

EDITORIAL

Park Development

Progress on the Junior swimming pool in Acton park has now reached a stage where assurance can be given that the small children of Acton will have a safe place for bathing this summer. With the new swings and slide and other playground equipment in the park, this spot is getting to be a very popular place for the children of the town.

Police, we are informed, are clamping down on motorists who do any fast driving in the park and with this protection Acton park can be a safe place for the children.

Of course, the swimming pool is still far from the plans that were first entertained for it. The project will have to be one based on a pay as we go policy. Funds on hand are still not sufficient to meet the cost of dressing rooms. However, the junior pool will be in use this summer and with the improved condition of the water in Fairy Lake, the young people may be able to enjoy swimming facilities in town superior to those found in most communities.

The swimming pool project has been a delayed one in Acton, but this summer will see conclusive proof that the community program is not a failure and like all progressive developments of any town is a feature that will help make Acton a better place to live and in which to work. It is to be hoped these facilities will be used and not abused.

Loud Protest Needed

In view of the fact that cities are not represented on county councils and the interests of the towns and townships are served by county councils, we are rather surprised that no protest has come from any of these bodies on the per capita grant to municipalities by the province. Toronto gets \$4.00 per capita grant while in the villages of the province the assistance from the province may run as low as \$1.50 per person.

It would appear that here indeed is a cause for county councils to espouse. It might be backed by resolutions from municipal councils too, but definitely here should be a protest registered on behalf of the towns, villages and townships of the province of Ontario against the discrimination on grants on the present basis.

We have no fault to find with basing of grants on a per capita plan. But like many others we cannot understand why a city like Toronto should get a grant of \$4 per person and a township like Nassagaweya only receive \$1.50 per person. It would appear that the truth of the old saying, "The wheel which squeaks the loudest is the wheel that gets the grease" was again being shown.

County councils and those of towns, villages and townships apparently need to do some squeaking and loudly, too, if they are to get a fair portion of the taxes which are levied on all the people of the province at equal rates but divided very unequally.

He on whom Heaven confers a sceptre knows not the weight till he bears it.—Cornelius.

Common Topic

The weather has been a very much discussed topic the past few weeks—not only by those who sow and harvest the crops but by people generally. The predictions by the weather forecasters have also been a bit astray. At home we have a barometer that has been pretty reliable. We enjoy watching it every day and noting the changes. It's still reliable but also very cautious. For weeks the needle has hardly moved from the position marked "Changing." On Monday it moved out of its safe position and got over into the "fair" section. You'll know by the time you read this article if our otherwise reliable barometer ventured too far.

Some place in our reading the past week we came across this little rhyme attributed to a rural philosopher:

No use grumblin' about the weather,
It doesn't help a bit.
For the kind of weather what you's gittin'
Is all you's goin' to git.

Our Trade

While the Trade Fair has been in operation for a few years, this year was the first time we have taken the opportunity to attend. We went on a public day and there was quite an attendance. In many respects, the Trade Fair resembles the Exhibition, but there are many differences.

The folks attending this annual event are not in holiday mood. There are no amusements for visitors. The people in charge of the exhibits are able to answer technical problems. The folks visiting are there for business information. Most of the men have a very interested look and the women appear to have come along because they had an option of coming or staying at home. The children are few and nobody appears to welcome them.

As one walks along the aisles, there's another item. There are many languages in which conversation is being carried on. The Trade Fair has a more international appearance than any other exhibition. Another trend that seemed very pronounced was the exhibits that are being shown from countries on other continents. We didn't see one exhibit of printing machines from the United States while a dozen presses or more were being shown from other countries. Perhaps this condition was only typical of one branch of business but certainly Canada seemed to be taking on more of an international trade aspect and perhaps will not always continue to be such a good customer across our miles of unprotected border.

Prices on machinery from other countries were lower than that which had previously been given by firms manufacturing their product in the United States.

One could not help being impressed by the desire to sell products shown by trade fair exhibitors—or perhaps we should say the desire to book orders. It was a change from the past few years when there was a scarcity of goods and little initiative to secure orders for very indefinite shipping dates.

