

EDITORIAL

Easter

As Easter comes again we find the world still busy beating its ploughshares into guns, tanks, airplanes and other weapons of war. Eight years after World War II the world's still restless; there is no peace, nor in the foreseeable future can we hope to find the peace which Christ hoped two thousand years ago would permeate the hearts of His people.

Jesus faced the Cross with a faith that made the symbol of defeat a symbol of triumph. This is the faith that challenged a civilization in disintegration to build up a newer and finer civilization, and to make that faith dominant. Emerging from the new day which dawned with the Resurrection of our Lord, men, through faith, became aware of forces working towards the creation of a better world, a deeper instinct to spiritual needs, and a newer conception of their relationship to God and to their fellow men.

This is the faith which challenges the world today: "The faith that we can do away with war and poverty and disease must take possession of us before we can move into a world set free from these ancient scourges," says an eminent divine. "Quite unlike our feverish fears and restless anxieties and short-sighted plans is the calm expectation, the confident hope, the courageous adventure, inspired by such a Christian faith."

The remedy is so simple—just intelligence and fidelity to the teachings of Jesus. Nothing stands in the way except the obstacles we have either put in the way or permitted to remain there. Few of us appreciate the possible splendor of the human life at its best, and few of us seem to believe that the best is within the reach of the ordinary.

At this Eastertide, let us rededicate ourselves to the cause of Christ; let us turn again towards the light that will lead the world from the dangerous path it is travelling; that a long and lasting peace may again return to the world.

If the true spark of religious and civil liberty be kindled, it will burn. Human agency cannot extinguish it. Like the earth's central fire, it may be smothered for a time, the ocean may overwhelm it, mountains may press it down; but its inherent and unconquerable force will leave both the ocean and the land, and at some time or other in some place or other, the volcano will break out and flame up to heaven.

In Close Co-operation

In reading the proceedings of Acton council's plan for annexation of properties and land we were pleased to note the co-operative spirit in which the matter was approached. That Acton's boundaries are badly defined has no argument and few citizens realize the exact location of town boundaries or where the town ends and the township begins. The need for straightening of these lines has been evident for many years. The first effort at any readjustment and correction was made over 35 years ago. A partial adjustment was made a few years ago.

We have watched the problem present itself down through the years at many council meetings. Most councils agreed the boundaries should be straightened but hesitated to tackle the job. The present council is therefore to be commended not only for making a start at the work but also for going about it in co-operation with many of the owners who will be affected by the change.

Reading between the lines of the Industrial Committee's report to council it is quite evident that many of the owners of properties have been consulted before the final steps have been taken. Much can be accomplished when such matters are quietly discussed in a co-operative spirit.

An equalized basis of county assessment has brought about a change too and with values the same in towns and adjoining townships differences in taxes are not at such variance. The steps have been taken and the matter will receive attention now of the Municipal Board for decision.

Canada's fast-expanding plastics industry could chalk up as much as 20% more business this year than last. Many large-scale expansion and new equipment programs are now completed.

A Nation Mourns

On Tuesday of this week the last final tributes were paid and Dowager Queen Mary was laid to rest at the age of 85 years. She was grandmother of the young queen whose coronation will take place in a few months. A great nation mourns her passing and cherishes the memory of a queen whose example to her people will always be an inspiration.

With a majestic manner and bearing, personifying the gracious surety and stability of the British monarchy of her era, she lived to see the close of five reigns. When Queen Victoria died in 1901 she was the Duchess of York. Nine years later, as the Princess of Wales, she attended the funeral of King Edward VII. Her husband, George V, was removed from the throne by death in 1936 and, less than a year later, her eldest son, Edward VIII, now Duke of Windsor, abdicated before a squall of constitutional controversy. Her second son, George VI, died February 6, 1952, and was succeeded by her granddaughter, Queen Elizabeth II.

A family mourns the passing of a beloved mother and grandmother and millions in Britain and the Commonwealth mourn the passing of a woman who was an example of integrity, steadfastness and kindly sympathy.

There is still time to convey your Easter greetings by sending your contribution to the Easter Seal Fund for Crippled Children.

Planners and Builders

In view of the fact that so much new housing is needed in Acton to meet present needs we read with much interest a special article this week in The Financial Post. The article dealt in particular with the prefabricated houses that are coming on the market. In another popular magazine we came across the story of assembly line houses that were being constructed by a firm in the United States.

It was all very interesting but not as informative as we would want if we were searching for living quarters. The items were like many other articles on the market today. They failed to give the whole story, particularly the whole cost. Most folks when they buy a commodity want to know the complete cost so that they may decide if it fits into their budget.

