

EDITORIAL

Along the Back Roads

Mid-October and last week-end delightful summer weather prevailed. So delightful was it that we did just what we urged our readers to do a week or so ago—went on a drive to revel in the autumn glory of the countryside and record some of the coloring on color film. We found plenty of autumn glory right within a few miles on No. 25 highway and all the concession roads leading off in any direction.

We found other interesting things, too. On one concession line the residents seem to go in for unusual mail boxes or for different supports upon which to mount the boxes. There are, too, many ornate and unusual farm entrances and no doubt the outstanding one in this district is that on the farm of Dr. Paul Beer. It is the design and largely the artistic work of the late Mrs. Beer. The farm surroundings of this and many other farm homes are much more impressive and pleasing than the row upon row of houses in the new subdivisions that seem to be getting the crowds.

But then these roads aren't as well travelled. It's surprising though how many folks are building quite modern homes and finding a joy in living just a few miles off the beaten track. And all of these homes now have the same conveniences which are to be found in the built-up centres.

What is a Secret

Ottawa circles are upset over the public's learning of Avro's "Flying Saucer," and other defense items like the air-to-air missile for jet fighters and the radar system called the "McGill Fence."

If these so-called "top secrets" are so loosely guarded that the public can learn of their existence through the newspapers or through rumors, what must trained enemy agents have uncovered? Now at least officialdom has proof of the holes in the secrecy curtain.

There is a second issue as well, The Financial Post thinks. Are there too many things labelled "secrets"? Are we trying to hide the location of the St. Lawrence River, or Hudson Bay?

The military mind tends to look with disdain upon the public's right to know how its money is being spent, how or whether the country is adequately defended. The rubber stamp "Secret" is an easy way out. It can hide inefficiency and waste. It can stop questions without giving answers.

The taxpayer has the right to know everything about defense except those things which would actually help his enemies. It's his country, his life, his money.

Not Just One Week

In the super abundance of special weeks that are observed every year it seems that a new one is injected every so often. Perhaps that is the reason we didn't know that last week was "Business Women's Week" and was an opportunity it seems to pay tribute to the "Women Who Work." We agree that in these days it is well to pay tribute to all who work and pay day usually occurs every week.

But when we read of that special Business Women's Week we thought of the countless wives who work in factories and at home in a quiet way to get homes established and give encouragement and help in private business in an unseen way to often make the husbands any success which they have achieved.

Perhaps the farmer's wife is the most outstanding example of what a good partner in life can do to have a man make a successful livelihood. But other examples can be found every day of the week that good wives are doing in making successful men. We wouldn't think of injecting another special week into the crowded year of special weeks but we do think the good wives who have no unions, no special organizations or make no claim for special consideration deserve more appreciation than they are often accorded.

Indeed, we wouldn't care to see just one week named in their honor because they are so necessary every week in the year in keeping the homes and helping to guide husbands toward success. We pay tribute to all groups but to the good wives and their contribution to successful homes we think a great tribute is due at all times.

Public Entertainment Costs

The recently published annual report of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation does not make cheerful reading, comments the Toronto Saturday Night. The television service's operating loss of \$2,563,118.00 in the year ended March 31, was offset by an operating surplus of \$2,939,478 in radio broadcasting, the report showed but the CBC did not earn that surplus. Its earned revenue in radio was \$2,513,714.00 and its expenditure was \$11,389,133, which means it would have been in a pretty mess without the \$5,725,000.00 it got from the now abandoned radio license fee and the \$6,250,000.00 its gets from the government each year as a statutory grant. What it all adds up to is that Canadians are paying a stiff price for the privilege of not watching CBC-TV, concludes the Saturday Night.

Last spring the weekly newspapers of Canada through one of their committees presented a brief to Members of Parliament on the Radio Committee, calling attention to the cost of public entertainment provided by the C.B.C. The daily newspaper report of the presentation was very inadequate. We read the presentation several times and were quite in accord with the presentation.

It is rather interesting to note that while many editors expected a discussion of that report to be a contentious discussion of the convention in Saskatchewan, that phase of the report of the committee was not discussed at all and not one soul lifted a voice in protest or commendation. Apparently many who had discussed it in their papers before the text was available have since read the report and find that the CBC expenditures of public funds on entertainment are something that will require a second look.

No Easy Way

The Hon. Arthur Meighen, Canada's great elder statesman, still hard at work as he approaches 80, gave some good philosophy and advice to the graduating class at Selwyn House School, Montreal, recently, says the Ottawa Journal. It was that nothing worth while in life, neither achievement, nor fame, nor joy, nor security, can come from other than work.

Young men starting out in life asked of their employers, "What is your pension scheme?" Meighen's answer was that no pension plan, no insurance policy, no trust fund could bring the reward of work well done.

This is the answer of all history of all experience, with not a whit of subtraction from it by the conditions of our day. Under all circumstances to the last syllable of time, there will never be a substitute for work, no reward as great as the joy of work well done.

Mr. Meighen concludes: "The formula is simple. Find the job that interests you; learn at every opportunity, to do it as well as you can; then work at it. It will always be interesting for there will always be new things about it to learn... this is the greatest reward, but no one else can guarantee it or will it to us. Each one has to earn it for himself."

The Cobourg Sentinel-Star published a fine 30 page special edition on the occasion of the big plowing match held near there recently.

Buy at Home

An editorial on drinking, which has attracted considerable attention, apparently originated in the small Moody (Texas) Courier, one of the few remaining hand set newspapers on the continent. The editorial, addressed to tipplers, read: "If you cannot absolutely refrain from drinking, start a saloon in your own home. Be the only customer and you will not have to buy a license."

