

EDITORIAL

Mother's Day This Sunday

Probably two of the most significant days in the year other than Christmas and Easter are Mother's Day and Father's Day. This Sunday is Mother's Day a day of respect and gratitude expressing all the warm and happy feelings that are due the country's mothers.

W. D. Howells summed up a very sound observation when he said, "A man never sees all that his mother has been to him till it's too late to let her know that he sees it."

If anyone has played an important part in the advancement of the world it is the least heard of group—the mothers, who have influenced and instructed the greatest men and the greatest women of the world. Mothers are seldom heard from as a group yet their place in the way of life to which we are accustomed is beyond all doubt the most important.

John Quincy Adams, Lincoln and Napoleon, all great men, uttered words which in effect said, "All that I am my mother made me." But it is not just the great men who owe so much to their mother. It is the little men, the ordinary people who, through spiritual and character development gained from their mothers, have been able to take and hold their place in the pattern of everyday living.

Sunday is Mother's Day. Mother's don't expect the biggest and the best of something, indeed most of them expect nothing at all. A little extra consideration, a little more help, an extra smile, just a simple expression of appreciation for what Mother has done for you will satisfy her this Sunday on her day.

"No language can express the power and beauty and heroism and majesty of a mother's love. It shrinks not where man cowers, and grows stronger where man faints, and over the wastes of worldly fortune sends the radiance of its quenchless fidelity like a star in heaven."—E. H. Chapin.

Money the Root

The Financial Post argues that the sensible thing for Canadians and Americans to do is for visitors to either country to have their money changed into the proper currency before they cross the border. It argues that we do that when we go to Britain, France or Sweden. That paper also contends that the simplest solution and the proper one is for a polite but firm refusal to accept U.S. currency that is not legal tender in Canada any more than Canadian currency is legal tender in the United States.

Most of us Canadians have learned from experience that Canadian currency is not acceptable in business places across the border. Sometimes the refusal to accept it has not been polite and often it has cheered us when we met the service station man or the other business man who said, "Sure, why not?"

We agree with the Post that the better way is to make the exchange in currency before visiting any foreign country. But some way or the other we have never looked on the United States as a foreign country. Perhaps that is because we lived there for several years and have relatives, and many friends in the United States. We feel we just don't want to be too proper and when we are offered United States currency we are going to accept it like the fellows who told us, "Sure, why not" when we were visiting across the border.

Maybe it's this free exchange and common visits that have kept the two great nations living so peaceably side by side for so many years in contrast to European countries. It has been said money is the root of all evil and the exchange on United States and Canadian currency is a small price to pay for friendly relationship. We might add we've decided to only use American currency when we visit across the border and not flaunt any Canadian currency in another country which doesn't seem foreign.

A Community Need

An active Chamber of Commerce is a need in every community and we regret that the organizations of business men under various headings in town are not the active and flourishing type that should characterize Acton. While they were active they did much good work in building up the town. It is not the sole duty of those whom we elect to municipal positions to carry the full

load of municipal advancement and too often it is left on the shoulders of members of council.

An interesting recent statement deals with the decentralization policy of a large U.S. manufacturer of electric products, whereby its plants have been located in 20 communities in seven states, with an average of slightly more than 1,000 employees per plant. One object of the Sylvan Company is to have an operation that the local manager can handle on a somewhat personal basis, knowing by name most of the employees of the plant. With an operation of this size, it has been possible in many instances to place the company's plants in small communities.

According to the treasurer, the company has found that this practice of locating in small communities has certain advantages. "For one thing there is less social discrimination in small places between people of different income levels. People live closer together. When people go to the same church, and their children go to the same school, they get to know each other pretty well. We feel that when our managers can know their employees and vice versa, our industrial relations will be on a better plane."

"Also, in small communities our plants become important factors in the local employment situation—sometimes the most important factor. Not only do our employees depend on us for their livelihood, but the whole economy of the community is wrapped up in our well-being. . . . We do not want the responsibility of running any town in which we operate. That belongs to the people who live there. On the other hand, we feel that our people who work there have to do their share in making the place a good one in which to live."

Pounds, Shillings and Pence

A friend of the editor gave us a copy of the newspaper from Fredonia, N.Y., the other day in which the tax rate for the town had been set. The first attention compelling thing was that the mill rate was not mentioned. The heading said it was proposed to have a \$21 tax rate and a public hearing was scheduled to be held on the proposed budget. These were two innovations we haven't heard about in Ontario.

