

EDITORIAL

He'll Like It

Sunday is Father's Day. To those of us who write so regularly it seems that most every Sunday or every week has something that requires a special date. Of course, it was Mother's Day which came first and, of course, it just seemed a natural that somebody would think that fathers shouldn't lag behind and we have Father's Day.

It is very easy to write nice sentimental things about mothers and flowers and memories but somehow dads just don't fit into that category. So we have folks suggesting ties and socks and shirts and making dad more practical than he already is.

Being a father, we wouldn't for the world say anything derogatory about Father's Day. The same position makes it almost impossible for a father to suggest that children wear a bright red rose to do him honor or that you shower him with gifts to show he's not a bad guy.

So we just say Sunday is Father's Day. Whatever way you find to express your regard for him we know will be appreciated even if he has a gruff way of expressing appreciation.

Enumerators are busy this week compiling the voters' lists to be used in the general election. Be sure your name is on the list.

The Choice is Yours

The date that has been most often mentioned in the past few weeks has now been officially designated as the day which Canadians will go to the polls to choose their government - Monday, August 10th. The summer months of 1953 are going to have some heat after all even if the warming up is a little belated.

From now until August 10th the electors will have the candidates and parties putting forth their various planks, platforms or issues upon which the voters are asked to base their decisions. There may be a great deal of confusion and electors may find it hard to make their decisions from the many things which may be proposed. It is the right of every Canadian over 21 years of age to vote for the candidate of his or her choice. It's a decision that is solely the responsibility of the individual.

No matter what date election day comes on you owe it to yourself and your country to go out and exercise your franchise. By our free elections of our governments we enjoy privileges which those in many other countries would like to have. Your ballot is secret and something which you should guard carefully. Make sure you use it on August 10th. Holidays are important but pleasure alone should not keep anyone from making sure that their vote registers their opinion when Canada votes on August 10th.

Along the Concessions

On the week-end we made a little jaunt over some of the concession lines. The highways are getting a little crowded these days for week-end pleasure driving. But the concession lines are not dusty and driving must be leisurely to keep on the narrow and often twisting roadways.

Most towns have streets named these days. In Nassagaweya Township neat sign posts have been erected at all the crossroads. These signs designate the concession lines and the sideroad numbers. They are a great help in finding farm homes and an aid to all travellers. Nassagaweya has set an example that might well be used by all townships where it is not in use.

A trip along the concession lines brings many other items to the forefront. Most every home seems to have hydro and telephone available. It's a bit surprising also to see the number of television aerials that dot the countryside. Sometimes one marvels, too, at the buildings which are carrying this latest communication system and whether buildings should not have had consideration first before any new attachments had been added.

All the modernization has not been confined to the highways. Along with the conveniences and advancement that has come to the back concessions there is also that quiet, leisure and restfulness that has been driven from our paved roads connecting towns and cities.

Meeting a Problem

Council is to be commended on taking leadership in an effort to find some solution to the housing shortage that exists in Acton. But it should also be borne in mind that those who are in need of housing accommodation must assume a responsibility and a willingness to co-operate when any plan is brought forward.

Housing today is high in cost because labor and materials which make the house are at an all-time peak. Land costs are higher too than is often warranted. There are many plans of governments to help solve the housing problem. It can be solved readily if those who want the homes get together the necessary down payments to start their projects. Councils and governments can provide leadership and help with plans but no wishful thinking on behalf of those who want homes will complete the transaction. Acton needs more homes. They will be built and serviced if everyone will co-operate.

"There is no such thing as an idle rumor," comments the *Kitchener-Waterloo Record*, adding, "They're all busy."

The Rule of Life

A recent biography reveals its subject, Lord Acton, as one of the greatest minds of modern times.

A large part of the world today is worried about losing its liberty. It is interesting to recall Acton's idea of liberty and its value to humanity. We quote:

"If happiness is the end of Society, then liberty is superfluous. Liberty is not the power of doing what we like, but the right of being able to do what we ought."

Acton said that every age had witnessed man's struggle for freedom, but man would never find it within social or political frameworks alone. Athenian liberty failed, for instance, because it belonged "to an age which possessed no fixed standard of right and wrong," and modern democracies would also fail if they insisted that "the will of man, not the will of God, was the rule of life."

True political freedom, Acton insisted, depended on quite another principle—"the principle that all political authorities must be tested and reformed according to a code which was not made by man."

What was lacking in moisture in early spring was made up by the May rains. The swamps are full of water and crops giving splendid indication of good growth.

Which Kind?

