

EDITORIAL

Understanding

You've all heard the old saying, "The man worth while is the man who can smile when everything goes dead wrong." It took some smiling to see through the moisture that fell on Saturday in a way that made one feel that perhaps Noah's Ark would be needed to get from the fair grounds. But it was truly remarkable the philosophical way in which president Parker and secretary Swackhamer and all the directors and officials and the whole public took the drenching downpour.

Between showers the crowd darted from one spot to another and exhibitors took shelter. They showed horses in the rain on a muddy track, the children rode on the merry-go-round and ferris wheel as the rain drenched them and the only complaint we heard from everyone was, "It's too bad". Officials felt sorry for patrons and exhibitors, and visitors and exhibitors felt sorry that the prospects of a bumper fair were drowned in the deluge. Everyone seemed willing to share disappointment and got understanding of the common problem in the weather condition.

The advisability of having the arena in Acton park was well demonstrated on this occasion. It provided a splendid centre to carry on the fair program. The fair was well equipped to handle the emergency but will be very thankful if it never is again called upon to deal with such a situation in its history. It was the wettest fair day in the history of Acton Fair.

No Group Favours

We are heartily in accord with the principal given by Dr. H. H. Hannam at a meeting in Milton last week that price controls must be all inclusive in their application. There has been altogether too much clamoring of various groups for price control on the things they have to buy and a demand for hands off on the things they sell. It would appear too that our distribution costs have gone entirely out of bounds with our production costs and while the price of farm products are high when they reach the consumer the farmer is not receiving an unduly high price for his products.

Sometimes there is more clamouring from large groups without a thorough analysis of the items which make for high prices. Too often the blame is placed on the wrong party. Dr. Hannam's analysis at the meeting was very informative and there can be no quarrel with his reasoning.

The sooner we forget controls and government manipulation of prices and get back to free trade among a free people the better. Our system of choosing our governments is such that government control of prices becomes but a reflection of the largest and most vociferous group. We need to guard our system of free enterprise. The sooner the government gets out of the price control field the better for all concerned. It's false economy and can lead only to group struggle and turmoil. We've had so much government regulation as wartime measures that we are becoming very helpless in free enterprise.

Facing Facts

For the past four years a special committee composed of representatives of educational, business, agricultural and labor groups, has been making a study of secondary education in Canada. Says The Financial Post, "The main purpose was to consider what constitutes a suitable training for students who go directly into employment from high school."

The importance of that field can be judged by the fact that the great bulk of Canadian youth never go beyond high school in their formal education, and only about one-third of those who start high school ever complete the full course.

Though there have been some recent changes, on the whole our high school education seems to be based on the wrong assumption that all students, can, will and should go on to university. Emphasis has been placed on those special subjects which are compulsory for university entrance. There has been far too little attempt to give the much greater number of students who will never go beyond high school an education suited to their special needs.

To correct this grave weakness and injustice, members of the committee make several recommendations. It's to be hoped that these get the widest and most serious consideration. Of equal or even greater importance is their emphasis on closer and better relations between the schools and universities and the business, life of the community. Each could benefit greatly by knowing a very great deal more about the other.

Pleasure and Beauty

Roads have been a pretty touchy subject locally for some time but now the comment has changed since visitors are travelling on smooth surfaces and are loud in their praise of the improvement. More and more the favoured route to Toronto is getting to be down No. 25 Highway on what the Elora Express says is "as fine a piece of road as we have seen for a long time."

Motorists are finding that this route, which goes from Acton to Milton and thence to either the Dundas Highway or the Queen Elizabeth Way avoids bottlenecks in traffic all along the route and provides the best road surface to be found anywhere. Recent improvements on the Dundas Highway add to the enjoyment of this route.

For scenic beauty, of course, the route for No. 25 has long been acknowledged as one of the finest in these parts. Now with a fine road surface there is no discomfort to the enjoyment of the trip. It's small wonder that the new road is rapidly gaining in popularity as a route from this district to the city.

Autumn Wins

We may certainly be glad that summer is over and autumn here at last, judging by the scant attention authorities give "summer" in reference books and the much increased interest given "autumn". Although the "New Dictionary of Thoughts" begins its quotations on autumn with "the melancholy days are come, the saddest of the year", still eight cheerful famous remarks follow. As for summer, there is no mention of any poet or philosopher saying anything at all worthy of note on that hot season. Spring, it must be admitted, did top the seasons with 11 quotations, but winter was just disregarded along with summer.

