

EDITORIAL



THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Back in 1902

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 30, 1952

Mr. T. H. Harding has received an appointment on the staff of the Veterans' Locating and Colonization Association, and leaves for New Ontario in connection with his duties tomorrow. The work of the Association is to make location of lands for veterans, file the necessary documents, etc. and thus save the veterans themselves the time and expense of locating claims for themselves. Mr. Harding's P.O. address will be New Liskeard, Ont.

Back in 1932

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The Halloween Frolic on Monday night starts at seven o'clock. Acton citizens will vote on Day-night having question of the Municipal Elections. The time specified for the adoption of this advanced time will be from the last Saturday in June until the first Monday in September.

Mr. Fisherwood of the Guelph Y.M.C.A. gave a talk at the United Church Young Peoples League on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Leslie observed their 55th wedding anniversary on Monday. About 30 guests were present and of these two other couples have been married 55 years. Mr. and Mrs. Austin Swackhamer and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith.

The county council of Halton is not in favor of building the Middle Road as a relief measure. It is estimated that the Oakville bridge would cost \$200,000 and the Bronte bridge \$225,000 for the new road. Council felt the increase of \$170,000 by the debt would be too much for the municipalities. It was finally left to the Great Roads Committee to interview the government.

A beautiful autumn day favored the 50th anniversary occasion of Knox Presbyterian church on Sunday. Eloquent and interesting sermons were preached by Rev. M. B. Davidson of Galt.

BORN
GREEN—In Acton, on Tuesday October 25, 1952, to Mr. and Mrs. John Green, a daughter.

DIED
GRI—Suddenly, at Toronto, on Thursday, October 26, 1952, George Orr, youngest daughter of the late John and Mary Jane Orr.

THOMAS—At the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Howard Masala, Mill St., Acton, on Wednesday, October 26, 1952, Caroline Doroway, beloved wife of the late John Thomas, in her 91st year.

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Those Busy Evenings

A quick glance at the editor's calendar pad will afford ample proof that summer is gone and we are now into the fall season. Listed there will be meetings of many local fraternal bodies, service clubs, church, social and women's groups, and other organizations.

After being inactive during the summer months, members of these groups are returning to the regular routine of meetings, and are reviving their interest and enthusiasm in the many projects at hand. Plans are being made for new undertakings and good fellowship prevails.

Each of these organizations—fraternal, church, service, social, and cultural—is, in its own way, contributing a great deal to the life of Acton and district. Members invest considerable time and money, not in their own interests, but on behalf of their fellow men. In so doing they find a great deal of satisfaction and pleasure. New organizations are being formed, with the object of providing recreation and fellowship for their fellow citizens.

To each and all of these local and district organizations we wish much success and enjoyment as they resume their activities for the fall and winter season and pledge our fullest cooperation in publicizing such activities.

The Free Press is always glad to publish reports of meetings and activities of various organizations in town and district. Send them to your correspondent or direct to the office if in town or no correspondent has your field.

One of the hardest secrets for a man to keep is his opinion of himself.

Still Joy in Work

According to a recent Gallup Poll, only 11 per cent. of Canadians think that life would be more pleasant if they did not have to work, states the Letter-Review. About one-third of those who were in favour of work thought it was good, because without it one would be insufferably bored. Only four per cent. of them recognized the fact that without work they could not live.

If the accuracy of the Gallup sampling method be granted, these results disprove what many observers have been inclined to assert, without statistical backing, namely that Canadians are becoming less and less fond of work. Certainly the poll findings are hard to reconcile with the tendency, becoming general, except on farms, for the past several years, to reduce the number of working hours in the day and the week.

Observation and sampling might be made consistent if they were summed up as follows: Canadians like to work; but not too hard.

My great concern is not whether you have failed, but whether you are content with your failure. —Abraham Lincoln

More on Education

What kind of teachers and professors do we have?

When school days are over, the graduate finds that he has not been influenced by the genius of an instructor, the man who can write with both hands, the great orator, or the meticulous scholar who remembers the temperature of the Delaware when Washington crossed and whether or not it rained the day Sir John A. Macdonald was born, remarks The Financial Post.

