

HIGHER TRANSPORTATION COSTS ARE CONCERN OF HALTON'S FORUMS

The effect of high transportation costs was the discussion topic for Halton Farm Forum groups recently.

No group of people in Canada is more vitally interested in freight rates and general transportation problems than the farmers, said the Canadian Federation of Agriculture in its Brief to the Royal Commission on Transportation in 1949.

Changes in transportation charges cause greater proportional changes in prices paid by consumers for food products. Most farm products are produced at greater distance from the consumer. For such products freight costs are a heavy charge between the consumer and the producer. The price of farm products for the most part are established at Central markets and the farmer receives these prices less the cost of transportation to these markets.

When freight rates are increased the immediate effect is a reduction in the farmers price by the amount of the increase. The increase in freight rates is not handed on to the consumer of farm products.

As a consumer, the farmer is also vitally affected by changes in the freight rates. Prices for industrial products are usually set at the factory, and transportation and service costs are added, in arriving at retail prices. They are passed on to the consumer. Thus the farmer is in the position of having im-

mediately to assume the full cost of an increase in freight rates both as producer and consumer.

The first question to open the discussion period read: "How have freight rates affected the farmers in your forums?" Freight rates affect our farmers in the following ways, purchase of implements, trucking milk, building materials and practically everything a farmer buys and sells. As well as making the price of Western grain practically out of reach of the purse, higher freight rates encourage trucking which entails higher taxes on the public for maintenance of roads.

The second question: "Can you suggest any changes in transportation facilities and arrangements that would help lower transportation costs for farm produce of your Forum members?" One group suggested subsidizing of freight rates to balance short hauls and equalize East and West short truck hauls.

Another group thought if there were fewer milk and bread wagons on the same street it would help to lower costs. Handling produce on a more co-operative basis. Farmers should not have to pay transportation costs both ways and manufacturers should bear some of the costs. If more grain could come in by boat from Fort William and Port Arthur it might help freight rates.

Acton High School News



By Carolyn Oakes

Last Tuesday, Grades 11, 12 and 13 girls played a volleyball game in the double P.T. period. The grade 13 team won the game to a score of 57-32.

Then next night, grade 10 girls beat the grade 9 girls to a score of 46-30. The girls played in the "V" after supper under the supervision of Miss Harris. With a little more practice, the lower grade will be beating grade 10 if they keep up the good work.

Last Tuesday night, the grade 13 class saw the play "Pygmalion" in the Kitchener-Waterloo Collegiate auditorium. The presentation was very well done and we all thoroughly enjoyed it.

Last week the second edition of the Eye Opener went on sale at 10¢ per copy. The paper committee deserves credit for this edition. The reason for the rise in price was due to the large size of the edition requiring more paper.

It was nice to see so many students turn out to join in the parade before the memorial service on Friday. It just shows that the students can be counted on to do their part to make a representation.

ACTON TO PRODUCE A. P. GREEN'S FIRST LIGHT FIRE BRICK IN CANADA

The Acton plant of the A. P. Green Fire Brick Co. will produce that company's first light weight insulating fire brick ever made in Canada when they go into production soon. This type of fire brick was always imported from the parent company at Mexico, U.S.A. prior to this local development.

Explaining the plant operation, G. Barbeau pointed out that they are responsible for the production of special items. "We are more of a custom plant," he explained. Three kilns have been torn out to make room for material storage and the new development added two men to the company's payroll. Total employment now is about 15, the large majority of whom are local men.

A "Repress" has been redesigned for the new process. It has been converted to work on a dry press principle. "We scoured the country looking for one we could convert and finally located one in Mississauga," Mr. Barbeau said. A special type mixer has also been installed for the new process.

The fire brick will be packed, 25 pieces to a box, and will be used where the heat ranges up to 2,000 degrees. The process is all ready to go now, it was pointed out, since the tests have all been made. Each mix had to be tested for shrinkage as every brick would come out exactly the same size. In the bricks produced during the experiments there was as much as an inch variation.

No estimate has been reached on the possible production but Mr. Barbeau says he thinks the plant can produce the fire brick "from now until doomsday" and not have too many.

