

EDITORIAL

You Never Know

This is one of those weeks that starts off early because on Monday and Tuesday your editor will be with a party of Halton County farmers who are making a tour of Western Ontario farms. We've been on many newspaper conventions and talked shop for days but when our friend, Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitelock, told us there was an opening to talk and see shop with many of our good friends in the farming communities of Halton we just couldn't resist the change and the delight of a trip through Ontario in June.

Impressions of the trip may appear in another story in this issue because no newspaper man can resist a story. But the part we anticipate most is the opportunity to associate for two days with some of our friends who have chosen farming as a vocation. Last week we had breakfast in a Toronto hotel with 36 editors of weekly newspapers from various States of the United States. We could talk shop on publishing and printing. We, of course, found the visiting, although brief, very stimulating. The folks we are with this week have interests with which we are not as familiar as we should be but they are neighbours and friends. If the weather is fine we know we are going to enjoy this outing and acquire an understanding that will be helpful to our community outlook in this fine agricultural county of Halton.

If we make the trip well and the duties permit we may be off the end of the week to a newspaper gathering in Northern Ontario where Ontario and Quebec editors are going to talk shop for three days. Newspaper work has many surprises in covering the local field. It's so unpredictable that it's always interesting.

Try Being Silly

Assessment of property for tax purposes is a popular topic of conversation these days both from a municipal and equalized county basis. A new and novel idea in assessment appeared recently in the St. Marys Journal-Argus which we pass on particularly to those who are beefing about their own assessment:

"Sounds silly, but it is a pet theory of a few local people who have often pondered the intricacies and problems of taxation.

"The idea is to kick out completely the present system of assessing land and property. Each owner sets his own assessment at whatever figure he values his property. If someone wants to buy it at that price, the owner is given a period of grace to reconsider and place a higher assessed value on it which will hold for the remainder of that year. Otherwise he must sell."

The more we consider it we think that that first sentence in the quotation is correct. We cannot think of anything that would add more to the confusion of taxation than this suggestion. But if you think your assessment is not correct it might be well for you to set your own valuation and let the market decide if you are prepared to sell for that amount. It is putting some common sense into the silly thinking of many ratepayers on their local municipal assessment. What would your assessment be on your own valuation and sale basis?

Food Shoppers

The food business has the best customers are women 35 years of age or more who do their shopping on Fridays. That is what Robert M. Cernosek says in Canadian Business reporting on a survey made in Canadian food stores. About 67 per cent of all chain food-store shoppers are women and more than 40 per cent of shoppers are over 40 years of age or more. According to the survey, Canadian shoppers make nearly three separate trips to food stores each month, and the average Canadian makes about 2.4 trips to food stores per week. Most people do their shopping on Friday and Saturday. According to the survey, the average Friday shopper spends \$6.68 and the Saturday buyer spends about \$5.88. And it will come as no surprise to Canadian males to find that the average "little woman" spends \$5.26 at the food store while the average mere man pays out only \$4.66.

Believe it or not, it is reported that stores in Buffalo still exhibit signs, "Canadian money accepted at par."

The Years Do Change

Twenty-five years ago we subscribed to that thinking which held that 65 was a good age for retirement. A quarter century later and with the mark a decade away, we find agreement with those who contend that no nation, not even one as rich as Canada could afford either financially or physically to have such a large proportion of its mature population doing nothing. There would not be enough younger people left to produce the goods, services and food the nation would need.

Modern civilization has added years of health and strength to our lives. Modern industry is going to have to recognize that fact.

We don't know the editor of the Wolfville (N.S.) Acadian but we find that he too has something on the subject with which we agree. "To give all old people a comfortable pension, contributory or otherwise, would break the back of the Canadian economy. It would also shorten many lives. Every doctor can speak of the killing effect of retired idleness. It would also constitute a huge waste of potential production. Work for the majority who are able to work, and suitable pensions for those unable, is the only practical answer to the problem."

Maybe the next ten years will alter our thinking again but we like to put in a word for the many men and women whose usefulness to society is not dimmed by years alone and whose experience can be beneficial to the nation as a whole. Some folks are old at 50 and many others past the four score are better able to cope with life than the ones 30 years younger. Years do not count as much as health and physical and mental condition of the man or woman.

Wait Until They Grow Up

It seems that when towns reach a population of over 5,000 they develop a self sufficient complex that becomes aggravated until the city requirements are reached. We have Paris wanting to separate from the county as well as some of the towns of our own county putting out the same feelers. Of course, the argument used is the same always—the amount paid in the county rate and particularly on county roads.

