

EDITORIAL

Let Us Give Thanks

Thanksgiving Day of 1951 comes with abundant cause for giving thanks. True, world conditions may be unsettled, but that is our own fault. A great harvest has been largely gathered in. Nature has given of her bounty amply repaying the efforts of man in producing enough for all. The storage bins of this great country are full as winter draws close and every day we learn of the discovery of new natural resources that can only point of a great future for Canada and Canadians.

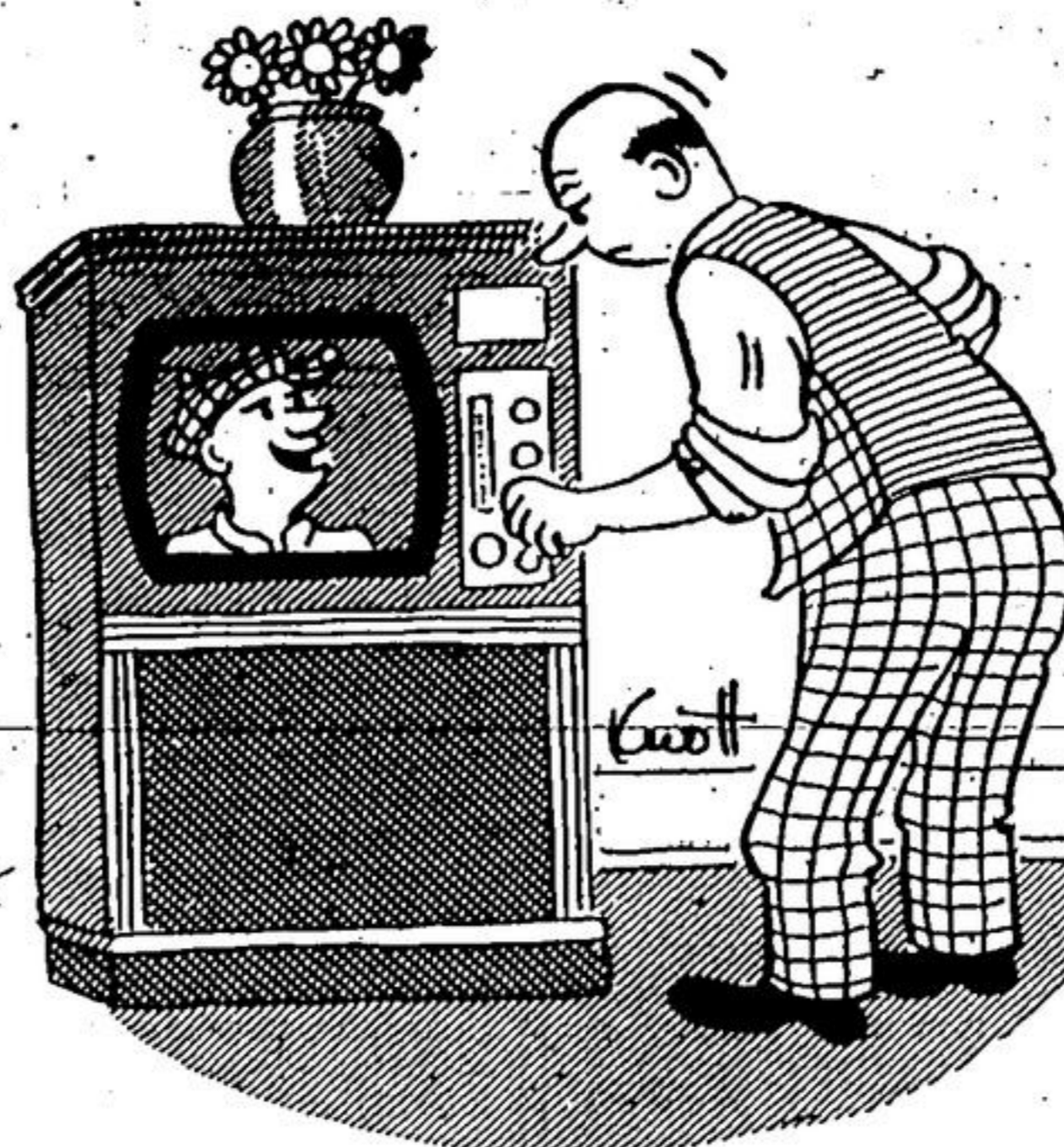
A quotation of Henry Ward Beecher's given many years ago seems as appropriate on this day as it was in the day many years ago when it was given. "If one should give me a dish of sand, and tell me there were particles of iron in it, I might look for them with my eyes, and search for them with my clumsy fingers, and be unable to detect them; but let me take a magnet and sweep through it, and how would it draw to itself the most invisible particles by the mere power of attraction.—The unthankful heart, like my finger in the sand, discovers no mercies; but let the thankful heart sweep through the day, and as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find in every hour, some heavenly blessings, only the iron in God's sand is gold."