Another of the many products of this company is a mold for casting diamond drills. A patented process, it was evolved by the A. P. Green Co. and another manufacturer. The mold is a great advancement in the production of diamond drills.

MILTON, HORNBY GIVEN CATTLE HONORS IN CANADIAN COMPETITION

Miss Mary Joyce of Milton placed first with 36 points at the Ladies' Division of the Guernsey all-Canadian competition for 1951. Second was Mrs. F. L. Walley of Bridgetown, N.S. with 34 points. Mrs. F. W. Chisholm of Hornby, Mrs. J. Wood of St. Marys and Mrs. John McNabb tied for third place.

An Honorable Mention was awarded to Fraserdale Merry Admiral, owned and exhibited by Joyce Bros of Milton, in the junior males class. The championship here went to Oaklawna Dorothy's Chieftain, bred and exhibited by Alec Birney and Sons, R.R. 2, Paris, Ontario.

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How much a man is like old shoes, For instance? Both a soul may lose; Both have been tanned—both made light.

By cobblers, both get left and right, Both need a mate to be complete; And both are made to go on feet, They both need healing, oft are soiled.

And both in time turn old to mould, With shoes the last is first; with men.

The first shall be the last; and when The shoes wear out they're mended new, When men wear out, they're men dead too.

They both are trod upon, and both Will tread on others, nothing loth, Both have their ties and both incline When polished in the world to shine.

And both peg out. So would you choose To be a man or be his shoes?

Mark Anniversary Double Wedding

The 35th anniversary of a double wedding was celebrated on Saturday evening, February 16th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brown, near Erin, with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beswick of Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Donald McLean of R. R. 2, Acton as guests of honor. Mrs. Brown is Mrs. McLean's daughter.

The two couples were married on Valentine's Day of 1917 in Rockwood. The two brides were sisters.

About 30 relatives joined in congratulating the two couples, Saturday. Euchre was played with first prizes going to Donald McLean and Mrs. Wes Allen.

The daughter of each couple—Mrs. Brown of Erin and Mrs. William Dick of Toronto—presented each couple with an electric tea kettle and a heart bowl in the corn flower pattern.

Each of the couples who participated in the wedding ceremony of 35 years ago, congratulated the other couple, the McLeans giving the Beswicks a pair of corn flower vases and the Beswicks giving the McLeans an electric iron.

A wedding cake was a focal point of interest while lunch was served.

Former Acton Boy Praised For Work

The following item from the Toronto Star will be of interest to many Free Press readers in view of the fact that Eugene MacPherson was born in Acton a son of the late R. J. (Bob) and Mrs. MacPherson and spent his boyhood days here attending Acton schools.

"Among the firms who assisted the Toronto General hospital fund campaign by making full-time employees available for headquarters work at no cost to the fund is Canada Life Assurance Co. Eugene MacPherson of that firm served for two-and-a-half months as executive assistant to George Jenkinson, chairman of the special men's committee."

In a letter to Canada Life Mr. Jenkinson said Mr. MacPherson set up a system of records reported to be the most efficient used in any such appeal.

There was one advantage to the old style wall telephones. The girls had to stop talking when their legs gave out.

Silence Observed At W.I. Meeting

When the members of Acton Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. David Drysdale, Bowyer Ave., for their February meeting, the president, Mrs. Davidson, paid tribute to the life of the late King. Then members bowed in silence. Their allegiance to the new Queen was sung.

The roll call was responded to by "a wish I would like granted." Helpful hints were given by Mrs. G. Fryer on repairing floor covering with melted crayon to match the color of the floor.

The motto of the month was "What each can do to help make our Institute better?" Mrs. F. Anderson introduced the motto and several members gave their own ideas. Mrs. W. Hamilton read "What you and I can do" and Mrs. Heron, "What the faithful few can do." Mrs. Maddox read a poem on "If I were you, what I could do" and Mrs. Davidson concluded with "What results when all work together."

Mrs. George Lantz gave a story on Canada's newest province, Newfoundland. Mrs. F. Hunter read an article entitled "Thankful Thought".

A donation was voted to a fund to assist a man who had lost his home by fire.

Mrs. Lantz conducted a contest, "A dinner table romance" and "Abide with me" was sung in closing. The usual social period was enjoyed over the tea cups.

