

# EDITORIAL

## Far Away Fields

Cities seem to have a habit of crediting new methods to American cities despite the fact that the thing may have been used in towns surrounding the city for some time.

Acton citizens may be interested to note that according to a report from a Toronto newspaper, "Water consumers in the metropolitan area may find an additional item marked 'sewage charge' at the bottom of their water bills if a recommendation of the acting metropolitan works commissioner receives favorable consideration."

"Metropolitan works committee yesterday heard Leslie Allan, acting works commissioner, argue a direct relationship between the amount of water used by a consumer and the amount of sewerage from his house."

"Mr. Allan said the sewage charge should be a percentage of the water bill. 'The user would pay for sewage disposal rather than the taxpayer,'" he said. "The system is in operation in many American cities."

A system somewhat similar was introduced with the operation of the sewage disposal system in Acton and evidently this community must have been early pioneers in the field. It's quite obvious too, that the city of Toronto officials because of their size are too busy studying American cities to notice the work of smaller communities within 50 miles.

## Next Big Event

With the fall fair prize lists being made ready for printing we are reminded that summer is on the wane and the fall fairs will soon take over and become the favored meeting places for folks from all over. They become not only a place to see the products of the farms and the best of our agricultural products but a yearly reunion for friends to meet other friends from the home town.

There are plenty of folks who wouldn't miss Acton Fair for any other attraction. It is these folks who make the habit of attending regularly that get the most good of these yearly reunions at the fair.

This is written just to remind all those who want to meet old friends in the home town that the week-end they should plan to come to Acton is September 18th and 19th.

Preparations are now underway to present for one and all the best local fair possible and judging from the material now in the printer's hands, the 1953 fair is going to be the best yet.

## The People Have Chosen

The Canadian elections are over and the electors have chosen their government for the next four or five years. It is well that a working majority has been given and that guidance will not be hampered in the policies which must be adhered to in the next few years. A government of small majority or made up of a combination of more than one group, is invariably a weak government. A stronger opposition in numbers might have had a bigger influence, but it will give those who are in opposition a greater need for alertness.

The results have proven that Canadians have confidence in the Liberal administration and the mandate given on Monday is a challenge to the Liberal government to maintain a good record in the years ahead and keep Canada in the eminent position it has attained among the nations of the world. Prime Minister St. Laurent and his colleagues may well have pride in the confidence given by the electors, but the trust placed is also a challenge for good government for all Canadians from coast to coast.

Haltom did not share in the Liberal sweep and after 18 years of having a representative on the government side have chosen to send to Ottawa a member who will sit in the opposition benches. The county has been alternately Conservative and Liberal with the members in the House of Commons and the Ontario Legislature being more often Conservative than Liberal party candidates down through the years.

The election has been decided and now it behooves us all to do our own part in helping to make Canada a better place to live and work.

## A Bountiful Harvest

Recently we have had several little trips off the highways and down the concession lines and there's nothing finer anywhere than to see Ontario farmlands this year. Farmers tell us that they are harvesting the best crops in their recollection. Hay was bountiful and filled the barns. The grain crops now being cut are so heavy that the fields seem full of grain in the stocks. Truly those who live in this part of the world have cause for thankfulness.

We read this week of the problems of farmers in some other areas on this continent. Near Elkhart, Kan., L. W. Dickenson farms 1,120 acres. This year he planted 600 acres of maize—a low-growing grain sorghum developed for semiarid lands by state experiment stations. Only 300 acres were left by July, and these were being rapidly smothered by dust. F. A. Riley, in the same Kansas area, who farms 1,180 acres, planted 750 acres of maize; by July he had lost 150 acres and was losing more every day. Their experiences are typical of southwest Kansas.

## Holiday for Strings

A political science professor has come up with a suggestion of changing the voting system. He doesn't think a straight proportional representative system such as is used in British Columbia would be good throughout the whole of Canada.

But, he argues, there can be a mixed system—to get "the good effects of each." Leave the rural areas and most districts as they are, but for the large urban centres where more than five M.P.'s are elected, he suggests proportional representation.

Coming right after a national election with all its confusion we wonder why anyone would want to add more confusion to our present system. Personally we think that we have gone through a period of too much reform and we might better spend a little time getting accustomed to the revisions that have been sold to the public and not found entirely workable yet.

We have had new methods of assessment which will take some years to get properly adjusted. We have been trying radical reforms in our educational system with doubtful improvement. We have had controls of most everything tried in both times of war and in peace. We have labor laws, relation boards and unions which do not appear to give satisfaction to any groups.

Wouldn't it be nice to have a period of less planning by the professional fixers and a little more individualism for all the people? Maybe if we all understood the things we have and worked on them assiduously we would find they weren't entirely wrong and didn't need as much fixing and changing as the professors would lead us to believe. But let's lay off selling any more new schemes to the governments for a while—they are liable to buy them or include them in their next political platforms.

