

EDITORIAL

Behind the Mike

Most of our readers, and we suspect, many who are not our readers, know the situation back of getting the editor to do the Neighborly News broadcast last Sunday. Many of our friends, both in and out of town, have told us of their enjoyment of the broadcast and been most kind in their comments of the experience in a new field.

We ourselves had not only a new experience but gained a first hand knowledge of the task of the other fellow. In this case it was Don Fairbairn's job. Like all understanding, it has been good for us, and we certainly hope Don enjoyed the opportunity of one Sunday free from his regular duties.

Let us tell you all that the fifteen minute program involved a lot more time than most listeners realize and since Don has never taken the trouble to tell his listeners of the hours involved perhaps we can relate the time we spent and then a deduction of half could be made for our inexperience and listeners can understand what Don's job takes in and editors can realize they are not the only ones on the "grind", every week.

CBL Studios

Two weeks ago, before Don Fairbairn left for the west we went to Toronto to meet the staff and see the quarters in which our work would be done. Reid Forsee is director of programs for CBL and we had a most interesting visit seeing the back shop in the broadcasting business. When we refer to we in this case it is the editor and his son and associate, Jim.

We were to have the assistance of Miss Ring, who painstakingly goes over the 200 and more papers that come in each week and clips all the items logical for the broadcasts. She ferrets out all those little items and over 90 birthdays many times buried in little two or three line items in the correspondence. Miss Dobson types out the script for the broadcast and knows to within a few lines of the amount of copy required. Office desk space was arranged in two separate buildings—one for Friday and at CBL on Saturday.

200 Papers and All

We started before noon on Friday and left Jim on the job Friday afternoon while the editor presided at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association. More papers came in during Friday afternoon and Saturday morning we were at work in CBL offices until time for lunch. This was eaten in the cafeteria of the building.

About two o'clock our script started to take shape from all the piles of clippings. Some were duplicates and from the sorting emerged the scripts that were to make the broadcast. Shortly after four o'clock Miss Dobson had all the copy and before five o'clock she assured us it was sufficient. Then the trip to the broadcasting booth, a trial reading of the script under a stop watch to see that it came within the required time.

It's been many years since we worked or ran with someone holding a stop watch on us. There's always the tendency to speed up and do as much as possible in a given time and it's difficult to overcome that feeling. But there is always that guidance of stretching out of the hands from the director to let you know how time is running along.

Finally you get the down beat and the broadcast is on. To read aloud for even five minutes with no interruptions seems a very long time. If you don't believe us just try it some time. You haven't an audience—at least you think you haven't, but you know right well it's likely the biggest audience you ever addressed.

That's all; the timing was right, the job was done and all that remains is for you to listen to your own voice when broadcast time comes because it's like newspaper work, it isn't all written or produced on the day of publication.

Municipalities are watching with interest for the legislation forecast in the daily press which will give relief to municipalities in the raising of taxes. It's to be hoped realization will be made that Toronto is not the only oppressed municipality by the tax burdens.

What's in a Name?

Since the broadcast of Neighborly News last Sunday folks at home have given us quite a ribbing about the George part of our name. Locally we are known by our other name. It all came about this way. When we met folks in the news-paper and other fields away from home we had quite a time explaining and spelling the name Arlof. It took time and we found folks didn't use it and had difficulty with it.

Fortunately we had two given names, so we just started to give our name as George which was quite an ordinary name and easily remembered. So outside of local fields we have become known as George and, of course, when we were broadcasting to places outside of Acton and Milton we never gave the name a thought and became George and a perfect stranger to those who know us intimately in Milton and Acton.

We answer to both names to all who know us so just take your choice and use the one with which you are most familiar. My father's name was George and a little grave in Fairview Cemetery here bears the name of George Macpherson Dills. There aren't any other living Georges in the family now so there is no confusion and perhaps a little sentiment and recollection when we are called George Dills. Other members of the family have easily remembered names such as Dave and Jim.

Yet To Come

While our part of the exchange of duties with a broadcaster are complete, readers have the week to look forward to when Don Fairbairn writes these editorial columns. He and his staff made our part very pleasant and we know our readers and staff will do their best to make his task a pleasant one.