These are but a very few reflections from our first visit to the Trade Fair. If world peace is maintained trade fairs may become more international and trade borders may be greatly extended.

Last year Canadians paid out over 5 million dollars to watch films in drive-in theatres.

Ignorance May Be Serious

Serious consequences of ignorance of the English language might be construed from the case which came up recently in an Ontario court in which an immigrant who could neither read nor write was charged with a breach of the rules of the road following a collision. The magistrate, obviously enough, found it difficult to understand why anyone incapable of reading the Ontario Highways Traffic Act should be in possession of a driver's license.

Another aspect of this case is that a permit to drive a motor vehicle capable of inflicting death, injury and damage, was apparently granted a person to whom such signs as School, Slow, Dangerous Curve Ahead, No Passing on Hills, Merging Traffic, are without meaning.

With the increased amount of motor vehicle travel these days it might be well to have a tightening up of restrictions before a license to drive a motor car is given. The folks who can read but do not heed signs are just as dangerous to others as those not familiar with our language. Then there is another group which has no regard for the rights of others. Our courts reveal many instances where improvement might be made for more highway safety. The sooner they are written into and enforced in our traffic laws the better.

Sage Advice by Lincoln

You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income.

You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred;

You cannot build character and courage by taking away a man's initiative and independence;

You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.

Reading Between The Lines

REPORTS VARY IN 25 YEARS, '52 REPORT, '27 REPORT INDICATE

By Jim Dull

The Auditor's Report for 1952 became available at the Municipal Office this week. I've already covered the report itself when it was first presented to council but this week the Auditor's Report for 1927 was noticed in a pile of old reports and some of the figures proved interesting in comparison with the recent issue.

There evidently used to be some citizens who kept the annual copies for comparison the following year. One lady we heard of had the issues for at least 30 years indicating her interest in the financial position of the town.

Debitures in 1927 were mostly for cement walks, Mill St. widening, a shoe factory bond of \$25,000 in 1917 and of course waterworks. Interest rates for those issues were in the five to six and a half per cent. range as compared with the present issues at from two to four per cent. with only one issue as high as six per cent.

Teachers' salaries have increased considerably since 1927 when the total paid for public and continuation school salaries was

\$12,627.43. In 1952 it is more difficult to reach a total for the two schools since they are now handled by two separate boards. An approximate figure based on the auditor's report would be \$48,112. The report for the North Halton High School District Board includes salaries for the entire area at \$83,384.

Some of the disbursements of the 25 year-old report might prove interesting but a comparison would be unfair and almost impossible since the break-down in reports have varied and include different things.

Salaries and allowances \$3,282.50; roads and bridges \$6,477.74; school purposes \$28,270.22; fire protection \$922.30; park \$41.10; county rate \$8,348.74.

There have been a great many changes in the last 25 years as evidenced in the two reports. For a good look at the town today a copy of the 1952 Auditor's Report is available at the town office and with a little study will present some interesting figures.



Motorist: Aren't you the fellow who sold me this car two weeks ago?

Salesman (proudly): Yes, sir!

Motorist: Well, tell me about it again. I get so discouraged.

At Anniversary

Mrs. J. L. Ellerby, the president of Halton County Women's Institutes stated that Palermo W.I. was the fourth to mark its 50th anniversary in Halton this year at the celebration there recently. Mrs. W. Speers, who recently celebrated her 93rd birthday, was welcomed.

Greetings were extended to Palermo W.I. by representatives from Acton, Bannockburn, Burlington, Dublin, Drumquinn, Limehouse, Nelson, Hornby, Omagh, Georgetown and Scotch Block.

New Coliseum

The very popular, 103 year-old Erin fair is to have a new Coliseum this year. The Erin Agricultural Society has obtained a grant of \$20,000 from the federal government (about one-quarter of the total cost) and will also receive a contribution from the Ontario government. The rest of the money is being raised locally.

In the coliseum there will be the arena whose dimensions are 75 feet by 175 feet, with three rows of seats to accommodate about 800; a hall with a stage and dressing rooms, an office, snack bar and rest rooms. Many community affairs will be held in the new arena after it is built.

