

EDITORIAL

Not One Week Only

The week of March 2nd to 8th will be known as Education Week. There seems little need this year to call particular attention to educational matters in the province since every newspaper is carrying articles and discussions regarding the schools, the teachers, the courses of study, the report cards and many other things. This interest seems a splendid indication that the public as a whole have a realization that education is everybody's business.

Perhaps one of the reasons for such widespread public concern may be found in taxes or products or anything that parents and ratepayers find of their own concern. Education has a right to receive a broader consideration than from a personal point of view. It seems to us that the present interest and criticism has some foundation and the consideration needs to be from within as well as without educational circles. There are things which are even above that which is learned from the prescribed course of study.

How is our educational program fitting into a way of life that will make for better Canadians? Is our program helpful to the thousands of new immigrants who are settling in our land? Are the examples and aims something which will command their respect? Is education meeting the needs of the generation? These are some of the questions we might consider during Education Week.

During our many years of association with school boards, we have accumulated quite a file of correspondence. One letter from a high ranking official of the Department of Education received some time ago, has always bothered us. We quote the sentence of the letter referred to, "As you are aware, it is with the field of instruction that this Department is concerned and with that field only." We considered that field too narrow to make good Canadians and perhaps part of the problems of today can be traced back to this attitude.

Education is everybody's business, not next week's alone, but every week in the year. Its power for good is not in fine buildings, books, and courses of study. Ethics, good example and incentive are of importance also. Education belongs in the home, on the street and in public as well as in the schools.

Future Selects the Great

Some place during our week-end reading we noted an article deploring the leadership available today and the fact that among Canadians there are no comparable leaders as in other days. As we look back, it seems to us that we never recognize our leaders in the generation in which we live. If we were to attempt to name those whom we considered good leaders today, it would be said we were biased and many good arguments and points of weakness would be given to refute the selection.

When men or women die, the good they did remains and so often the frailties and weaknesses are fortunately forgotten. It is from this point of vantage that we raise these individuals to the place of the great. It would seem that our great must come from the past and that the great leaders of this day, and generation will be chosen and revered by a generation or two hence, just as we of the present day are selecting our examples of the great.

A Timely Production

The CBC often comes in for criticism but we would like to compliment them on their Sunday Stage 52 presentation. The production was a satire on "The Annexation of Canada by the United States", a result of the suggestion by Timothy P. Sheehan of the U.S.A.

Written by Len Peterson the play seemed a fine example of satire from start to finish. It isn't customary for us to establish editorial opinions on radio programs but the subject and presentation we feel deserve comment.

In the play, a royal commission which consisted of Mr. Big, Long Stretch McGat, Uk-Luk-Sak as an Eskimo, and presided over by Judge Too-good, was set up to investigate the suggested annexation.

The lack of interest shown by Canadians was exaggerated and the inevitable suggestion that Canada should take over the U.S.A. was presented. The Royal Commission, however, suggested that Timothy P. Sheehan's proposal be rejected.

It is with misgivings we realize that Senator Sheehan could seriously make the suggestion that Canada be annexed in payment for war debts. Mr. Sheehan is not just an ordinary layman either—he is entrusted with a share in the government of the United States and yet he does not know the capital of Canada, his country's most important neighbour.

It is with a thankful realization that we note all Americans are not too poorly educated in the facts of Canada. For the general enlightenment we quote from an encyclopedia:

"The Dominion of Canada is a union of Federal States (called provinces), each of which has authority to legislate upon its own affairs. The Federal or Dominion government holds power to legislate on all matters pertaining to the country as a whole. Powers not specifically delegated to the provinces are reserved to the Dominion government. The government is based on the British North America Act of 1867, and has three departments—executive, legislative, and judicial."

Americans and indeed a great many Canadians, are not fully aware of the history and development of Canada as a nation. It might be well for us all to brush up on our Canadian history and be able to meet any suggestions of the brand that come from people like Senator Timothy P. Sheehan.

