

EDITORIAL

A Good Word

We were rather perturbed to note last week that conditions had arisen in municipal affairs that necessitated the request of the Public Utilities Commission that the town assume operation of the new sewage disposal system. In the public interest, however, it is well that such difficulties should be considered in the full knowledge of all the electors of Acton and publicly discussed.

It is a pleasure to learn from the news columns that the problems can be discussed and that co-operative work of the municipality can be carried on. Started first to operate the Hydro system, the Acton Public Utilities Commission has had waterworks and sewage problems added to their duties. The arrangements for carrying on municipal affairs in combining offices has worked very beneficially for the town in every way. It has distributed the load of municipal work and helped in a growing town.

We agree that the increase of duties performed by the Utilities Commission justifies a larger number on the Commission and we commend the Commission in carrying on the increasing duties. One very successful head of several municipal bodies in Acton had one word that came high in his estimation. The word was co-operation. It is a good word to remember and also to bear in mind that to get its greatest benefits it must operate both ways.

As a result of the higher wages for miners in U.S. coal fields, increased coal prices are expected in Central Canada, says *The Financial Post*. It reports a big rush of buying by householders anxious to get in under the wire.

Note In Your Own Eye

We agree with the editor of the Georgetown Herald when he says editorially that we in North Halton District have dallied too long in solving our building program and erecting new schools to meet the educational needs of the children of this district. We cannot, however, agree with him when he states "Esquimesing and Nassagaweya must share the blame when the fateful day comes and the schools cannot accommodate all the pupils."

Most of the blame should be placed on Georgetown for the delay. It was two years after the four municipalities had formed the North Halton district before Georgetown consented or requested to join the district. The Georgetown Herald at the time the district was formed proclaimed in a headline, "Georgetown Stands Alone, As Others Ask High School Area." A resolution from that town council in 1947 reaffirmed their unalterable opposition unless Georgetown was chosen as the site of the school.

In June of that year the Georgetown Herald editorially condemned Acton and Milton county councillors for selling out their towns for a high school district and central school, and said, "We are glad Georgetown representatives are sufficiently strong in character to stand up for their ideals." Georgetown stood alone. Matter of fact only one of the two Georgetown representatives on county council stood alone.

It was Georgetown and again "Georgetown alone" which fought a legal case before the Municipal Board on the division of school costs with the townships. Acton and Milton raised no objection to assuming their share of the added costs for the benefit of the townships. It is this quarrel between the townships and Georgetown that is one of the stumbling blocks to the building program.

Esquimesing and Nassagaweya councils have both passed resolutions stating they were willing to take part of the building program at this time and start with one school in Acton. The District School Board by a vote of 9 to 3 at the meeting in July agreed to start with the building program and the first step would be a school in Acton. Two of the opposing votes to that motion were from the Georgetown members of the Board.

The reason for the extreme urgency in Acton is the fact that the present building must be vacated by September, 1954, to accommodate public school enrolment. Estimated enrolment in Acton public school was two years ago placed at 444 in 1952. The actual figures are 460 this year. Estimated pupils in 1954 are placed at 529. How much this 1954 estimate will be exceeded or

how much sooner is a pressing problem. When the District was formed an agreement was made with the council and public school board of Acton that the building program would be undertaken before 1953 and Acton public school would have the present high school buildings.

The building program for high schools in North Halton can be started at once. There is no need for further delay. If it isn't started the fault is with Georgetown alone and not with the townships. The records speak for themselves. The Georgetown editor can verify this from his files. But he cannot justify himself or his town by putting the blame on Esquimesing and Nassagaweya.

We offer no apology for the continuance of the five year serial story of the North Halton District in our columns. We make no predictions on what or when the end will be. It is well to realize that not all the world's troubles are in the Korea peace talks.

In Canada there are 384 people to the square mile. In the United States there are 48.8 people to every square mile. In the British Isles there are 534 people to every square mile!

Cost of Living?

The annual report of the standing committee on finance of the Canadian Senate, makes interesting reading. The figures are astounding. Canada is a big business. With tax burdens extremely heavy, Canadians apparently were able to enjoy some relaxation, however. The report says, "... it is interesting to note that in the year 1951 the Canadian people spent on:

Alcoholic beverages	\$651,000,000
Tobacco in various forms	422,000,000
Race track betting	55,000,000
Commercial recreation	158,000,000
Soft drink beverages of all kinds	160,000,000
Total	\$1,446,000,000

For every dollar paid out in wages last year U.S. manufacturers paid another 164 in fringe benefits, such as paid vacations, pension plans, etc., so that wage rates alone no longer measure the cost of hiring labor.

