

EDITORIAL

No. 2,794,525

Last week when we saw the production lines at the new Ford plant in Trafalgar Township we couldn't help recalling the first visit we made to a motor car plant. It was back in the days before steel bodies, and car manufacturing was a wood working plant as well as a steel fabricating industry. On the upper floors the bodies were built and when finished went through an opening in the floor on to the chassis. The plant was making Durant cars—a quite popular line with tops that were raised only in case of rain.

Couldn't help the recollection especially when No. 21 of the Ford make came in to the plant to meet No. 2,794,525 that came off the assembly line last week in the new Ford plant. Perhaps it might be well to record that No. 2,794,525 was the first motor car ever produced in Halton County because entry of the motor car industry into this part of Ontario is going to make many changes in those fine farm and market garden lands that border the shores of Lake Ontario and the changes aren't going to be confined to the lake front alone.

For years, Halton has had the busy highways which link Hamilton and Toronto and it was inevitable that expansion would require the building of this section. For years the lake front has been noted for its fine homes and estates. It was a place where the well-to-do found an easy escape from the cities. Now it would seem that it is to be encompassed into the city bustle. In 1904, Ford manufactured 117 vehicles. The new plant will turn out about one a minute.

Add to this the products of other automobile manufacturers and the highway system appears to have lagged behind the production and use of the motor car.

Production Traffic

The new Trafalgar plant in many ways resembles our highways. The assembly lines follow a prescribed route. Aisles are really broad single line roadways down which truck loads of materials can be hauled and placed as required along the supply line of parts.

At various points we noted the assembly lines went down below the aisles or above, just as our clover leaf arrangement works on our highways. There will be no stops in the production lines when the plant goes into full operation. The only obstructions in this whole expanse of 32 acres are the painting and drying compartments which are of necessity enclosed. One could stop at most places along the route and see the cars in various stages on the huge assembly lines.

The Ford plant parallels the Queen Elizabeth highway. Entrance is at the ninth line corner. At the present there is no traffic signal at this corner. By mid-summer or early fall there will be a traffic signal or a lot of accidents. It's quite possible that by the time production is in full swing a clover-leaf construction will be required to handle the traffic to and from a plant that will employ four thousand workmen.

These highway travellers may reside in nearby Oakville or in places 50 miles away. Distance seems no handicap in getting on the job. But it does make our highways more congested and motor cars a necessity of most every workman.

Right Next Door

We met and chatted with many of our acquaintances from Trafalgar, Oakville and other parts of Halton County. This marking of production in the new Trafalgar plant brought together a big group of newspaper folk and the weekly press was well represented from many parts of the province.

No one can foresee the changes and conditions that will have to be faced by the inclusion of big production in one enormous plant in a section which up to a few years ago was not highly industrialized. It's getting careful consideration by municipal officials in the district of Oakville and Trafalgar, but to most of them it's so new that many of the problems will have to be faced as they materialize.

Just a year and five months before the first car came off the assembly line, the ninth line corner of Trafalgar below the Queen Elizabeth highway was just a big farm land property. Be-

side the big sprawling plant there are now four miles of road, nine miles of railway line and acres of parking area on the Trafalgar site.

We've toured many of the big automobile production plants in the province. But they seemed far away in Windsor, Oshawa or other cities. This new modern plant that is just next door is something that is going to make changes in our immediate locality.

Orangeville's tax rate is 64 mills, an increase of 8 mills this year. The trend generally is for high mill rates and the municipalities which have been able to hold the same rates or make reductions are indeed in the minority.

Home Manners

There's nothing wrong with the idea of television. But people should learn where the switch is, thinks The Financial Post.

After all, the congenial host doesn't expect to whistle, sing, play solitaire, listen to his radio, spend the evening talking on the telephone or reading the newspaper and still think he's entertaining his guests.

Yet the same person will pull the drapes, douse the lights, turn on the television set, demand silence—utter and complete (except during commercials) for the next two hours—and think he's entertaining you.

We wish our hosts would realize that no mechanical device can relieve them of their social obligations in entertainment.

Robert C. Edwards: "City people envy the farmer—but not to such an extent that they take advantage of the continuous opportunity to be one."

