

EDITORIAL

May Peace Rule With Her

For many weeks now the Coronation of our Queen has been the chief news of the day. The change of fare has been appreciated. For many years now wars and rumors of war, hot and cold wars, truce talks that fizzled out and conferences that ended in adjournment, have been the headlines of the daily papers.

The past few months have made more pleasant reading. The pictures and articles have been nicer. We have for a brief period had an interlude from the harsh facts that made rather drab reading and a full scale showing of that which is beautiful and pleasant. Perhaps under the reign of Elizabeth the Second we may hope for more thought on peace and those things which make life more beautiful and a turn from the strife that has seemingly been characteristic of the past few decades.

Many will recall the reign of Victoria as a peaceful reign. Queen Elizabeth comes to the throne at a time when after two world wars there is surely a desire for peace on the part of all people. All of us wish that her reign may be long and that during the years ahead peace will come to a troubled world and that wars and rumors of wars will disappear from our world news.

Queens and Kings

We put our heading in the above order because it appears to even a casual observer that queens are not only more rare but are more popular. We, of course, don't recall the coronation of Queen Victoria but we do know that over a hundred years later there are still those who make quite a fuss when her birthday is not observed on May 24th. No similar controversy goes on over any of the three kings that followed her.

It is possible for even one of our age to recall the Coronation dates of three kings. The Coronation date of Edward VII had to be changed owing to the illness of the king at the time specified. The Coronation of George V and George VI were auspicious occasions but we don't believe they matched in any way the observance that was made here in Canada of the Coronation of Elizabeth the Second.

For months newspapers, magazines, radio and all means of communication have written and pictured most everything in connection with Coronations down through history. Like most every one else we have read and enjoyed it. Even the enthusiasm of crowning a queen has been contagious in the publications of the United States. As a result a better understanding of the Crown and its significance may materialize.

We don't believe mere man could have put the glamour in the Coronation that has been obtained by Elizabeth II. Handsome and all as is Prince Philip, her husband, as elegant and splendid as his costumes may be, we cannot believe that the crowning of a king could have been as great a highlight in world affairs as has been the Coronation of our Queen.

Once again mere man must doff his hat to the ladies and we think there will be more enthusiasm and fervor as voices are raised in God Save the Queen—Long may she reign over us.

More Workers Needed

A report on employment conditions in Ontario makes this significant observation.

"In one large city, with a building program of considerable magnitude, the only skilled mechanics available in the construction trades were in the upper age brackets. There were only three bricklayers available for employment, all of whom were over 70 years of age and one being over 75. The only plasterer available was over 80. All painters except one were over 64 years of age. The one exception had an arthritic condition in the hips and hands."

If any further proof were needed of a shortage of people in this underdeveloped country we surely have it here, comments The Financial Post. It's not a question of wages. The rates now being paid in the construction trades in Canada are among the highest in the world.

The real trouble is lack of people. We can get these people from Europe but we won't get them unless we open our doors a lot wider than they are now and keep them open.

Getting Congested

Most folks can recall that when new highways were being surveyed through this part of Ontario there was the urge by all of us to have our town on the route. If we could have the highway passing right down the main street it appeared to be in the best interests to have it pass our business sections. There was the argument—and quite legitimate, too—that the business men secured a good share of the passing trade.

Times have changed since motor cars have become plentiful. Most towns would be glad to get through traffic off the main street and quite content to have through highways located a distance from town. Parking problems for those who are really buyers in the home town are quite a headache in the business section. There's no room for through traffic and heavy travel hinders local buying rather than encouraging it.

Parking meters were tried in such centres as Barrie where the summer travel was heavy. Meters apparently did not go as far towards a solution as have the roads which by-pass the centre of the town and leave the business section free for the conduct of business. The day is not far removed when traffic through Acton will need to be diverted from our business section and a new route chosen that will not make congestion in the business section.

Flags and decorations came out again for Coronation Day. Perhaps they can be used more frequently and displayed more often.