On Into the Night

This isn't educational week but education in our schools these days is very much in the public eye. In the daily press we have the controversy over which grade of our school system is to blame for the poor showing of so many students, particularly of their inability to handle English correctly.

It all started it seems when our colleges put up certain tests and found many of the students lacking. The ball didn't stay long in the hands of the secondary schools and was promptly tossed in the laps of the public schools. One public school principal is credited with stating that a college professor is not the man to judge whether English and grammar are properly given in the schools prior to college attendance. He backed up his statement with a test, of course.

The whole thing makes newspaper copy and confirms the doubt in the average man's mind, and gives force to some young people's argument that our educational system has something lacking in its preparation of our young people for the things they must face in the business and professional world when they complete their school days. (Even our limited education tells us that sentence is too long, but we had to get it out in one breath or suppress it).

Perhaps all the concern over education today is because it is costing more than it used to. We never did get around to reading that Hope Report on Education in Ontario that took so long and cost so much to compile. Some day we are going to refer to the index and see if there isn't "something" that can be done about it. In the meantime participation in discussions on who is to blame and why education accounts for so much on the tax bill will have to just continue. The answers seem very elusive.

Might be well to put before the students those old lines that used to be in the public school books some place, one line of which said that if riches were worth the getting, they must be bravely sought, etc.

An army abroad is of little use unless there are prudent counsels at home. —Cicero



No "M'Alde"

About a year ago in this column was an account of a new marine radio station which had just begun operation at the busy south end of the county. Now a year later, here's another report, taken from the Oakville Record-Star.

"It's our first duty to guard the radio and telegraph frequencies for distress calls, but we've never been involved in anything where life was in danger in the year since we've been here," says William McKay, deputy head of the Canadian Marconi Company's radio station on the Seventh Line of Trafalgar township.

"However, the modern station handles scores of routine commercial calls every day and about three urgency calls a month, where property, rather than lives are at stake.

"In good weather the station can contact ships 140 miles distant. It patrols by radio from almost the tip of Lake Ontario, along Point on Lake Erie and as far north as Georgian Bay and Lake Huron. Despite its tremendous range though it's just one of many Department of Transport stations which make the shipping lanes as safe as a back yard.

"The distress signal is the French word 'm'alde' repeated three times or the radio but the station hasn't heard it yet. When an urgency call comes through, the operator has to notify the ship's owners, or if it is serious, determine the nearest boat, to the accident and send it to the stricken vessel. However, the urgency calls usually just mean a mechanical breakdown."

N.H.L. Referee

We read last week in the Guelph paper, "Carl Voss, N.H.L. referee-in-chief, revealed over the weekend that Jerry Olinski, the celebrated wig-wagger from Kitchener would join the N.H.L. refereeing staff this season. Olinski was pictured as the best referee in the O.H.A. last season and by others as an unpredictable showboat. But even his detractors had to admit that Olinski was an industrious official whose energetic skating kept him on top of the play most of the time. If his promotion will prevent him from filling O.H.A. assignments it will be difficult to find an adequate replacement."

Said Jerry Olinski has relatives in Acton.

Poetless in Prose

Readers of this paper with a bit of artistic temperament will recognize the name of Mary Ellen Varley, who has contributed several times to the Post's Corner. Now she has sent a bit of powerful prose to an Oakville paper (she lives down that way). And the point she wants to make is hit home by clever and striking way she says things.

"Our thoroughfare has never been a pride and joy but since the advent of Ford it is a downright disgrace. After a complaint was registered several (trucks) were nabbed for speeding, and this took

the breeze out of their tires for a little while... there is nothing to control the dust and our homes are plagued with it. At ten o'clock in the morning I can have everything shining, by noon window sills and furniture look as if I'd forgotten to get up... our children come home looking as if they had been packed in barrels of mud and rolled down a hill!"

The vivid picture of life on the lower middle road drew a comment from the editor that the Ford Motor Company had agreed to investigate.

Another Celebrity

Did you know Dr. Brock Chisholm is a Haltonian? Dr. Chisholm is director-general of the world health organization which has its headquarters in Geneva, and last week he was chosen by the American Public Health Association as one of the six winners of Lasker awards for 1952.

