

# EDITORIAL

## For Parents Only

Results of school examinations have been announced and many students are during these weeks before the opening of the high schools and universities making plans which will affect their lifetime. Parents are having a guiding influence too in helping young people make a choice of careers.

Never were there greater opportunities offered the young people today for a continuance of their education. School buildings and equipment are the most modern. Governments and municipalities are contributing funds to make school life attractive and the acquisition of an education easy to obtain. Even funds are provided for parents to assist in keeping children in school until they have attained the age of 16 years. Many parents, however, do not realize seemingly that such assistance is for the benefit of the children.

The days of child labor and education only for the rich man's children are long past in Canada. Every child whether he lives in town or country has an opportunity to receive an education at least until the age of 16 years. It behooves parents to see that their children are given the benefits of the privileges that are available to all. For those who have the perseverance for studies beyond that age, the door is open.

Parents have a duty and responsibility to their children to see that they get the advantages and are persuaded to continue their studies at school at least until the age of 16. Such a grounding is splendid training and gives decided advantages that are useful all the way through life.

*If you would know and not be known, live in a city.—Colton.*

## It Can Happen Here

The news of world events has carried some rather disturbing items regarding the chaos in France. It has become commonplace to read of the short-lived governments that France has been having. To find that services of the country were almost paralyzed by a strike of civil servants was therefore not wholly unexpected.

It is not necessary, however, to go overseas to get events that show that law and respect for the rights of others is lightly regarded by some groups. Ontario has a strike of transport workers and the incidents reported on the highways of the province that are maintained by all the people of the province do not make for a feeling of confidence in our own people. In northern Ontario the strike of mine workers seems to be getting out of hand and mob rule seems all too prevalent.

None will deny the right of any worker to strike and remain away from work until his requests are met. But if we are to avoid chaos and complete paralysis of our form of living there must be a cessation of violence and mob rule. Employee and employer have a right to expect protection of life and property in the conduct of every day business. If we are to avoid an experience similar to that which France is now having it is time that methods are put in force to maintain law and order.

## Canadian Show Window

The Canadian National Exposition which has grown from a small agricultural fair to the world's largest annual exposition, will mark its 75th anniversary this year with some of the most outstanding features and attractions in its history.

Now an event which attracts visitors from far beyond Canada's borders, the C.N.E. will play host to more than 3,000,000 people who come to look at the Show Window of the Dominion, open daily, except Sunday, from Friday, August 28 to Saturday, September 12.

From the opening day when Field Marshall Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, Deputy Supreme Commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, will officially declare the big 75th year C.N.E. open, to closing, there is something for every member of the family. The C.N.E. leads off the annual fall events that feature Canadian agriculture and industry and are such important gatherings each year.

## It Can Be Finished

Those who may have been pessimistic over the advantages of a swimming pool in Acton would view the project in a new light if they visited any summer day at the first phase of the project in the park and saw the 50 or 60 children enjoying the facilities of the junior pool. We are well aware that the present pool is not the project on which Acton embarked a few years ago. It is merely a start. But it is a start which proves the program planned can be carried out if all the citizens have a resolution of purpose to carry on the project.

The junior pool for children up to 10 years of age has proven ideal. There is a need for a pool for the older groups, too, and for adequate dressing rooms. Operation of the junior pool too has shown the need for equipment to filter and treat the water regularly. Given time and the support of the whole community, the project as originally planned can be completed, but it is going to take the co-operation of all. Perhaps it will take longer than was first anticipated but worthwhile projects always require much effort. At any rate there have been a bunch of new enthusiasts made this summer since the junior pool has been opened and they'll soon be the men and women of tomorrow.

*Speaking of cuts in taxes, we haven't heard much comment on the cut that every wage-earner experienced in his pay envelope on the first of July.*

## Sales Insurance

It is not only a very foolish policy — but a might hazardous one as well — to regard advertising as wasted effort or to feel that by curtailing such expenses you are economizing. The secret of success in the use of advertising is persistency.

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Keeping your name and your products before the over 6,000 prospective customers who read The Free Press each week is the proven policy of many successful local business people.

*Canadians have a long way to go before they equal the British in their respect for law and order. In 1950, almost 20,000 persons were sent to jail in England and Wales out of a population of over 41 million. In the same year, over 98,000 Canadians went to jail out of a population of 14 million.*

## Those Forecasts

How goes the U.S. to a large extent means how goes Canada. Washington is supposed to be convinced that business will keep on humming for another year at least.

What happens then? A crash? The depression psychosis means that every time a forecast is made for a certain period, gloomsters see the end coming at the cutoff date.

The weatherman has his problems. Acts of God are always stepping in.

The economic forecaster has his too, thinks The Financial Post. Acts of men are always there. Who can predict the Kremlin's way a year from now or when the market for can openers will be saturated?