Newspaper Week

This week of October 1st to 8th is set aside as National Newspaper Week. What is it, just another week? No, it is not. It is a week in the year in which the people of Canada can be justly proud, for it is a week commemorating the free press of Canada. Our newspapers "light the way of Freedom". The preservation of the right of Canada's people being able to worship God as they wish, to criticize their government if they wish, and with a limited number of controls, operate their business as they wish, is something we must cherish.

It is the duty of every Editor, and accepted as a duty to purvey the news without bias. It is the privilege of the reader to read the newspapers, understand, analyze and interpret the news. By reading in our newspapers of the actions of groups and individuals, and the reactions of others, we can make up our mind as to the course we believe in, and thus we judge the acceptable from the unacceptable. This is vitally important, and is no doubt the outstanding influence in keeping our democracy alive.

Yes, a newspaper is not published for the "funnies". It is published in an honest effort to tell the reader all. Sometimes the facts are gory, sometimes they are scintillating, sometimes they are sad, but honest editorship commands the truth, and unbiased.



"YOU CAN'T TUNE ME OUT, MISTER! I'M THE REPAIRMAN."

**THE GOOD OLD DAYS
MAY HAVE SEEMED
BETTER**

BACK IN 1901

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 3, 1901

BACK IN 1931

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 1, 1931

Continued Delay

Every date for the use of the sewage disposal plant operation in Acton has fallen down and after a trip to the plant this week we doubt very much if the plant will be in operation this year. We have no fault to find with council because we do know the effort they have exerted to have the work finished. But we do feel that there is quite some laxity on the part of the engineering department for the delay upon delay.

Surely the fees on the project are sufficient to guarantee some speeding up of completion and a fulfilment of dates once in awhile. Mid-September was the last date promised and profic promises were made prior to this. The construction work is practically finished but from the looks of material uncrated and about the premises equipment installation is travelling at a snail's pace.

The whole situation is certainly embarrassing to town officials but seems of little concern to those who are being paid for a completed job. We will be only too glad to publish any explanation the engineer cares to make regarding the delay. But we would much prefer to see definite completion rather than promises or excuses for a job that has been nearly two years in the making. We think the engineer in charge has a duty to the citizens of Acton and something close to the rosy picture presented when Actonians voted approval of the work.

Abolish Homework

"Let's abolish homework", says Sidney Katz, a social worker, and magazine writer in a current article in Maclean's Magazine. That's something we can't help agreeing with, not because we have interviewed hundreds or studied the social complexities of the subject, but simply because we were once a student ourselves plagued by the thoughts of a nightly session with books and subjects we didn't appreciate.

From all his surveying Katz says, "there is evidence that homework sours pupils on learning for the rest of their lives, creates unnecessary work and worry for parents and robs pupils of wholesome recreational and social life during their most formative years." Again we can't help agreeing with the writer. It's a well known fact that you can't do two things at once. That is simply you can't go to club meetings and accomplish the homework assignments.

Perhaps club meetings aren't important but it seems that children and youths can accomplish much in learning the intricacies of organization and the happy accomplishments of working together.

Every person who goes to school is certainly not a student. Some enjoy pouring over books while others detest it. Surely it isn't too soon to start the children on the idea of liking their work enough to work extra hours at it.

Few people are really happy enough in their work to study it and put in extra hours. Vast amounts of money are spent on aptitude tests and vocational guidance in attempting to fit people to a job in which they will be happy. Yet in our schools where we feel that education is the prime requisite we forget that children should like to go to school and should like it so well that extra hours of work are added to the regular school day voluntarily.

If a student likes school well enough to do extra work, fine, but we think as does the magazine writer, that hours of homework every night in the week rob the pupil of those things that help him mature and develop a broader, happier outlook on things in general.

An Opportunity?

Reform Institutions Minister Foote's statement that lack of money is holding back research which has as its purpose a certain cure for alcoholism, should not cause any great perplexity as to a source of such money. It would seem only justice that the liquor interests, who make such large fortunes from the cause of alcoholism would advance the necessary money to make such cures possible.

We would not suggest further taxation on alcohol in its many forms. Such a plan would, of course, immediately bring forth a chorus of indignant protest of being partial to the higher income groups. Rather one could almost expect that the breweries and distilleries would voluntarily donate great sums for the purpose. They show an amazing interest in conservation — of wild life, rather than mankind. They demonstrate truly surprising concern over highway traffic — after throwing onto the market what is generally conceded the main cause of highway unsafety. They are very philanthropic in a number of other ways. Here is offered a means of partially undoing the harm they do.

But, of course, there is always the danger of lower sales and lower profit if the public are kept fully informed of the great harm that intoxicating liquor does and other forms of advertising are more diverting and tend to make the liquor manufacturers and brewers appear to be good fellows.