A recent editorial in *The Saturday Evening Post* points to the fact there is still a good deal of confusion about the word "capitalism." It points out that the issue which is being fought out in the world today is not capitalism versus no capitalism, but free capitalism versus state capitalism. "Under free enterprise," the editorial states, "individuals are tempted by a hope of profit to save and invest their surplus in railroads, airplanes, freezer plants—all the thousand and one things required by an expanding economy."

In a communist state, capital is sweat out of the people by taxation, confiscation, forced saving, even forced labor. The cost of Soviet industrialization was the well-being and freedom of millions of Russians. The capitalist world got its capital from the accumulated savings of millions of free men and women.

The writer goes on to point out that perhaps free capitalism isn't "fair" in the sense that it does not reward incompetent, lazy or even unlucky people as lavishly as it rewards the strong, efficient and the fortunate, but then the question is asked, "Is the alleged unfairness of free capitalism worse than the tyranny of state capitalism?"

The editorial concludes by stating that it isn't enough just to believe in free capitalism. "It is also necessary to resist crippling taxation, bureaucratic absolutism and inflation, the demons which can kill free capitalism, despite all the belief in the word, and kill freedom, too."

According to newspaper reports Joe Stalin was so bitterly opposed to capitalism that he left only \$20,000 in the bank and royalties of \$7,000 a month to his son.

Reading Between The Lines

RACE IS ON IN HALTON ELECTION FOR FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE

by Jim Dills

Ah yes. There's going to be an election "they say." Of course, everyone knows the date is August 10 when Canada will choose the type of government it thinks best for another four years. Since Confederation just 86 years ago there have been 21 general elections.

Elections seem to have changed recently, compared with the stories I've heard of the ones in former years. Then everyone was interested and the main issues could be discussed intelligently and sometimes quite heatedly in the "back rooms" of barber shops, on the street corner and any place two people might gather.

A few people now seem particularly interested and energetically back a particular candidate, but the majority seem to go with the wind. And sometimes the breeze is fairly strong.

The time was "they say" when every voter in town could be placed on one side of the fence or the other with very few neutrals. But elections can still be very interesting affairs as this coming federal vote promises to be.

Halton's three candidates that are known now will be Sybil Bennett, Progressive Conservative; Murray McPhail, Liberal

and Stanley Allen, C.C.F. The procedure in the county is to have nominations at a meeting in Milton which will be July 27, according to my figuring. At this meeting, candidates will be nominated, having previously been chosen to represent a party, or an independent can run if he meets certain financial obligations.

Enumeration of the names begins next week and in Canada it is expected 8,500,000 names will have to be gathered and posted on official sheets. In Halton a rough estimate is placed at 25,000 eligible voters. The lists of voters are printed and when all have had ample time to see them they are opened to revision from the 21st to the 18th day preceding the election. A person who has been left off the list may apply to the revising officer in person or in writing, through a relative, employer or agent to have the matter straightened out.

The election coming up is an important one. The only way man can preserve their rights is by exercising them. Democracy means government by the people, but if the people won't take the trouble to govern themselves there will always be someone bold enough to step in and do the job for them.



Houses of Steel

Steel frames will be imported from England for houses to be erected in a new subdivision in the south of Trafalgar. The new-style steel frames are more expensive than the usual wood frames, but they can be erected in six hours. The builder is planning 336 steel-frame houses.

The firm is rumored to have paid \$200,000 for 98 acres. Real estate circles, says the *Oakville Record Star*, say the owners paid \$45,000 for the property less than two years ago!

Eternal Triangle

Although we've been warned about the misery of the Eternal Triangle very often in moving pictures and novels, Georgetown is getting itself involved in a Triangle, and is apparently very happy about the whole thing!

All the telephone numbers in the town are headed for a change—to Triangle 7—plus four other digits. Installation of the new dial phones in homes, offices and stores will begin next week, and the new dial exchange will likely go into operation in September.

Unlike Toronto, where a similar system is in operation, Georgetown residents will be able to phone other town residents simply by dialling the last four digits.

Emergency Fire

While Halton fire brigades were at their mutual aid demonstration on Tuesday of last week, a fire broke out in Georgetown. The emergency went according to schedule, though, with the town brigade miles away in the county town.

The Trafalgar engine had been assigned to cover Georgetown in just the event of a fire, but the siren sounded before the truck arrived. The No. 2 panel truck answered the alarm and stood by until the Trafalgar engine arrived.

Although interlocking fire protection plans were in good working order, the fire was just a minor one and the Trafalgar brigade was not actually needed.

