

EDITORIAL

Thank You

It was a bit messy on the streets in Acton just prior to the holiday with the freshly applied oil and there may have been some audible complaining until the surface became blended with the gravel. In view of this, a word of commendation may not be out of place.

Before the roads could be surfaced it was necessary to have them scarified and graded so that a reasonably smooth road would be the result. Many days and some nights and early morning hours the road maintainer went chugging up and down the streets. The bright yellow machine was much in evidence on every street about town.

Many of us felt the dust nuisance became worse instead of better with each trip of that yellow machine. We refrain from any mention of names but to municipal workmen and officials we think a word of thanks is due for a job well done and we don't hesitate a moment to publicly acknowledge our appreciation of the improvement in Acton streets. Looking back to a year ago when every citizen was making apologies to all visitors for our roads—well, it sure does compensate for the feeling of high costs when a tax instalment becomes due.

And so we say thank you to those who are responsible for the road conditions in Acton this year and we make our appreciation all inclusive.

Priced Beyond Reach

Thanks to a high degree of organization, and of a leadership almost totally unconcerned with the public interest, the building trades have virtually priced themselves out of the housing market. As a consequence of high wages and a very low order of productivity housing costs have sky-rocketed, with the result that only about half as many houses will be started this year as were started in 1951.

Moreover, few of such houses as are built this year will be built for rent, since their high cost would necessitate an economic rental far in excess of what the average worker would, should or in many cases could pay.

Because the wage and work policies of the construction mechanics have put housing beyond the reach of the average citizen there arises periodically a demand that "low-cost rental housing units" be provided by the State. One wonders what the term "low-cost" means in this connection. At current prices of labour and of housing materials the construction of any housing units cannot possibly be described as "low-cost." Presumably, then, the term "low-cost" is designed to describe the level of rents.

In other words, the State is expected to put up housing units which must be costly under today's conditions and then to rent them to "the People." But what people? How, in the current climate of opinion, can a means test be developed? How, without a means test, can the high-cost, low-rent housing be honestly distributed? Or will political pull, or bribery, or other favoritism become the basis for selection?—Bowmanville Statesman.

Something More Tangible

Recently we wrote about the dollar rate being used in speaking of tax rate instead of the term, mills, now in current use in Ontario. On a visit to New York State this week we picked up a local paper of one of the small cities and were further interested to note the attendance of citizens at a public meeting at which the school board presented its budget. It seems that in this state councils and boards hold public meetings before the budget is finally approved.

There were two citizens who attended the meeting at which the gross expenditure of the Board is estimated at \$2,293,355 an increase of \$367,263 over last year and meaning an increased rate of taxation of \$2.82 per thousand of assessed valuation.

Rather interested to note that receipts including state aid on school expenditures were estimated at \$1,358,211 and the amount left to be levied by municipal taxation was \$935,177. Might find it rather interesting to look in the local auditor's statement and make comparison of provincial aid and local taxation and we might then

know why local taxes are so high in the municipalities of Ontario.

We noted the budget of another village passed in Avoca. The rate was \$13 per thousand of assessment. The water rate was \$5.00 for the first faucet and 50 cents for each additional cold water faucet and the only bonded indebtedness of the village was for \$6,000 for bonds on a new fire truck which will be retired in three years. It's quite evident that the municipalities in New York State get their finances from some other source than the local property owners and it's quite obvious that it is up to Ontario to come to the aid of its municipalities more liberally if there is to be more building and local improvements in property. We need more than a revised assessment and more tangible assistance from the provincial government.

Uniformity Desirable

Many of us can recall when store hours were so long that retail merchants had no leisure. Like workers in industry, their hours have improved over the years. In the changing period, however, the hours have become a little mixed with each community establishing different hours and sometimes various retailers in the community having a different understanding of the hours for business in their own community.