Show-off Instincts?

We know there are busy times in Oakville but it seems difficult for us to understand the editor of the Journal of that town writing an editorial in which he denounced the executive of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association and particularly the chairman of the parliamentary committee. In the same article he admits he has not seen the actual wording of the presentation and that his knowledge of the presentation is gained from the daily press reports.

It is even more difficult to understand his reliance for knowledge on the daily press reports when he could have picked up the complete presentation from his mail and read it word for word. The Brief was sent to every member of the Association concerning CBC and public ownership. We wrote about it in last week's issue and gave our editorial opinion.

As we said before, these are busy days in Oakville. We know the presentation required more than five minutes to read and understand, but editors do have responsibilities when opinions are expressed. Those who have had experience usually give consideration to the subject under discussion and abstain from using extravagant adjectives in an attempt to describe persons with whom they disagree.

It is to be regretted that haste and ignorance of a subject should be given prominence by an editor especially when he has had an opportunity to have first hand knowledge. An apology is due from the Journal editor but we doubt if it will be forthcoming. Everyone has a right to disagreement but in expression of difference of opinion it is not necessary to besmear your opponent.

Old Fashioned Flour

In an effort to put back into wheat flour what the modern milling processes have been taking out, the government sponsored programme of adding vitamins to all flour used in bread making was commenced a few months ago in Canada. Now, it appears the resultant bread has an undesirable effect on a small percentage of people. These people are allergic to some of the "B" vitamins, it is thought. Just how many more persons will be affected with this allergy is hard to discern at this early date, but it might well be found that this so-called super-bread is not so beneficial as the scientific people hoped it would be.

Good old wholesome stone ground flour with most of the ingredients of the wheat kernel in it, may be a mighty hard kind of food to beat, after all.—Bowmanville Statesman.

Reading Between The Lines

T.V. ANTENNAE PROB ACTON SKY INFLUENCE CAN'T BE IGNORED

By Hartley Coles

Where a year ago a lone T.V. aerial stood in stark relief against the blue Canadian sky, the same area today is probably bristling with antennae. The opening of CBLT, Toronto's television outlet, has pulled back the curtain on a new influence in our lives. It's an influence that can't be ignored because it is affecting more people in Acton daily.

What about the T.V. craze that's sweeping our town? Is it detrimental or advantageous to the family? The time is coming when, like radio, no home will be complete without a set. Is that good or bad? Parents in Acton might well ask that question.

Speaking from observation, we are inclined neither to dismiss its detractors or back its supporters.

T.V. does something that has been lacking in the average Canadian home in the last few decades. It brings the family together in their own living room! However, the circumstances aren't favorable for reading, understanding or family amenity. Conversation is discouraged in the darkened room except perhaps when a commercial interrupts a program or the set needs adjusting.

Educators have their qualms about the good influence of T.V. One Toronto survey revealed that children were spending more hours in a week watching their

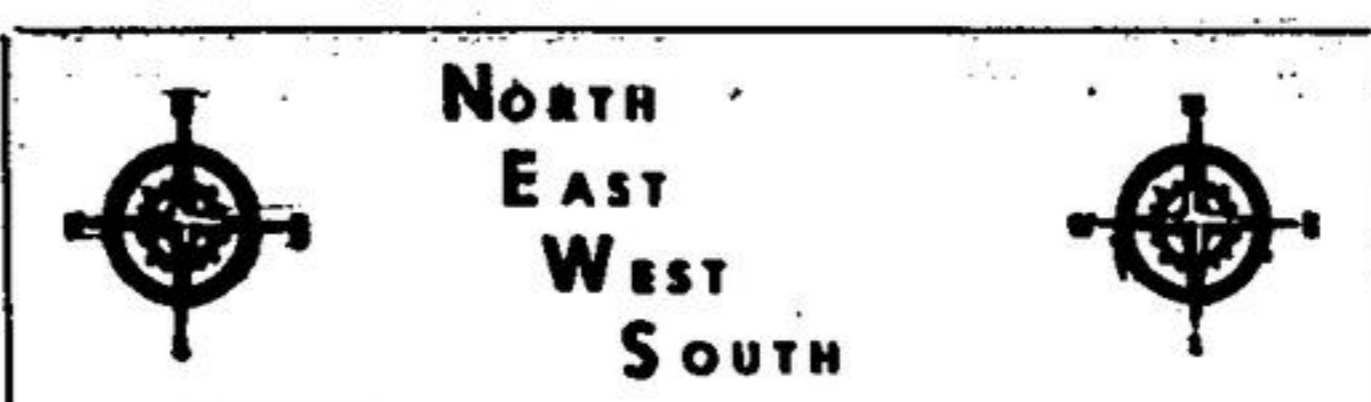
favourite programs than they spent at school. As an educational medium television has no peer. But again, too often the catalogue of programs for a station includes few educational features. People in this part of Ontario are fortunate. They have at least two stations within reach of their set and in some instances, three or four, from which to pick out interesting and educational features.

