

EDITORIAL

Being in Step

On Sunday morning very early we are scheduled to go on Daylight Saving Time. There may be a lot of confusion for a few days but the easiest way to meet the change is to have uniformity. It's regrettable that the railway schedules cannot be changed and then all confusion so far as we are concerned would be eliminated. Not being familiar with railway matters we have no idea of what a change to daylight saving time would involve, or how many would be inconvenienced by such a move.

There was a time not so many years ago when daylight saving time was a big issue among communities and even in the communities themselves every spring. Two wars and a few power shortages and, most important of all, a realization by all that uniformity in time was desirable for everyone, have all played a part in making the transition periods less painful and quite uniform.

We won't argue whether daylight saving is good or bad. Like most others, we find a bit of difficulty in making adjustments from one time to another. But we do know that uniformity is desirable and best for all. So on Saturday night forget about standard time until next September and put your clocks ahead an hour.

Once in 100 Years

Halton County will this year mark its centennial. According to reports of county council that is all that will be done—just mark the 100th anniversary. It is claimed it should have been done last year. We concur in part. The arrangements for the centennial of Halton should have been started last year or a year ahead of when any celebration was going to be held.

Yes, Halton is getting old—a hundred years old this year. But we had no idea that the folks that make up the population of the county were so old that such an important event would go without some recognition. Surely out of the 40,000 people who live in the towns and townships of this county there are enough who could organize a fitting event to mark the centennial. There were enough in Nassagaweya Township a few years ago to carry to a very successful conclusion an event marking 100 years of that township's organization. And Nassagaweya is the smallest township in the county, too, in point of population.

It's been done in other counties with some success. Brampton and Barrie are towns which this year will hold centennials. Haldimand county had a very successful centennial a few years ago. It's a known fact that such events are not money makers and quite often require municipal assistance to put on a successful show. But is a lot of carnival and ballyhoo necessary to make a reunion of Haltonians on the centennial of the county a success?

Surely there is still some way in which Halton County can mark its centennial this year. Surely we have not dimmed the initiative and spirit of all of the 40,000 folks of the county. Centennials only come every 100 years and it seems too bad to pass up the first one.

Axle Deep

Parking meters in 2,800 American cities hauled in a total of \$76 millions last year. We don't know what the Canadian revenue is from these hitching posts but it must be considerable. Of course, they are never popular and we doubt if parking meters do much toward solving the parking problem. We sincerely hope they never come to our town because of the bad public relations they make with those who use them. This is especially true where the machines do not operate properly—and we find many of them are in bad mechanical condition after a short period of use.

Parking meters are just license permits to use the streets which have already been paid for from public funds. What we would like to know is what part of the millions collected from the meters is used to solve the parking problem. Last year the city of Edmonton collected \$123,000 from meters and put nearly \$100,000 into trying to solve parking problems. We wonder if any of the other towns and cities where meters are used devote any of the revenue towards solution of parking problems. Perhaps Edmonton would be

willing to give some ideas but most of the parking meters in use today are merely another levy on the motorist and a means of municipal revenue.

License fees, drivers' fees, insurance, gasoline tax of nearly a third the total cost of the fuel are piled high until the motorist can scarcely discern through the windshield a parking meter from a fire plug. It's time some of the revenue be devoted to solving some of the motorist's problems. The springs and shocks won't stand the load much longer.

A Balancing Act

Where the basis of assessments are revised, as they have been throughout Halton, it should be taken into consideration when the mill rate is established. Too often this point is forgotten and the setting of the rate is on the basis of the mills set for the previous year. There is only one thing that the average taxpayer needs to take into consideration. That is the amount of money he must pay in taxes each year and the services he has asked for and received for his contribution.

With all the changes that have been made over the past few years in assessments the average citizen may well be confused. We believe that even those who serve in municipal office may be excused too if they fail to keep up with all the changes of assessment figures that have been put forth in Halton County the past few years. They are becoming as ununderstandable as the tariff issues which the politicians used to put forth many years ago and expound at some length and an ever decreasing clarity.

