

EDITORIAL

Election Promises

Every promise of government aid should be accompanied by a price tag, says The Financial Post. There would be a good deal less enthusiasm for some of these fancy plans to spend public money if the taxpayer knew in advance just what they would cost.

Politicians don't need to worry about holding the attention of their audience. People are always interested in prices. When candidates proclaim, "If I'm elected, you people are going to get a new post office, wharf, highway or a boost in baby bonus," they should be required to add, "and that will cost you so many dollars in new taxes, for the rest of your lives."

One of the reasons for high taxation in all fields is undoubtedly the fact that people have been led to believe that some one else provides the money. There is only one source for government funds and that is from your pocketbook. If you think governments can look after your money better than you can yourself, then continue to elect those who give the glib promises. But it's time the whole truth was revealed.

To the Point

We don't often comment in our editorial columns on subjects that may appear in our advertising columns. But a series of messages from the Steel Company of Canada which have been appearing in the weekly newspapers of Ontario have had some very sound reasoning, that has caught our attention and been the subject of comment of some of our readers.

They are not advertising steel but are aimed at giving Canadians a better understanding of the economic forces which govern our way of life. Folks are wondering where it will all end. We have strikes and threats of strikes, despite falling retail prices, falling production and the highest industrial wages in our history. The couple who are in search of a home or living quarters find the home priced beyond their means. Even the high wages they earn cannot keep pace with the inflated prices that are asked.

It's time that we considered production in relation to our costs and the messages of the Steel Company that have appeared and are appearing currently are concise and sound.

Hitching Posts

Sorry if we do a bit of recollecting in our writing these days but this is the time of year known as "dog days", an expression of whose origin we haven't the slightest idea but of which we know the meaning—days when there's nothing doing that requires much attention or comment. But as we looked at the lines of cars in the business section of town we just couldn't help but recall the old hitching posts, the stores with substantial wooden canopies and the shade trees that made even the business section so cool looking, inviting and conducive to some leisure.

We wrote about grandpa last week so maybe it's grandpa's turn this week. Our recollection is that the horse and buggy or the democrat used for conveyance by grandpa took up much more space than our present day cars. Most stores found one hitching post was enough to customers, and there was no parking problem. Of course in grandpa's day the merchants didn't hitch up to go down to business and there were the church and hotel sheds for parking facilities when the visitors in town were lengthy. Grandpa didn't mind walking a few blocks and carrying parcels over to the vehicle. He was accustomed to walking most every place.

Many of you folks will remember those wooden hitching posts and how the impatient horses left tied to them too long had the wood badly scarred. They reminded grandpa when he had tarried too long in the shade of a store verandah. But nobody considered using iron posts. Maybe it's the heat that started us thinking about shade trees, store verandahs and hitching posts. No, we don't want to go back to those days and we like our business section as it is at present.

In those days Acton was never a one horse town and a look at the business section shows it's not a one-car town in these modern times. But we can't help but sort of envy the more leisurely trips of grandpa to town to do shopping and the horse sense that prevailed in telling him when to go home.

Hats Off to the Ladies

Women have often been reprimanded for not taking a more active part in municipal affairs. It came to our attention as we attended the official dedication ceremony of Halton Centennial Manor on Sunday that the women have been working in many ways just as effectively as some of our municipal officers who give considerable time to their positions.

It was the Halton Women's Institutes that came particularly to our attention even though we realize there are many other women's organizations which are also contributing to the betterment of our communities. Ladies of the Halton Women's Institutes were on hand Sunday, strategically located, to explain to the many visitors the rooms and accommodations of the Manor.

Not only were they taking a major part in the success of the tour but the ladies of the organization had also raised money to provide some of the additional comforts for the Manor such as combination radio-record players.

We'd like to take our hats off to these ladies who are making a definite contribution to their communities and to the other ladies in the other organizations who are working, quietly, to goals just as necessary.

Accomplishments Or Talk?

Every town has a sprinkling of those fellows who stand about on the streets and ridicule the folks who are doing things and draw attention to mistakes. Everyone indulges a little in such practice on public affairs and if the criticism is backed up by constructive helpfulness it is well for the cause of democracy and community betterment.

But the fellow who is practically useless to the community is that chap who criticizes only and never does anything to advance his day or generation. Usually, if you'll examine that individual and his past record of life you'll find his accomplishments have been negligible and often his private life unsuccessful. It's an old but true saying that "the man who never does anything never makes a mistake." History proves that the great of the past who made great accomplishments, also made mistakes. It is well that in later years we remember and glorify their great deeds which led to their greatness and forget their failures.

