

EDITORIAL

Back Again

We are back again at the desk we left a week ago and the staff all report a very enjoyable holiday. The proprietors report a nice couple of days and it can mostly be blamed on the summer election. Voter's lists had to be prepared and while your editor and one of the partners hadn't operated a Linotype for some time the two of us did manage to put in type and print over 5000 names in the county lists.

The Hydro staff on conversion to 60 cycle visited the plant on two days and took information and we collected the mail every day until Friday. Yes, the blinds were drawn and the door was locked but two of the staff still have some holidays due them.

On Friday we were convinced some new parts were needed for the Linotype machine. We purchased the parts and Friday afternoon presided at a meeting of the executive committee of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association. Saturday we had nothing whatever to do with newspaper work but coming home from Hanover on Sunday morning we noticed the door open at the Durham Chronicle office and dropped in for a chat with editor George Cadogan.

It just seems difficult for editors to get away from the interests that become part of their life every day of the year. It's fortunate that most of them like their work.

More Service--More Taxes

A letter from county council to municipalities in Halton views with justifiable alarm the mounting costs of the care of indigent patients. The letter is constructive and offers some suggestions for coping with applications and getting the co-operation of citizens to meet this item which contributes to the load of municipal taxes.

In 1945 the total account for hospitalization of indigent patients in Halton was \$1,673.31. In 1950 the total had more than doubled and was \$18,048.05. The budget allowance for this item for Halton in 1953 is \$32,500.00 and judging by the accounts coming into municipal councils it will reach that amount. The heavy expenditure cannot be charged particularly to any one municipality. The cost is mounting and it appears to be a trend of the times.

Councils are unable to keep taxes down and provide these services. "The poor ye have with you always." The problem is to decide who is poor and those who are not so poor. Keeping down taxes is a problem for every individual and only through co-operation of all can the task be accomplished.

The important thing now is for every elector to be sure his name is on the voters' lists. Your opinion isn't worth anything if you can't express it on August 10th.

Compulsory Idleness

Cornell University has embarked upon a seven-year nation-wide survey in the United States to determine whether or not there is any truth in the belief that involuntary retirement based on age speeds up symptoms of disease and even death.

"Why all this concern about older people?" remarks Irving Ladimer in "Occupational Health," published by the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. "Probably because we see more of them around than ever before. Although the population of the United States has doubled in the last half century, the number of middle aged—45 to 64—has tripled. The number of persons over 65 has quadrupled. One in every 12 persons today is 65.

There are many pros and cons on the question of compulsory retirement at a set age. Mr. Ladimer goes on. In its favor are ease of operation, fairness, certainty, and advance financial and psychological planning for all parties. Against it are the arguments of known variation in aging and ability, continued participation in production, possible money savings by reduced pensions, and the satisfaction and well-being of the man who can and wants to work.

The whole plan of compulsion and definite rules falls always to take into consideration that all humans are different—and rules cannot be applied as with machines.

Old Fashioned?

A former resident and still an ardent reader of the home town paper wrote us recently and asked if we would supply him with the names of those who 50 years ago wrote the entrance examinations. We were glad to comply with the request and we were interested in those results. Perhaps it's because we may be considered old fashioned.

It is significant that 50 years ago the boys and girls had to "try" to get entrance examinations. Out of 25 who wrote there were 16 successful. The marks were published and we know just how proud those boys and girls were in their achievement. Fifty years later we'll bet that they are still proud of the work and effort they made to secure this standard in their school work. In those days not many went on to high school and there was no compulsion to attend school after the public school leaving had been attained.

Looking today over that list of names of 50 years ago, we are convinced that the educational standards provided a very good background for life in the world of today. We are not so sure that the educational expenditure of today is giving as great an incentive to the young people. Those places along early life where young people have to "try" and where the achievements were given for all to read had something that seems lacking today in our educational system.

We are in agreement with Hon. Mr. Dunlop, the Minister of Education for the province, that we need to get back to the three R's in our educational program and that all along the way hurdles must be tried and overcome to make successful men and when and where can a better start be made than in our educational system from Grade one right through the course.