But when a weatherman predicts a sunny week-end because that's as far as he can see ahead, no one assumes that automatically, Monday will be raining. The same applies to business.

The U.S. forecast says nothing about how things will look in August, 1954. It doesn't say business then will start to go up, go down, or be the same. It just says business looks good for a year ahead. That's all it says. And that should be enough for most of us.

## Reading Between The Lines

### TOO BAD ACTON HAS NO CHAMBER, PLENTY OF WORK FOR GOOD GROUP

by Jim Dill

It's too bad. Yes, it is too bad that Acton can't boast a Board of Trade or a Chamber of Commerce. It isn't for lack of attempts at the organization but the groups formed just never seem to hold together long enough to accomplish noticeable amounts of good work.

There must be many things a group of that kind could do for the betterment of the merchants and residents alike. It would probably surprise most citizens just how many tourists pass through this town and district and probably a good percentage leave it knowing nothing about it because there was nothing outstanding here.

Chambers of Commerce don't have to be responsible for the introduction of a plant, industrial plants. They can concern themselves with the labelling of tourist attractions. Every week Acton's park is attracting visitors from greater distances than may be suspected and the majority of them will pass the entrance to the Pioneer Cemetery not knowing it.

Without being sacrilegious, the entrance could quite easily be marked for the interested visitors. Passing near Midland on the week-end a small sign pointed out

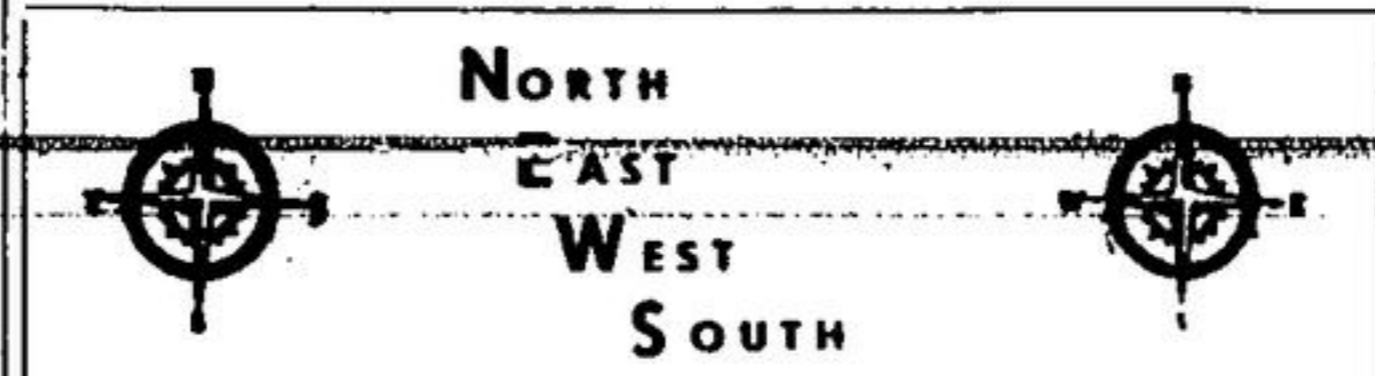
the Huronia House and I drove a number of miles out of my way to visit that attraction. Otherwise I would have missed Midland altogether. When I got there, I wasn't disappointed either.

This seems the ideal season to think of tourist attractions but there are many other topics that could be considered by an active, co-operative Board of Trade or Chamber of Commerce.

Another of the outlets for Chamber of Commerce activity is the providing of recommendations to the town council on local problems. Council is saddled with plenty of work already and I imagine an active Chamber could gain favorable attention with some sound suggestions.

Just as I write this column a letter arrived from the Gravenhurst Board of Trade telling about that centre and what it has to offer to industry seeking new locations. That type of work in Acton now has to be funnelled through an Industrial committee of council that I'm sure would appreciate help in that work.

Yes, there are many more activities that could be handled by a Chamber of Commerce. But then it's too bad Acton hasn't got one.



**Re Elections**  
Of course all the newspapers in the county, that we read each week, had articles about Sybil Bennett, detailing the celebrations in Milton after the election results were tabulated. The Georgetown paper reflected the pleasure of Georgetownians since "it is the first time in history that a Georgetown resident has sat in the Federal house."

**Scout's Story**  
The chief Canadian scout for the National League's Brooklyn Dodgers, Bill Harris, is planning to open a men and boys' wear store in Oakville... we hope nobody smashes his show windows attracting attention with a bit of fancy display pitching!

**More on Beaver Dam**  
An article on the now-famous beaver dam in the county was featured last week in the Oakville Record-Star which reports that the Town Line between Nassagaweya and Esqueping townships is flooded with about 18 inches of water for a distance of 150 yards. "It's right up to my knees," Game Warden Dudley Hitchcock lamented. The solution? Only Mother Nature can supply that. The game warden said.

