

EDITORIAL

Keep the Lid On

Industrial expansion is all the rage in smaller and larger centres of Ontario as municipalities vie with one another for the establishment of an industry that is considered to be on the move. Probably this is the reason delegates from 125 Ontario municipalities demanded changes in provincial legislation to allow them to issue some kind of "lid."

The resolution was the result of an annual industrial conference recently held in Toronto. It dealt more specifically with the allowance of fixed assessments. It should be explained that at present no municipality in the province can offer industry an assessment that stands for a certain number of years without approval of the majority of taxpayers.

This piece of legislation, in our opinion, is a wise one. To eliminate or change it would leave municipalities at the mercy of industry which would be in the position to take what the highest bidder has to offer. And unless some very good strings were attached to that type of deal the industry could remain in the town until its fixed assessment ran out and then trot off for more attractive "bait."

Fixed assessments are not a new thing in the field of attracting industry. Many of the smaller centres offered this form of inducement years ago and the results were often quite satisfactory.

Today's industrial expansion is big business. Moves are made only after careful study and involved surveys. Good substantial industrial organizations are not looking for inducements, in our opinion. They're looking for proximity to market or raw material, available labor, housing and other advantages.

To take the lid off what municipalities can offer the industrial movers would be dangerous to the economic foundations of the town and contribute to hard feelings among the industry that settled in the community without any special inducement.

At present a fixed assessment can be offered an industry only after a vote of the people approves it. In this area the rush should not be so much to get industry but to get good industry, even if it takes a little longer.

Above all let's keep the lid on what we offer industry for the sake of the future.

Spring clean up time and a town can't help but look better if citizens consider their own lawn and immediate area their responsibility for careful attention.

Death on Parade

The unending stream of statistics that pour from the newspapers, radio and magazines have little effect on the people of today as a saturation point is reached in the mind of the public. It means little for police to report in the larger centres that so many hundred were killed in traffic accidents over such and such a period.

Unless a close relative or friend was involved in the mounting death toll from traffic accidents it means little to the ordinary person.

We read recently of how one city added impetus to statistics regarding the death and injury result of accidents. They organized a parade through the streets led by "death on horseback." This skull-headed figure, clad entirely in black, carried the traditional scythe. Following marched 217 men, each hooded in black, and each representing one of the victims of traffic accidents during the past year.

The figure 217 alone may not be impressive but certainly seeing these "proxy" victims in such a costume must have impressed the point very dramatically.

Following the hooded figures of death were 5,542 men, women and children representing the injured. These wore bandages on arms, legs, head and other parts of the body.

To drive home the importance of safer driving and walking this was indeed an effective presentation. To consider the matter in a more realistic light the dead and injured of this one city in that one year were enough to pop a balloon town perhaps twice as big as this one.

Freedom of religion freedom of the press and freedom of opinion under the provisions of the habeas corpus these are principles that have guided our steps through an age of regulation and retortation. Jefferson.

Common Denominator

The old adage that "far away fields look green" finds constant confirmation in the lives of everyone. Last week we attended the debate of two Junior Farmer teams, one from Halton county and the other from Hastings county.

We couldn't help thinking of the advantages young Ontario farmers are deriving from the Junior Farmer organization of the province. The group has something in common farming. Around this common denominator rural youth has banded together and stretched out from the nucleus to the broadening aspects of public speaking, debating, hockey, dances, drama festivals and other types of activity.

Our contention is that rural youth has a tremendous advantage over urban youth because of this provincial-wide organization. Activities can be organized as is the debating competition on a provincial basis. No urban organization that is strictly urban can parallel this rural group.

The urban youth has no common denominator around which to build a group. Merchants' sons would not be interested in judging industrial efficiency and vice versa. Indeed in most cases urban youth never comes in contact with the work of the farmers.

No doubt many rural youths wish they didn't come in contact with their father's occupation so much. Nevertheless it is this contact that has provided the basis for rural organization that will find no equal in urban municipalities for its breadth of activity.

Perhaps it's another expression of "far away fields" but we think it stacks up to a big advantage for the farm boys and girls.

Income tax time again and we can't help wondering why we should spend hours pouring over the deductions and additions when the form will be more carefully checked by civil servants who finally decide whether we win or lose.