Consumption of electric power in Ontario is running 14 per cent. above a year ago.

All Through Your Life

Did you ever stop to think that in all the world there is only one newspaper that is really concerned with you? And that is your home town paper.

Big city dailies are only interested in you when you commit a crime, break your neck or do something equally spectacular or foolish.

But your home town paper is interested in you all through your life. Over the years it tells the story of you.

The story begins, as good stories should, at the beginning. You are born, and in the "birth notices" there is announcement that your mother and father have been blessed with you.

Then Dad and Mom go away on a trip and take you with them. So your name appears in the social and personal columns. The years pass and you go to school. Every so often your name appears in the school results, sometimes at the top of your class, sometimes at the bottom, but always there.

You are on the hockey team or the ball team as you grow older and your name is mentioned many times. You golf, bowl, go to summer camp with the reserve, take part in the music festival, act in a play—your name is in the paper.

Then comes the great moment of the early part of your life—high school graduation and perhaps a high reward: You cut it out for your grandchildren to see. Then perhaps college and home for the holidays; your name appears often. You graduate and your home town paper is just as proud of you as your parents are.

You come home and go to work in Dad's business or start one of your own. You meet the one and only girl and your engagement is announced in the paper. You are married and there is a detailed account of your wedding.

As the years roll on your home town paper tells the story of your social life, your community achievements, the birth of your children, the honors that come to you. Finally, at the end of your long and happy life you appear in the "obituary column."

It is a safe bet," writes a Canadian columnist, "that many of us return to work Monday morning more weary than when we left on Friday." That's true enough physically particularly where the week-end included a four or five hour drive at high speed over crowded roads up to the cottage and back.

Reading Between The Lines

HEALTH SCHEME WILL TAKE MORE FREE ENTERPRISE FROM YOUR PAY

by Jim Dills

A good holiday leaves you plenty of time for reading and sleeping. Of course, the former is more informative and the latter is more enjoyable—both are, however, interesting to look over some of the deluge of election campaign material and have time at least to understand it.

One thing struck me rather forcibly. The C.C.F., Conservatives and Liberals are all dangling the National Health scheme bait for the voter. It's quite possible that the plan is good but then it's another scheme that any government can finance only after it has collected, plus administration costs, the amount it returns to the people. That is peculiar to all the things governments "give" to the people.

Most people are capable of administering their own weekly pay cheque without handing over a large portion for the government to give back after it has paid accountants, clerks, mailers and any number of other employees.

As I've tried to point out, this is not the fault of any one type of government in particular. Indeed the person most at fault is probably the elector who has to have his vote "bought" with such plans.

It seems general knowledge that governments are not the most efficient producers. The fact was

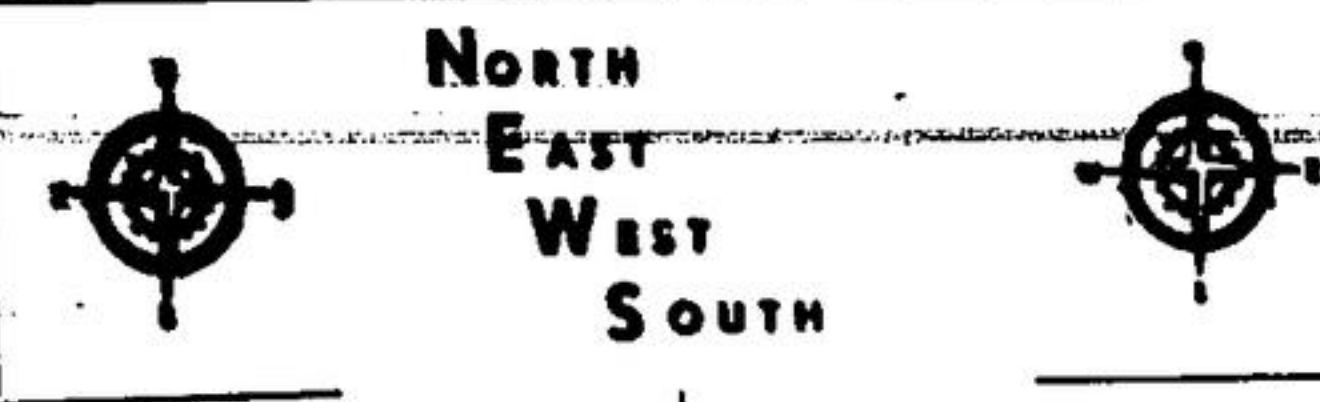
proven recently in the province of Saskatchewan where the C.C.F. government started nationalizing industry. Last month, after eight years as a government enterprise, a woolen mill was through. In that period, as the Regina Leader-Post points out, it "managed to amass a total deficit of well over a half million dollars, as well as a large crop of annual excuses to explain each year's losses."