For instance, one firm has a lot of designs and shapes that run in price from \$3,161 to \$4,654. That looks real attractive to the couple seeking a home. But to these prices must be added the cost of the lot, the basement, plumbing, heating, masonry, plaster materials, wiring and storm windows and doors if desired. A short time ago we added these items on as estimated and the price was no longer attractive when the sum total of a home was estimated.

There seems to be no end of plans for building homes but in some place along the line they become very confusing to the prospective home owner. In the meantime the housing shortage becomes more acute and it appears that we need fewer planners and more builders to solve the present housing shortage.

A student of human nature says he notices the middle class consists of those who manage to live in public like the rich do, and by living in private like the poor do.

Always Ready

No matter what the disaster in times of war or in peacetime the Red Cross appears to be always ready to meet the emergency. That this great organization stands at the ready in all times to serve humanity is a real tribute to those who administer its affairs.

The Red Cross is making its annual appeal for funds now. In order that it may always be prepared it needs your continued support. We know there are many calls these days and they are worthy ones to help suffering humanity the world over. The Red Cross has been the one organization that meets every call. Keep it ready by being as generous as you can with your donation to its once a year appeal for funds.

We have no more right to consume happiness without producing it than to consume wealth without producing it. — G. B. Shaw



New Sport Twist

Last Saturday night in Georgetown, fans saw a new twist to an old Canadian sport. Lacrosse was played on ice. The new sport is evidently catching on in various centres. Says the Georgetown Herald, "It is rumoured that this might be the start of a summer green season in a town which at the turn of the century was known across Canada as a lacrosse town. Players on the team would be drawn mainly from last year's Acton entry which had a successful season."

To Sell Town Hall

Georgetown council is calling for tenders for the sale of the town hall there, and have purchased a lot on the highway for a new fire hall.

Different Next Time

If you should happen to park in the wrong place in Trafalgar township sometime, don't be surprised if you get a police letter from Chief Fred Oliver. The letter will say where and when the infraction occurred and note that the next time it will cost you money. The courtesy letter concludes, "Please Drive Safely."

Easter Luck

Did you know that new clothes at Easter were believed to bring luck for the whole year in ancient days? An old English verse says: "On Easter let you clothes be new. Or else be sure you will it rue."

Spring Fever!

This kind of trouble was reported from Oakville, in one of the town's two weekly papers, but likely the same thing happens around here: "How many people work in your factory?" "About two-thirds."

Spring In South

Sometimes there is a remarkable difference in the weather from the north of Halton and the south. Last Saturday night, for instance, there was rain falling throughout the county, and Milton streets were wet and muddy. Right at the mountain, however, snow began to appear suddenly along the sides of the road and there was quite a covering of snow in Acton.

Likely this difference in weather accounts for the fact that Oakville residents are a bit ahead of the more northerly towns this spring. A butterfly has already been reported to the paper, and there is an ad in one of the papers for strawberry plants.

Well, some crocuses are blooming here, anyway.

New Business

We knew the county was booming, but here's something to prove it. Since this time last year 119 new business addresses have been added in Oakville, Oakville R.R. 1 and R.R. 2. There are 11 new businesses on the rural routes.

Money Not Important

Did you want to go to Florida this winter—and didn't go? Have you thought you'd like to go to the

Coronation—but couldn't afford it

You'll be interested in a statement made last week in the Oakville-Trafalgar Journal by Myke Dyer, who is travelling through Europe and writes a column for the paper. "There's certainly no courage involved in travelling abroad," he says. "There's just a little common sense, a good eye and a map. Money helps, but it isn't that important." But he isn't travelling with deluxe tours by any means. He goes to suggest the best kinds of bikes, and maybe that isn't the way you wanted to go to Florida.

Trees for Coronation

A tree planting ceremony is included in Burlington's coronation plans. There will be a parade with floats the afternoon of the ceremony, a free coronation ball and fireworks display for the evening. The committee is also wondering about showing the televised ceremony publicly.

Hair Raising Item

George English, who writes the Milton high school news column for the Canadian Champion, had startling news last week. Some of the high school girls have evidently been dying their hair red. "The redheads around the school can no longer boast about their 'crowning glories.'" There are so many dyed-in-the-wool (pardon me, hair) girls now that it's hard to tell them apart," he says.

POET'S CORNER PLUCK

When things are running crosswise And the engine's out of gear, When the road is rough and rocky And the sky is far from clear, When you're plainly up against it, And you're surely out of luck, That's the time to use your courage, And to show your stock of pluck.

So, when everything's against you, And your plans are going wrong, Just face the situation, And keep going right along. Don't sit down and wail and whimper, Even though you may be stuck, You're not absolutely helpless, If you still possess your pluck. —Anon.