The awards carry with them \$1,000, leather bound citations and gold statuettes. The presentation is being made next Tuesday in the United States. The prominent Canadian doctor lived formerly in Oakville.

Just a Nobody

It was little Mary's first day at school. The teacher was making out her registration card. "What is your father's name?" she asked. "Daddy," replied the child. "Yes, I know, but what does your mother call him?" "She doesn't call him anything. She likes him."

OBITUARY

Member of Pioneer Limehouse Family

Member of a pioneer Limehouse family, James Nickell, died in the Hamilton General Hospital on Friday, October 3, in his 85th year.

The Nickells have been residents of the district since William Nickell emigrated from Ireland in 1812. He was the third settler in Esquimesing and first farmed at Dolly Varden, Limehouse, which is still owned by the family.

Mr. Nickell was a son of James Nickell and Sarah Woods and spent all his life at Limehouse until two years ago. He was a resident of Halton Centennial Manor at Milton. His wife, Mary Wheeler, died in 1922.

Surviving are his twin brother, John of Eden Mills and two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Graham, Winnipeg, Man. and Mrs. Edith Wetherald, Toronto. Members of the family who predeceased him were Mrs. Hugo Bell, Toronto, William Nickell, Sarnia and Dr. Robert Nickell, Georgetown.

Rev. Alex. Calder conducted the funeral service in Limehouse Presbyterian Church on Monday, October 6, which was followed by interment in Limehouse Cemetery. Pallbearers were Fred, Victor and Wilfred Harding, Andrew Mino Harding Price and K. C. Lindsay.

SURPRISE!

Mary: "I've bought you a beautiful surprise for your birthday—it has just arrived." Bill: "I'm curious to see it." Mary: "Wait a minute and I will put it on."

AT THE Churches

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Acton, Ontario
A FRIENDLY CHURCH
Rev. E. A. Currey, B.A., B.D., Minister
Parsonage—29 Bower Avenue
Phone 60
Miss O. M. Lampard, A.T.C.M., Organist and Choir Leader

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19th, 1952

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School. To educate the children of the church.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Subject, The Christian Walk.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship in Knox Presbyterian Church.
Thought for the Week
"There can be no security in this world until men and nations put God right in the center and at the very heart of life."
(Lyn Claybrook)
Anniversary Services next Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Speaker, the Rev. E. Sinclair of Toronto.

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH

(Anglican)
Rev. Ralph E. Price, B.A., B.D. Rector

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19th, 1952

Children's Day and Youth Sunday
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion.
10:00 a.m. Church School.
11:00 a.m. —Beginners' Class.
11:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
7:00 p.m.—Service in Knox Presbyterian Church.
Children and their parents and young people are especially welcomed to the services this Sunday.

Ambergis is worth almost twice as much as gold.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19th, 1952

Anniversary Sunday
10:00 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship.
12:15 p.m.—Bible Class.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship.
Rev. John C. Robson, M.A., of St. Andrew's Church, Huntsville, will preach at both services. We welcome visitors from the other congregations in Acton to the evening service.
"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."
A warm welcome awaits you.

BAPTIST CHURCH

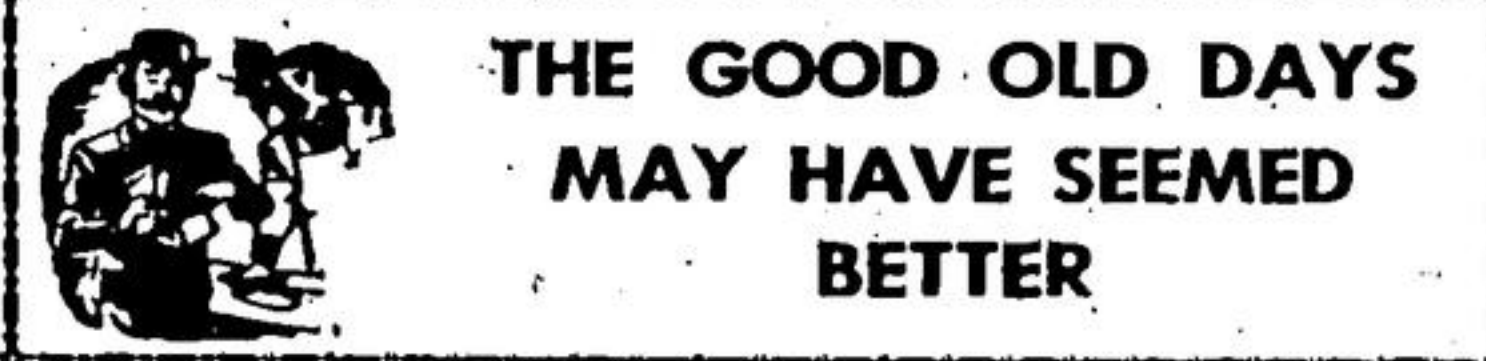
ACTON
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Parsonage—115 Bower Ave., Phone 206r.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 8:00 p.m.