In a neighboring town where the merchants are having difficulty in finding agreement among themselves the newspaper suggests that the customers be given a chance to decide. Perhaps a properly conducted plebiscite on these questions might serve as a guide on which to base action on this cantankerous question. To be really representative the nearby rural residents, who look upon Acton as their market and shopping town, should be given an opportunity of voting, too.

Perhaps the issue would be only more confused by such a plebiscite of the customers but certainly every business realizes that customers must be taken into consideration in establishing hours of business. These are changing times and sometimes it is difficult to keep up with the changes. All will agree that uniformity is desirable, however, in the shop hours in every community.

Editorial Notes

With the introduction of a plastic automobile that has dentless fenders we suspect there will be an immediate increase in woman drivers.

June, the month of roses and brides, is just ahead. But if you have other tastes it might be mentioned that strawberries and green peas are also due in June.

Victoria Day was not exactly the best kind of weather for a holiday and most of the fireworks purchased for display were so dampened that their explosion was postponed until after Saturday.

Time to write for vacation folders, if you haven't already and start planning for the annual away-from-work-week or two. It always seems that there are plenty of places that look nice at this time of year and particularly in the folders.

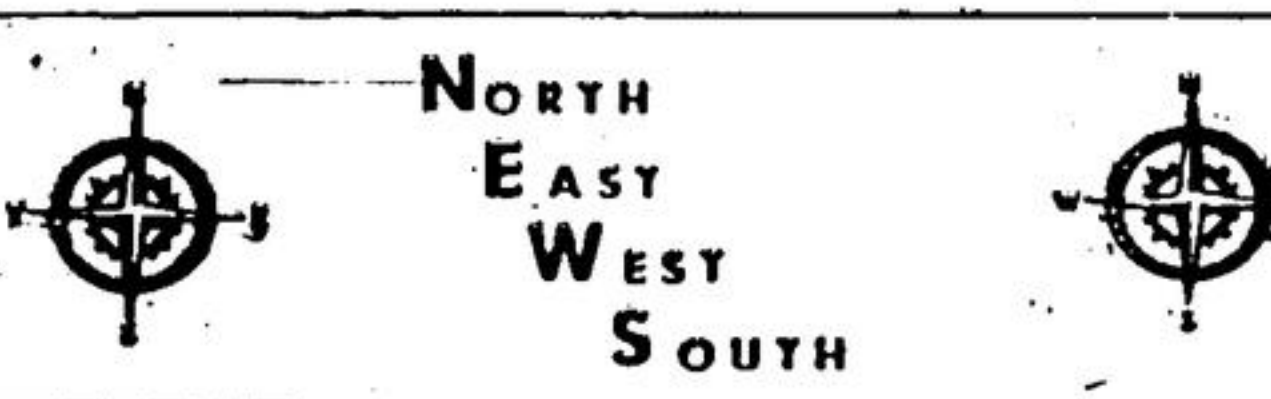
An increasing number of metal washers or "slugs" have lately been finding their way into pay telephones and coin-operated vending machines. In the Eastern Division alone last year telephone companies found 131,360 washers and slugs in 25c receptacles, a loss of \$32,840.

Looks as if the old steam locomotive of the railways is on its way out. On a recent motor trip across the border we saw nothing but diesels on the railways, both on freight and passenger service and C.N.R. president, Donald Gordon, has stated that no more steam locomotives will be purchased for that railway.

It's nice to walk along the street And say "Hello" to those you meet, And maybe take the time to stand And chat a while, or shake a hand Of someone that has been away— Or just remark, "Nice day today!" 'Tis cities merit much renown, 'Tis nice to live in a small town!



"We would have had you over sooner but it took us six months to save up money for the steaks!"



Yipes!
"Snipes" are being prepared in Oakville, one of the town's two papers biweekly reports. Snipes, yipes... what is it? It's the yacht club doing it—getting their snipes in shape. Gossip has it that some of the snipes have new owners this year, but not as many snipes have appeared as expected due to a sail shortage.