In the official statement announcing the change the government admitted that it was less capable of operating a business than private enterprise.

It said "The Horn interests (which have purchased the mill) have investigated the situation and have satisfied themselves that this enterprise can be carried on profitably. They therefore intend to operate a mill in Saskatchewan indefinitely and expand its operations as economic and market conditions warrant."

National health schemes and other enterprises being operated by governments are never as efficient as private enterprise and under the health plan it's the voter who loses a little more free enterprise over his own pay cheque.

Perhaps I should have slept more and read less on my holiday.



May Speak Here
John Diefenbaker, P. C. candidate in Saskatchewan, who has been speaking in Ontario, visited Sybil Bennett briefly in Georgetown last week. He told her he hopes to speak in Halton later in the summer.

No \$4,000 House
We see where printing interesting items of old news, like "30 and 20 years ago in this paper," got an Oakville paper into some trouble. A newcomer to town, working in the Ford plant, started hunting for a house. He saw advertised for \$4,000. He asked the police for help in locating the owner, and they pointed out that although his paper had the right date, July 2, 1953, he was reading the "Old Oakville" column. The man, reports the newspaper, went out "in high dudgeon."

Rode in Palace
With Mrs. Rosa Giddings, the Oakville Record-Star says in its obituary, died "a fabulous legend of Old Vienna and Austrian royalty." Mrs. Giddings, who died in Oakville at 95, was the widow of Harry Giddings Sr., whose trotting stable was outstanding in Europe. He and Mrs. Giddings came to Oakville about 50 years ago.

Mrs. Giddings was born in Vienna and was a member of the famous Spanish Riding school to which only royalty was admitted. But, because of her prowess in the saddle, she was allowed to ride with the young Empress of Austria in the crystal-chandeliered palace where the school was conducted and where the perfectly trained Lipizzan horses pirouetted and pranced.

Represented at Picnic
Trafalgar township was well represented at the Polish Alliance Friendly Society picnic held July 5. Reeves-Emmerson Eurd was one of the speakers, and Trafalgar police chief Fred Oliver and Constable Harry Wilson came away "loaded" with beer and five bottles of liquor. Taken in an effort to show that Canadian picnics are different from Polish ones! M. P. David Crull represented Prime Minister St. Laurent at the unveiling of a memorial to General Wladyslaw Sikorski.

Some Sum
Engineering News Record estimates that Trusteel Corp. (Canada) Limited will spend \$4,000,000 to build 336 steel frame houses on the 99-acre Sixth line, Trafalgar property.

More Expansion?
"It's time we should be thinking of a Greater Burlington," said town councillor Gordon Rusby recently. He introduced a resolution "to set up a committee to go into the question of either amalgamating or forming a metropolitan area with Nelson and East Flamboro townships."

Expansion plans, not new anywhere in the county, have been discussed in Burlington before, too.

A. P. Green Plants Hold Joint Picnic

A P Green Co Ltd employees from Acton and Weston plants, with their families gathered Friday, June 26 at Terra Cotta for the annual picnic. This is the second year the Acton plant has joined in the event.