BIG MINE MARKET?

Are mines about ready to take over in the market where oils left off in 1952? That question is posed by a special writer in the Financial Post who answers it this way: "Sharply increased share turnover, impressive price markups, buoyant undertone — these have spelled a vastly improved mining market sentiment. A favorable climate has created for new issues on the way. There have undoubtedly been more spectacular market performances on the Toronto and Montreal boards. But coming on the heels of a fairly extended period of lethargy in mining issues, present activity could shape up as the forerunner of something important."



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Thursday, April 2, 8:00 — Prayer meeting and Bible study
SUNDAY, APRIL 5th, 1953
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Easter Service, "The Resurrection," at the close of which will be observed the ordinance of the Lord's Supper
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service, at which will be observed the ordinance of Believer's Baptism
Monday, April 6, 8:00 — Young Peoples' Drama, Festival plays presented by Acton and Hillburgh B.Y.P.U.
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EASTER DAY April 5th, 1953
8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.—Children's Service
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class
11:15 a.m.—Festival Choral Communion
7:00 p.m.—Festival Choral Evening and Sermon.
"The Lord is risen indeed. Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." St. Luke 24: 34; 1 Cor 15: 57
GOOD FRIDAY
10:00 a.m.—Matins, Ante-Communion and Address
"Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast." 1 Cor 5: 7
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EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 1953
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School For Christian Citizenship
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship The Good News of Easter
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship The choir will sing the Easter cantata, "The Thorn - Crowned King."
Thought for the Week
"In a sweet springtime, half the world away, Jesus Christ arose for us at the break of day. Now, again it's springtime—bending low, we pray Bless us, Lord of Easter, on Thy Easter Day!"
Easter Greetings To All!

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SUNDAY, APRIL 5th, 1953
Easter Sunday
10:00 a.m.—Sabbath School
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship
12:15 p.m.—Bible Class
7:00 p.m.—Cantata

Reading Between The Lines

MANY CHANGES WOULD GREET FORMER ACTONIAN IN BUSINESS

By Jim Dills

There certainly have been a lot of changes in the business section since it puts this column into its third week on the same subject to just mention them. Probably it will be possible to wind them up next week.

I left off just at the corner of Mill and Main last week and so on up Mill St. On the south side in the big corner block next to IGA we have the Beehive restaurant operated by F. Botell J. Massey operated a butcher shop there, Kendricks had a beauty salon, and Kingshott and Noble operated a restaurant all in fairly recent succession.

Next door where the new Roxy Theatre now stands was the scene of one of the town's worst fires. A restaurant, barber shop and I think a shoe repair shop were burned out in sub-zero weather one morning.

Across the street J. Leishman sold the pool room to H. Waterhouse in recent years. Dr. A. J. Buchanan still has his dental practice above Lovell Bros. meat market. I can't remember any changes in these two businesses.

The old Gregory Theatre next door was changed in very recent years and now houses Carroll's large store next door and apartments above.

From there to the corner you'll notice changes along the line. Toth's shoe repair is located in what used to be the Royal Cafe; Watson's Dairy Bar has taken over the Seymuck restaurant; Union's is still in the only location we can remember it in; Brada's shoe store now operates in the store that John Kenney operated for many years. Mac Pallant owned this property and it was operated by a Mr. McDon-

ald for several years. Elliot Rose operated the grocery business operated on the corner and I can't remember any change in this business location.

Picking up from the Roxy Theatre on the south side of the street W. H. Brown's real estate and insurance office is next where F. Toth used to have his shoe repair shop. The Royal Cafe is now where Edwards formerly had a grocery and bake shop.

A Brown is operating the fruit and grocery store in its present location; Jas. Gardiner follows Agar Coal, Hazard Radio, and a bargain store. In the small store next to Wilco Bus Depot H. and L. Wiles operated a restaurant, confectionary and bus depot for many years with the restaurant being discontinued in fairly recent years.

H. N. Farmer and the present lawyer C. F. Leatherland are the only occupants of the next store building that can be recalled. Talbot's hardware and large warehouse on the corner across from the post office moved there a number of years ago. I can't remember the Beardmore co-operative that I understand was operated here before this.

The post office is next as we continue up the street and H. Baxter purchased Hazard's Drug store and residence in very recent years. The Bank of Nova Scotia is one of the street's newer buildings where the town's first post office and later Evan's meat market was located.

G. Holloway now operates the Sandy McLean barber shop and that brings us up to the Y.M.C.A. where we'll try and finish from next week for those former and present Actonians that are interested.

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