Frankly, we liked the wording of the tax rate. We believe it would be more readily understood if we discarded the old term of mills in our tax structure and called it dollars. That is the term we use every day and that is the term the average ratepayer understands. Fredonia, N.Y., has a tax rate of 21 mills but they call it \$21.

We would have liked to know how the public hearing on the proposed budget works out in practice. Here it is now customary to publish the budget and the public are fully aware of every item of proposed expenditure, but we often wonder how many make a close study of the municipal budget.

You may ask, as we did, how a small town in a state bordering Ontario could get a \$21 rate when ours is several times that amount. We did too. Of course, we don't know anything about the assessment values in New York state but the total valuation of property in the village was given as \$6,293,472. The expenditures did not include any educational costs to the municipality and there were no debenture charges. The village indebtedness was given as \$34,055.58, which provided for retirement of various notes and bonds. Apparently the village pays nothing towards maintenance of the county and receives \$21,285 as state assistance.

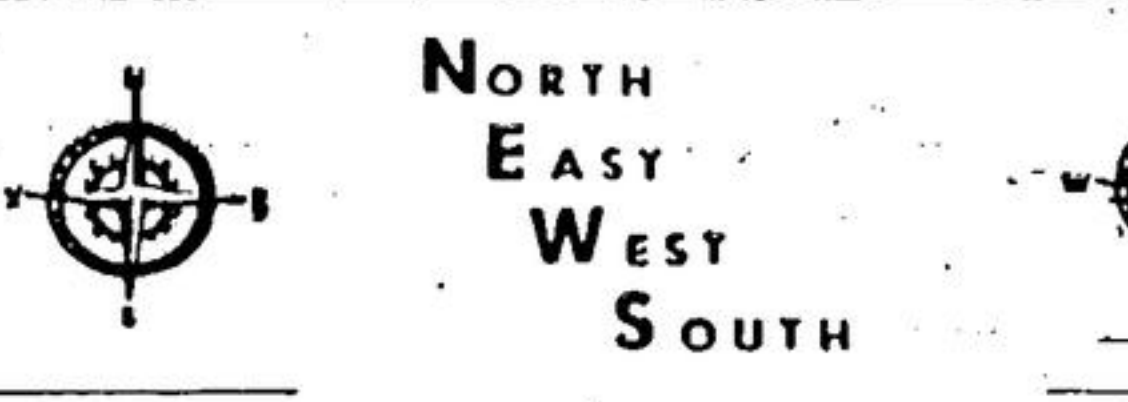
We found the tax structure very interesting and under such conditions most any ratepayer could easily have a \$21 rate here. The one point of change that can be made without any inconvenience is the discarding of the old term, mill. It's as obsolete in Canada as pounds, shillings and pence.

Editorial Notes

Many citizens who are conversant with municipal affairs regret to learn of the resignation of Mr. Frank Crump as assessor for Acton. He is a young man who has taken a keen interest in the new assessment work and it appeared that Acton would have the benefit of many years of service. His position will be a difficult one to fill and the interruption in the work by any new appointee will be a distinct loss to the municipality.



"Oh, John! You got your fingers in the milking-machine!"



Whoo! It's Mrs. A! Mrs. Kate Aitken dashed up to Georgetown two weeks ago, and excerpts from the Herald show the impression she made. "Mrs. Aitken is practically a human dynamo, managing to crowd more activities into a single day than most people could into two or three days. . . . She was half an hour late and told us she had just arrived back from Nova Scotia that morning, done her morning broadcast and then transcribed her evening broadcast before setting out for Georgetown, because she was 'giving' at an evening function in Guelph afterwards."

"She impressed us as being completely charming and unaffected. Mrs. A's speaking voice was quiet, more subdued, than we have been accustomed to hearing over the radio. . . . One feature common to every country Mrs. A. visited was scarcity of food. Mrs. Aitken's trip emphasized the fact that Canada and the States are lands of plenty. . . . Apparently Mrs. A. is just as vivacious and charming off-stage as on—for we heard more than one lady report having 'lots of fun' and a 'wonderful time' over the tea cups."

Acton Fame Spreads Remember an article in the Free Press about a person, a drug distributed by Baxter Labs, which was successfully used to treat pain. The Georgetown Herald carried the story last week, explaining the content and use of the drug with the incidental plug for industry in Acton.

Spotlight on Juniors The junior farmers have made all the Halton newspapers this week. Several have pictures of Dave Pelletier of Ash and all have mentioned the honor to the county in his being elected president of the Ontario Juniors. . . . The At Home was widely reported as well. Many from this district attended, of course. . . . The annual church service was held Sunday in Milton.