He will bring a new viewpoint to our readers and we know a most interesting one. We cannot tell you the date because that has not been settled upon. But some Monday we won't be writing these columns and we'll catch up on the Saturday we lost.

Honor Comes to Esquusing

Last week Halton County Council members chose George Leslie as Warden for 1953. Mr. Leslie has had many years of municipal experience and is one of the men on County Council at present who has been a member for the longest period. He has served as Councillor, Deputy Reeve and Reeve and brings experience to the position. It is quite an honor that he was accorded the post without opposition.

We have never favored entirely the procedure of basing the selection of Warden on the turn of any municipality solely. The honor is shared between the individual and the municipality he represents. Halton is honored by their choice of Warden for 1953.

We were also pleased to note that the name of J. J. Stewart, Reeve of Acton, was also mentioned as Warden. Mr. Stewart has been gaining municipal experience in the local and county field and it is hoped that in due course the honor will come to him and the municipality he represents.

Sincerely Yours

It is said that the sculptors of long ago, worked with a passion for perfection. Even after long and tedious hours of carving, sometimes a flaw would appear either in the stone or the chiselling. Unscrupulous men carefully hid the flaw with wax. Without the advantages of the modern Pettey Business Bureau, the buyer found it necessary for his own protection to require a certificate of quality. The honest sculptor signed his work "Sincera" meaning "without wax." Gradually the idea developed, until today when we sign our correspondence "Sincerely yours" it is a certification that what has been written is a presentation without deceit, and truly reliable.

Some of the weekly newspapers which adopted Corona type several years ago are having a chuckle at the fuss the Toronto Star is making of its type for the text of the papers. The face has been available and in use for several years.



Town Planning

The Georgetown Herald's editorial last week has interest for this town and district, too. "It is sometimes hard to believe how fast this part of Ontario is growing," one item says. The editor expects some definite steps will be taken there along the line of town planning for the residential and industrial expansion which "is bound to spread up from the south of the county."

When the police arrived

More expansion talk from Oakville. One town councillor said, "Maybe we should even roll Trafalgar and Oakville together into one city."

Horse's Tale

When the wood and scrap metal hobby horse built ten years ago for the son of General Chris Vokes took the attention of the House of Commons recently, the owner of an Oakville dairy laughed. The pride of his delivery trucks had given its tail for that horse, and his sales manager, covering the Central Command route, donated the tail to the cause.

Esquusing Fire Area

The formation of a fire area with a portion of Esquusing was ratified by Georgetown council at their first council meeting for '53. This will be one of three in Esquusing. Milton has had one in operation for several years and another is "in the process" around Acton.

Tax Troubles

Bronte's tax rate will be up 100 per cent, reveal Alfred Jennings says. He called the taxation picture in the Halton village "fantastic."

Puzzled Police

Trafalgar and Oakville police are puzzled this week. Ted Squires of the fourth line informed the police he had stopped to help a woman who was pinned beneath a truck. He was requested to make himself scarce.

60-CYCLE TRANSFORMER STATION WILL DOUBLE SERVICE IN ACTON, AREA

Acton will be supplied with 60-cycle power from a new transformer station and associated distributing facilities near No. 7 highway, three miles west of Brampton. Robert H. Saunders, chairman of the Ontario Hydro Commission, announced last Friday, January 23, that the construction of the new 60-cycle transformer station would cost an estimated \$1,592,000.

Acton is now served by the Guelph transformer station. Construction is scheduled to start in late spring this year, and completion will coincide with frequency standardization of the area from 25 to 60-cycle operation tentatively scheduled to begin in August, 1954.

To more than double the service in the area, the new equipment will supply 60-cycle power to the towns of Acton, Brampton, Georgetown, Streetsville, the surrounding rural district known as Brampton Rural Operating Area, and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's transmitter at Hornby.

The new station will be known as Pleasant Transformer Station, taking its name from a neighboring hamlet. Mr. Saunders said the new facilities will have an initial capacity more than double those serving the section at present.

