

EDITORIAL

Force Not Necessary

The fact that collective bargaining is still an effective instrument to deal with labor relations in this country and that men can settle their differences without resorting to strike methods was the highlight of the week in Canada. Last week it seemed very probable that the nation would be in the throes of a railway tie-up that in a Canadian winter can be a very serious matter. All preparations possible had been made to meet such an emergency when it appeared no agreement could be reached.

Then the talks moved to Ottawa and Prime Minister St. Laurent became the central figure. He emerged with the respect of both management and labor and in some way became the peacemaker that brought both factions into agreement. The important lesson of the whole affair is that strikes can be avoided when men approach their problems with understanding and consideration for the other fellow.

We've had waves of strikes, bad feelings, loss of productive time for a sufficiently long period. For years peace talks failed and wars were fought which no nation won and in which all suffered. The methods of force in labor relations followed the wars of nations and it appeared that strikes were resorted to upon the least provocation. Like nations at war so labor and employers at war won nothing in the end.

The settlement of the railway dispute is more than the averting of a strike. Perhaps it will make the pattern for a new approach to the problems of living together in peace. It is encouraging to see that labor and management leaders can settle their differences without resorting to force and inflicting the hardships on everyone. That is leadership that is worthy of emulation.

Monday was ground hog day and in these parts if the little fellow emerged from his winter quarters it is not likely that he saw his shadow. According to superstition he stays out and we do not get six weeks more of winter. Well if the next six weeks isn't any worse than we have had so far, it will be just alright.

Small Talk -- Not Places

Following the first session of the council after Fergus became a town, editor Hugh Templin has lost faith in our powers of consolation and believes the Acton lady who predicted nothing but trouble if Fergus took on town status. We don't wonder a bit after we perused the report of the first Fergus council meeting which was so lengthy that it couldn't all be printed in one week.

Looking from the outside, however, the big bone of contention in the first stormy session was one of those trivial things that are so often snow-balled to a size which outweighs their importance to a town or village. It seems that the people's choice for the first mayor of Fergus is a man who owns property adjoining town property. Some time ago he built a fire escape on his building and the fire escape overhangs town property. To keep everything legal he pays the municipality a nominal rental of a dollar a year for the encroaching fire escape. Some folks claim this is contrary to his oath of office and he has a contract with the town and therefore cannot legally hold office.

It might happen in any town, village or township. It's pretty small potatoes and if such tactics are carried on the day is not far away when it will be difficult to find men to give of their time and effort in municipal service. We don't know the mayor of Fergus but we do know that every municipality has its snipers who use air guns for pretty small shooting. They pop up even in circles of government higher than that of towns and if you don't believe it go to the Ontario Legislature some time or the House of Commons and you'll find that all the wrangling and small talk isn't confined to the villages or towns. The wrangling doesn't help the municipality any but it sure makes a lot of good newspaper copy so it's an ill wind that blows no good.

We still want to be consoling to the Fergus editor and while it is none of our business we think Fergus will be glad that the step was taken to become a town.

The Lenten season commences this year on February 18th a week from next Wednesday and Easter is the first week of April.

Compulsory Retirement

This is National Health Week and we find ready agreement in the recent statement of Dr. Ian MacDonald of Toronto that retirement of men and women from active, productive life because of some arbitrary rule and before they are ready to be put on the shelf is a frequent cause of physical and mental deterioration.

"Premature retirement is a hazard," declares Dr. MacDonald. "Continuing activity should not only be permitted but encouraged. Chronic illness in many older people, both mental and physical, can be delayed, minimized or even averted if the majority of healthy older people are encouraged to feel responsible for themselves and are permitted to continue work within the limits of their capabilities."

In a special National Health Week statement, Dr. MacDonald lays stress on the fact that the health of Canada's rapidly increasing number of older citizens is important not only to the older people themselves and to their families but also to the country as a whole. Diseases of older people often tend to be chronic and consequently expensive. In fact, the costs of adequate medical and institutional care are already "tremendous," he said.

We were interested to read that one of the New York dailies has adopted a system of classifying age groups. In future this paper will call people up to the age of 35 youthful; from 35 to 65 years, they are middle-aged and from 65 upwards they should be drawing the old age pension.

When the Flowers Bloom

Little did we realize until the past week what a wide following that Neighborly News broadcast of 15 minutes on Sunday mornings and Don Fairbairn enjoyed. Long distance calls and local calls last Sunday morning almost kept Mrs. Dills late for church. Letters have been coming in all week, both from friends and from folks we have never heard about before. They have been invariably kindly and we would indeed be remiss if we did not tell you all how much your editors have appreciated them. An article in a current issue of a national magazine this week also was enlightening on the popularity of Neighborly News broadcasts across Canada.