## Beware the Racketeers

Judging from news reports from other towns the chimney repair racket is still prevalent. In Walkerton, a man was convicted of fraud and sentenced to jail. He had represented himself as a chimney repair man and obtained two cheques for \$50 each from an elderly lady. He had also obtained the lady's pension cheque. A mason called in to inspect the work said the repairs performed were not necessary.

This is only one of the rackets to which all are subject and of which people who deal with strangers may become victims. Elderly people are chosen for the chimney repair racket because it is impossible for them to inspect the work and likewise impossible for them to know whether the chimney requires repairs.

There is only one way to avoid becoming a victim of these rackets. Do not deal with a stranger. In every community there are tradesmen who are reliable. They have to be reliable to continue to live in the community. If anything goes wrong you can easily contact them and have a correction made.

It's always safer to do business with folks in your own town whether it's chimney repairs or some purchase that you desire to make, or some magazines you are asked to subscribe for from some one who is "going through college."

### Reading Between The Lines

## MANY SHADES OF OPINION GIVEN ON WHY WE VOTE FOR CANDIDATE

by Hartley Cole

During the heat of the recent election campaign, which according to the fibbers was deadlier than last year's mackerel when compared to its forefathers, some utterances were heard that wouldn't do credit to a budget bird. Now that the fust has subsided and people can examine some of their opinions with impartial views, there must be some red faces! But people, being people, there aren't likely to be many.

In the light of what is fair and decent, it is fairly safe to say that most people think seriously of the idea of voting. However, there are always a few to whom a thought is as far away as China, and then some. This multitude, in which are members of both sexes, can whomp up assorted reasons of every description for their special candidate.

"Look," said the lady to me, "there are three candidates in this riding. Which one is which, I don't know but that fellow there in the election posters has got the most beautiful face I ever did see. That's where my X is going." If we told the lady that if the truth were known his beautiful face wasn't likely to help him a bit in the House of Commons, we might as well drop dead. To some folks, beauty is synonymous with ability.

If we all followed the lady's method of choosing a candidate you can well imagine the result: a stage full of girls clad in bathing suits and men with bulging

muscles parading in front of the populace for votes.

And then there's the fellow who says, "My father was a ——— all his life and his father and his father's father. And what was good enough for them is good enough for me."

Well, maybe his father was a ———! But because his father ended up by jumping into the pond that doesn't mean that he's got to follow suit.

We would suggest to him that since his father, and his father's father were ———, then probably he is a "666 666 666". Then there's the gent who's got to end up on the winning side. He's a real prophet! He knows months in advance how the next election will turn out and is willing to take on all comers in a full scale argument.

When the election is over and his particular party didn't get into power, there's no moaning or groaning. No siree! He voted for the winners! What about all the talk before the contest? Just trying to put you off the track. It's a secret ballot, ain't it?

Now we have disposed of three irksome characters we can get at the wife who says to her husband as they go to the polls, "Who will I vote for John?" For all she knows John might advise her to vote for some party that has as its platform the abolition of the kitchen sink. It's a tribute to his judgment, yes, but not particularly generous for her own thinking. (Continued on Page Three)



### Accepts Challenge

Down Burlington way Mayor E. W. Smith has accepted the challenge of Mayor John T. Armstrong of Georgetown for a plowing competition.

### Seeks Debiture Approval

The Municipal Board will be asked to approve a debenture for new sidewalk construction in Georgetown. Council gave two readings to a by-law to sell debentures for \$11,000 for the new sidewalks.

### New School at Norval

Growth of the suburban Norval area will be reflected in a new three-room public school which will be ready for occupancy within the next year according to a report in the Georgetown Herald. The J. B. Mackenzie tender of \$53,000 subject to some downward revisions for changes in plans will pay the cost of the building. Cost of the school equipped will be about \$63,000 it is estimated.

### Arrested in Georgetown

Two Toronto men were arrested last week by Georgetown police who received a description from Guelph city police. The men were suspected of having stolen an electric drill from the Service Hardware, Guelph.

### Mayor Protests Construction

Bond St. disappeared as Oakville's Mayor J. Black reported being eased off the street as contractors bulldozers gouged it, and of being threatened by a developer who would put up two apartment buildings on Reynolds St. The situation evidently got straightened out after meetings with contractor and council. Just another of the problems the expanding town seems to be having.

### Dogs Poisoned

Two Bronte dogs have died and an Oakville canine has survived a bout with arsenic poisoning within the past week.

### To Exceed Estimate

Oakville's new public library building is going to cost more than the \$45,000 which the council agreed to put into the project. Lowest tender submitted wasn't a great deal over the \$45,000.

