

EDITORIAL

Equalization Bows Out

It was with a sigh of relief that county officials watched the completion of 1951's equalization of assessment in Milton at a hearing last Friday. It was completed, that is, unless some municipality should decide to enter an appeal some place and upset it again. The equalization of assessment will be raised again near the end of this year and all hope for an amicable settlement.

Actually the equalization of assessment is made so that ratepayers in the county pay a fair share of county operational costs. All the municipalities in the county agreed on the share they should pay at a recent meeting of the county council. Georgetown, however, was not satisfied with the wording of the agreement. The figures were agreeable but they wanted an insertion that the figures could not be used at any future proceedings.

In the first place, this did not concern the five southern municipalities or for that matter it did not concern the proceedings under way, as the judge repeatedly pointed out. The argument continued for three hours on that point while Georgetown tenaciously held out to have the words inserted in the agreement. The county judge ignored the words in his approval of the figures.

The solicitor for Georgetown explained why the words were important. Five northern municipalities comprise the North Halton High School District to which each contributes operational costs on the basis of assessment. Recently there was disagreement on the basis and the Ontario Municipal Board gave a ruling which is valid for five years unless either the boundaries of the area change or one municipality has a ten per cent. increase in assessment within two consecutive years.

Georgetown agreed that the Board's ruling was a "favourable one". Indeed, it was favourable to all the towns but the townships suffered and if Georgetown has its way will continue to suffer for a five year period. Two years is the minimum period the figures can be used for, but if, as Georgetown hoped, the figures agreed upon Friday could not be used, it would add another year to the "favourable" position of Georgetown as well as Milton and Acton.

The latter two towns have not between them saved as much as Georgetown and are nevertheless anxious to have a fair arrangement as, naturally, are the townships of Nassagaweya and Esquesing.

It appears that only Georgetown wants more than its share of benefits.

The Cow Doesn't Count?

One of the advantages of living in smaller communities away from the cities was the fact that many of the essentials to the family living were at lower cost. This was accounted for by the fact that we were closer to the supply of farm products and avoided transportation costs and other frills which city dwellers enjoyed. But that day is gone under the new order of government price fixing without regard to these conditions.

Buttermilk in the Walkerton district is now 18c a quart and we presume that price is practically Ontario wide; skim milk goes at 16c and standard milk at 21c a quart and butterfat content on this latter is not less than 3.25 per cent. and not more than 3.9. We don't get the standards and grades from the cows any more but from the Milk Board. We are reminded of a story of our boyhood days when the family cow used to be in competition with the milkman and a small boy in a local family told his mother he didn't like cows' milk as well as the milkman's milk. The boy lives in the city now and gets nothing but milkman's milk for the city ways have ousted the methods of other days. Often we question the costs of standardization that emanates from the city viewpoint and directs the living costs of all those all over the province.

We don't pine for the good old days but you've got to admit they had their advantages and less dissension when we dealt directly with the cows.

Governmental Mark-Up?

A Victoria B.C. cad in a recent case before him for judgment refused to consider government property stolen by the defendant to have a value of more than \$25 although the stolen property was sold to the public at \$58.68. The stolen property in question was a case of rum purloined from a Victoria government liquor store.

Defense evidence showed that the said case of rum cost the Liquor Control Board of British Columbia exactly \$8.08. Figure the profit out for yourself. No wonder our governments, provincial and federal can go on the spending spree they indulge in. Perhaps the B.C. government, which in the past year has been roundly criticized for its spendthrift financial policies, feels that if the drinking public wants its rum so badly that it is willing to pay an enormous mark-up price, the government should have the privilege of spending it in like fashion. What about Ontario?—Orangeville Banner.

The Bard of Ayrshire

Friday is the 193rd birthday of Robert Burns, the chief lyric poet of Scotland, and fondly referred to as "Bobbie Burns" by the Scots. Born on January 25, 1759, in an "auld clay biggin", or cottage, about two miles south of Ayr, he was the son of a tenant farmer of intelligence and small means. Burns' school education consisted of reading, writing, grammar, and arithmetic and later a little geometry and less Latin and French.

Robert was the oldest boy and it fell on him to support the family. He was a strong, active fellow, not afraid of work yet he longed to be a scholar. His best writing was done in the years when he was working hard all day. His brother tells that Robert climbed to a garret at night where he kept his writing material to write the thoughts that had occurred to him as he followed the plough.

Copies of his books are now among the treasures of libraries and book collectors. His poems attracted the favourable attention of literary men through the years. It would seem that one who had risen thus far would rise higher, but Burns had weaknesses in his character. He was attracted by many women. He was handsome but he became vain and weak although he appears to have had a high ideal.

