

EDITORIAL

Labor Day

We've had a new experience over the Labor Day week-end. We've handled weekly newspapers for years and acquired the routine and injected some monthly publications in our schedule. Last week the office staff undertook to publish for four days a little daily edition of the Rover Rambler for the first Canadian Rover Moot held at Blue Springs Scout Reserve where more than 500 Rover Scouts from all parts of Canada, the United States and Cuba were assembled. On top of the regular office work it was quite an added chore.

Copy started to come in shortly after seven o'clock each evening and the "Rover Rambler" was in the hands of the campers early next morning. In fact the copies went into camp the last two mornings at five a.m. It was an interesting experience, but not one that could be maintained for any length of time without the addition of a night shift to especially handle the daily section.

If we should err more than usual this week, we thought it best to give this explanation. By way of reasoning, Labor Day had a real significance for the staff this year and it wasn't of holiday import.

Off To School

"The younger generation" are at school now. They have been packed off to classrooms after their annual summer vacation. To most of them it is just a new experience in a new classroom with perhaps a different teacher, but parents no doubt hold the event in a different light.

The children are growing up. And at the same time they are preparing themselves for a future. A future in one of the youngest and fastest growing countries of the world where futures are generally called bright.

Education is a long term process and not one that can be expected to show its entire produce immediately. The eager mother's question of "What did you learn at school today?" and the child's reply can never paint or draw out the complete answer.

Education is an evolution; a constant broadening process. Children grow into the ideas and routines carried out at school that are later transmitted into a more mature life. It is not necessarily the facts learned in the schoolroom process that provide the greatest benefit. It might easily be that arithmetic is a difficult subject for the young student but an eventual understanding of its importance makes it seem a necessary subject and the determination gained in its mastering is one of the subject by-products in education's evolution.

When you send your children to school each day and they eventually escape its confines at 4 o'clock they may not be able to tell you what they learned but their exposure to education has benefitted them in some small way at least.

Now For The Fall Fairs

With the closing this week of the Canadian National Exhibition, the great season of the rural fall fairs is ushered in. It might be well to remind many that without the rural fairs such national events as the C.N.E. and the Royal Winter Fair would not be possible. The fairs which now hold sway are the places where new exhibitors are trained, where incentive and confidence are gained.

Rural fairs, too, have a phase which is not found in the larger fairs—that of a meeting place for old friends. The big fairs have become so large that meeting, even by appointment, is often difficult. The smaller fairs provide a leisure and a smaller place for meeting acquaintances which no other community attraction can provide. Definitely the fall fairs occupy a unique place in the life of town and country and a common meeting ground that is very essential to our community life.

Your community fair in Acton will be held this month, in fact in a few weeks. The prize lists are now available upon application to the Secretary. To make it a success requires the co-operation of exhibitors and friends. Plan now to make your entries and have a show that is indicative of this fine agricultural district.

Make arrangements to meet your friends at Acton Fair on September 21st and 22nd. Make it bigger and better in every way.

From every section come reports of the greatest harvest Canada has ever experienced. Thanksgiving Day, which comes this year on October 8th will be a real day of Thanksgiving for the bounty that has been bestowed.

A National Event

Seems too bad when Toronto is playing host to so many visitors at the Canadian National Exhibition that four lanes of travel are reserved on the Lakeshore Boulevard for city traffic and only two lanes allotted to C.N.E. visitors. Then, too, all the parking space on the south side has been lost to the exhibition, which has a gigantic problem on its hands. Looking on as an outsider, it does seem that Toronto could be more tolerant for two weeks when so many, from a great distance congregate to see a National event.

Another suggestion which might prove popular, judging from crowds before the bandshell at the C.N.E. would be the presentation of some strictly band concerts. Every year some fine bands come to the C.N.E. who are a cross between a symphony orchestra and a band. Why not have the Toronto symphony orchestra take over the orchestral duties and a band give programs of strictly band music and some good stirring marches.

To our thinking the mongrel musical portrayals of the present do little to please either the lovers of orchestral or band music. Frankly we enjoy the band concerts from the north band stand very much, except when they attempt to imitate the main bandshell.

The Star concerts of diversified programs which present Canadian artists are gaining in popularity judging by the crowds. We think the C.N.E. deserves credit for its effort to serve all tastes and we offer our criticisms in a friendly way.

Too Effective?

A drop of not less than 4.5% in housing starts in July just reported may well bring the first dent in Ottawa's tight fiscal control program according to The Financial Post.

Also reported was a 63% decrease in the same month in loans under NHA. Together they indicate the speed with which the housing program is grinding to a stop under the brake of money controls. July figures cannot help but increase already heavy pressure being put on Ottawa to ease up.

However, in other affected areas—cigarettes, consumer durables—and despite the whopping \$340 million trade deficit in the first six months, Ottawa still seems determined to hold the line.

The exact extent of the housing sag becomes apparent against previous statistics. The 41.5% drop is for communities of 5,000 and over. In May and June, starts were off 23%. Earlier in the year—before restrictions—they were up 19% over 1950. Over a seven-month period, they're down 18.5%.

Despite this spectacular slump, actual completions this year will be high due to the big 1950 backlog. But what is causing concern is the effect of to-day's slump on 1952.

Editorial Notes

We're just like the city and have our street repairs in full swing for exhibition—only we have aims of having our own town all ready for our own fair.

Highway travel gets heavier and there is more need for extra precautions in your driving habits. You need a constant alertness to the other drivers' failures.

Nice to note that at last some definite progress has been made on county equalized assessments. Surely after five years' work in preparation of the figures, nothing can be gained by an appeal court. If such is necessary, the new system's no improvement over the old plan.