Choir practice and prayer meeting.
Friday, October 17, 8:00 p.m.—Young Peoples' at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Wagner.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19th, 1952

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School with classes for all ages. Come and bring the children. Don't just send them.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship with a cordial welcome to all.
7:00 p.m.—We will unite with Knox for their anniversary service.
Tuesday, October 21, 8:00 p.m.—The annual Mission Circle thank-offering service.



Back in 1902

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 16, 1952

Manager J. B. Wallace of the Merchant's Bank left yesterday to assume the management of the new Mercantile Bank at Oak Lake, Manitoba. A most enjoyable event, was consummated on Monday evening when a complimentary banquet was tendered at the Dominion Hotel. During his residence of nearly three years in Acton, Mr. Wallace proved himself a very useful citizen, a favorite in social and musical circles and especially with those who enjoyed healthful outdoor sports.

The banquet was given under the auspices of the Masonic brethren and the gentlemen of the golf club and was served in the well known recherche style for which the Dominion Hotel is celebrated. About 36 of the leading men of the town were seated around the festive board. During the evening the chairman, Mr. A. J. McKinnon, presented Mr. Wallace with a magnificent fur coat and an alligator travelling bag and Master Harry Holmes, Jr., presented, in the name of the ladies of the golf club, a beautiful bouquet of splendid roses, hidden in the hearts of which were—but that is another story.

Mr. Wallace succeeded here by Mr. A. H. Devitt of the Berlin branch. He is a married man and is connected with some of the best families of Berlin and Waterloo.

Rockwood show has enjoyed a long line of success, but the officers and directors were never more gratified with the results of their efforts than on last Wednesday evening, when it was found that the attendance exceeded all previous records. Tuesday was devoted to arranging and judging so that all was in order when the gates were thrown open to the immense crowd on Wednesday.

The efforts of ex-councillor Harvey this summer have made his property at the corner of Park Ave. and Mill St. one of the prettiest residential corners in town and what was for years a somewhat unsightly vacant lot, whose south side was wearing away with each successive spring freshet, is now a

substantial adornment to the town. The fine, two-story residence, the beautiful greenwood, neat fences and walks and the neat retaining wall were never spent to better advantage.

MARRIED
MINO-DARBY—At the Methodist Parsonage, Rockwood, on Wednesday, 8th October, by Rev. W. H. Garnham, B.D., W. G. Mino, Limehouse to Miss Maggie Darby of Rockwood.

Back in 1932

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 13, 1932

This is Fire Prevention week. The first snowstorm of the district this fall came yesterday, October 12, but the bright sun soon removed all traces of winter.

With a record attendance, Erin Fair, held last Thursday and Friday, was one of the most successful ever held there.
The Old Man of the Big Clock Tower tells us that fifty years ago (1882) "The Village Council met on Tuesday evening and for once there were no accounts to pass and no important business to transact." Another item taken from the columns of fifty years ago is that the Village Council have ordered a splendid bell for the new Town Hall tower from the celebrated Troy Bell Foundry, Troy, N.Y.

The annual convention of the Halton Teachers' Institute was held in the Georgetown Public School last week. Miss Norris, of London-derry, Ireland, was the speaker at the banquet.

The newly-formed Parkview Athletic Club held a track meet on Monday in the Park. This club was formed for the purpose of encouraging an interest in athletics among the young men of the town.

DIED
BARBER—At the home, Lot 23, Guelph Rd., Nassagaweya Township, on Monday, October 10th, 1932, John Hiram Barber, in his 58th year.

CAMPBELL—At the family residence, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, on Monday, October 19, 1932, R. G. Campbell, in his 77th year.

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