No doubt you've heard the story before, but it will bear repeating. An expert in business analysis and efficiency was endeavoring to sell his services to a hard-boiled and not so young business man. He made a good selling talk and his prospect seemed very receptive until the conclusion of the interview when the business man just asked one question that was unanswerable. "Young man," he said, "if you're so darn smart at telling me how to run my business, why haven't you a business of your own?"

Editorial Notes

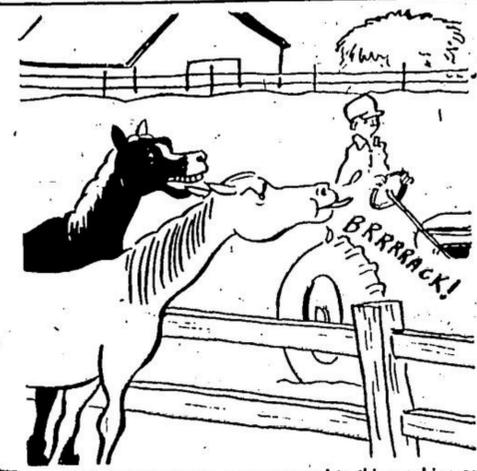
One motor car manufacturer who has wages rates tied to the cost of living has announced a reduction in the price of cars as a result of lower costs.

A heading in one of our exchanges, "15-Year-Old Horse Wins Dufferin Park Free-for-All Classic." Apparently another "Jack Powers" has invaded the local race tracks.

Some people boast that they talk straight from the shoulder. May be a very good plan, but it should be emphasized that the wise man's contribution comes from higher up.

Brampton has just completed a diversion project that will eliminate the floods that periodically swept through the business section of that town. It cost over \$750,000, but Brampton is a thriving community and is to be congratulated for the completion of its three-year project.

Government in Canada costs us more than our food, points out the Victoria Colonist. "It is a profoundly shocking realization that for every \$10 spent on food bills \$20 or more is handed over to federal, provincial and municipal treasuries. It is more disturbing still that at dominion and provincial levels of government extravagance becomes more pronounced every year."



"Please, Ophelia! Won't you ever get used to this machine age?"



300 Baths a Day!

Baths at the Ford plant caused Trafalgar council concern at a meeting with company officials to draft motions to permit construction of a sewer with intake and outlet pipe for the company's water system.

Industrial Waste Water is to Come from the Process of Washing Components.

President of the South-East Trafalgar Property Owners' Association, W. R. Walton, who was present, had been told that the soap involved in washing the components of a car would not be more than he used for a bath. "While I agreed that was possible," Mr. Walton said, "I pointed out that I didn't take 200 to 300 baths a day."

So cars manufactured in Halton should be good and clean.

Oh, I Say!

Did you know Halton has a cricket team? An Oakville paper reports that the Halton cricketers went down to defeat in the Matthews county cup game against Wentworth county.

"Halton's innings started dismally," says the report. "At tea four wickets were down for seven runs."

Of course there would be tea... too bad we further north in the county couldn't have done some more cheering for our team before its defeat, 28 runs behind Wentworth's 87!

Another of Those Stories

Yup, another of those stories about the Americans, the Yanks, those "welcome visitors!" The editor of one of Halton's other weeklies heard on a quiz show from New York recently the question, "Mary Pickford was born in Canada's largest city, the capital of Ontario—name it."

The answer: "Quebec!" Don't just be hard on the contestant. After all, where did the writer get the idea the capital of Ontario was Canada's largest city?

Stewarttown Spirit

Here's the kind of thing we all like to read about! The Georgetown Herald told the story in its last edition.

"The Stewarttown community is showing what can be done by concerted action these days."

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"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

"For some time, Corey Herrington has allowed people from the community to use the stream on his property for swimming. A few weeks ago, the idea of creating a larger swimming pool came up and soon there was so much enthusiasm that the Stewarttown Community Club was formed and plans made for enlarging the stream at a certain point.

"Last week a bulldozer did the job and created a pool 4 to 5 feet deep and measuring about 60x120. The grass is being cut, ground levelled, trees trimmed, and it is planned to put in picnic tables, seats and swings. A bath house is also talked of for a later date. Besides numerous cash contributions, there has been much volunteer labour on the job.

"Willowbrook Park, located as it is on private property will be strictly reserved for the people of Stewarttown" — (too bad for us!) — "and signs have been posted warning that it is for residents only. The committee which will guide the affairs of the community club comprises Bob Harris, Dave Barclay, Joe Standish, Cecil Walker and Mr. Herrington as an ex officio member. Their job, in creating a safe place for people to swim shows what community action can do."

Another for Helinski

Another Haltonite is off to the Olympics! Don McFarlane of Burlington has been called Canada's ace sprinter. Last week the town honored him as he drove around the streets in a convertible, following presentations, many best wishes and congratulations.

Oakville Laughed (?)