A Strong Town

A town is only as strong as its individual citizens; only as modern and progressive as its citizens care to make it. It can only progress as its citizens allow it to.

How strong is any town? A strong town is made up of people who are civic-minded; people who get out and vote at election time; people who support town organizations and, if a worthwhile organization gets into difficulties, attempt to keep it going rather than let it fall by the wayside. Its people not only take an interest in the town, but are willing to go out of their way to further the town's interests. Its people are working people, business men, professional men, housewives. But regardless of what the individual is or what he does for a living, if he is a worthwhile citizen he will take an interest in the town and try to make it a better place in which to live.

The people and organizations in any town may be likened to the divisions of a yardstick. The individual members of the organization may be likened to the fractions of an inch, the individual organizations to the inches, and the town to the sum total of these inches. One person's work may not make or break the town, but when everyone does his share the result will show in attractive homes, better recreational facilities, up-to-date town utilities and a competent town council.

In our town may be found some examples of such work—the desire for better educational facilities and the support to charitable and social welfare drives. Those are things which show a town's aggressiveness, its desire for better things.

But there are other people in the town, besides those who are active in these things, who are not doing their share here but who don't wish to return anything to the town. These are merely residents, the others are citizens. Perhaps they serve a useful purpose as critics of the work done by citizens, but they themselves do little.

We have a large number of citizens, starting from the things they have accomplished it was a better town, a better place in which to live. Every town has its residents. Let's be thankful for the large number of citizens who are citizens.

Reading Between The Lines

MANY CHANGES WOULD GREET FORMER ACTONIAN IN BUSINESS

by Jim Dilla

As this topic goes into its fourth week I feel perhaps a good many would be bored with the subject but the comments received so far have indicated otherwise. One reader asked why I didn't go back further into history but here I can only report the changes made within my short recollection of a little over 10 years.

Having left off at the YMCA on Mill St., I think the opening day of the Murray Memorial can just barely be recalled probably because of the band.

Next door J. McMullen is operating Modern Plumbing and Heating. J. K. Gardiner recently moved from this location where he shared the store several years ago with Mr. Woodhall in the flower business.

It Mainprize's barber shop is next and he followed J. Reid who used the building as a store for his electrical goods. The barber shop was formerly in the location of Ruchlin's Jewellery Store.

Hopping back over to the Bank of Montreal on the north side of the street we notice Manning Electric next door in the store

that was formerly occupied by M. Pallant. Earl Cooper continued his drug business here too while his new store was under construction.

The store where Max Pallant is located now was once the domicile of Jones' Red and White Store, more commonly called "Pa Jones." You could buy more jelly beans and chocolate coated peanuts for one cent from Pa Jones than you would get for the day. Cooper's Drug Store followed A. T. Brown's in the next location and during the change the old building that housed the first telephone exchange they left in was torn down and a large modern building erected.

Ruchlin's Jewellery store was preceded in its present place by Manning Electric, a residence, and I believe, a fish and chip store. Tom Watson operated the bake shop in the next building next door and sold to F. Wilds who operated it until very recently selling to the present Ovetette Bakery.

Ruchlin's Men's and Ladies' (Continued on Page Six)



Haltion Well Off

If the number of rooms in Halton's houses is any indication of its wealth, the county is pretty well off, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics 1951 census. The average Halton County dwelling has 5.9 rooms, which is 2 above the provincial figure and 6 over the national mark.

Of Halton's 12,215 homes, 2,835 are rented by their tenants and 9,380 are owned. The average rented home contains 4.8 rooms while those people who own their own enjoy an average of 6.2 rooms. There isn't a single one-room lodging in the county and 535 houses boast over 10 rooms, all of them owned by their tenants.

Commencement at Georgetown Two playlets, a square dancing demonstration and a cadet display added variety to Georgetown high school's commencement program held the week before last in the auditorium of the new public school. The cadets did a precision rifle drill to whistle commands. The mayor, Jack Armstrong, presented inter-school sport championships trophies.

The Georgetown paper says that local high school students can testify "Georgetown had one of the top years, winning a four-school track and field meet and three school rugby victories."

Attention, Single Gals! Single gals all over the county are looking askance at Oakville, which has petitioned the provincial government for permission to charge single women as well as men with poll tax. Oakville's town fathers voted to double bachelor's tax from \$5 to \$10. The tax, which many municipalities have discarded altogether, applies only to single men who pay no other local taxes. This throws a slightly different light on the matter of complete equality for men and women.