### "Bilingual Best"

Two Oakville girls who tried an adventure in understanding and visited Quebec homes have returned with reports of overwhelming hospitality, an eagerness by French speaking people to go more than half way to cement relationships and a firm conviction that Canadians should be bilingual.

### Tennis Coming Back

Tennis is enjoying a lively comeback since the last war, in Oakville according to the Oakville Trafalgar Journal. Boasting a total of 30 to 40 players, the club holds men's nights Tuesday evening and ladies' nights on Wednesday evenings.

### To Convene in Milton

The Firemen's Convention will next year be held in Milton, representatives of that town's brigade reported on returning from the annual convention at Thorold.

### No Obligations

No opposition to a capital expenditure of \$20,000 by the town of Milton for new sidewalks was raised at the Ontario Municipal Board hearing recently in that town.

## AT THE Churches

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11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
Thought for the Week  
This is what Christianity is for—to teach men the art of life. And its whole curriculum lies in one word, "Learn of Me."  
(Anonymous)

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9:45 a.m.—Church School.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7:00 p.m.—Service in the Baptist Church.  
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 16th, 1953  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School with classes for all ages.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7:00 p.m.—We extend a hearty welcome to the congregations of the Anglican, Presbyterian and United Churches to unite with us for the combined evening service.

### ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

August 16th, 1953  
11:15 a.m.—Choral Communion.  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service in the Baptist Church.  
ALL WELCOME  
"He is truly great who hath great love."  
He is truly great that is little in himself and that maketh no account of any height of honor. He is truly wise, that accounteth all earthly things nothing that he may win Christ. He is truly learned, that doeth the will of God and forsaketh his own will."  
Thomas A Kempis

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

### Back in 1903

Taken from the issue of The Free Press of Thursday, August 13, 1903  
Ratepayers generally will appreciate the announcement that the rate of taxation this year has been struck at the low figure of nineteen mills. Two reasons may be given for the reduction from the rate of twenty-three mills of last year. First: There was no small-pox expenditure; and second, rigid economy has characterized all the controllable expenditures of the municipality for the year.

The two houses belonging to the John Lawson estate were sold last week. The cottage at the corner of Agnes and Eight Streets was purchased by Mr. T. W. Shaw of the Acton Tanning Co. for \$700. Mr. Shaw has occupied this cozy home for some years. The new house at the corner of Church and Willow Streets has come into the possession of Mr. W. J. Chapman, of W. H. Storey and Son Ltd. The price paid was \$1,700. Mr. Chapman will proceed at once to complete the exterior, which, when finished, will give him a very handsome and commodious residence.

The annual picnic of the Methodist Sunday School last Thursday afternoon was ideal and thoroughly enjoyable. The pleasant picnic grounds of ex-Warden Warren's beautiful grove was so convenient to town that every little tot in the primary class walked without any fatigue in the procession. The school paraded at two o'clock headed by Acton Cornet Band. Flags and banners and happy faces made a pleasant sight. The rural schools re-open next Monday.

A Welland man was fined \$10 for selling newspapers on Sunday. Man's mark is silence, women's a smile.

### Back in 1933

Quite a number from Acton have been attending the Ferguson Centennial celebration this week.

In the opening softball fixture of the newly-formed Town League, the town team beat the Tenney by the score of 18-12.

Last Friday, the annual meeting and picnic of the Wentworth-Halton-Peel Press Association was held at Brampton. The feature of the meeting was an informed address by Mr. John G. Kirkwood, editor of "Marketing", Toronto.

Then 10th annual reunion of the descendants of the late Thomas and Elizabeth Storey of Nassagaweya, was held on Monday at the home of Mr. Wm. Frank, first line. Esqueness, with about 135 in attendance.

The local post of the B.E.S.L. held its annual picnic in the park on Civic Holiday. Assembling before the grandstand, President "Bud" McDonald started the races. After supper a baseball match between the "Has beans" and the "Would Be's" resulted in a score of 12-11 in favor of the Has Beans.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. John Moore, Speyside.

SWACKHAMER—at the home, lot 1, concession 4, Erin Twp., on Sunday, August 8, 1933, Frances Catherine Johnston, beloved wife of Austin Swackhamer, aged 78 years.  
NO REQUESTS  
Minister: "Johnnie, do you say your prayers every night?"  
Johnnie: "No sir. Some nights I don't want anything."

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COACHES LEAVE ACTON (Daylight Saving Time)  
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.; 8:28 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.; 11:32 p.m.; 11:2 a.m. (Sun. to Kitchener only)  
a—Daily except Sunday and holidays.  
b—Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

#### CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Standard Time  
Eastbound  
Daily 5:40 a.m.; Daily except Sundays 9:55 a.m.; 7:16 p.m.; Sunday 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 7:22 a.m.; Sunday and Monday only 12:00 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 1:30 p.m.; Sunday only 9:03 a.m. (flagstop); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph 7:05 p.m.

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