Try Again

Application is being made by Bronte village to the Ontario Municipal Board for an order to annex 423 acres of Trafalgar land. The area is wanted by the village for industrial development sites. Earlier in the year Bronte asked the township's approval for the annexation; was told, "No."

Flight Year

This is the "flight year" for June beetles and they are certainly flying! Swarms of the pests dive-bomb into vehicles and against lights and windows. Anybody who doesn't know what they look like by now is likely rare; however, the June bugs are a reddish colored beetle, about the size of a bee.

Prof. H. W. Goble of the O.A.C. says these beetles live in a three-year cycle. Next invasion is in 1956.

AT THE Churches

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Acton, Ontario
A FRIENDLY CHURCH
Rev. E. A. Curry, B.A., B.D., Minister
Parsonage—29 Bower Avenue
Phone 60
Miss O. M. Lampard, A.T.C.M. Organist and Choir Leader

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 1953
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School. Tomorrow's character begins to-day.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship.

Thought for the Week
"It is a truth that stands out with startling distinctness on the pages of the New Testament, that God has no sons who are not servants." (H. D. Ward)

BAPTIST CHURCH

ACTON
Dwight L. Patterson, Pastor
19 Wilbur St. - Phone 62j

Thursday, June 11, 8:30 p.m.—Prayer meeting and Bible study.
Friday, June 12, 8:30 p.m.—Young Peoples.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 1953
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

IN CANADA
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG
M.A., B.D., Minister
SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 1953
9:45 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.
A Warm Welcome Awaits You.

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH

(Anglican)
Rev. Ralph E. Price, B.A., B.D., Rector

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
June 14th, 1953

9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10:00 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class.
7:00 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, let the whole earth stand in awe of His name."
ALL WELCOME

Canadian textile mills now supply approximately 70 per cent. of domestic need.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Back in 1903

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 11, 1903

Judging from the rate at which Acton property is changing hands these days at good prices it is considered a desirable investment. Mr. T. E. M. Secord sold last Saturday his residence on Bower Ave. to Mr. Wm. White, late of Medicine Hat, N.W.T., who is about to open a hardware store in Mrs. Secord's block, for \$1200. Mrs. Monteith has sold her brick house on Main and River Streets to Mr. Reed, late of Mimosa, for \$1200. Mrs. Orr has sold her house on Main Street to Mrs. Mosen Smith for \$600. Several other properties are being negotiated for.

Acton base ball team played Guelph Maple Leafs last Saturday afternoon and made a good showing against the old champions, notwithstanding numerous errors. Guelph defeated Acton by a score of 10 to 9. Acton lineup: Beattie, 1b, Darch, c, Ryan, 2b, McDonald, 3b, Gould, p, McIntosh, 11, Holmes, ss, Wilds, 3b, Coleman, p.

The Merchants' Bank, Acton, is open for the transaction of business every Friday evening from six to eight o'clock. This is a great accommodation, not only to the working men in town, but to the farmers who may not always find it convenient to be in town during the regular banking hours.

The Farmers' Exhibition of the Fall of 1903. Will You Be One of the Jolly Company?

Back in 1933

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 8, 1933

The electric power interruption yesterday was the most serious in over eighteen months.

Acton Bowling Club has space for ten rinks and these evenings the majority of them are being utilized.

Extensive alterations are almost completed in the store in the Kennedy Block on Main Street, which will be occupied by Keith's to \$100,000.

Fire, which broke out in the Elora Arena early Tuesday morning, completely destroyed the building and contents at a loss of over \$18,000.

The sixteen Women's Institute branches of the county convened in annual meeting at Burlington on Friday. Quite a number of Acton members attended. Mrs. Gowdy of Limehouse, was elected President and secretary treasurer is Mrs. J. W. Morley of Hurley.

There was a full crowd assembled at the Town Hall to witness the opening of the C.C.F. headquarters every Friday evening from six to eight o'clock. This is a great accommodation, not only to the working men in town, but to the farmers who may not always find it convenient to be in town during the regular banking hours.

DIED
GARRY A. (The General Hospital), 1222 Maria Hanigan, Darcy, aged 71 years.

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