Big Beastie A Scot visiting Canada asked, "And what might that enormous beastie be?"

His host said, "That's a moose." Replied the Scot, "A moose, ye say. Mon! 'd hate to be seen' one o' your rats."

New kitchen range has electronic control for the top-of-the-stove burners. A dial can be set for Warm, Broil or Fry, Low, Medium and High. Current automatically turns on or off to keep heat constant, reports The Financial Post.

AT THE Churches

BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON
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First Sunday April 9, 8 p.m. Prayer meeting and Bible study
SUNDAY APRIL 12th 1953
10:00 am. Sunday School
11:00 am. Morning Service
12:00 pm. Communion
3:00 pm. Evening Service
8:00 pm. Young Peoples

ST ALBAN'S CHURCH (Anglican)
Rev. Ralph E. Price, B.A., B.D., Rector

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
April 12th, 1953
9:00 am - Holy Communion
10:00 am - Church School
11:00 am - Beginners Class
7:00 pm - Evening and Service

"The Lord is risen indeed. Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ."
Luke 24:34, 1 Cor. 15:57
ALL WELCOME

Twenty-five years ago Canada ate an average of 20 1/2 pounds of canned fruits and vegetables per person per year, to-day they eat almost 43 pounds

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A FRIENDLY CHURCH
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First Sunday April 12th 1953
10:00 am. Sunday School
11:00 am. Morning Service
12:00 pm. Communion
3:00 pm. Evening Service
8:00 pm. Young Peoples

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOWN CHURCH ACTON
Rev. Robert H. Armstrong, M.A., B.D., Minister

First Sunday April 12th 1953
10:00 am. Church School
11:00 am. The Lords Supper
12:00 pm. Bible Class
7:00 pm. Evening Worship

A Warm Welcome Awaits You! They that sow shall reap. Their seed shall increase their strength.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Back in 1903

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 9, 1903

Hot X buses will be in evidence to-morrow morning.

At the initial meeting of Acton Women's Institute, Mrs. H. P. Moore gave a paper on the culture of sweet peas and Mrs. F. M. Secord a paper on the culture of tulips for interior decoration. The Institute already numbers 38 members.

Friday's big snow storm stopped the seedling operations for a few days.

Mr. Robert Bennett last week purchased from Mr. J. A. Murray the waterworks on Mill Street formerly occupied by Johnstone & Co. undertakers. Mr. Bennett is putting in a stock of farm machinery and repairs for all kinds of carriages, implements, wagons, etc.

Assessor Graham has almost completed his assessment and supplies the following items in advance of the general report: The population is 50 to 60 in advance of last year, there are 32 widows and 25 widowers on the roll, the number of dogs registered is the largest in the history of Acton and is between 80 and 90.

Messrs. Johnstone & Co. have purchased from H. P. Moore, the administrator of the estate of the late J. A. Speight the undertaking and furniture business. The business was established in Acton early days. Since coming to Acton, three years ago, Johnstone and Co. have by their perseverance built up a large and profitable trade. They have from time to time added new departments until at present they have the largest business in their line ever conducted in Acton.

Back in 1933

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 9, 1933

April has lived up to standard in the matter of spring showers.

The back occasions are scarce by possible three days with the deep mud.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at High Park Baptist Church Toronto when Violet Ormatta, only daughter of Mrs. G. M. Martin, formerly of Acton, became the bride of H. Grenville Acton, the youngest son of Mrs. Isabelle Aislett.

On Friday evening the Banquet Club members held their regular meeting at the school with a good program of musical numbers and readings.

The marriage took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Greenleaf, Maple Avenue, Farm Hillside of their youngest daughter Myrtle Georgia Sybil to Jan Robert Shields son of Mr. and Mrs. William Shields of Milton.

The weekly meeting of the Knox Guild on Monday evening was a presentation of station KYPB Acton. The program was sponsored by Kenney Bros. The correct time and weather report was given through the courtesy of H. W. Hinton.

BORN
RYDER At St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, on Saturday, April 1st, 1933 by Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Ryder.

DIED
WALTERS In Brampton, on Monday, April 3rd 1933 John Walters formerly of Acton, in his 95th year.

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