W.M.S. Honors Memory of King

The February meeting of Knox Women's Missionary Society was held at the home of Miss Ruby Clark on Thursday afternoon.

The president, Miss Mainprize, opened the meeting with a memorial service in memory of our beloved monarch, the late King George VI.

Mrs. Robt. H. Armstrong gave a very interesting talk on the new study book, taking as her theme, "The growth of church and state in South America".

Mrs. Fred Anderson, assisted by Mrs. J. Allison, had charge of the devotional period. This was followed by a lengthy business session planning for new work and Mrs. Mainprize stressed all try to attend the national World Day of Prayer Service.

After the closing exercises lunch was served by the committee, Mrs. F. Anderson, Mrs. R. H. Armstrong, Mrs. J. Allison and Mrs. E. E. Barr.

Half of all Canada's dentists graduate from the University of Toronto.

Education Theories Inspector's Topic

Membership was reported 100 per cent at the last regular meeting of the Y's Men's Club held Thursday, February 14. The guest speaker was Mr. L. Skuce, inspector of public schools. His topic was the conflicting theories of education and proved particularly timely and interesting.

Eight new members were welcomed into the club with a round of applause and a tough fines master.

The chairman of the swimming program reported that the swimming classes to Guelph were now very popular with the children of Acton.

Greenock W.I. Hold Grandma's Meet

The annual Grandmother's program of Greenock Women's Institute was the special feature of the February meeting held at the home of Mrs. William Hill. Owing to weather and road conditions the attendance was small resulting in many absent numbers planned for the program.

The president, Mrs. Thos. Hemsley, presided and opened the meeting by reading a "Tribute to the memory of our late King, George VI". Two minutes' silence was observed followed with the singing of "God Save the Queen".

The roll call was answered with "Your Grandmother's Maiden Name".

During the business a social evening was planned for the latter part of February with each member donating an article for a bazaar sale to be held the same evening as the social. Final arrangements for the social will be completed at the next meeting.

Mrs. Albert McKeown presented the motto: "It matters not how old you are, but how you are aged".

Mrs. J. E. Pearen gave two readings, "Grandmother's Styles" and "My Granny".

A contest "Grandmother's Flower Garden" was won by Mrs. Hemsley and conducted by Mrs. Pearen.

Refreshments were served by the hostess and lunch committee.

BOOKS IN REVIEW

From Acton Public Library

ISLAND LIGHT
by Alexander Key

One of those stories of escape, this book is loaded with a series of events that the young Confederate finds when he returns to the place he once called home and the people who were once his friends.

Maximilian Ewing, a Confederate Sea Raider during the American civil war, escapes from the lonely prison fortress on the Dry Tortugas. The fight is hardly dealt with other than in highlights. Probably that is what makes the suspense of the book so compelling.

Events in the opening chapter leap ahead and serve merely to establish a background and set the pattern for the events that follow. With a desire for revenge and a burning hatred Max returns to the area where he was raised and there he finds old friends dead or under the rule of the Bureau, his long-thought-of sweetheart married to another, and things generally upset to what he dreamed of behind the fortress walls of Fort Jefferson.

Indeed, almost every character in the book is faced with disappointment at almost every turn and as one nears the end it seems impossible that all the minor and major plots can be summed up in the few remaining pages.

The bareness of the island lighthouse, the crazed condition of the gold searchers, the brutality of the insurrectionists, and the monotony of the days at Fort Jefferson as a prisoner, have all been admirably portrayed. It isn't just another adventure story, it's the kind that keeps you reading well past midnight rather than stop before the end.

There is an authoritative quality about the "Island Light" that takes you back to the dangerous days that followed the revolution when white men from the north of the States led the slaves in quite another way, to gain power for those who had hitherto never experienced it.

IMMIGRATION

A successful immigration policy, states the Financial Post, is not one that can be turned off and on like a tap, gushing one minute and dry the next. In this time of industrialization we can't absorb millions quickly, as we could earlier when there were vast spaces of rich land merely waiting for the plow. But neither can we afford to hold back until there are a certain number of vacant jobs before ordering more workers from abroad. A steady and substantial flow of immigration should be our objective.

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