Advertising, after all, to be effective must be truthful and it's difficult to be truthful of any good that intoxicating beverages may be working for people. It's very doubtful if the liquor interests will contribute to anything which will attempt to cure alcoholism.

A Planner's Logic

"A rise in the wage costs of a business", says Uncle Sam's economic stabilizer Eric Johnson, "does not and should not get itself translated into an equivalent rise in prices". Mr. Johnson supports this curious bit of reasoning by asserting that higher wages for workers will make them so happy that they will produce more, thus increasing the available supply of goods and bringing prices down.

Unfortunately, human experience provides little evidence that Mr. Johnson is right. Organized labour has constantly manifested deep concern that production per man hour should be less rather than more, the theory being that in this way more jobs will be created. Most businessmen, likewise, have discovered that wages loom rather larger in production costs than Mr. Johnson imagines. When wage costs rise to the point where the cost of production exceeds the sale price, manufacturers usually decide to stop production and go into some other business.

It would be wonderful if Uncle Sam's economic stabilizer turned out to be right after all. The chances are, however, that he will turn out to be wrong, and that before he discovers how wrong he is, goods will become scarcer and prices will go higher.

Thanksgiving Day next Monday. On every side there is evidence that we have much reason for giving thanks to a benevolent Providence.

Fall Fairs are over and daylight saving has ended. Reminders indeed that much of activities for the next few months will of necessity be under cover.

The most unique and among the most interesting ceremonies of a public character ever held in Acton were those attending the unveiling of the Gunner Moore Memorial at Fairview Cemetery Sat. afternoon. Between two and three o'clock detachments from D battery, the scholars of the county schools, members of the county and town councils and citizens paraded at the town hall and were led by the 20th regimental band and Acton Cornet Band to Fairview Cemetery. Veterans of D battery, comrades of the deceased in South Africa, in khaki, included Gunner Gould of Acton and Driver James, Rockwood. (About four and a half full columns of small type were devoted to the ceremonies, with words of three hymns given in full.)

The tax collectors for Esqueping township have been appointed and are Walter Shortreed, Richard Dick, Henry Wilson, Peter Gibbins, Jas. Nickell and Theo. Norton. Mr. W. Enskine, of Toronto, lae of Grand Valley, has come into possession of the Palace Drug Store which was founded and built up to a successful volume by Mr. J. D. McKee.

Miss Riach and Miss Dorland were favored with a large number of visitors in the Glasgow House yesterday on the occasion of their autumn millinery opening. The rooms were gay in their loyal decorations of red, white and blue and branches of maple leaves and the beautiful new millinery lent an especial charm. In the trimmings it was noticeable that all colors are in vogue though red predominates and brown and green are also in favor. The French combinations of fur, lace and flowers are quite plentiful. Breasts and quilts are all the rage, and there is also an abundance of jets and sequins.

BORN
BENNIE—At the Manse, Willow Street, Acton, on Thursday, September 24, 1931 to Rev. H. L. and Mrs. Bennie, a daughter.

DIED
ANDERSON—At the Guelph General Hospital, on Wednesday, September 23, 1931 Thomas Geo. Anderson in his 76th year.

SALES DROP
Department store sales for the first week of August were below corresponding week last year by 5 per cent, reports The Financial Post. They may drag for awhile compared with last year's figures, because buying was so brisk just after the Korean war outbreak. By provinces: Alberta up 8 per cent; Saskatchewan, 1 per cent; Manitoba and Ontario, down 9 per cent; Manitoba and B.C., down 4 per cent; Quebec, down 1 per cent.

CUBS HONOR HANDLESS CHILD
Three months after he lost both hands from burns suffered when he touched a power line, six-year-old Johnny Page of St. Thomas, Ont., had a long-standing wish. True—he was made an honorary Wolf Cub—more than 100 Cubs and scouts were on hand to welcome Johnny to Scouting, and to contribute to a silver collection for the Johnny Page benefit fund — now approaching \$6,000.

Since the beginning of the free national Blood Transfusion Service in 1947, Red Cross blood transport drivers have covered more than a million miles of Canadian roads.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7th, 1951
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Divine Worship, World-wide Communion Sunday.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship, Subject, The Revolving Word.
8.30 p.m.—Inter-Congregational Fire-side in the Baptist Church. Thought for the Week: In this world, it is not what we take up but what we give up that makes us rich. (Henry Ward Beecher)

St. Alban's Church
(Anglican)
Rector—Rev. W. G. Luxton, B.A.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7th, 1951
Trinity XX
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Beginners' Class.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer, A Welcome Awaits You

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7th, 1951
11.00 a.m.—Divine Worship.
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Service.
ALL ARE WELCOME

Baptist Church
ACTON

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7th, 1951
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.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer meeting.
Friday, 8 p.m.—B.Y.P.U.

The stronger sex is usually the weaker sex because of the strength the weaker sex has over the stronger sex; or is it because of the weakness of the stronger sex for the weaker sex?

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