Best Wishes

North Halton is still in the throes of indecision regarding high school matters and after seeing several years of fruitless effort no one is able to predict accurately what the future shall be. Records show there have been proposals for one school for the whole district. There has been suggestion and motion for two schools and also similar consideration of three schools. With every proposal exhausted there seems nothing to do now but to start back again over the same route that has been covered and is well worn.

The fact remains that no one can accurately forecast the future. There is no doubt that the years will find a weakness in whatever course is chosen. They will find a weakness too in the present delay and confusion that has characterized the past few years. One encouraging prospect is that the building plans will have one whole night for attention and perhaps get the consideration they deserve. There is no doubt that delay of a definite building program has been costly and that present arrangements are neither advantageous to pupils or economically sound for the ratepayers. This year taxpayers of the area will again be called upon for a larger levy and there is no prospect for a lowering of costs under the present set-up. We hesitate to say more than to offer our best wishes for a prompt settlement of policy that is fair to all. We don't hesitate to express the opinion that the administration by one Board over three schools is not in the best interests of the taxpayers.

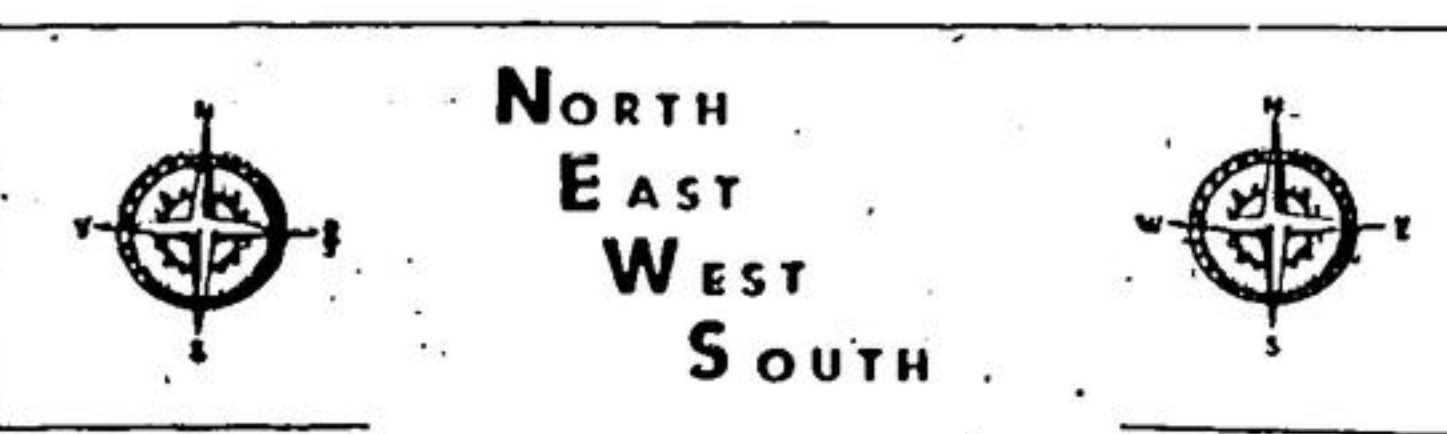
Highways in Towns

If through highways are to live up to their name they should avoid cities and towns like the plague, advises The Financial Post. Where they have not, almost invariably they become business streets, cluttered with local traffic, signal lights, parking and pedestrians and a pain to both the man who wishes to drive 200 miles and the one who is going two blocks.

Today there are literally hundreds of miles of provincial highway in Central Canada where the official speed limit is 30 miles or less and it is impossible to average more than half of that.

To get relief the only remedy is tremendously costly separation of local and through traffic by raising or sinking the highway and walling it off.

It should always be borne in mind that the best fire protection is fire prevention. Look about the home for causes for fire. After a winter's heating perhaps the pipes and heating system need cleaning out.



North East West South

Headliners: Perhaps a good way to pick up a smattering of the main items of news from all over the county is to have a look at the headlines of all the Halton papers last week, before going into any of the most interesting items.