Burns is termed variously "the ploughman's poet", the "Ayrshire ploughman", the "Bard of Ayrshire", and "the Peasant". No one would think of saying Harry Longfellow or Jack Whittier, but to the Scots Burns is just Bobbie Burns, and that tells the whole story.

"O he was a good-looking fine fellow—he was that; rather black an' ill-colored; but he couldna' help that, ye ken. He was a strong, manly-looking chap; nane o' your skilpit milk-and-water dandies; but a sterling, substantial fellow, who wadna hae feared the devil suppose he had met him. An' then siccan an ee he had!"—Memoir of Burns.

Editorial Notes

J. Ollier, writing in the Shelburne Free Press, attributes this comment to a citizen of that town: "Toronto is a place where they never ease up on shouting for bigger pay and shorter work-days—and where they begrudge the farmer his innings when the price of meat, potatoes, butter or eggs goes up."

One of the leading editorial writers of the New York Times, Simeon Strunsky, maintains that a single copy of a weekly newspaper slowly absorbed may succeed in driving home a point more effectively than seven daily newspapers repeating the same point every day for a week. He says, "With us the small town and country newspaper which is most often a weekly journal is more influential than the daily press. A weekly newspaper which is read and absorbed in the seclusion and comparative leisure of a small town or the farm is likely to exercise a greater pull on its readers than the daily paper."—Bowmanville Statesman.



Churchill and Georgetown

Mrs. William Miller of Georgetown listened closely to Winston Churchill on the radio, and carefully reads accounts of his visit to the States and Canada in the papers. Mrs. Miller and the famous Churchill were both decorated at the same investiture in London by King Edward VII. A Nursing Sister Annie Fisher, Mrs. Miller served as a nurse in the South African War, minding wounded Boers and British Tommies.

She was nursing in Dublin when she received word to appear at Malborough House for a decoration. Churchill had received similar word while Mrs. Miller had no opportunity to speak to Churchill, she has naturally followed his career closely ever since.

Hughes Cleaver Speaks
Hughes Cleaver, Federal member for Halton county, said at the annual Liberal rally in Milton that he would not be a candidate for re-election after serving his present term. Mr. Cleaver states that his duties in Ottawa and private business interests were too great a burden.

Committees were named to select nominees to represent Halton in the next Federal election. Possibilities are John Kehoe of Burlington; Bob Shannon of Burlington; Dr. F. M. Deans of Oakville; K. Y. Dick of Milton; and Murray McPhail of Campbellville. It is expected that the nominee will be chosen this November, and the next Federal election will be in June of 1953.

Halton county executive committee members are James Cunningham, Hornby, president; Dr. F. M. Deans, Oakville, first vice-president; W. Crozier, Milton, secretary and Victor Hall, Trafalgar, treasurer.

Halton One Armed Bandits
Slot machine devotees may note: slot machines are being made right in Halton. The Leader Die Casting Company has set up a shop on the Eighth Line North of Trafalgar from whence come the slot machines, car accessories and parts for lamps. A late order is for postage stamp machines.

The one armed bandits' slot machines, that is) are being turned out by a two-man company, Joseph

Hardy and his son. The plant moved from Toronto to Trafalgar, and will perhaps expand when credit restrictions are eased.

Machine Age
As we read through the district weeklies, we always spot a joke or two that tickle the right spot. So we'll forget that this column is to report interesting bits of news from throughout Halton and the closest townships and slip in a laugh now and again.

This one's from last week's Erin Advocate:
City guide: "And that's a sky-scraper."
Farmer: "What do ye, know? I'd sure like to see it work!"

Water, Water Everywhere
Milton has certainly had its water troubles—remember just several weeks ago when pipes sprung a leak and when taps turned on—presto—nothing? And then collars flooded with too much of the before-precious liquid in a flash flood in the pipes. Now last week about 150 feet of No. 25 high-way just south of Milton found itself on intimate relations with about a foot and a half of water which covered the road.

Sometimes there's enough, sometimes there's none. The Canadian Champion headline says, "Council to Investigate New Town Water Supply."

TO OUR FRIENDS

The happiest business in the world is that of making friends. And no investment on the street pays larger dividends.
For life is more than stocks and bonds. And love than rate per cent. And he who gives in Friendship's name Shall reap as he has sown.
Life is the great investment. And no man lives in vain Who guards a hundred Friendships. As misers guard their gain.
Then give the world a welcome. Each day whatever it sends. And may no mortgage ever fore-close. The partnership of friends.
Lake Louise, near Banff. This been called the "most beautiful single scene in North America."