Students Answer Question

Each year the Cobourg Sentinel-Star turns over its paper to the students of the Cobourg Collegiate Institute when they issue the "Annual Student Edition." This year's effort in every department is an excellent example of a high standard in weekly journalism. The youthful editors show real initiative in mirroring the news of the community and reporting the happenings with catching headings and a flare for appealing descriptive details. Their editorials show originality in which they are brutally frank in expressing their individual views on a wide variety of timely subjects. We were particularly attracted and amused by the following editorial headed "What Editors are For?" which contains more truth than fiction and which a more seasoned editor might hesitate to pass on to his readers. Anyway, here is how Student Editor Richard Cross answers the question:

If you wish to disturb any news editor, just hand him some copy you have prepared and ask him "to put it in as written without changing one single word."

This newspaper is confronted with such demands quite frequently.

We do edit copy, this is our job.

We do not attempt to edit signed feature articles, except for errors in spelling, but the general run of the mill news stories are handled carefully and discreetly as possible by the editor.

What are editors for?

If you have a pain in your stomach, do you diagnose it yourself? No. You go to a doctor.

If you have a missing motor in your car, you consult the garage.

A news item came in recently with the warning "print this according to copy and put it on the front page."

Here are some of the changes that have been made in this particular copy. It is standing rule that it is an insult to any person not to give initials when writing a person's name. Reverend so and so is not Reverend so and so but Rev. J. E. so and so. The word annual was used three times when once would have sufficed. Ad infinitum.

Few people master the art of condensation. Editors strive to this end to produce better copy. Endless repetition is not good journalism. A secretarial report, "I move, you second it" is not a news report.

Please permit us to edit the copy you send in. Each week we try to produce a better newspaper and with your co-operation we are working consistently toward this end.

All precepts concerning kings are comprehended in these: Remember thou art a man; remember thou art God's viceregent.—Bacon.

Reading Between The Lines

CIVIL DEFENSE OFF TO GOOD START, LACK OF INFORMATION BLOCKS IT

by Jim Dills

"This business of getting ready for attack by an atomic or some other kind of bomb does not mean that the place in which we live is going to be bombed. It simply means that we are playing safe. It's the sort of thing we do all the time when we buy fire insurance, put lightning rods on the roof and pour anti-freeze into the car radiator," claims a book recently issued on the Civil Defense theme.

Civil Defense in Acton got off to a pretty good start several years ago when the Cold War was hotter and true talks less general. A committee was appointed and immediately applied for information. To the best of my knowledge the letter was never satisfactorily answered providing the necessary information.

Perhaps this book "Personal Protection under Atomic Attack," published by the Department of National Health and Welfare, is the information required by the local committee and other committees across the country.

Acton has a plane spotter group headed by A. C. Gray that is seeking a base for operations and some additional volunteers to carry on this work.

It seems that war and thoughts of war are a good distance away yet already it has affected local town with a good number now

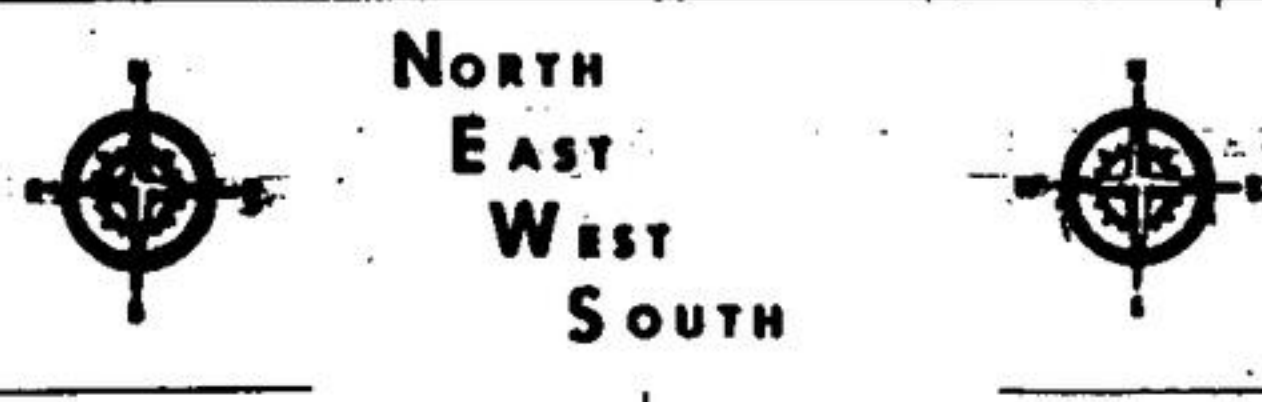
servicing in Korea, the present point of trouble.