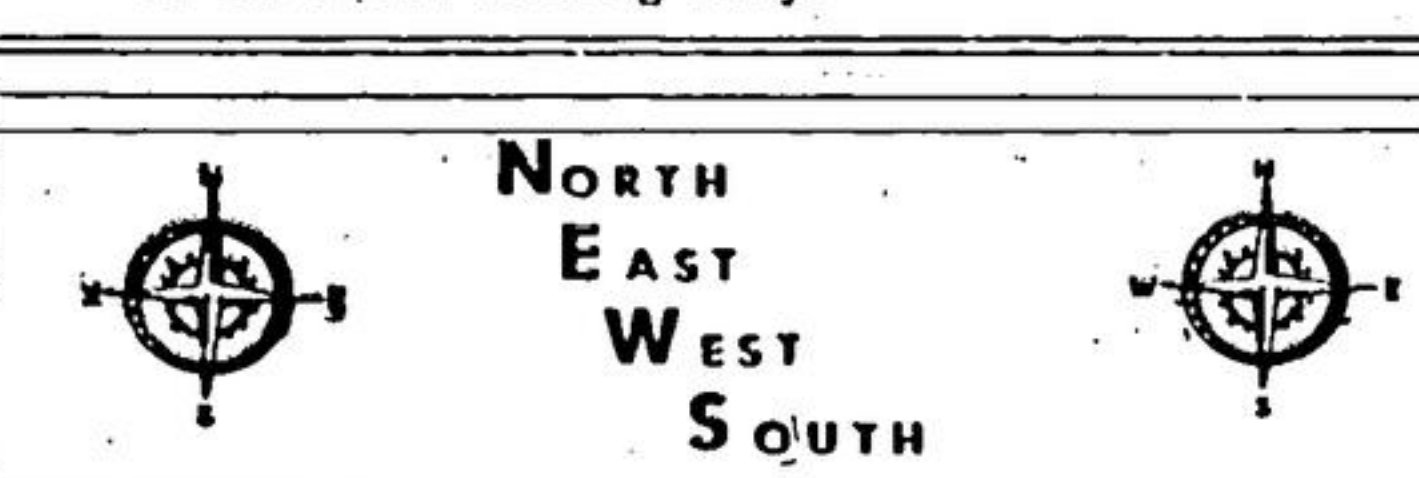
Every growing community is beset with the same problems. There is the need for more public services for an added population and the only avenue to provide these is the distasteful higher municipal tax rate. One item that may seem easy to lop off without too much local opposition is the county rate. It's easy to attack the county rate because not too many ratepayers know what is provided in county services. If time were taken to study these services it would be found that perhaps the community considering withdrawal from the county would not profit much by the move.

In Halton the county levy includes many services, such as the health unit, administration of justice, Halton Centennial Manor, half the cost of indigent patients and many more items which a careful summary would bring to light. It might be well if county councils or officials would provide a list to enlighten the electorate. Of course, there is the county road expenditure which comes in for censure but the amount collected from the individual is infinitesimal as compared with the taxes levied at provincial and federal government levels on the motorists. Most every motorist pays \$500 and upwards on the purchase of a new car in invisible taxes and an annual license fee and 10c a gallon on every gallon of gasoline. It would be interesting to know just what small sum the average motorist contributes to the county road system.

The attempt of Hespeler to secede from the county last year failed. The Ontario government acted wisely. No community wants a high tax rate. It's not an inducement to industry or new home owners. But the way is not in separation from the county until the city status of population is acquired. It's an adult step and not one for teen-agers. Towns need to really grow up before withdrawing from the county fold.

Editorial Notes

In spite of the fact that we neglected to write a Father's Day editorial, we did pretty well. We hope other fathers did not suffer by our sin of omission.



Pox Haltonis
A disease prevalent in Halton is so bad in Georgetown the editor has written an editorial advising anxious relatives.
"Fishing pox... very contagious to adult males. Symptoms noted include: Continual complaint as to need for fresh air, sunshine and relaxation. Patient has blank expression, sometimes deaf to wife and kids. Has no taste for work of any kind. Frequent checking of faucet catalogues. Hangs out in Sporting Goods Stores longer than usual. Secret night phone calls to fishing pals. Mumbles to self.
"No known cure.
"Treatment recommended is: Medication is useless. Disease is not fatal. Victim should go fishing as often as possible in streams or lake."

Bonnie Doon
Of interest to many district ladies who took handicraft courses this past year will be account of an advanced weaving course which the Georgetown Herald carried last week. (Four Georgetown ladies attended.)
The class, week-long, was held at Doon, a little hamlet on the south bank of the Grand between Kitchener and Galt, at the home of landscape artist Homer Watson, R.C.A.L.D. The home has been an art centre since 1948 when it was established as a school. There are 15 cabins on the grounds and last summer nearly 400 students from Canada and the States studied art there.
Weaving instruction classes were held in a large picture gallery. There are beautiful grounds and a lake.
The weaving course was under the direction of the community programs branch of the Ontario Department of Education.

Halton Lipstick, Yet!
Halton has everything! A new lipstick is being manufactured in Oakville, after a survey and much experimenting.
The two great inland waterways of the Canadian Northwest are the Mackenzie and the Yukon, both of which rank among the 30 greatest river systems in the world.

