

EDITORIAL

Count Your Blessings

During these hot summer days when water is scarce and restrictions on its use are in force in many towns and cities, it might be well if Actonians would count their blessings and be reminded that we are not beset with the afflictions of water shortage this year.

Thanks to the foresight of municipal administration, the limitations of our one source of supply were anticipated last year. Without any fuss or interruption the new well went into production this past week to augment the pumping capacity of two units at the original spring property. It is never safe to make predictions on water supplies but it appears Acton's needs have been arranged for the next few years from the supplies now available.

There is just another item that we believe is beneficial in maintaining Acton's supply and preventing needless waste. Realizing the limitations of water supply over 30 years ago, Acton decided to meter all water used. In this way, those who use most pay most. That plan down through the years has proved the most effective restriction on waste of water. The property owner who allows his garden hose to run all night meets the cost of his forgetfulness.

When you enjoy the ample supply of water in Acton today not only count your blessings but give credit to those who have established a sound basis of administration for the benefit of all citizens.

Examples

The world in our days needs good men rather than good fellows. A good man is the father of a family or the head of the house, who regards his home as the place nearest and dearest to his heart; and his children in proportion to their number, as the greatest reward of his life's love and sacrifice. The home is his club house, to which he owes his first loyalty in time and social intercourse.

This idea should be practised by men in general, more particularly by married men and heads of families. This method, it is true, will not gain for its followers the reputation of being "good fellows," but the character of a good man demands this course of conduct.

To be a good man is exceedingly more important than to be a good fellow. The tendency of the modern club house is to unmake the good man by turning him into a good fellow. Just now the world is groaning for leadership of good men, and moral conditions would be vastly improved were there less of the good fellow type.—Orangeville Banner.

An Open Sore

The prison riot at nearby Guelph Reformatory in which criminals who have been segregated from society did an estimated property damage of a quarter million dollars calls for the punishment suggested by Premier Frost. These are men who in the judgment of our courts were sent to an institution where it was believed they could be reformed. It was your money that was thrown away in the riot. A quarter million dollars that might otherwise have been used for public improvements has been wasted by a bunch of hood lums.

The incident calls for more than punishment of the rioters as promised by Premier Frost. It calls for a more rigid enforcement of law and order throughout the province. At Windsor some time ago a wildcat strike with accompanying damage of \$435,000 has had no punishment handed out to those who instigated what might be termed a riot and mob rule. It is common knowledge that enforcement of many of our laws is winked at and decency insulted by the mob will.

The prison riot at Guelph is just one of many of the evidences of lack of enforcement of law in the province. Ontario doesn't need more laws but it does badly need an adequate enforcement and strict administration in its court that will make law breakers realize that decent citizens are going to be given protection and mob and riot rule will not be condoned.

Mr. Frost has the powers in his hands. The time to make the application is before our institutions are full of lawbreakers and the intelligent and firm administration of punishment will be a deterrent to lawbreakers.

Depends On Your Age

Every so often we meet up with some of the men of our age and a good recollection comes out of the conversation that recalls other days. Last week we chatted with a local man who told us how his two maiden aunts used to always make a plate of taffy for them when they came on a visit.

In those days it was customary for many residents to keep a cow and have their own supply of milk and of course if the home gardens and lawns were to be maintained every property had to be adequately fenced and the garden gate kept well latched.

Well, the aunts made the plate of taffy and put it on a bench at the back door to cool. The garden gate was latched and everything was in order. But old Mr. Blank's cow had an uncanny ability in unlatching garden gates. It's appetite called for taffy instead of the green garden vegetables that day. The taffy was just at the sticky stage before being set. When the intruder was discovered the plate of taffy was firmly stuck to the nose of the cow.

My friend related that he and his companions chased that cow for six blocks before the plate of taffy finally dropped in the roadway. He said the efforts of the cow to bellow with a snout covered with sticky taffy was something he will never forget.

Perhaps our readers who are of the same age will appreciate the story as we did, but, of course, the younger folks who know nothing about home made taffy and old Mr. Blank's cow and the individual ownership of dairies of that day will term this item as "corny."

Man's Inhumanity to Man

Perhaps by the time this article is read, the strike of steel workers will have been settled. But that is only one of the major labor disturbances that are constantly upsetting the normal conduct of business in the world. Surely we will soon learn that the way of force is not the best way to settle our differences.

Back in the days of the pioneers of this continent the settler was sufficient to himself. He grew his own food, raised the sheep that produced the wool for the family. In his own home he was independent of supplies from the world outside his immediate neighborhood. It was a hard way of life. The workmanship of many articles he made was rather crude and it took long hours.

The years have brought many improvements from those pioneer days. We have come to rely on the specialist in each craft. And we have better products in more liberal quantities. The long hours of the pioneer days are not necessary to provide for our needs and for luxury. No one would want to revert to those pioneer days.

But with the concentration of specialists in our production and our consequent dependence on each other has come another problem—that of one group enforcing on the lives of others their individual and selfish demands regardless of the common welfare of our fellowmen.

Yes, we have made great strides from the pioneer days in our mode and conveniences of living. We sometimes wonder if our thinking and consideration of our fellow men has kept pace with production lines, new processes and great conveniences in our everyday life. The wars, the strikes, the argument, the force that seem so commonplace in our efforts in solving our common problems of living together as human beings indicates that our relationships give little consideration for the other fellow. Perhaps it would be wise if we concentrated on how to live together amicably for a while and relinquished our selfishness and our concentration on the production lines. In that way lies progress for all.

Editorial Notes

Haven't heard anyone complain that this summer isn't a real old-fashioned one like we used to have.