Lots of us can remember municipal tax rates of 20 mills and assessments on properties about a quarter of what the same buildings are today. Many of us can also remember the meagre services that this levy provided compared with today. We did a lot of things for ourselves under the 20 mill rates that we now have provided by the municipality.

But the point that is all important in all taxation and particularly in municipal levies is the amount of money you pay for the service you get. Mills and assessments, however, need to have careful oversight by councils. When assessments are raised there should be a subsequent reduction in the mills required if the taxpayer's pocket is to be kept in balance.

Willing Workers -- in Service

Service clubs play an important part in any community which is sometimes overlooked. There are always so many things that do not come within the scope of other organizations and it seems that the service clubs are always willing to step in and give attention to these things. The fellows who are in them seem to get a lot of kick out of doing the service work, too.

That came to our attention when we met with Acton Y's Men's club and the visitors from other clubs in Acton this week. You'll find fellows in Rotary who are busy sometimes out selling peanuts in their spare time when all week they have much larger business transactions and responsibilities. It just seems that when the call comes for community assistance the service clubs can never turn a deaf ear to the appeal.

There are plenty of other citizens outside of service clubs who carry a big load of community service but service clubs with their regular meetings and continuous memberships seem always ready to step in and help in any emergency and initiate projects of their own.

More and more each day communities throughout the world are forming new clubs and most every town of any size has at least one of them with an active membership. Such a tremendous growth of these organizations could be a great factor in continuing peace of the world ultimately. Through the club's activities men learn more about their international neighbors and with knowledge comes understanding. Eventually, unless the present rate of growth declines sharply, these club members will break down existing barriers to promote greater goodwill and good fellowship than has ever before in the history of the world been possible. Support your local service clubs in all their activities and our town will benefit.

Glass Negatives from Turn of Century Provide New Feature

by Jim Dilla

Using the space of one feature to introduce another feature is not always the best idea, but there are some interesting things about "Talks on Tintypes" that I thought might interest you.

"Talks on Tintypes" is to be the name of a new feature in the Free Press that will start soon. It is the presentation of early scenes of Acton taken at the turn of the century by A. T. Brown and recorded for our information and enlightenment on glass negatives.

The pictures record significant events such as the town's only strike, watering the roads to prevent dust, an early lacrosse team, a view of the town, the first station and many, many more pictures of local historical importance.

The notes on the pictures will be written by G. A. Dilla and should provide some very interesting reading for anyone interested in Acton.

In the A. T. Brown collection of negatives are many nature scenes that were painstakingly planned. Close-ups of bird nests and birds themselves were taken only after long waits in guarded silence for the birds to return.

Many of the early historical pictures were displayed at the Fall Fair last year and received a great deal of attention. Realizing the importance of the pictures and the interest people showed in them, some technical problems

GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Back in 1903

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 22, 1903

The useful and honorable life of the lieutenant governor Sir Oliver Mowat ended Sunday. The demise of his Honor is mourned throughout Ontario. He was one of the Fathers of Confederation, and one of our great Canadians. Mr. W. Mortimer Clark, K.C. of Toronto, has been appointed lieutenant governor.

Mr. Fielding presented his seventh budget in Ottawa last week in the space of two hours and a half he announced a record breaking surplus of \$13,500,000, a reduction of the public debt of \$5,000,000, a chance to Canadian investors to acquire \$8,000,000 worth of ten-year Government bonds bearing 3 1/4 per cent interest, an increase in the Dominion bank note issue of \$10,000,000 and the creation of a ten per cent reserve fund against the \$6,000,000 Post Office savings bonds. He also intimated that the British preference might be withdrawn if Great Britain refused to reciprocate in the matter of Canadian breadstuffs. He said finally that the Canadian government would not take part in any Joint High Commission with the United States unless the Washington authorities promised that it would have results.

Mr. Abram Stauffer is beautifully enjoying his comfortable residence at the corner of Church and Elgin Streets, with a neatly graded and sodded terrace.