Tour Gardens

Gardens are beautiful throughout Halton, but in Burlington green-

thumbed members of the Horticultural Society are looking forward to their garden tour on Saturday. Some half dozen of the larger estates in the area are to be included in the tour of local flower gardens. Many gardens are open during the week, too, for casual visits.

It is a pity that more are not able to see some of the gorgeous blooms in the district. Poppies are taking the spotlight this week—and not because next Sunday is "Pop's Day," either! On a drive Sunday we noticed a magnificent bed with iris and deep red poppies at Rockwood.

Sad Fate

What indignity! Burlington's old fire truck, which had its last run in a blaze of decorated glory on Coronation Day, has been termed obsolete and turned over to the Works department—for use in sewer work! The truck was purchased by the town in 1924, and bowed out under a load of clowns and red, white and blue decorations in the Coronation parade in Burlington.

Plants at Milton

Ontario Steel Products will erect two plants on the 70 acres owned by the company north of Acton as soon as engineering studies are complete. One plant is for the production of leaf chassis springs and the other for nickel and chrome plating of various automotive parts. Widely known in Nelson township, George Bell marked his 93rd birthday on June 8. He seldom misses a party in Nelson Hall.

Milton council has given two readings to a by-law to issue debentures totalling \$20,000 for construction and repair of sidewalks.

Contest Winners

We see that Mrs. Gordon Tasker of R.R. 1, Milton, won \$50 in a Canada Packers Happy Holidays contest. We were also interested to read that the grand winner, Mrs. Vera Strood of R.R. 1, Callander, drove her farm tractor four miles to pick up her cheque for \$500! Mrs. Strood is planning clothes for her family, and payments on the farm.

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10:00 a.m.—Sunday School For every child, faith in God.
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7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship Subject: The One Note Musician.
Thought for the Week: "A wise son heareth his father's instruction; but a scoffer heareth not rebuke."—Solomon

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER

TRINITY
June 21st, 1953
10:00 a.m.—Church School
11:15 a.m.—Beginners' Class
11:15 a.m.—Choral Communion
3:30 p.m.—Rally Service in Acton Park, sponsored by the Halton Deanery Laymen's Association
Speaker, Rev. Canon John Frank, rector of Holy Trinity church, Toronto. Acton Citizens Band and matted choir.
7:00 p.m.—Evening service withdrawn. It is hoped all Anglicans will attend the Rally service.
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THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Back in 1903

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

The new train service has somewhat demoralized the mails. We now have three trains before 10.30 in the forenoon and nothing further from that point until 8.10 p.m. Acton has now five trains east and west daily. A new train at 8.50 a.m. reaches Toronto at 10 o'clock and the new fast train leaves Toronto at 7.40 a.m., reaching Acton at 8.50 and crossing the train going east here. Our citizens may now leave for Toronto after breakfast and spend the day in the city, returning on the 8.10 p.m. train.

After a long continued illness Thomas C. Moore departed this life last Thursday afternoon. He was one of Acton's early settlers, having been a resident almost continually for almost half a century. He was a builder and erected a considerable number of dwellings and other buildings in Acton and barns and farm residences in the vicinity.

Destruction of life and property from floods in Illinois and Missouri is terrible. Many hundreds of lives have been lost along the river. A negro last evening, working with hundreds of others along the dykes quit work and demanded his pay at once. When he was refused, he commenced pulling away some of the bags of earth to make a hole in the dyke. Seven bullets passed through him before he could be further damaged.

Back in 1933

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 15, 1933

The temperature dropped 47 degrees within thirty-six hours. Sunday's high was 92 and on Monday night the mercury slipped down to 45.

A quiet wedding took place in Rockwood at the residence of the bride's mother, last Saturday, when Miss Edna Vera, elder daughter of Mrs. Rose L. Dyer, became the bride of Mr. William Roy Johnston, of Acton, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Johnston.

On Tuesday morning the farm home of H. Holcovitch was completely destroyed by fire. This home is in Erin Township two or three miles west of Acton. It is thought sparks from the chimney ignited the roof.

A pretty wedding took place on Saturday at Limehouse United Church Parsonage when Elda Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Tarzwell of Georgetown was married to William Alfred, son of the late William and Mrs. Babcock of Acton.

BORN

SAWYER—At St. Alban's Rectory, Acton, on Thursday, June 15, 1933 to Rev. and Mrs. P. A. Sawyer, a daughter.

DIED

LESLIE—At Guelph General Hospital on Tuesday, June 13, 1933, Lydia Amy Leslie, daughter of the late George and Amanda Leslie, in her 64th 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. 6:33 p.m. 8:33
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. 12 a.m. (Sun to Kitchener only)
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b—Saturday—Sunday and holidays

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