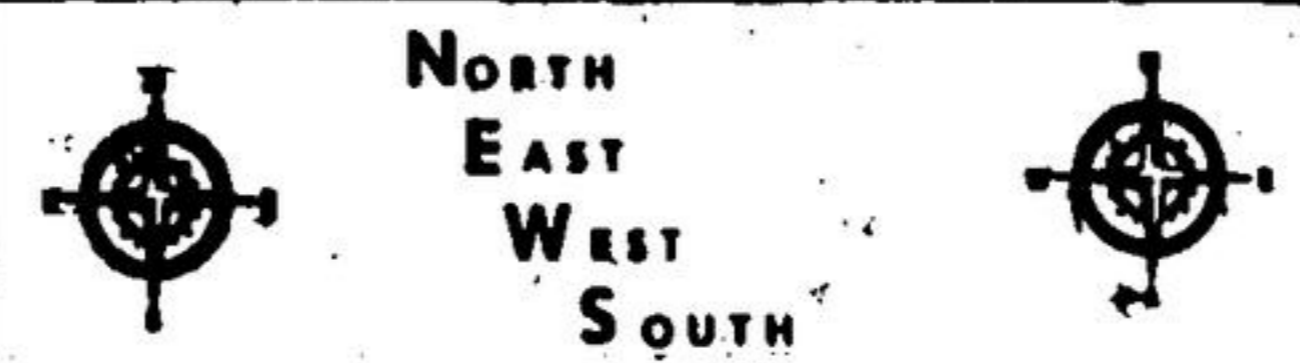
Perhaps we have said it before but it will bear repeating again that we appreciated the helpfulness and kindness shown us by Don Fairbairn and his staff and all those at CBT. It's an experience we will always cherish. We were glad to hear on Sunday that Don Fairbairn rarely records his broadcasts. That's fine for an experienced and seasoned radio broadcaster such as he is, but it was mighty comforting to two amateurs to know that if the recording wasn't successful the first time it could be done over again. Fortunately it didn't have to be done a second time.

We wouldn't for a moment have our readers think that all our letters were only congratulatory. Just to let you know how you are carefully watched and criticized, here is one that we think you will appreciate, as we did, and in a different key from most:

Toronto, January 26 1953
To the Editor of the Acton Free Press who broadcast last Sunday on Neighborly News: It was quite good for an amateur except when you spoke of lilacs, you said li-lacs which is atrocious. The correct pronunciation is Lileac, accent on Lile and bring in "ac" after rather quickly. So many people betray themselves when they say Li-lacs. Simple words are rather difficult sometimes, as an editor you should be an example!
Mrs

Who was it once said that a rose by any other name would still be as sweet, or something to that effect? When the lilacs bloom again throughout the countryside and the air is heavy with their fragrance they'll still be lilacs and beautiful to look upon and inhale. Pronounce it as you like but in our amateurish way we adore them and always have since in our boyhood days, we used to come home in the early summer mornings with an armful after we had taken the cows out to the pasture lot.

Rather interesting to note that in 1952 butter sales gained 9 per cent while margarine increased less than half a per cent. In total production butter led two and a half times.



Award to Canadian
Dr. Charles Best, co-discoverer of insulin and one of the world's great medical scientists, has been presented with the Alpha Omega Achievement Medal—the first time the award has been made to a Canadian. Dr. Best has a country home near Georgetown.
"Last year's winner of the award was Dr. Albert Einstein."
Dr. Best is the director of the Banting and Best department of medical research at the University of Toronto.

Halt on Ghost Town?
"Bronie could become a ghost town," says the Oakville Record-Star, "if all the residents who say they plan to flee from the village where taxes have been doubled, carry out their threats." A survey has evidently shown that quite a few are considering selling their homes and moving away. Some wish they lived in the township rather than the village.
The tax rate hiked from 38 to 79 mills.

Auction Sale of Antiques
Interested in auctions? Evidently a lot of people were down Oakville way, for in an auction sale there two weeks ago, \$22,000 changed hands! Offered for sale were 18th and 19th Century furniture and silverware that antique dealers prized highly.
Largest unit sale was a Sheraton three-part dining table for \$400. The sale was held in the arena parking field in Oakville—an inauspicious sounding location for genuine antiques!

Acton to Paris
Paris was the theme of decorations at the annual At Home of the engineering faculty of the University of Toronto held in the Royal York Hotel last week. Cleverly contrived models of the Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel tower and the Moulin Rouge were exhibited on widely in Toronto. Now come congratulations from farther away. In charge of the decorations was Andy Molozzi, an engineering student whose home is at RR 2, Acton. The family lived in town before moving to the country. The theme of the dance was "An Evening in Paris."

Duties on all fabrics entering the United States average about 30 per cent. For the United Kingdom the figure is 24 per cent. For Canada it is 17 per cent.

Reading Between The Lines

MILLS AND YOUR DOLLARS ARE TAX COLLECTING COMBINATION

Mills, budgets and estimates get the limelight in council reports across the country as the town fathers sit down to figure out just how many dollars and cents you will be asked to contribute to the town coffers this year.