They laughed last week in Oakville at this:
Customer: Have you another razor?
Barber: Sure, why?
Customer: I want to defend myself.

HOT-COLD ALARM

Extreme cold sets off a new fire alarm designed for guarding merchandise harmed by frost, reports the Financial Post. It also works as conventional alarm against fire. It gives a second warning if the first is ignored.

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"They that trust upon the Lord shall renew their strength."
A warm welcome awaits you

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH

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Trinity V
SUNDAY, JULY 13th, 1952
11:15 a.m. — Matins and Address
Evening service in Knox Presbyterian Church
Attend church every Sunday when on holidays.

BETHEL BAPTIST MISSION

John Jones, Pastor
Y.M.C.A. BUILDING
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SUNDAY, JULY 13th, 1952
10:00 a.m. — Bible School
11:00 a.m. — "A Startling Revelation"
7:30 p.m. — "By-laws in Heaven"

THE GOOD OLD-DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Back in 1902

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 10, 1902

Petitions for several blocks of pavement were presented to the council on Thursday evening and as a result the Royal City Granolithic Walk Co. of Guelph commenced operations on Monday. During the next few weeks the following pavements will be laid: On Frederick St. from Church St. to Bower Ave.; on John St. Mill to Bower Ave.; and a long stretch on Main St. from West Bower Ave. to the end of the present board-walk at Storey's tannery.

The heavy rains of the past few weeks have been rather detrimental to the hay crop. Acton Organist go to Oakville on Saturday to attend the Orange celebration there. No electric light this evening. The lining of the firebox of the power house boiler is being replaced today. Consequently there will be no lights tonight.

The seven o'clock bell rang an hour early on Tuesday morning and caused considerable consternation among employees. The bell is so rolled upon that when it rang at six instead of seven people jumped out of bed, into their clothes and rushed off to work without breakfast, fearful of being late. It was quite a joke. The incident occurred merely through a mistake. Officer Graham and family arose an hour earlier than usual and were not aware of the mistake until it was made.

The Sunday School orchestra played several selections and the band, which is always welcome, was on hand and played several selections. Solos were given by Misses Nicklin and Laing and Messrs. L. Williams and Husband.

As was promised an enjoyable evening was afforded at the Epworth League social. The use of the lawn next the church for this purpose for the first time proved a success. A beautiful supper was served in the Sunday School rooms and then the guests wandered out on the lawn, which had been provided with tables and a booth for the serving of the ever present ice cream.

Back in 1932

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 7, 1932

Acton Community Picnic will be the next big event. This has fishing season is open. Only holders of permits from Headmore Leathers are allowed fishing privileges in Fairy Lake.

Nearly two hundred relatives gathered on July 1, for a reunion of the Brownbridge family at the farm home of Mr. Thomas J. Brownbridge, Lot 4, seventh concession of 24-queuing. This event is held every five years.

Sir Donald Mann and Mr. John Gordon, of Toronto, came to attend church at the old home church, Knox Presbyterian, on Sunday morning and called on Acton friends.

The following prices taken from the Toronto Globe of June 1882 are interesting as a comparison with present day quotations: Rice 5c per lb.; Dates 10c per lb.; Coffee 25c per lb.; Walnuts 15c per lb.; Salt Pork 14c per lb.; Pepper black 20c per lb.; Pork Sausage 14c per lb.

The annual reunion of the Dobbie families was held on Dominion Day at Edgewood Park when some eighty members gathered for the occasion.

In spite of rain during the morning the Dominion Day celebration was a success in every way. The Callithumpan Parade was held in the afternoon about two hours late but was a good parade and caused a lot of merriment. Some of the prize list was: Best decorated wheelbarrow, John Nicol and his Three Nicol Outfit; Best Jazz Band, Tyley's Transport; Best dressed man Father Time, Bob Anderson; Special Floating Power, Nev. Harrop and Jack Skilling. A large crowd attended the Garden Party at night and the street dance was ready to commence when threatening skies let loose a shower and it was taken to the Town Hall.

DIED

NEAR—At the home of her son-in-law Mr. D. F. West lot 7, first line Erin, on Thursday June 30, 1932 Susan Scott, widow of the late Wm. K. Near in her 81st year.

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Westbound
10:27 a.m.; 12:52 p.m.; 2:57 p.m.;
5:27 p.m.; 7:27 p.m.; 9:12 p.m.; 11:32 p.m.; 1:12 a.m. (Sun to Kitchener only)
a Daily except Sunday and holidays
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Westbound
Daily except Sunday and Monday, 2:24 a.m.; Sunday and Monday only, 12:08 a.m.; daily except Sunday, 8:48 a.m.; 7:44 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun., 5:48 p.m.; Saturday only 1:36 p.m.; Sunday only 8:43 a.m. (flagtop); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph, 7:05 p.m.

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