Wisdom, as opposed to simple knowledge, has been imparted to him only by those of integrity and of character who had the spark of vision to help his mind reach for the stars.

There aren't many of them—probably three or four in one's entire school days. Yet these are the persons which every educational institution must have.

Our concern over courses and their content perhaps has been over-emphasized. It doesn't matter much what courses are supposed to contain.

McMaster University's President Gilmour gently put his finger on the issue when he said that although the task of changing courses is never finished, "until we learn better what to prescribe, let us teach well what we have decided to offer."

Trains on Ice

The ice is in in Georgetown and the first hockey practice has been held. Here's what we read in the Herald:

"Coach Lewis put the boys through a brisk workout which lasted about an hour and a half. Regulars Fred Lawrence, Pic Dillon, Garry Inglis, Ron Martin, Ken Nash, Max and Leigh Bradbury, Bill Howitt, Nick Forri, Harry Chiappel and Dixon were on hand for this first night, not forgetting Scotty Patterson who acquainted the new coach with the players.

"There were a number of new faces in the line-up which will no doubt create new interest for the fans as well as strengthening the club considerably."

Last week's Burlington Gazette reports, too, that "the senior B hockey team have gotten down to business in earnest... those in charge of hockey hope to have a stronger team than last year, when they went through to the semifinals."

Haltion Orthodontics
The Haltion county health unit is co-operating now in the establishing of an orthodontics research clinic in Burlington.

Wondering about the antics of orthodontic medics? The clinic is studying the prevention of irregularities of the teeth. The clinic is supported by a public health grant from the Ministry of Health and Welfare, and sponsored in Burlington as a public service project of the Lions club.

Burlington tolls will be studied by the details.

In Traditional Style
If you heard "Neighborhood News" on the radio last Sunday morning you'll know about the Oakville-Trafalgar Journal's shame.

The paper advertised a house for

sale, complete with loving room

18x24! A delightful letter to the editor from an English lady, too long to reprint, followed. Here is part of it:

Dear Sir: While visiting Oakville a short while ago and glancing through your paper, I was interested to see a house advertised in the "Properties" column, complete with a loving room. I was not able to ascertain whether this was an old house, or whether it had been built recently; either way I must say how delighted I am to find there also some of those in Canada, that although they be at the end of their tether financially, they still know how to live. I can think of no clearer example of this than the fact that all the better-known families insist on having a loving room in their houses.

"One real estate agent pointed out to me perhaps the North American idea of a playroom in the basement is a good substitute. I cannot believe this is true. How could one compare the subdued and cultural atmosphere of the old loving room with that of a playroom?"

field to the South
Oakville's planning consultant, Dr. A. G. Faludi, envisions a "golden mile of industries" immediately east of the Ford plant in Trafalgar township. "Here lies the fortune of Trafalgar and Oakville," he stated.

Oakville Laugh
Oakville gets our laugh every week. Here it is: Lawyer: (reading client's last will and testament to a circle of expectant relatives). "And so, being of sound mind, I spent every last cent I had before I died."

RADIO FARM FORUM INTEREST REPORTED "AT ALL TIME HIGH"

"An all time high," said Clifford Waite, provincial secretary for the Ontario Farm Radio Forum, about this year's interest in Farm Forum activity. The season gets underway November 2 with the national broadcast topic "Farming as a Career" in which the advantages and disadvantages of farming as a career will be discussed.

Mr. Waite has just returned from

Floyd Griesbach, National Secretary of Farm Radio Forum and W. R. Simmins, a UNESCO fellow, who is making a detailed study of the success and failures of Farm Forums, particularly in Halton County.

"Our visits to these counties brought to light that farmers are concerned themselves—will bring more farmers together than ever before in forum discussion groups to talk over their mutual problems," Mr. Waite stated.

There are 793 active Farm Forums in Ontario; this year it is expected that the 1000 mark will be reached.

A pre-forum broadcast was heard Monday, October 27 at 8:30 on CBC when the topic was "What can the individual farmer expect to get out of farm forum?" Many forums used this night to plan their coming meetings, discuss community projects and to elect new officers.