He pointed out that the use of power by Hydro customers, who will be served by the new station, has more than doubled between 1945 and 1951. In 1945, the total average load was 9,344 horsepower; in 1951, it was 20,422 horsepower. The upward trend continued in 1952, with the actual average load for the first 11 months being 21,625 horsepower.

"By more than doubling the present capacity of power facilities serving the area, and by the enlargement and rearrangement of the distribution system, the area will be provided with greater security and adequate power service."

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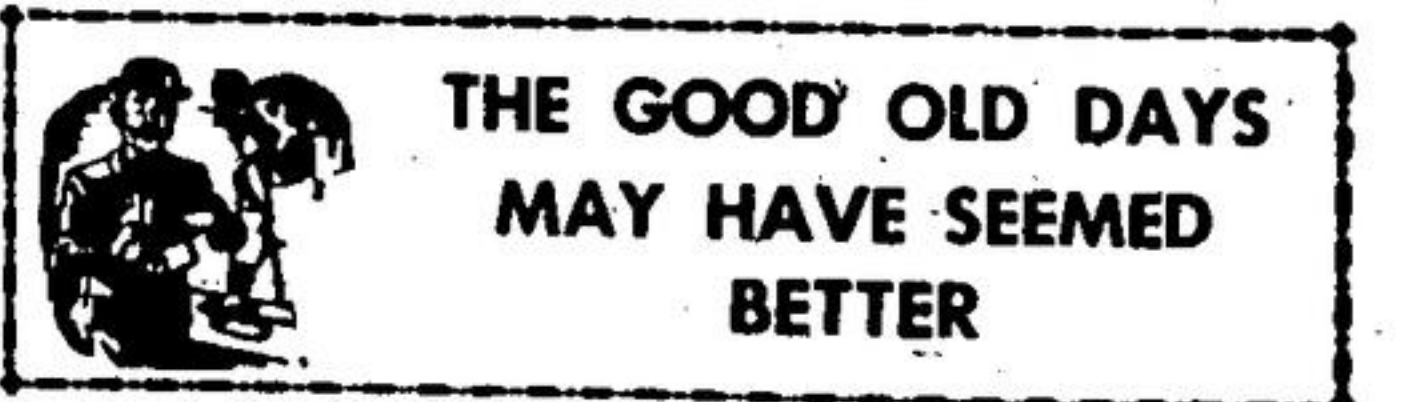
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10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Where Christ Comes First
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Our Work and Witness (No 3 in the series)
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship (Conducted by the C.G.I.T.) Special Speaker—The Rev. Donaldson of Alma. A Youth Service for all young people and all who are young in spirit, come and support our youth and workers.

Thought for the Week
"If God be for us, who can be against us?"

SEPTUAGESIMA
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1st, 1953
8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10:00 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Beginner's Class.
11:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist. (Installation of church officers for 1953.)
7:00 p.m.—Evensong and sermon.



Back in 1903

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, January 29, 1903

The Board of Trustees of Acton Public School find themselves face-to-face with new obligations relating to the high school department. Ample evidence has been forthcoming as to the need for re-formation. When the school opens on a year ago there were fifteen pupils while to-day there are thirty-five on the roll. It has been found impossible for one teacher to do justice to that number of high school pupils in Forms I, II, and III of the high school course.

Back in 1933

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, January 29, 1933

On Friday last the members and staff of Halton Short Course visited the Peel County Short Course which is being held at Norval. The trip was most enjoyable and enthusiasm ran high. There were 275 present and the Peel young people were splendid hosts.

The annual meeting of Acton Business Men's Association was held on Thursday evening. The report of the past year showed a year of progress and some very successful undertakings.

Lack of suitable ice caused more postponed hockey games this week. Acton defeated Burlington 4-1 and the Juniors dropped the Guelph game 4-3. E. Marz, of the Juniors, had his eye opened again from a high stick in the game with Guelph.

BORN
NELLES A. Guelph General Hospital, on January 9, 1953, to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Nelles, of Acton a son.

DIED
OAKLEY—At the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harris, Knox Avenue, Acton, on Tuesday, January 24, 1953, Annie M. Watson, beloved wife of Albert Oakley.

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