In Roge's "Thesaurus of English Words and Phrases" autumn is found under "evening" along with Indian summer, harvest-time, dewy eve, dusk, sunset and gloaming. Summer was peremptorily dismissed under "morning" in a brusque paragraph "summer, midsummer, summer solstice." Autumn is hinted at again under "divestment" although "leafless" diverges from seasonal meaning to such unrelated phrases as "out at the elbows" and "bald as a coot".

A dictionary's mellow assignment to "autumn" is "the third season of the year, often called fall; adjective, ripening, declining". "Summer" is defined in a much more businesslike way with the only reason its paragraph is longer being grammatical. Summer branched to a transitive and intransitive verb, a regular noun and a poetic noun.

All in all, autumn wins with the authorities and poets.

Residents outside town will be the first to agree as they see the trees in beauty of color that is new and thrilling each succeeding year. On warm days, there will be nothing more pleasurable for those in town than to drive or walk outside the town, or drive through nearby countryside where the gold and crimson and moss green of the trees is multiplied time and time again in autumn's annual galaxy of color.

Editorial Notes

Paint brushes are busy these days cleaning up business places that have awaited completion of street surfacing.

Thanksgiving Day one week from Monday and surely a real cause for giving thanks in this year of bountiful harvests.

Fall Fairs are certainly dependent on the weather for such and enjoyment of all. But every day throughout the fall, cannot be fair.

It's estimated that the pre-Thanksgiving and Christmas turkey population shows 3,440,000 birds. That's one figure that's due for a decline in the next three months.

Remember, Daylight Saving Time ends on Saturday. Turn your time pieces back an hour on Saturday night and be adjusted for Sunday services.

It is estimated that the strike in Timmins by employees of the Hollinger Mines cost each family \$440 in lost wages. It seems that at least the striking miners and their families lost and the check-off system will not be adopted.

Can't tell who's boss when you come to a farm nowadays, explains the Winnipeg Tribune. "One of the old chestnuts has been you could tell whether a farmer or his wife was boss on a farm by which building boasted the coat of paint—the house or the barn. Farm prosperity during the past 10 or 12 years has made this test useless in many cases, because both the house and the barn now gleam with bright new paint."



"THE NICE PART OF IT IS - YOU EITHER TAKE THIS OR SLEEP IN THE PARK."

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1931

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, September 24, 1951

September can be classed as a real summer month this year. Rodney defeated Napanee in the first game of the Intermediate B baseball finals by a score of 4-3.

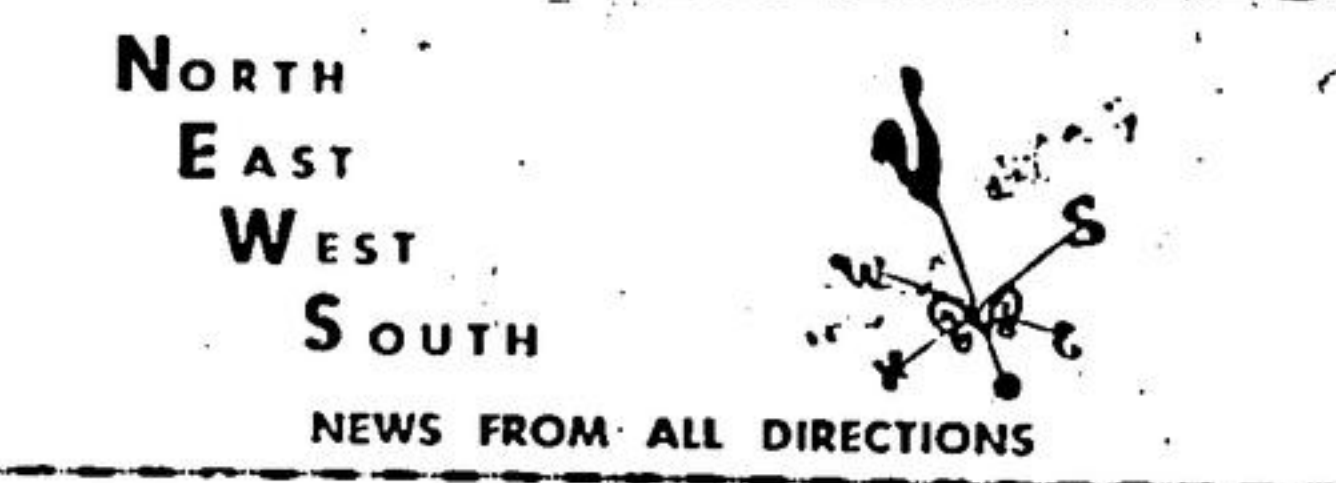
The death of Hon. Lincoln Goldie, of Guelph, former Provincial Secretary, occurred at the Guelph General Hospital early Saturday morning.