A few people might say that's all well and good, but they want to be entertained, not educated. We don't share the views of some who criticize the American stations for their over-indulgence in soap operas and slap stick comedy and want "culture" only on their screens. However, again, if one kept a day long vigil in front of his set there is a real danger of losing one's mental faculties over the sordidness and lack of taste displayed in some programs.

Our view is that some programs, and a minority, originating even from Toronto the Good are not fit for adults, let alone children. There is a real danger here to children in their formative years.

The Canadian station warns you when adult fare is coming up, but we can't say the same for the American channels, and according to a recent survey, more Canadians are watching Buffalo than Toronto.

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Comments Halton Vets

Halton County Veteran Lands Act representative, Jack Crank of Bronte, says war veterans have done excellent work building their own homes. Any county veterans who are up on their carpentering and down on their cash—anywhere in quality—can borrow money providing they act as their own contractors.

Mr. Crank says that vets have proven so successful at building that the government has changed its mind and now agrees to such a plan. V.L.A. does an inspection job—and makes sure the former fighters know what they're doing!

More Safety Tape
Oakville Lions and Optimists will join forces in a campaign to put safety tape on bicycles in Bronte, Oakville and Trafalgar this summer. Acton's Rotary club has already completed the project in Acton.

Revolver Account
When the Halton County Police Association met last week in Milton they decided to organize a revolver club. Constable Al Terrell is to seek an indoor range where the guardians of the law may practice. Membership may not be limited to aforementioned guardians—civilians in plain clothes may be eligible, too.

Beany Teams
Before the opening game of the baseball season between Campbellville and Oakville, Oakville coach Norm Carter reported confidently in his home town that he wouldn't make any predictions, but his team was "young and beany." The first game was Saturday in Campbellville. Results are not yet available when this column is written, but we bet Campbellville is beany, too—if that's good.

Ye Towne of Elora
There was a big day in Elora in 1878, and an old four-page folder was printed to announce the

festivities. The rare old document reads in part:

"Ye committeemen of Ye publick library in ye towne of Elora having bethought yerselves to divert and edify ye good people of sd towne and vicinage with a concerte of voices, fiddles, and ye lyke, in pieces such as were sung and played in all places of genteel resort and in all ye lodges and societies of ye choice spirits in ye olden time, have got ye helpe of a moste proper bande of ye best performers bothe vocale and instrumentale, arraigned in ye garments of ye last centurie, who will synge and plaie in ye meeting house in Elora in ye building which has been built for ye militiamen, and divers others, to put through their facings in, on Wednesday ye 13th daye of ye monthe of November in ye year of our Lord MDCCC LXXXVIII.

"All ye money wha shall be paide in for ye hearing of this synge and playinge shall goe for ye buying of more bookes for ye Publicke Library in ye towne of Elora."

The printer made sure his credit wasn't missed. On the bottom of the back page he announced, "Imprinted by Nabor John Martin shaw, at his printing Shoppe, where he doeth very cheape printing, at ye sign of ye Lightning Express, about a stone-throw from ye Post Office where ye goe for letters."

Gardeners' Note
At Freelon, a series of demonstration lectures on gardening have just concluded. We note that the lecturers were Mr and Mrs Leslie Laking of the Royal Botanical Gardens at Hamilton. Mr and Mrs. Laking also instructed classes in home gardening at the Halton night school in Milton. The horticultural society at Freelon is planning outings during the summer months, too.