Mr. Hitchcock and residents of Esqueping and Nassagaweya near the dam are now patiently waiting for nature to do something. It's doubtful consolation that the beaver may move — and do the same thing somewhere else!

**One Comes Across**  
The Oakville-Trafalgar Journal reports that in that town about 200 young men are dodging the mailman. They know that letters are out for them giving notice of poll tax which must be paid by every single man over 21 who doesn't pay any property tax.

What's worse this year the tax is exactly doubled—\$10. Police chief Len Brown said, "I have about 225 listed as eligible to pay poll tax. One has paid already."

**Dr. Chisholm to Visit**  
Dr. Brock Chisholm, who not long ago resigned as head of the

World Health Organization will likely visit relatives in Oakville for several months this fall. The family is now en route to Vancouver Island where they own property, by way of the Panama Canal.

**First Sod Turned**  
On Monday the first sod was officially turned at the site of the two plants for the Ontario Steel Products of Milton. A bulldozer began the job of ripping open the site in earnest while the company officials, interested Miltonians and special guests watched.

After the ceremony a buffet dinner was served in the Milton Inn, complete with turkeys and hams.

The plants will manufacture leaf chassis springs and have equipment for nickel and chrome plating.

**Bands at Burlington**  
Acton bandmen will take part in a band tattoo in Burlington, Ontario later this month. The leader of the Burlington Junior Community Band, Elgin Corlett, says that six bands have so far accepted invitations. Among these is the Warren C. Harding high school band from Warren, Ohio. Their bandmaster is a brother of the Burlington bandmaster and the two have brought their bands together several times.

**Poet's Corner**  
**TIME**  
Take time to live. That's what time is for.  
Take time to work. It is the price of success.  
Take time to think. It is the source of power.  
Take time to play. It is the foundation of wisdom.  
Take time to be friendly. It is the road to happiness.  
Take time to dream. It's hitchhiking your wagon to a star.  
Take time to look around. It's too short a day to be selfish.  
Take time to laugh. It is the music of the soul.  
Take time to be courteous. It is the mark of a gentleman.

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*Thought for the Week*  
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(Anonymous)

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10:00 a.m.—Sunday School with classes for all ages.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7:00 p.m.—We cordially invite the congregations of the Anglican, Presbyterian and United churches to fellowship with us for the joint evening service.

Canada's northern territories have an area of 15 million square miles, a population of 25,000. Alaska, one third the area has a population of 130,000.

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

**Back in 1903**  
From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 29, 1903

The following residents of Acton and vicinity left here on Tuesday on prospecting trips to the points named: Mr. and Mrs. Alex McGregor and daughter, to Cartwright; Thos. Wren, to Hartney; Alfred Soper to Boiesvain; Mrs. Wm. Leishman and Albert Leishman, to Arden; Chas. Gibbons to Neepawa; Stewart McArthur, to Winnipeg; Fred Williams and Thos. Neill, to Emerson; Sidney McCaul to Wawanesa; Donald Kopman, to Edmonton; Isaac Clark to Winnipeg; J. Bennett, Elmer Hornby, to Winnipeg; Ernest Wilson, to Medicine Hat. The train went through here in two sections, both being very much crowded.

Lieut. Colonel Stephen Marshall preached a very interesting and instructive sermon to a large congregation at Limehouse Methodist church. So many of his old friends were anxious to hear him that the church was too small to accommodate the crowd.

The value of Acton of the amalgamation of the W. J. Chapman glove and tanning business of Wingham with that of W. H. Storey and son is already manifest. Today Acton has not a single habitable house to rent at any price. Generally houses have become scarce as winter approaches.

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**Back in 1933**  
From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 17, 1933

Corn on the cob is a reasonable item on the family menu just now. The softball games played twice a week are creating a bit of fun and keen interest.

Quite a number from Acton Women's Institute attended the birthday party of Eden Mills Institute on Wednesday of last week.

The work of Acton Pioneers Cemetery is already making a marked improvement. The structure to be built from the stones will be in the form of a pergola and the ground is being cleared for the erection.

A picnic of the Sprawl families was held at the home of Mr. James Sprawl on Saturday afternoon. There was a large attendance and a good program arranged.

Mrs. Neil McMillan of Nassagaweya, was pleasantly surprised when about 20 of her neighbors called on her to celebrate her 90th birthday. An enjoyable evening was spent.

The Meadowview Mission softball team, of Guelph, defeated the Acton Baptist Young Peoples' team by a score of 28 to 23.

Wingham voters voted against the town taking over the local arena with a majority of 33.

**DIED**  
Hospital, on Thursday, August 10, 1933, Chester Wellington Carpliff, son of the late Andrew Carpliff, of Nassagaweya, in his 32nd year.

Electrician Carruthers has just installed electric lamps throughout the residence of Mr. C. E. Goodlove, merchant, Main St. Citizens who propose putting electric lights in their residences would do well to place their orders before the morning service is commenced.

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