Steel workers lost about \$250 million in wages in the first 25 days of their strike, with each man losing about \$390. Some of this is recovered in strike pay, of course, but, without it, if they gain 25c an hour it will take them 200 days to recover the wages they lost.



IT'S TWENTY-FIVE CENTS AN HOUR EXTRA IF I HAVETO MAKE HIM PRACTICE.

Missing Manor Tea
Newspapers in Halton as well as dailies from our nearest cities carried articles of the opening of the Halton Centennial Manor at Milton, about one part of the opening ceremony that we missed altogether. In the Burlington Gazette we read our tour through the Manor. "Following the ceremony," the paper says, "the huge crowd was invited to inspect the rambling five-wing home situated east of Milton on Highway 25. Tea was provided by the staff as they proceeded through the massive dining room." We were in the kitchen twice in hopes of that very thing, and spent a pleasant few minutes in the ice box, but didn't notice one drop of tea being served. Can't help but notice how the numbers present vary in different papers. The Oakville Record-Star sets its at "more than 2,500" and the Burlington Gazette had "a crowd of over 6,000." This paper last week estimated "more than 5,000."

Banding Together
Words of bands throughout Halton: the Oakville Citizens' band was reported as practising for the band tattoo next week-end in Acton, and the Acton band is scheduled to pay a playing visit to Oakville later in the summer. The Milton Junior band will also visit Oakville in September.

Trafalgar Subdivision
A farm of Toronto builders has bought 70 acres in Trafalgar at the southwest corner of the seventh line and Upper Middle Road, where 250

houses and a small shopping centre for the subdivision are planned. As soon as water and sewerage are made available, construction will begin.

Some Road Block!
"6,100 lbs. of butter blocks highway" read a headline in last week's Erin Advocate. A truck, driven by Auburn Wright of the Erin Creamery, rolled over twice and 122 cases of butter spilled all over the highway.

Cream Leather, Mahogany
Milton's new council chambers were officially opened last Friday evening, with inspection of the new library and police quarters included. The mayor's chair is upholstered in cream, and it, with the other councillors' mahogany chairs, circles a large mahogany table. Acoustic tile has been placed on the ceiling and the whole room is re-decorated with light grain mahogany finish.

Local Men at Ford
About 600 men, most of them employed in the county, are already at work on the new Ford plant in Trafalgar. Preference has been given to Oakville-Trafalgar men in the hiring of workmen in keeping with the company's program.

About 40 per cent. of the structural steel is up, roofing is going on and the bricklayers are hard at work—and hot weather it is for that kind of work. For any kind of work, the job is evidently right on schedule.

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SUNDAY, JULY 20th, 1952
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship
12:15 p.m.—Bible Class
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service in the United Church.
"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."
A warm welcome awaits you.

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SUNDAY, JULY 20th, 1952
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Evening Service in Acton, United Church.
Attend church every Sunday when on holidays.

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SUNDAY, JULY 20th, 1952
10:00 a.m.—Bible School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Service.
7:30 p.m.—"A Wondrous Transformation."
"But Jesus saith, suffer little children and forbid them not to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Back in 1902
From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 17th, 1902

Orangemen's Day was celebrated at Oakville by over 500 Orangemen, who came from Milton, Georgetown, Acton, Horsey, Omagh, Toronto as junction, Western and several other towns and villages in the country. In all there were 13 lodges and seven bands. The Acton Lodge in a body attended by the band went to Oakville by special train and spent the day. They report a glorious time.

The fruit farm of postmaster Matthews, at present under leasehold to Mr. C. DeClute, is a scene of very great activity these days. One lively maiden plucked 75 boxes of strawberries one afternoon last week.

Every summer season for years has seen large additions and improvements made to the works of the Acton Tanning Co., and the Beardmore Belling Co., and 1902 will be no exception to the rule. At the west end an addition about 100x70 is being made to accommodate 60 or 70 new tan vats while at the east end a new six storey dry kiln and work rooms will be erected. The demand for the output of this splendid business is continually on the increase and at present about 2000 sides per week are being turned out.

On the first of July several changes in postal rates came into effect. Rates now current for matter addressed to places in Canada are as follows: letters, 2c per ounce; newspapers, 1c per 4 ounces; merchandise, 2c for the first 2 ounces, and 2c for each additional 2 ounces.

An enjoyable innovation was the holding of a picnic tea on the golf links on Saturday afternoon. Sgt. W. J. Gould, who went to London, England, with the coronation contingent on the 5th of June, arrived home on Sunday morning. Sgt. Gould enjoyed the trip very much but was naturally disappointed that the illness of King Edward necessitated the postponement of the coronation ceremonies.

In response to a petition largely

signed by merchants and citizens, reeve Williams has proclaimed Thursday, 9th August civic holiday for the present season.

Back in 1932
From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 14, 1932

Most every day this month seems to have had its shower.

The wheat is beginning to turn in color and harvest will soon be here. Acton Orangemen joined in the Brampton celebration on the "Glorious Twelfth."

A Canadian National special to Windsor-Detroit and return is advertised for the week-end. Limehouse and Churchill United Churches joined for a picnic event at Stanley Park last Friday. The oldest person at the picnic was Joel Leslie and the youngest Vivian Janet Hill. Oldest married couple was Mr. and Mrs. Austin Swackhammer.

The new plan of Entrance examinations this year made many changes. There were 68 candidates at Acton centre this year. Twenty-nine of these were from Acton Public School and 17 of these were passed on the certificate of the principal.

Acton went down to defeat on Saturday afternoon at the hands of the Georgetown nine to the tune of 12-3.

NOTABLE QUOTE

Reading carefully through a recipe for tea biscuits on the cover of a flour package, the cook was startled and wholly pleased to come upon the following direction: "Rest for five minutes."

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