The Burlington Gazette, "Council sanctions first step in starting of new sewage plant"; "Cub leaders' training course held in local scout hall".

The Oakville Record-Star, "South West Trafalgar taxpayers plan association to secure restrictions on industrial developments in area"; "Residents protest Ford waste discharge in area".

The Georgetown Herald, "Raiders standing by, juveniles play Delhi"; "(The Raiders will play the winners of an Elmira-Walkerton bout)".

The Oakville-Trafalgar Journal, "Reveal township assessment method"; "(Dunbar Heddle claimed 'great disparity in the rates of land assessment in the area')"; "Bronte council declines to reduce garage, tourist fees, 'abide by Act'"; "(Garagemen and a tourist resort operator had protested)".

The Acton Free Press, "Request for, against garage by-law"; "The Canadian Champion, Milton, 'Raise year's library grant to \$1992'".

Cutting Rugs: If this NEWS column seems especially interested in handwork, and classes in the same, it's because—well, it's a fact! The Georgetown Arts and Crafts organization members are being offered now a most fascinating sounding course—in Oriental rug-making!

The annual death rate in Canada averages less than 10 per 1,000 population, which is fairly low in comparison with other countries of the world.

Greeting Cards

Actually, we in the cold north of Halton maybe shouldn't know about this scheme of Oakville's for tourist tresspassers, but we can appreciate the courtesy and cooperate the courtesy and cooperate! Police chief Len Brown has a stack of little yellow cards ready which say that the police there will be very glad to help tourists with information—and also mention that the recipient of the gaily colored card has been noticed violating the town's traffic regulations! The courtesy tickets will also wish the car owner a pleasant stay in town.

On the Air

News that came this week via Georgetown is that Anna Spitzer of Limehouse sang over radio station CJOY in Guelph on February 17. A pupil of Kenneth Harrison, Anna Spitzer was soloist in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church where her voice teacher is organist and choir leader when the service was broadcast. She sang Sanderson's "Green Pastures".

BRITISH COLONEL TO DESIGN CANADIAN TENNIS CLOTHES

Colonel Teddy Tinjng, the British designer who created most of the tennis clothes worn by British and American women starts at the Wimbledon Tennis Tournament this year and last, has been asked to design for Canadian and U.S. manufacturers a bi-yearly collection of all types of "functional and sportswear". The collections will be reproduced in Toronto and New York.

AT THE Churches

United Church of Canada: Acton, Ontario. A FRIENDLY CHURCH. Rev. E. A. Curry, B.A., B.D. Minister. Parsonage—29 Bower Avenue. Phone 60. Miss O. M. Lampard, A.T.C.M. Organist and Choir Leader.

Presbyterian Church in Canada: KNOX CHURCH, ACTON. REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG, M.A., B.D., Minister.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2nd, 1932. 10.00 a.m.—Sunday School. 11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship. 7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship.

Thought for the Week: "That is not the best sermon which makes the hearers go away talking to one another, and praising the speaker, but which makes them go away thoughtful and serious and hastening to be alone." (Burnet.)

St. Alban's Church (Anglican): Supply Minister, Archdeacon McIntosh of Hamilton.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2nd, 1932. 10.00 a.m.—Sunday School. 11.00 a.m.—Holy Communion and Beginners' Class. 7.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer. Lenten Service every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. A Welcome Awaits You.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2nd, 1932. 10.00 a.m.—Sunday School. 11.00 a.m.—Divine Worship. 12.15 p.m.—Bible Class. 7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." A Warm Welcome Awaits You.

Baptist Church: ACTON. Douglas B. Shuter, Pastor.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2nd, 1932. 10.30 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class. 11.30 a.m.—"Drawing the Line Between Can and Cannot." 7.00 p.m.—"How 'Frustrating' is Life?" Communion following the morning worship.