Probably every town goes about the job of arriving at that figure in a different way but the local method is not too difficult to understand although it does involve a lot of late nights.
The town council is made up of five committees that take care of finance; streets lights and garbage; public buildings, park and arena; fire and police, and industrial.
Each committee at the outset reviews the expenditures of last year, and their plans for this year, estimating the amount they expect to spend on the items. The totals constitute the committee budget that goes to the finance committee.
Besides all the individual committee budgets there are requisitions from the Public and High School Boards, the firemen, the library and other small grants.
Estimates are set by elected representatives. The Public School Board requisitions council for a certain amount of money which they have estimated to require. Council can make no change in this requisition.
Usually at a special meeting the estimates are all brought together under the Finance committee and the entire council considers the advisability of plans outlined in the various reports. Changes are made and the total jumps around. The final total is the deciding factor in the dollars you pay.
Just how important is the budget? It's mighty important. When it has been set and the mill rate established there is no other way of raising municipal funds unless a supplementary tax is levied

which is seldom done, never in the history we can recall. Supplementary taxes are naturally unpopular.
What is a mill? The tax rate is established in mills one of which is one dollar on every \$100 of assessment. An assessment on your house of \$2,000 with a mill rate of 64 means you pay \$128 in taxes.

Where does the money go? Salaries, insurance, interest on loans, election expenses, legal and court costs, maintenance of public buildings, printing and postage, compensation, office expenses, grants, fire and police protection, road and truck maintenance, garbage collection, relief and indigent patient accounts, public and high school education, maintenance of the library, park, arena, band, planning board, plus the large amount that is paid off annually on debenture debts covering such items as the sewerage system, the public school addition, and waterworks.
Besides direct taxation, licenses and permits, grants and subsidies, and the debenture debt recoverable contribute to the town treasury.
The amount of money the town needs to operate is decided, the assessment of the town is known and from the two the mill rate is struck.
The next time citizens hear about taxes is when the bill arrives for the first instalment.
Predictions on this year's budget? It should be lower out of respect to the taxpayer who took a heavy year without excessive complaining. Estimates received thus far have gone up or remained the same. None yet have decreased but there are some items dealt with in last year's budget that will not continue in this year's.

AT THE Churches

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10:00 a.m.—Sunday School. "The Christ May Prevail"
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Subject: Our Work and Witness (Part 4)
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship Subject: Student Missionary Experiences.
Thought for the Week
"Like the old prophets, Jesus believed that God was the real creator of the kingdom; it was not to be set up by man-made evolution."
—W. Rauschenbusch
"Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord God."
—Bible

BAPTIST CHURCH
ACTON
Dwight L. Patterson, Pastor
Parsonage - 115 Bower Ave.
Phone 2007
Thursday, February 5, 8:30 p.m. Prayer meeting and Bible study
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 1953
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School and Adult Bible class. Bring children don't just send them
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service of Worship "Dry Bones"
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
8:15 p.m.—Young Peoples' Meeting.
Friday, February 13—Annual Business meeting

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH
(Anglican)
Rev. Ralph F. Price, B.A., B.D., Rector
SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY
February 8, 1953
8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Beggan's Class
7:00 p.m.—Evangelism and Sermon
All Welcome

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Back in 1903
From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, February 5, 1903

Mr. Richard Marshall of Limehouse had a very successful wood cutting bee last Thursday afternoon and their many friends which came in from far and near were entertained in the evening. They danced the light fantastic till early in the morning.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated yesterday afternoon in Waterloo, when Mr. Wesley Kee, one of our most popular businessmen, and Miss Edith Hoyce of the above town were united in the bonds of holy wedlock. Miss Weland of Galt was the bridesmaid and Mr. Neil McNabb of Acton attended the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Kee will in a few days take up residence in a cosy home on Bower Ave.

Will Delavoy's Comedians held forth in the town hall here last week to good-sized audiences. Robins were seen here last week. We've had considerable mild weather so far this fall.
The members of the Board of Health who handled the smallpox epidemic here last year, evidently feel that they have done their whole duty as citizens in that capacity. Councilor Hynds' term has expired and Messrs. W. R. Kenney and J. H. Matthews both tendered their resignations. The Board for the present year will be: Reeve Swackhamer, Clerk Moore, and Messrs. George Soper, James Matthews and W. D. Frick, with Dr. McDonald as Medical Health Officer.
Mr. A. T. Burns of Esquesing will sell his farm stock and implements at auction on Friday, 13th inst. He had purchased a farm near Emerson Man, and intends removing to the west in March.

BORN
MICHIE At the home, Arthur S. Acton, Ontario, on Friday January 27, 1953 Malcolm Michie.

The Canadian roster of civil servants federally employed stood at 131,646 in March 1952. Of these 32,689 worked in Ottawa.

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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 K.R. - rhenier only)
a—Daily except Sunday and holidays
b—Saturday, Sunday and holidays

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS
Standard Time
Eastbound
Daily 6:40 a.m. Daily except Sundays 9:54 a.m., 7:10 p.m.; Sunday only 8:16 p.m. Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown 9:02 a.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown, 10:11 p.m.
Westbound
Daily except Sunday and Monday 2:22 a.m. Sunday and Monday only, 12:38 a.m.; daily except Sunday 8:48 a.m.; 6:50 p.m. (flagstop); 7:44 p.m.; Daily except Saturday and Sunday 6:10 p.m.; Saturday only 2:38 p.m.; Sunday only 8:43 a.m. (flagstop); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph 7:05 p.m.

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