AT THE Churches

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SUNDAY, JUNE 22nd, 1952
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School. For training in "the nurture and admonition of the Lord."
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Subject: "Those Things which Cannot be Shaken." Heb. 12:27
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Speaker, the Rev. E. A. Currey, B.A. of Orton.
Thought for the Week
"Certainly, no revolution that has ever taken place in society can be compared to that which has been produced by the words of Jesus Christ." (Mark Hopkins)

BETHEL BAPTIST MISSION
John Jones, Pastor
Y.M.C.A. BUILDING
Side Entrance
SUNDAY, JUNE 22nd, 1952
10:00 a.m.—Bible School. (None is too old or too young to share these refreshing times of Biblical instruction with us.)
11:00 a.m.—Restoration.
7:30 p.m.—Where Might I Find God?
"The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth."
Advance notice is given of a Daily Vacation Bible School, to be held from July 7th to July 18th. For all boys and girls of school age there will be bright singing, Bible stories, contests and handwork.

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH
(Anglican)
Rev. Ralph E. Price, B.A., B.D. Rector
Trinity II
SUNDAY, JUNE 22nd, 1952
10:00 a.m.—Church School.
11:15 a.m.—Beginner's Class.
11:15 a.m.—Matsins and Sermon.
7:00 p.m.—Shortened Evensong and Address.
8:00 p.m.—Tuesday, June 24, 1952—Induction of the Rev. Ralph E. Price as Rector of St. Alban's Church, Acton and St. John's Church, Rockwood. Service in St. Alban's Church. Preacher, the Rev. F. John Bartlett, Rector, St. Mark's Church, Orangeville.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Back in 1902
From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 18th, 1902

London, June 17—The Canadian coronation contingent arrived here this afternoon and proceeded to the Alexandra Palace. The men are quartered in nine large marquees, 60 in each. They were greatly admired by the throng of people awaiting their arrival at the palace. Acton cornet band is in demand for garden parties.

Mr. J. E. Corry's fine terra-cotta brick residence at the corner of Young and Arthur Streets is offered for sale.

In addition to the sports for the horsemen in connection with the Coronation Day celebration here next Thursday, the following will prove interesting attractions. At one o'clock a baseball match for the championship of Halton and the silver cup valued at \$30 donated by Mr. A. G. H. Luxton of Milton will be played in the park. At seven o'clock there will be the hoisting of the new Coronation flag at the public school with appropriate ceremonies, and in the evening a grand Band Concert will be held in the park. Miss Jessie Nicklin, soprano, R. A. Elliott, baritone, W. Stark, tenor and Thomas Walsh, Dublin, Ireland, comic, assisted by Acton Cornet Band will provide a splendid program.

A dispatch from Lord Kitchener dated Pretoria, Saturday, June 14, says that 2,594 Boers have surrendered since Friday, June 13.

Fat values for Saturday! Plain and fancy line corsets, 39 cents. The biggest and best snap we have yet offered... ladies' wrappers at 75 cents.

Undershirts underpriced, all made from fine English cotton, cambric finish, some with clusters of tucks and deep flounces of fine embroidery, others with rows of insertion and lace, French bands most of them with dust frills, 64 cents.

The correct ping pong tie. Get a line on it boys, it's the newest. Our usual line of Saturday grocery list—4 lbs. tea, \$1; 4 plugs of chewing tobacco, 25c; 2 pounds coffee, 25c; 2 cans fresh red salmon, 25c; 20 pounds sugar \$1. R. B. Scott, Mill St., Acton.

Back in 1932
From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 16, 1932

Garden parties seem very popular just now. Mr. Maurice E. Starkman, formerly of Acton, has opened a law practice in Toronto.

Sir Donald Mann, of Toronto, visited Mr. and Mrs. Murray at the Blue Spring last Tuesday.

By a majority of 229 votes over his only opponent, Sims McLean was elected Reeve of Eramosa township at an election made necessary by the death of the late Reeve, Adam Wood.

The shopping festival days staged by the Acton Business Men's Association have been generally termed a splendid success. The band concerts at Sunderland House grounds were greatly enjoyed.

Acton lost the first game of the League when Milton won by a score of 7-6. Three regulars on the Acton team were barred by Milton from playing which rather disorganized the Acton team.

Forty-three Legionnaires of the Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion attended the Zone banquet and parade in Brampton on Friday evening.

DIED
KITCHING — Peacefully at the home of her son-in-law, Rev. H. Caldwell, Lamehouse, on Friday evening, June 10, 1932, Elizabeth Kitching, widow of the late John Kitching, Nassagaweya, in her 84th year.

GOT START IN SCOUT SHOW
While attending High School in Toronto, Johnny Wayne and Frank Shuster, who to-day enjoy top-flight popularity as radio comedians made their debut in a Boy Scout show. The success of their teamwork carried them triumphantly through varsity into the Army Show in Canada and overseas. They realized a long deferred ambition when they got into radio shortly after being demobilized from World War II.

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