Officials of the Canadian National Railway propose to discard the present water tank maintained here and connect the system directly with the Guelph Street mains. The Council gave the matter consideration and decided to carry out the plans as submitted by the Canadian National Railway.

Esqueping School Fair was held at Limchouse with a good list of entries in the hundred or more classes up for competition.

MARRIED
RUSSELL-KENNEDY - At the home of the bride's parents, Acton, on Wednesday, September 23, 1951, Jean Nelson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Kennedy, to William James Russell, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Russell, of Unionville.

DIED
DAVIDSON - At the home, Lot 31, second line, Esqueping Township, on Monday, September 21, 1951, Charles Davidson in his 78th year.



NEWS FROM ALL DIRECTIONS

Gale vs. Hurricanes
"Mrs. E. T. C. Burke and daughter Gale, 9, don't like hurricanes," says the Oakville-Tafalgar Journal. They were in Jamaica during the recent one and don't mind if they never see another hurricane as long as they live. "The feeling as each increase in wind hit the hotel is hard to describe," Mrs. Burke, whose husband is employed in Jamaica, said, "You began to wonder if there would ever be a let-up. And when the heart of the storm was over us, the sudden silence that came with it was even worse. When the wind came back with full force it seemed more than any building could stand." But their hotel stood it and so did other tourist hotels on the north shore, Mrs. Burke stressed.

Low Bonds Tenders
Burlington council opened tenders from six bond houses for three lots of debentures at their last meeting but each one was too low. The highest bid was that of Wood Gundy and Co. at 96 1/2. Council decided to wait to see if the bond market would not improve.

Electrocuted, Recovers
Four-year-old Terry Kennedy, the Georgetown lad who was badly burned when he touched a hydro cable at the hydro sub-station in town recently, is making "good" progress in Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, last week's Georgetown Herald reports. 23,000 volts of electricity—5,000 more than would pass through someone in the electric chair—coursed through the lad when he touched the wire. Skin grafting will be necessary later but there is hope, doctors say, of saving his hand. Worst burns were to his hand, feet and back.

East at 83
An 83-year-old lady, whose husband died over a year ago, came to Milton last week to see for the first time the town that her husband often spoke of, but that she had never seen. Mrs. Harry Holgate Watson is a westerner whose husband left Milton for the west in his teens on one of the first CPR trains headed that way.

Provincial Policing
At the last meeting of Milton council a Provincial Police inspector was interviewed, with mayor and councillors considering the cost and benefits of having provincial policemen in Milton. The estimated total cost, with a 25 per cent returnable subsidy deducted, would be about \$6600 a year. The provincials were engaged at a later meeting.

Poet's Corner

THE SCHOOL BY THE CREEK

Along the ever rushing creek, There stands a tiny school, Where children gather every day, On each their separate stool.

Around the school are many trees, Most gathered at the back, Where on the warm and sunny days We sit and have our snack.

This school is stone with trim of white, A vine clings to the wall, The yard is large, the grass is soft, It's there where we play ball.

Some day, I hope, when I leave school That I'll be proud to know, All the things were useful That I learned there, long ago.

Marilyn Leske, Louisville

AT THE Churches

Presbyterian Church in Canada
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
REV. ROBERT H. ALMSTROM, M.A., B.D., Minister
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th, 1951
11:00 a.m. - Divine Worship
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
7:00 p.m. - Evening Service
ALL ARE WELCOME

St. Alban's Church (Anglican)
Rector - Rev. W. G. Lorton, M.A.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th, 1951
Harvest Thanksgiving Service - Trinity XIX
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Thanksgiving Service of Holy Communion, Beginner's Class
7:00 p.m. - Harvest Service - Preacher, Canon H. D. Smith of Oakville.
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11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. - Evening Worship

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STANDARD TIME
10:30 a.m. - Sunday School
11:30 a.m. - Morning Service
7:30 p.m. - Evening Service
8:30 p.m. - B.Y.P.U. sing-song
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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., 11:37 p.m., 1:12 a.m. (Sun to Kitchener)

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