AT THE Churches

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 27th, 1952
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Subject, "Charging God Foolishness."
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Hymns on the screen. Kodachrome pictures.
Thought for the Week: Patience must not be an inch shorter than affliction. If the bridge reach but half way over the brook, we shall have but an ill favored passage. (Adams, 1652)

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27th, 1952
Epiphany 3
9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Beginner's Class.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 27th, 1952
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class.
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Divine Worship.
Visitors are Welcome

Baptist Church
ACTON
Douglas B. Shuter, Pastor

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27th, 1952
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class.
11:30 a.m.—"What Makes a Great Christian?"
7:00 p.m.—"What It Is to Know God."
8:15 p.m.—Sunday evening "Hymn Sing."
Friday—4 p.m.—Mission Band; 8 p.m.—B.Y.P.U.
Every Thursday, commencing February 7th, discussion group, "A Study of the Christian Life".
Leader: Mr. Shuter.
Welcome to All

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Back in 1902
From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, January 23rd, 1902

Milton council passed an early closing by-law about a month ago. It was enforced and both the merchants and farmers felt some inconvenience, especially during the holiday season. Last week the council was petitioned to repeal the by-law and they complied. Milton was surely too peremptory in repealing the by-law. We have had it successfully in force in Acton for eight or ten years and our people would not think of repealing it.

The Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church had a narrow escape from being destroyed by fire last week.

The following library board was elected for Rockwood for 1902: William Harris, T. Landy, H. O. Hills, P. Fahy, J. J. Aldous, Seth Bailey, Hugh Black, Miss Mary Stewart and Miss Ella Gillespie. Auditors, Miss Ida Bailey and Chas. Harris.

The new continuation class department at Acton Public School devoted exclusively to tuition in high school subjects, is growing in popularity and attendance. There are sixteen enrolled and Miss Starr has already won the heart of the pupils.

The carpenters and painters are putting the final touches on the fine new residence recently purchased from the F. Glebe estate by our esteemed citizen, Mr. John Harvey. The building is two storey red brick and occupies a commanding position at the corner of Mill Street and Park Avenue. It has seven rooms with halls, closets, pantry and attic. A splendid cellar is under the entire house. Art-glass windows give a very cheerful effect to the parlor, halls and dining room.

Back in 1932
From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, January 21st, 1932

The skating on the ponds has been the only winter pastime yet to be enjoyed.

A group of Girl Guides picnicked in the woods on Saturday, January 16th and had a splendid time cooking supper about a camp fire. Tyler's Transport is now occupying their fine new quarters and service station on the highway at the eastern boundary of the town. The shoe factory won at euchre from the glove factory by over one hundred points at a social held in the Parish Hall.

The barn on the farm of Frank Petch east of Georgetown was destroyed by fire early Monday morning.

The executors of the estate of the late J. C. Hill have disposed of the store occupied by W. R. E. Blair to Mr. W. Lashbrook. The hall above has been used for a number of years as the practice room of Acton Citizens' Band. It is understood the building will be remodelled.

At the inaugural meeting of the School Board J. M. McDonald was elected Chairman for the year. The Municipal Council decided to engage a firm of chartered accountants to audit the books for the current year at a salary of \$200.

BORN
SUTCLIFFE—At Detroit, on Saturday, January 16th, 1932, to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Sutcliffe, the gift of a daughter.

DIED
KENNEDY—Suddenly at the home Mill Street, Acton, on Saturday, January 16th, 1932, John Robertson Kennedy, in his 70th year.

In the first half of 1951 Canadian labour income was \$4,628 million, an increase of 17.1 per cent over similar period of 1950.

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Eastbound
6:38 a.m.; 8:58 a.m.; 11:23 a.m.; 2:08 p.m.; 5:03 p.m.; 8:33 p.m.; 10:58 p.m.
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.; 11:32 p.m.; 1:12 a.m. (Sun. to Kitchener only).
a—Daily except Sunday and holidays.
b—Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Standard Time

Eastbound
Daily 8:40 a.m.; Daily except Sundays 9:45 a.m.; 7:10 p.m. Sunday only. 8:16 p.m.; Daily except Sunday. Flyer at Georgetown 9:02 a.m. Daily Flyer at Georgetown, 10:11 p.m.
Westbound
Daily except Sunday and Monday, 2:04 a.m.; Sunday and Monday only, 12:38 a.m.; daily except Sunday, 8:48 a.m.; 10:50 p.m., flag stop; 7:44 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun., 8:10 p.m.; Saturday only, 2:36 p.m.; Sunday only 9:45 a.m. (flagstop); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph, 7:05 p.m.

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