The plant was closed for the afternoon as the group travelled to Terra Cotta in cars. Pony rides, swimming, races with prizes and the picnic supper with soft drinks, ice cream and hot dogs were enjoyed. Mr. Glebe of the Weston plant was in charge of the picnic.

POET'S CORNER

THE GARDENER SPEAKS by Mary Ellen Varley

The trees and flowers, once dead, now live again. In the breathless spring after the winter's sleep. They burst like waving banners across the earth. And each of us can their special beauty reap.

There is so much loveliness in all the land. That God has chosen for you and I to see. And with two loving hands I can dream and shape. One small corner for the spring-like pageantry!

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THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Back in 1903

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 16, 1953

The two hundred and thirtieth anniversary of the battle of the Boyne was celebrated in loyal style on Monday at Georgetown by the Orangemen of the County. The town was on fete from an early hour. The parade was accompanied by Acton, Bronte, Glen Williams and Georgetown bands. The baseball match between Oakville and Acton was not a very creditable exhibition of the game. Only five innings were played and these were characterized by numerous disputes. Acton brought home the silver trophy.

A company of interested citizens assembled in the Baptist church last Thursday evening to listen to an address on the importance of organizing efforts for the preservation of the Lord's Day from the encroachments of greedy corporations and individuals not satisfied with the six days in which to labor. Rev. T. Albert Moore, general secretary of the Provincial Alliance, Toronto, was the speaker. Vivid comparison of the quiet, peaceful Sabbath of thirty years ago, with that of today with its Sunday trains, pleasure excursions and other forms of desecration, were made. Canada has been recently discovered by the outside world. Industrial concerns care only for dividends. Vivid reference was made to the "Sundays" of the past, when Sunday dinner parties, the Saturday night millinery and dressmaking orders and various other matters thoughtlessly entered into.

Table decorations of ropes of marigolds and fairy candles lent a daintiness and charm to the recherche spread at the second golf

tea, held on the pretty lawn of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Holmes, Bower Avenue. Messrs. Frank McIntosh and Ed Hyder are playing a series of lacrosse matches with the Orillia team.

Back in 1933

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 11, 1933

Yesterday was the glorious Twelfth and Acton Orange Lodges celebrated in Fergus.

The St. Alban's Sunday School picnic was held on Saturday afternoon in Riverside Park in Guelph. A splendid outing was enjoyed.

The Acton Tennis Club Team played the first tournament series with St. George's Church Team of Georgetown. Georgetown ladies took three matches to two by the Acton ladies. Acton men took every one of the five events. This week they played with St. James' Club of Guelph in the series of the Western Ontario Tennis League. Guelph won both the ladies' and the gentlemen's sections but Acton players gave them a struggle all the way.

Miss Isabel Cowie has been appointed to the staff of the Guelph College. Miss Cowie has been teaching the past two years in Kincardine.

Hon. Chas. McCrea was the speaker last Friday evening at the Conservative meeting in the Town Hall. Dr. R. K. Anderson, member of the Federal Parliament also gave an address.

The Pioneer Cemetery Committee are receiving encouragement and donations to assist in the project of erecting a calm and preparing the ground for re-seeding.

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2:00 p.m. 5:10 p.m. 6:35 p.m. 8:25 p.m. 9:50 p.m.
Westbound
10:25 a.m. 12:25 p.m. 2:57 p.m.
4:27 p.m. 7:27 p.m. 9:12 p.m.
11:32 p.m. 1:00 a.m. (Sun to Kitchener only)
A Daily except Sunday and holidays
Saturday Sunday and holidays

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Daily except Sunday and Monday 2:25 a.m. Sunday and Monday only 12:08 a.m. daily except Sunday 8:48 a.m. 6:50 p.m. (flagstop) 7:44 p.m. Daily except Saturday and Sunday 5:48 p.m. Saturday only 1:29 p.m. Sunday only 9:00 a.m. (flagstop). Sunday only Flyer at Guelph 7:05 p.m.

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