When governmental officials or heads of firms want something known they prepare a series of columns and ship them off to the newspaper that is supposed to be only too anxious to print the material since nothing ever happens in a small town.

A release from the Department says that Civil Defense in Canada is now entering its third year, yet no information is in the hands of Acton's Committee as far as I know. I agree that this information received represents about 10 columns of type, one to run each week over a 10 week period is important. Besides that I found it interesting, but where can I find space for those 10 extra columns is another thing.

Perhaps now that information is available, Acton's committee could meet and formulate plans for Civil Defense in Acton, because according to what I have read, if a bomb doesn't hit Acton, we'll have people from bombed out areas visiting with us.

Civil Defense is important with industrial development in Halton at a rapid rate. We could quite easily, in the event of emergency, be called on to assist other areas. If we do find space, the information will appear, but we would much rather see local activity.



Year-Round Skating

"I don't see why they don't ice skate the year-round in Canada," Gord Campbell, engineer at Oakville-Trafalgar arena, has stated. The Australians use a big evaporator-condenser unit to keep the ice frozen, and mix salt petre in with the ice. And Australia, according to Aussie Mr. Campbell, has the warmer climate than Canada. He said Australians skate 11 months of the year in the country's six huge rinks.

The rinks are jammed, he recalls. Not as much stress is placed on hockey as here, and the arenas are used mostly for public skating, figure skating and dancing. Australian hockey? Definitely "not in our class," according to the Oakville ice-maker.

Ontion Happy

Been having any trouble about getting help in your garden these days? The Oakville Record Star went out and asked some south Haltonites "Should mother help in the garden, or is it father's domain exclusively?" One man said, "Don't discourage her, but mother's place is in the kitchen."

Two thought the women should keep out of the garden; three thought the men should keep out. Two said "both," one delegating the woman to the flowers and the man to the vegetables. One woman reported "we've never had a garden. But my husband wants to grow a lot of onions."

School Days at Campbellville. Mr. Skuce's remarks at the opening of the new addition to Campbellville school gave an interesting insight into early school days in the district. The inspector said that the first Campbellville school was an "old hovel" which had been used as a Scotchman's shanty.

The children were taught by a Mr. Daly. Later, the school was moved further up the road. There were living quarters in the school building for Mr. Daly, and the children frequently ruined his nap

and stole the eggs from his chickens.

One of the early teachers taught for 50 cents per pupil per month and boarded himself. Most of the public schools were "wretched" in appearance and, as a consequence, private schools were more often patronized. Public school pupils took their canings as they did their meals.

Teachers were mostly uncertificated and incompetent and there was only the barest of furnishings. Mr. Skuce related. Through the years, improvements in the schools frequently lagged behind that in the home.

Young Bambi

Two baby fawns, thought to be about two weeks old, were found last week in the bush near the Third Line of Erin, by L. Thompson of R.R. 2, Acton. Mr. Thompson went to the bush to see if any of his cattle had been injured or killed by lightning, and instead found the dead mother of two whimpering fawns. A temporary home has been found for the animals.

Conservation officials warn that nobody should touch a stray fawn, because the human scent would scare away the mother. They also remind that anyone keeping a stray fawn captive is subject to a fine.

Hoarders Ahoy!