HALF AS MUCH
Americans spent almost one-half as much on alcoholic beverages last year as they did for the things they wear.

The Commerce Department states \$9,150,000,000 was spent on liquor, wine and beer, an average of \$59.80 for every man, woman and child in the United States.

At the same time they spent about \$20,000,000,000 for shoes and clothing.

"Show off" acceleration and speeding may increase gas consumption as much as 50 per cent. and shorten tire life, says motor engineers.

Clifford Waite

a series of workshops for Farm Forum chairmen and secretaries held in the counties of Peterborough, Hastings, Lennox and Addington, Lanark, Elgin and Norfolk. He was accompanied by

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd, 1952
10:00 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship
12:15 p.m.—Bible Class.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.
"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."
A warm welcome awaits you.

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Thursday, October 30—8:30. Prayer meeting and Bible study.
Friday, October 31—8:00. Young Peoples.

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Taste is the least developed of the five senses among the lower animals.
"Come and Worship"

Changing Hallowe'en

Friday is Hallowe'en and the trend of observance of this time is definitely improving. Of course, the mode of living has had a bearing on the change too. For instance, many of us can remember when some of the favourite and common deprecations included the removal of gates from fences, the upsetting of outhouses or in the ringing of school bells and dismantling of farm wagons or taking them from their usual places and putting them in more inaccessible places. Well, of course, these just aren't any gates on town property or fences and the outhouses have almost disappeared and the school bells are electric signals operated from indoors and farm implements aren't of the same simple construction as in other years.

The part that shows the most improvement is, however, the trend towards good wholesome fun and harm to no one. For the organizations that put so much time and expense in getting the young folks together on Hallowe'en and in a bigger community way having fun a great deal of credit can be given for the improvement at the closing of every October. Most everyone welcomes the friendly visits and the courteous requests to shell out. It's a game that visitors and the stay-at-homes get equal enjoyment from. But for the young folks of today the big events are the organized well conducted fun parties which have been so successful here in late years.

Tomorrow night is Hallowe'en. Plan to take part in the fun either with the big group or at home with the little and not so little callers. Keep your fun so that it will not cause grief to some one else and let the spirit of Hallowe'en continue on the upgrade.

You know what the witty and eloquent old Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes once said: "You needn't fear to handle the truth roughly; she is no invalid." The truth is the most robust and indestructible and formidable thing in the world. —Woodrow Wilson

On the Short End

There is much clamoring these days for a "grab" at part of the taxes. With taxes collected from so many sources the general public naturally comes to the conclusion that the coffers into which these dollars are poured are full to overflowing.

So we see these days provincial governments wanting more of the Dominion's funds to assist them in financing and the municipalities asking for more of the provincial funds to assist them in meeting their obligations. The usual culmination is, of course, that at some level more taxes are levied to meet the expenditures which the public wants and the public protesting regarding increased taxation and nobody seems particularly satisfied with the deal.

Right now we find the municipalities asking more assistance from the province and, it appears, with some justification. Under present arrangements the province sets forth to a great extent the policy of education, police and fire protection and provincial boards take quite a hand in steering the course of municipal expenditure. Let's not argue whether this part is good or bad but it does seem logical that with the province setting the standards that the same old level on real estate, which is the sole financing of municipalities, needs a share of the taxes levied on so many other sources.

When we say this we are not unmindful of the fact that the municipalities do receive some assistance. But let's take the revenue from the sale of intoxicating beverages collected solely by provincial and Dominion governments. In no year has the municipality received nearly \$1,000 of this revenue. In the meantime, cost of police protection has gone up and without a doubt much of the added policing required should be chargeable to the sale of liquor. Only a small percentage of the fines collected come to the municipal coffers.

Municipalities such as ours which are growing and expanding must provide increased services such as schools, sewers, water, etc. Home owners are carrying all the burden for municipal funds. They are entitled to a larger share from the provincial departments, not as a gift or subsidy but as a right and an equitable distribution of costs.

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