Friday—2.30 p.m. Women's World Day of Prayer; 8 p.m. B.Y.P. U. visitation of Guelph Association executive. Every Thursday "Church Night"—8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting; 8.30 p.m. Bible Study; 9.10 p.m. Discussion Group. Welcome to All.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Back in 1902. From the issue of The Free Press of Thursday, February 27th, 1902.

It is an innumerable fact that the number of applications for divorce in Canada has been increased at a most surprising rate. From Confederation down to a few years ago it was a rare thing for the Senate to have to deal with more than one application for divorce in a session. Indeed, there have been less than two dozen divorces granted in thirty-five years, but—recently, an epidemic seems to have broken out in the matter of divorce, and no less than eleven applications for a severance of the marital tie have been made this year.

The isolation hospital tents have been taken down and stored in a shed on the Beardmore Farm. The mattresses, etc. were burned. The accounts which accumulated during the recent outbreak of smallpox amounted to \$707.36, which was passed by the Board of Health.

A quiet but very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Thomas Elliott, Esq., of the Second Line, Esqueving, a mile below Acton on Wednesday afternoon, 19th inst. at four o'clock. At that hour Mr. Joseph M. Hagar, M.A. pronounced the words which cemented the bonds of holy wedlock between Miss Letitia, the eldest daughter of the home and John F. McDowell of Limehouse. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Alice and Mr. William McDowell, the brother of the groom acted as groomsmen. The bride was daintily costumed in white satin and the bridesmaid wore a becoming gown of blue. The list of guests was confined to the immediate friends of the contracting parties. Mr. and Mrs. McDowell will reside at the Toronto Lime Co's. works at Dolly Varden. This is the second daughter Mr. and Mrs. Elliott have given in wedlock within three months.

Back in 1932. From the issue of The Free Press of Thursday, February 25th, 1932.

A hockey game last Friday night between Lorne Ritten and Limehouse resulted in a 3-3 deadlock. Mr. J. Elvin Gamble, who was home from Toronto over the weekend assisted at the evening service of the United Church on Sunday.

Former residents of Halton and Peel Counties held their annual reunion in Regina on Wednesday, February 10th. R. J. Moffat is the president of the Association. Approximately 65 guests attended. Rev. W. G. O. Thompson was inducted into the charges of St. George's, Georgetown and St. Alban, Glendonville last week.

Acton Hockey Club was group honoree the third year in succession. Elora was eliminated in their second rink by a 4-2 score. When the crowd arrived home they were met by a huge bonfire lit at the Mill and Main Street corner and hundreds of citizens lingered to see a welcome to the returning heroes on Monday night. They started to climb toward O.H.A. headquarters hours with the best game with Oakville.

The members of the Ladies' Women's Institute with their families and friends met for social time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Barber on Friday evening. The final figures of the population of Canada as shown by the 1931 census are announced as 10,374,196 which is an increase of 18.94 per cent.

BORN: MERNER—On Saturday, February 20th, 1932, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald A. Merner, a daughter.

DIED: McGill—At Erin, on Tuesday, February 23rd, 1932, Archie McGill, aged 82 years, beloved husband of Ann McLaughlin.

PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY AND TRAVELLER'S GUIDE

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TRAVELLER'S GUIDE: GRAY COACH LINES, Standard Time, COCHES LEAVE ACTON.

Eastbound: 6:38 a.m.; 8:55 a.m.; 11:23 a.m.; 2:06 p.m.; 5:03 p.m.; 6:33 p.m.; 8:23 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.; 11:53 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 6:40 a.m.; Daily except Sundays 8:45 a.m.; 7:10 p.m.; Sunday only 8:16 p.m.; Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown 8:02 a.m., Daily Flyer at Georgetown, 10:11 p.m. Westbound: Daily except Sunday and Monday 7:04 a.m.; Sunday and Monday only 12:36 a.m.; daily except Sunday 8:45 a.m.; (8:50 p.m. flag stop); 7:44 p.m.; Daily except Sun. and Sun. 6:10 p.m.; Saturday only 2:36 p.m.; Sunday only 8:45 a.m.; (flag stop); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph, 7:55 p.m.

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