evening.

Money is not produced; it merely represents production for the purpose of making exchange faster and easier.

No amount of legislative hand-outs of money can ever support a sane economy—only production can do that.

There ought to be a law against the fanciful pictures painted by people who promise to pass laws that will make us all rich while we sit on the sidelines and watch. —Bowmanville Statesman.

Let's Be Just Canadians

When our American friends come to Canada they are visiting a foreign land: They want to have the feeling that this is a nation different from their own.

They do not want the Stars and Stripes waved in their faces, proud of their own flag though they are. Canadians who drag out the American flag on every possible occasion and some impossible ones do so with the idea that they are being courteous to American visitors. This is not the case. The only time the American flag should be flown in this country is at some joint Canadian-American undertaking. To fly it at any other time is bad manners. American tourists want to see the Union Jack or the Canadian Ensign flying in Canada, not their own flag, and we could do with a great deal more display of our flag, especially on national holidays. Dominion Day found it noticeably absent.

Canadians should get away from the idea that Americans are flattered when we name our restaurants "The New York Beanery" or use some other pseudo-American name for our tourist enterprises in the hope of inveigling tourists to come in. Cheap imitations do not make an American visitor feel at home. There are fine Canadian names which are seldom seen. Canadians perhaps should get to know their own history better.

We must do everything we can to build up a sound reputation for hospitality, to smooth the way for American tourists in search of Canada. We must see to it that American visitors get full value for the money they spend here. And most important, we must be ourselves.

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Editorial Notes

We read this definition somewhere which seemed so all inclusive that we pass it on so that readers can readily recognize the various financial periods: "A recession is a period in which you tighten up your belt. In a depression you have no belt to tighten up. And when you have no pants to hold up—it's a panic."



"MR. JACKSON I RESTACKED THE FEED TODAY SO THAT IT'S EASIER TO GET TO."

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1901

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 14, 1901

Acton witnessed one of the best parades in its history on the glorious twelfth. The procession was half a mile long. It was a long line of Colour, parading Orangemen, fives and drums and band music. The procession which formed at noon contained 18 lodges, five brass bands, half a dozen fife and drum bands and between 600 and 700 members of the Orange order.

Robert Mills, of Acton, born in County Down, Ireland, in 1802 was the oldest Orangeman in the parade.

After the march past in the park there was a competition for the silver cup awarded the group with the best marching.

After speeches, an interesting feature of the afternoon's proceedings was a series of athletic games and events. The Glen won the lacrosse match from Guelph and Milton won the baseball match from Acton.

In the band competition Brampston Mechanics' Band was vastly superior. It is estimated that there were over 4000 people in the park during the afternoon. The arches and decorations through town were very attractive.

The hotels handled the immense crowds throughout the day with an ease that was commendable.

Campbellville Lodge with its splendid life and drum band was pronounced the best looking in the parade.

After the abundance of "Orange" music in the morning and afternoon and the almost pandemonium which reigned supreme in town in the matter of life and drum and brass instruments during the day the concert in the evening was particularly delightful.

Between this midsummer torridity and humidity we are long on stupidity and short on placidity.

On Wednesday afternoon of last week Johnny Abram, son of Mr. J. Abram, Church St., was playing at the mill dam and in throwing a stick to a dog was overbalanced and fell into the pond. He had actually gone down the second time when Master Robin Agnew, the nine-year-old son of Mr. John Agnew, leaped into the water and accomplished his rescue. For his commendable deed a life-saving medal should be secured.

DIED
MASALES—In Acton, on Sunday morning, 14th July, Wm. Masales, aged 73 years and 4 months.

Beware Poison Ivy Know it, Avoid

Among the out-of-door annoyances in Canada, mosquitoes, black flies and poison ivy rank about equal. But while it is almost impossible to avoid mosquito and black fly bites, it is quite possible to avoid running foul of poison ivy if you learn to recognize the plant.

Poison ivy is the only native Canadian plant with a three-part leaf and white fruit, and is frequently confused with Virginia creeper which has five-part leaves and blue fruit. A constant character of poison ivy is that the leaves are arranged alternately on the woody stem and each leaf is composed of three leaflets.

Colour and infra-red photography shows possibilities for surveys of forest resources.

BACK IN 1931

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 16, 1931

In the Halton County Tuxis Softball League game played here on Tuesday evening, Acton was defeated by Georgetown with a 19-1 score.

The veteran Orangeman of Acton, Mr. John Crawford, participated in the Orange walk at Milton on Saturday. This was Mr. Crawford's fifty-fourth Orange parade.

Mr. W. Lashbrook, who was injured in a motor accident a few weeks ago, is now able to be about again.

During the holidays of Mr. Beatty station master at the C.N.R. Mr. Roy Gunther is relieving agent.

Under ideal weather conditions the garden party of Knox Church Ladies' Aid was held on the lawn of Mrs. G. W. Masales last night and a splendid crowd was present. Mr. Hawthorne from Hamilton was the entertainer along with local talent.

Mr. Fred Denny suffered a serious accident while unloading hay at his farm. Bones in both feet were broken and one heel was badly crushed when he had to jump to avoid being thrown headlong to the barn floor.

DIED
SUTHERLAND—At Limehouse, on Monday, July 13, 1931, Helen Lindsay, beloved wife of Dr. J. G. Sutherland.

OBITUARY

Late D. McDonald Interred July 11th

Funeral service was held in Acton on Wednesday, July 11th for the late Donald (Dan) McDonald, third line, Esqueping township, who died on Sunday, July 8 in the Guelph General Hospital after several months illness.

Mr. McDonald was born in Chinguacousy township near Brampton and spent all his life in the district. With his wife, the former Violet Donovan, he moved last March from the fifth to the third line. He was a member of Limehouse Presbyterian Church.

Rev. R. H. Armstrong of Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton, and Rev. A. Calder conducted the service at the Victor B. Rumley Funeral Home, Acton, with interment following in Evergreen Cemetery, Milton.

Palibearers were Murray Coles, Stanley Morrison, Ollie Moffat, Jack Fox, Fred Brookes and Joseph Anthony. Flower bearers were Harry Hitchcock, Walter Linham, Gordon and Clifford McDonald, William Moffat, A. C. Patterson, A. W. Benton and John and Fraser McDonald.

Left to mourn his loss as well as his wife are seven children, Mrs. Gaby (Mary) Limehouse, Mrs. Jean (Jean), Terra Cotta; Donald, Brampton; Angus, Georgetown; Mrs. Law (Ella), Norval; Dorothy and Keith at home; two brothers, John, Acton, and James Georgetown and one sister, Mrs. Judge (Ella), Toronto. He had seven grandchildren.

LIQUID CHEESE

Production of liquid cheddar cheese in homogeneous, stable form will interest cheese, dairy and baking industries, reports The Financial Post. Requiring no refrigeration, the cheese is packed in sterile sealed tins.

AT THE Churches

<p>Presbyterian Church in Canada KNOX CHURCH, ACTON REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG M.A., B.D., Minister</p> <p>SUNDAY, JULY 22nd, 1951 11.00 a.m.—Divine Worship. 10.00 a.m.—Sunday School. ALL ARE WELCOME</p>	<p>United Church of Canada Acton, Ontario A FRIENDLY CHURCH Parsonage—25 Bower Avenue Phone 80</p> <p>Rev. E. A. Curry, M.A., B.D., Minister Miss O. M. Laupard, A.T.A.M., Organist and Choir Leader</p> <p>SUNDAY, JULY 22nd, 1951 10.00 a.m.—Sunday School. 11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship. 7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship</p>
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