Car sales in June, 1951, were 29% below last June, in number, and 11% less in value, according to The Financial Post. In the first six months sales are still 12% higher in number, 34% higher in value, than in the first six months last year.

Conversation will have to centre on the weather when the road work is complete.

Have you heard how the little son of a telephone man describes prayer? "Prayers are little messages to God sent at night," he said, "to get the cheaper rates."

There is every indication that visitors to the Acton Fair will this year find the streets and roads in the finest condition they have ever been. The work on re-paving and improvement is, making good progress and it appears the worst is now over.



"WOULD YOU MIND BRINGING CANNED APPLE SAUCE UNTIL I GET MY NEW FALSE TEETH?"

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1901

Taken from the Issue of the Acton Free Press of Thursday, September 5th, 1901

The prize list committee of Esqueping Agricultural Society met here on Monday and completed the prize list for the annual exhibition to be held here on Thursday and Friday, 3rd and 4th October. The list of specials is very large and in many cases the prizes are better than usual. Among the special attractions there will be a series of tugs of war by some of the best teams in the country.

Acton is well represented at the Pan-American exposition in Buffalo this week. Messrs. Jno. A. McGrail, J. B. Wallace and W. Stark went over on Saturday. On Monday evening Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Hagar, Misses Grace and May Hagar, Miss Evans, Misses Meda and Lily Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. James Warren and Mr. Ed. J. Moore went over.

Miss C. McPhail arrived from New York last evening and her department at the public school will be re-opened this morning.

The Milton Reformer says, "that was a nasty thing these Acton boys did when they pelted the Campbellville baseball team with decayed hen eggs when they were leaving for home on the occasion of their recent visit to that town. The Free Press, however, apologizes for such an unneighborly act and says the Acton baseball team was in no wise responsible for what occurred, and blames it on a lot of bad boys who had no connection whatsoever with the team."

Dr. Bell has moved his dental parlor to the rooms over McKee's drug store.

Acton cornet band gave an enjoyable open air concert from the town square band stand on a Tuesday evening.

BACK IN 1931

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, September 3rd, 1931

The unemployment registration in Acton numbered eighty-four. The boys are having amusement these evenings playing box lacrosse in the arena.

The Fall Fair Directors held a "bee" yesterday afternoon and placed new posts and poles for tying up the cattle in the park.

There were 294 pupils started back to school at Acton Public Schools this week. The beginner's class has 35 in it this year.

The Brampton Conservator last week made the announcement that Manwell Starkman, R.O., a native of Acton, would establish an optometric practice in Brampton.

Some 150 visiting firemen attended the annual church parade of Georgetown Fire Brigade at Georgetown United Church on Sunday night.

This year Acton will enter two tug-of-war teams in the championship events at the Canadian National Exhibition. Trainer Herbert Ritchie is in charge of one team and Trainer W. Eccleshall has the other team.

A quiet wedding took place at the home of the bride when Frances Alexandra, daughter of Thomas A. Carswell of Galt was married to David Christie Henderson, of Preston, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Henderson, of Galt formerly of Acton.

A pretty wedding was solemnized in Grace Anglican Church, Milton on Saturday, August 29, when Greenolyn Violet, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Homewood was married to Edward George Tyler, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tyler, of Acton.

MARTIN—To Mr. and Mrs. Leshie Martin of Toronto, on Tuesday August 25, 1931 a daughter.

**NORTH
EAST
WEST
SOUTH**

NEWS FROM ALL DIRECTIONS

Wot, No Skis?

A story in last week's Milton Champion tells of another of these traditional Americans in Canada. This one got on a bus at the border on the way to Winnipeg, and asked a Canadian girl where she was travelling. The girl said, "Vancouver." The lady looked blank. "In British Columbia." Still blank. Then the lady brightened up. "Well if it's anywhere near Niagara, be sure to see the falls. They're wonderful!"

Burlington at C.N.E.
Introduced to Mrs. R. C. Berkinshaw, wife of the president of the C.N.E. and Mrs. George Marshall, wife of the secretary of national defense of the U.S. were four Burlingtonites, Elsie Springle, J. Luchock, Anne Louise Thompson and Bob Easton. The four were at a luncheon sponsored by Kate Aiken. People just don't drop in and these youngsters had a good reason. Their mural won a \$100 prize in a school competition. Burlington knitter extra-ordinary Mrs. J. Higson won an award in a knitting contest. And the Burlington Junior Band marched in the Warriors' Day Parade.

100 out of 100

Nothing plain about the plan-and-purling of Mrs. D. Russell Smith of Oakville, who brought \$170 worth of prizes in knitting classes at the C.N.E. to Oakville. Her seven piece layette was awarded 100 out of 100. "I played it the sure way," she said. Not knowing who'd be the final recipient of the top notch knitting, she did it all in white.

Oakville Baseball
From the Oakville-Trafalgar Journal. "Pounding out 13 safeties, seven of them for extra bases, the Oaks last Friday night downed Clarkson 11-5 to sweep their Halton Intermediate 'A' playoff series three straight. The victory qualified the locals for O.B.A. playdowns."

Warriors' Return
Two buses from the Georgetown Legion travelled to Toronto to Warriors' Day at the Ex. Writes the regular legion scribe in last week's Herald, that only two of the members missed the bus back this year... and both of them went home early. Perhaps his knowledge of the early hour at which they returned was genuinely first hand.

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10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th, 1951
9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion
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7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer
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11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship
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ALL ARE WELCOME

Baptist Church
ACTON

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th, 1951
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School
11:30 a.m.—Morning Service
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service
Friday, Sept. 7—B.V.P.U. corn roast at home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugs Reid. Meet at the church at 8:15.
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