Are you a hoarder? Better still, are you a hoarder and a member of one of the county's Women's Institute branches, too? From Racoon coats to powder horns, all the old-time costumes and accoutrements of Ontario pioneers are being sought. Clothing used 75 years ago is wanted by the C.N.E. for its display. The same type of thing is wanted for the mammoth historical pageant being staged in Toronto in August.

Although we haven't heard likely local W.I. members are rummaging in their attics to help supply rough clothing and props for the pageant.

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7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship.

Thought for the Week
To love one's country, it is not necessary to hate others. Patriotism is only vital when it is fully Christianized. (Anonymous)

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June 7th, 1936
10:00 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class.
11:15 a.m.—Choral Communion.
7:00 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
All Welcome.

Finland, a country as far north as Canada's Northwest Territories, is based on an agricultural economy, has a population of 4 million, its capital city, Helsinki, has a population larger than Vancouver's.



THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Back in 1903

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 4, 1903

The very successful pastorate of the past six years and nine months of Rev. H. A. Macpherson, at Knox church closed on Monday and he was inducted as the minister of the Chalmers church, Toronto, on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Copeland, agent general for New South Wales, has proposed that the eldest son of the Prince of Wales be called Prince of Canada and the second son Prince of Australia.

Undertaker Johnstone had the rare distinction last Saturday of being called to bury the remains of a resident of this country who had attained the extreme age of 107 years. This was Mrs. Mary Macpherson who had resided with her daughter, Mrs. Border. Interment took place at Benezet cemetery.

A militia notice has been sent out ordering the XX Regiment Lorne Rifles to camp at Niagara on the 9th June for 12 days' instruction. All officers and twenty-one men of No. 6 Company, Acton, will parade at the Armory, Acton, at 8 o'clock on the morning of June 9. A few desirable men are wanted as recruits. The new daily ration scale issued for the militia will make the camp much more healthful and pleasant than heretofore.

Mr. N. F. Moore has secured a fence machine which leaves the fence very rigidly in process of erection. He is putting one at Dublin School grounds this week.

Back in 1933

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 1, 1933

Saturday is the King's Birthday and a bank holiday.

The cedar hedge surrounding the property of Mrs. Annie Johnson and Miss Bella Stephenson, at the corner of Willow and River Streets has been removed.

Mr. Harold Wildgust, Jr., London, was the winner of third prize for tenor soloist at the recent Stratford Musical Festival.

We have received several inquiries from friends in town and former Actonians regarding the celebration of Acton's sixtieth anniversary, but apparently there isn't going to be any birthday this year.

At the adjourned meeting of plot owners of the Pioneer's Cemetery, on Saturday, the following Trustees were elected: R. N. Brown, W. J. McDonald, R. L. Davidson, D. McDonald, J. McGregor, W. A. Lauby, chairman and N. F. Moore, secretary.

The biggest political gathering ever held in Acton was assembled on Tuesday when the local Liberal Committee secured a galaxy of outstanding speakers to address the audience. Mr. M. F. Hepburn, Mr. A. Slaughter, K.C., Mr. Arthur Hoebuck, K.C. and Mr. T. A. Blacklock addressed the electors.

DIED
LINHAM—At her late residence, Esplanade Township, on Monday, May 29, 1933, Beatrice Thomas, beloved wife of Robert W. Linham.

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(Daylight Saving Time)
Eastbound
6:38 a.m.; 8:58 a.m.; 11:33 a.m.;
2:04 p.m.; 5:08 p.m.; 6:33 p.m.; 8:53
p.m.; 9:58 p.m.

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 Kitchener only)
a—Daily except Sunday and holidays.
b—Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

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Daily 5:40 a.m.; Daily except Sunday 9:55 a.m.; 7:10 p.m.; Monday 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 3:22 a.m.; Sunday and Monday only 12:08 a.m.; daily except Sunday 8:45 a.m.; 6:50 p.m. (flagstop); 7:44 p.m.; Daily except Saturday and Sunday 5:43 p.m.; Saturday only 1:36 p.m.; Sunday only 9:08 a.m. (flagstop); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph 7:05 p.m.

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