AT THE Churches

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7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Sermonette: Encourage One Another.

8.30 p.m.—Inter-congregational Fireside in the Baptist church. Moving pictures. Good fellowship.

Thought for the Week

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer." Psalm 19: 14

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May 24th, 1953

9.00 a.m.—Holy Communion.

10.00 a.m.—Church School.

11.00 a.m.—Beginners' Class.

11.00 a.m.—Matsins. Sacrament of Baptism.

7.00 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon

A Welcome to All

SOARING PAYROLLS

Industrial payrolls are running 10% above a year ago, reports the Financial Post, while payrolls in manufacturing alone are up 13%.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Back in 1903

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 21st, 1903

The question of sewers and drainage which has been a vexed one for years is again a live issue with the council. The question has always been a troublesome one and will ever be if continued on the basis of past operations.

The 13th annual convention of Esqueping Township Sunday School Association held at Ballinafad last Friday was a crowning success in all respects. The attendance of workers from throughout the township was large and representative.

The Speyside Sunday School was reopened on May 10 with Gilbert McKechnie and T. A. Arthurs, associate superintendents.

Monday, 25th May is gazetted a public holiday. Acton Fire Brigade has arranged for an excursion to Niagara Falls on the 12th of June. The fare will be \$1.25.

A number of the men who went to Stratford to take work in the railway shops are already back again and at work in the tanneries. The annual meeting of the Halton Women's Institute will be held in Milton on the 3rd of June. Any ladies of Acton who desire to attend will please leave their names with Mrs. A. T. Brown.

The executive of Acton Lord's Day Alliance met in the Disciples Church on Monday evening to receive the annual report of the Secretary-treasurer and to elect new officers for the current year. The following officers were elected for the coming year: John Cameron, president; the ministers of the town, vice-presidents; John M. Warren, secretary-treasurer.

Back in 1933

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 18, 1933

Baseball and the race for county honors will now be occupying the attention of the sports fans. That the work of Acton Welfare Board was able to cease at this date bespeaks an improvement in local conditions over last year.

The phenomenon of large circles about the sun on Monday morning was viewed by many and the most distinct that have been seen in many years.

The lawn bowling and tennis season will open on Monday evening. There is a large membership this year and they are looking forward to a good season.

From unknown origin, on Friday afternoon, Mr. Norman Lee, near Eden Mills, was horrified to discover his barn in flames. A strong bucket brigade succeeded in keeping the fire from the house, implement and poultry houses, but the barn was totally burned.

Six hundred Masons of Wellington district honored the Grand Master of their Order at a gathering in Guelph last Thursday evening.

Acton Public school choir now retain the trophy of the Halton Music Festival, having won three years in succession and four years since the festival was organized five years ago. Acton secured 60 points to win the festival championship.

DIED
PERRYMAN—At St. Joseph's hospital, Guelph, on Sunday, May 14, 1933, Agnes Perryman, daughter of the late Thomas and Edna Perryman, in her 82nd year.

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Eastbound
6.38 a.m.; 8.58 a.m.; 11.33 a.m.; 2.08 p.m.; 5.08 p.m.; 8.33 p.m.; 8.58 p.m.; 9.58 p.m.

Westbound
10.27 a.m.; 12.52 p.m.; 2.57 p.m.; 5.27 p.m.; 7.17 p.m.; 8.12 p.m.; 11.32 p.m.; 1.12 a.m. (Sun. to Kitchener only).
—Daily except Sunday and holidays.
b—Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Standard Time

Eastbound
Daily 5.40 a.m.; Daily except Sundays 8.55 a.m.; 7.10 p.m.; Sunday only 8.16 p.m.; Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown 8.02 a.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown, 10.11 p.m.

Westbound
Daily except Sunday and Monday 2.22 a.m.; Sunday and Monday only 12.06 a.m.; daily except Sunday 8.48 a.m.; 6.50 p.m. (flagstop); 7.44 p.m.; Daily except Saturday and Sunday 8.48 p.m.; Saturday only 1.38 p.m.; Sunday only 1.19 a.m. (flagstop); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph 7.05 p.m.

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