Guess the open season on snipes must have started. "Well, out with the dictionary... 'To shoot from cover, as if shooting snipe.' Won't do... 'small shore-bird having a long beak and esteemed as a game bird.' That's all; next line in the dictionary is 'snivel' which has nothing to do with their yacht club. Just what's up in south Halton, we wonder? Putting sails on poor defenseless esteemed shore-birds.

Georgetown's Goldham
Georgetown's pretty enthusiastic about town son Bob Goldham, Detroit Red Wings' defenseman. The paper last week editorialized:

"Goldham at Last Gets Credit Due Him" is the catch heading on a sports item in the Detroit Times which speaks of Georgetown's own Bob Goldham and the letters which have poured into the paper in praise of him. "Bob is the glory boy with the people who pay the freight," says the item. "...the fans caught on to Goldham and they really like him. They feel he was the man who got the least credit: for a terrific job." Lew Walter, of the newspaper, says: "They've got something there. He was a great team player this year."

Edna Jacques Up Top
Ranking with Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother and Mrs. Roosevelt in a survey to determine what women in Canada, England and the United States were considered outstanding in their field, was Edna Jacques, Canadian poetess who, by the way, lives not far from here at all, on the Lake Shore highway near Clarkson.

Headliners on the lists were those mentioned at the first plus Kate Aitken and Sister Kenny.

Heads Out, Lilies!
The Milton Board of Trade became active last week with G. Gowland as president. The treasurer was instructed to affiliate with the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. Gardeners will be interested in the report of a talk given to the

Milton Horticultural Society by Canon Rigby on lilies. The Champion reported: "Canon Rigby compared lilies with other garden plants. He pointed out that they occupy very little space (compared to iris, for instance); that the different varieties bloom from spring to fall; that the plants and flowers come in a great many interesting forms and that they do not have to be planted every year or divided very often."

He classified lilies according to the way they hold their heads—upward, downward or outward. The Madonna Lily, which belongs to the latter group, is considered one of the finest. Extensive hybridizing has been done; some of the best results having been achieved: by Canadians, notably Miss Preston of Ottawa, Dr. Palmer of Vineland and Mr. Skinner at Dropmore, Manitoba.

"Canon Rigby has given his own collection to the Royal Botanical gardens at Hamilton, where they may be seen in the new part." **Dandy Weed**
Dandelions have to be pretty special before they're anything but pests, don't they? An Eden Mills dandelion raised above the status of its much-sneered-at brothers by bearing 12 heads. The stalk which supported the dozen yellow heads was reported over half an inch in diameter. Anita Jennings found the aristocrat of weeds, Aristocratic and all, let's hope she picked it—stalk, root and all.

Steak in Snow
A former watchmaker and clock repair man who can really make things tick is William Scanlon who lives near Rockwood. His pride and joy is his sleek 1924 model car which just purrs along like a high topped kitten. And the owner of the model Ford coupe asserts that the old auto is at its best in deep snow. So that's how they built them in the old days...

The Canadian Blend
A neat blending of British and American that always labels things as typically Canadian was wittily urged by one of those let-loose actors in "Spring Thaw", at the Museum Theatre, in Toronto. Victoria Day is one thing that's typically Canadian, and not much mention was made of it in any of the local newspapers. Flaps? We didn't see many... and, of course, we didn't see many fireworks on the 24th either.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Back in 1902

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 29th, 1902

Victoria Day was quietly spent in Acton. Hundreds of citizens went out of town Monday and many visitors came here to visit friends. A large share of the population went to Georgetown, where a large demonstration was held.

The funeral of the late Joseph A. Speight was held from "Moorecroft", the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. H. P. Moore, last Friday afternoon. Mr. Speight was an upright, straight forward, plain spoken citizen and a general favorite in the community.

During the past week both candidates for the suffrages of the electors of Halton held public meetings in Acton. Whether the proximity of the holidays to the evening for any lack of enthusiasm, it is difficult to say, but the attendance and spirit of the crowd did not manifest the old-time political vim.