Back in 1933

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 20, 1933

The Easter weather, while threatening, proved fine spring days. Look as if Halton County towns are all going to be represented in baseball this year.

Many a chap is getting his fishing equipment put into shape and putting it where it will be handy. Members of Meadowview Baptist Young People's Union, Guelph, visited the Acton Baptist Young People's on Tuesday evening. Mr. A. Kannawin has started the operation of a small plant for the manufacturing of boxes and crates for florists and fruit growers at the rear of Fisher's Chopping Mill.

The annual meeting of the Lawn Bowling and Tennis Club was held on Tuesday evening. Although there was a large deficit last year the vote was unanimous in favor of operating again this year. The General Committee is President, J. M. McDonald; First Vice President, Dr. P. W. Pearen; Second Vice, W. J. Gould; Secretary, F. J. Salt. Five hundred and two persons died, 8,231 were injured and property damage amounting to \$994,000 rolled up, as a result of the 9,171 serious motor car accidents in 1933 in the Province of Ontario.

DIED

SCOTT At the home, 52 Agnes Street, Kitchener, Ontario, on Sunday, April 16, 1933, Christina Cooper, beloved wife of Robert Scott.



Talking Turkey Point

Bob Redfern, the secretary of Acton Y.M.C.A., is to be the athletic director of a summer camp at Fisher's Glen, near Turkey Point, in July. The camp is sponsored by the Guelph Y's men, and about 100 Guelph lads will attend. About 25 boys from Acton will likely camp there, too. The camp director is Ernie Berner of Guelph Y.

Plan 27 Cottages

Land has been purchased in Milton by two men who plan to build 27 brick cottages there. They appeared at the last meeting of council to ask about watermains and sewers. The matter will be taken up with the Municipal Board. Park-playground work got under way in Milton last week when a grader levelled the land on Martin's flats for the baseball diamond.

Don't Start Packing

Since Oakville council wondered if it could tax its single girls as well as single men, there has been mention of the suggestion in many newspapers as well as this one. Just the same, Oakville's mayor was surprised to receive a letter from Indianapolis, including a newspaper clipping of the item from an Indianapolis paper. "I am still an old bachelor," the writer said, "and so far they have not started taxing bachelors in this community, so I want to suggest through you that all these girls and women older, too, beat it for Indianapolis."

Remind local girls the deadline won't be passed this year at least. Don't start packing yet.

Oakville Rate 4 1/2 Oakville's mill rate is up six points this year—up to 4 1/2. The Halton town's ratepayers are being asked for \$2485,320 to conduct the town's business, up \$103,283 from last year. Mayor James Black says rising school costs are the reason for the mill rate jump.

Transportation

One of Canada's largest transportation companies engaged in moving motor cars, Gilson Automobile Transport Limited, has purchased a site just west of the Ford property in Trafalgar.

No Halton Volkswagens

Volkswagen Farben, German automobile company, has failed to take up its option on some forty acres at the southeast corner of the Fourth Line and the Queen Elizabeth Way. Reason ascribed for failure to go through with the deal is that approval from the German head office couldn't be obtained in time.

An informed source says that the option has been taken up by Louis Mayzel who has very large holdings along both sides of the Queen Elizabeth Way.

Differences of Opinion

The Oakville Record-Star carried this joke: "Don't you and your wife ever have a difference of opinion?" "Sure, but I don't get to tell her about it."

In the Swim of Things

A committee in Georgetown is investigating the possibility of a swimming pool in the town. An unofficial report stated that the Lions club might donate a lot of its own beside the pool office. In Acton, excavation for the junior pool is done and steel is on hand.

GENEROSITY?

The hunter came panting up to one of the party. "Just met a great big bear in the woods," he said breathlessly. "The hunter wiped his perspiring brow. "Both barrels!" he returned. "I gave him the whole gun." "Good," said the other. "Did you give him both barrels?"

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11:00 a.m.—Matsins and Sermon
7:00 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon
All Welcome

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