Trees and Asparagus Surprising to see the quite perceptible difference in foliage in Acton and Milton and Oakville. The trees are out a bit more all the way down, with more flowers in the south where there were buds at the north of the county. Farmers are all out everywhere, though it's hard to tell if their business is ahead or behind the fellow a few miles to the south. The Burlington Gazette says some local growers have started cutting asparagus because of the exceptionally fine weather. . . . Rumours that property north of the Ford plant in Trafalgar will be used as a provincial jail farm were termed "at least well in advance of fact" by H. T. Jones of the Department of Highways. . . . This department's purchasing department acquires the land for all provincial institutions and to date we have had no requests to purchase any tract for such use. . . . Mrs. Lucy Speers of Bronte was 92 years old last week, and for her and other district nonagenarians we add this, taken from the Oakville-Trafalgar Journal. "A Chicago hotel boasts one of its bellhops is 83 years old. There's one octogenarian who hasn't lost his or anyone else's grip. . . . Brook Crops Fish all over the county over the weekend! Early reports seem to indicate there were no whoppers lifted from babbling brooks. We'll have to wait and see; the local papers will have the news in their columns yesterday or to-day and the column will have it next week."

AT THE Churches

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10:00 a.m.—Sunday School. A school for good citizenship.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Mother's Day. Christenings.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship From the Bible: Something About Gideon's Band. Sermonette "Father Said I Could."
Thought for the Week: Small service is true service while it lasts.
Of humble friends, bright creatures! Scorn not one.
The daisy, by the shadow that it casts
Protects the lingering dewdrop from the sun. (Wordsworth)
- ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH**
(Anglican)
Rev. Ralph E. Price, B.A., B.D. Rector
- SUNDAY, MAY 11th, 1952**
Fourth Sunday after Easter
9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class.
7:00 p.m.—Evensong.
A Welcome Awaits You
- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**
KNOX CHURCH ACTON
REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG, M.A., B.D., MINISTER
- SUNDAY, MAY 11th, 1952**
11:00 a.m.—Mother's Day Service
Monday, May 12—The Moderator: 6:30 p.m. Men's Dinner, 8:30 p.m. Divine Worship
They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength
A Warm Welcome Awaits You
- BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON**
Douglas B. Shuter, Pastor
- SUNDAY, MAY 11th, 1952**
Mother's Day
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School
11:30 a.m.—Special Mother's Day Service. "The Greatest Career on Earth."
7:00 p.m.—"Like as a Mother"
8:15 p.m.—B.Y.P.U.
Friday, May 9—B.Y.P.U. visits Georgetown (7:45 p.m. at the church)
Monday, May 12—Church Annual Meeting and election of officers. Congregational supper

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Back in 1902
From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, May 8th, 1902

Our local disciples of Irak Walton have organized with a strong official and membership and are laying plans for abundant future sport. The officers for the current year are: Hon. Pres., A. O. Boardman; President, Dr. Thos. Gray; Vice Pres., H. H. Worsdon; Secy. Treas., R. L. McNabb; Managing Com., W. Stark, Thos. Cameron and C. C. Spright. The club has already enrolled some thirty members. It is the purpose to have trap and target matches, and arrangements are being made to secure Fairy Lake for a term of years to stock it with bass and pickerel.

Back in 1932
From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, May 5th, 1932

How many fish did you catch on Monday? According to the Assessor's figures, the population of Acton is this year given as 1,805. A new metal, known as selenium, is the latest addition to the several refined metals now produced in Canada. Selenium finds its chief market in the glass industry. Rev. Father McBride of Acton, has been appointed chaplain for the Hamilton Theatre for the Earthquake Congress to be held in Dublin, Ireland, in June! Knox Players were greeted with a capacity house last night when they presented their three-act mystery from start to finish. The prize for the best solution of the case was "The Blue Terror" was won by Mrs. Cameron Leishman. Rev. A. C. Stewart of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, Toronto, a former pastor of Knox Church, Acton, was elected Moderator of the Synod of Kingston and Toronto. This is the season when the catches are given place to the fish stories, and the proofs are not always witnessed by the other players in the game that is now reasonable. Fortunately it was in daylight last week that a fire of unknown origin started in N. B. Marshall's store at Eden Mills. It was controlled quickly and damage was some \$200. On Monday night Acton Citizens' Band held their first practice, since they "had no place to go." It was held in the club room of the Curling Rink.

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