A terrific wind and rain storm passed over town last Monday afternoon. Awnings, signs and fences were blown down and for a half hour the storm was furious.

And now the "oldest inhabitant" will tell posterity of the snow storm on 24th May, 1902.

Mr. John Williams has just added a fine three-seated surrey to his stock of livery rigs. It is handsomely painted and grained with yellow gearing and oak body, with canopy top, and is a very attractive carriage.

Mr. Joseph Boyd, who made application last winter for a place on Toronto Police Force, was called to the city last week to undergo his entrance examinations. He was successful and in a squad of fifty applicants stood seventh, and will enter his duties in the middle of June. Joe is a young man of splendid physique, of good judgment and manly in all things. We are sorry to lose him from town but feel confident he will make his mark in his new sphere.

The demand for plots in Fairview cemetery this spring is unprecedented. Rarely is there a funeral that lots are not sold to friends who attend it.

Back in 1932

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 26th, 1932

Blossom time has been beautiful throughout the countryside this week.

Mr. Rudolph Kowalski is in the States this week, making his debut as a professional wrestler. It is reported he won his first bout.

Presentations were made by the U.F.O. Clubs to Miss Ethel Graff and Mr. Fred Anthony prior to their marriage.

Reservations have been made for some 2,000,000 bushels of Western Canadian wheat to be handled by the Government elevator at Churchill, the new airport on Hudson Bay. The movement will consist of about eight cargoes.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Franklin and children, who have moved here from Port Dover were honored by the Fellowship Class of Grace United Church in Port Dover prior to their removal and presented with tokens of esteem.

The baseball club have plans in hand to stage a day of sports in Acton on Dominion Day.

A wedding of local interest took place at St. Alban's Church, Acton, on Saturday, when Alberta, the oldest daughter of Mr. E. A. Hoar, of Toronto, became the bride of Mr. William Elliott, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Elliott, of Acton.

Acton citizens were shocked to hear on Wednesday that Reeve George Barber had passed away suddenly at his home on Mill St. Mr. Barber had not enjoyed robust health for the past year, but had been about until the past week. He attended the session of Council on Monday evening and was present at the meeting. He had been Reeve of Acton for over eight years.

MARRIED
ANTHONY-GRAFF—At the Parsonage, Limehouse, on May 24th, 1932, by Rev. H. Coldwell, Ethel Esther, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Graff, Churchhill, to Frederick Ernest, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Anthony, Limehouse.

According to statistics, women live four years longer than men. So you might as well give up, fella, the wife will get in the last word anyway.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 1st, 1952
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning worship
7:00 p.m. Evening worship

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH
(Anglican)
Rev. Ralph E. Price, B.A., B.D. Rector

Whitsunday
SUNDAY, JUNE 1st, 1952
10:00 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Beginners' Class
11:15 a.m. Holy Communion
7:00 p.m. Evensong and Sermon
"And they were filled with the Holy Ghost" Acts 2:4

BETHEL BAPTIST MISSION
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Side Entrance

10:00 a.m.—Bible School. (A hearty invitation is extended to persons of all ages to come and study God's Word with us.)
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Service.
7:30 p.m.—A Vital and Necessary Decision.
Jesus said, "Ye must be born again."

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KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG, M.A., B.D., Minister

SUNDAY, JUNE 1st, 1952
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Divine Worship
12:15 p.m. Bible Class
7:00 p.m. Divine Worship
"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength"
A Warm Welcome Awaits You

BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON
Mr. Dwight Patterson, Interim Pastor

Thursday 8:30 Prayer meeting and Bible study in 1st Epistle of John
Friday 7:30 Junior High Fellowship
SUNDAY, JUNE 1st, 1952
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:30 a.m. Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship
8:15 p.m. Young People's
Wednesday 4:00 Mission Band

Ninety-four per cent of Canadian households have radios, a government survey indicates. The number of radio receiving sets made available in Canada through production and imports has averaged about 700,000 per year since the end of World War II.