Give your wife \$2 to buy a gallon of whiskey. There are 128 snorts in a gallon. Buy all your drinks from your wife at 40 cents a snort; and in four days, when the gallon is gone, your wife will have \$39.20 to put into the bank and will have \$12 to start up in business again.

If you live 10 years and continue to buy all your booze from your wife, then die with snakes in your boots, your wife will have \$35,750.50 on deposit enough to bury you respectfully, bring up your children, buy a house and lot, marry a decent man and forget she ever knew you."

Reading Between The Lines

NEW FACES SOUGHT FOR 1954 WILL YOU BE IN TOWN'S SERVICE?

by Jim Dilla

"It won't be long now." That's what town fathers across Canada are saying about now. There's a certain happiness as election and nomination meetings draw near for town councils and other elected groups. The months preceding that have held the late meetings, long discussions and responsibility are over and for some there's a certain happiness that the end is near.

No matter how you look at it, and it's been looked at from all angles during the past years, there is a lot of work with the little satisfaction for those volunteers who take their free time and time from their work to look after the interests of the town.

Across Canada, as in Acton, the time is drawing close for those who have shouldered the responsibility of town affairs, to throw the ball to citizens to choose and urge other citizens to prepare to carry the responsibilities next year.

Nominations are usually very poorly attended although in Acton the past couple of years the meetings have attracted greater interest. Unfortunately, it isn't solely the desire to hear reports and facts that have proven the drawing card.

Acton council next year will have a number of new faces. That's a prediction based on ex-

pressed thoughts of individual members of this year. It is to be hoped the chairs will be filled with capable men who will administer wisely and fairly.

But what are you doing to see that they are? Have you ever served a term on a council, school board or public utilities? Have you ever urged anyone with possibly greater capabilities to do so? Have you ever tried to understand the problems of municipal administration that if called on to serve, you would be qualified by knowing pretty well what has gone before? Have you ever sat in on a council meeting without being there to ask something?

Nominations this year have been set for November 27 with elections on December 7. A mayor, reeve, deputy-reeve and six councillors make up council, the public utilities commission requires one to be elected this year, school board requires the election of three members. The question of enlarging the commission to five members will be put before electors this year, and if approved, the extra members will be appointed in the 1954 elections for service in 1955.

There is just about a month to decide what help you will give the furtherance of municipal administration this year. Are you prepared to serve?



New Assessor?
Haltom county assessor Ford Rogers interviewed three applicants for the position of Bronte assessor last week including Rev. Arman Wright of Bronte Baptist church.

Animal World News
Most of the ducks raised in Haltom have been short scared away, county game warden Dudley Hitchcock thinks. "I've heard reports that many of the good shooters have got up to 15 ducks," he said, "while the poor shooters have been complaining." The northern ducks won't come down until the weather is a little milder, so until then there will be a lapse in duck hunting.

Thousand shooting gets underway
The hunt for rabbits will start next week, with the licenses allowing the holder to hunt rabbits until next February.

Golf "Big News"
The formation of the North Halton Golf and Country Club at the former Willoughby property at Georgetown has turned out to be the "biggest news of the year in Georgetown," according to an editorial in the Herald. Editor Walt Biehn says, "Never have we noticed so much comment on any single activity in town, and since the announcement of the property purchase by K. M. Langdon and the offering of shares to the public last month, there is scarcely a day goes by that someone does not mention golf over the Herald office counter."

Reported that over half of the 225 shares available for the Halton district had been subscribed.

Population Rise
Georgetown's population has increased by 200 in the past year; now stands at 3,779.

Burlington's recent population spurt brings the town's total up to 7,181. With 200 new homes under construction, it's expected the total will rise again shortly.

Wild Rice for Wild Life
With their eye to the wild life to the north, the Oakville Rod and Gun club is planning to plant some wild rice in the vicinity of the Beaver dam not far from Milton. It will be pasture for ducks. As part of their reforestation program, the club is also expecting to plant some 5,000 trees along the upper reaches of the Sixteen.

Winners at Erin
Of course last week's Erin Advocate is full of news of Erin fair, which many from this district attended over Thanksgiving weekend. "A delightful fall day, a record crowd of twenty thousand, the largest and finest exhibit in all departments in the history of the Society marked a new high record for the ever-expanding Erin Fair," the paper said.

Although we mentioned in this paper last week some of the local winners at Erin, we see many more familiar names in the full prize list. Names of those from Acton and district who placed well include Mel Atty, Jess McEnery, Lloyd McEnery, Limehouse; D. E. Benham, Rockwood; McDonald Bros., Mrs. Ray Ellis, Ballinford; W. J. Hatch, Rockwood; Clark W. Winter, Rockwood; J. P. Benham and Sons, Rockwood; Ron Goodall, Rockwood; Lloyd Mack, Rockwood; S. G. Bennett; Mary Grieve, Rockwood; Robert Kerr and Son; J. Lightie; J. E. Pearson, Rockwood; Mrs. Norman Robertson and Mrs. C. F. Leatherland.

New Milton School
Milton public school board has planned to engage Barnett and Rieder to design a new public school there. The board meets the architects this week to outline requirements for the new school. Barnett and Rieder are Acton high school architects, as well.

Pulp and paper uses one-third of all the power used by industry.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1903

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 22, 1953

Thousands of people from the surrounding country thronged Erin village streets and fair grounds the day following Thanksgiving. The receipts were larger than any previous year, over \$100 being taken at the gate. Fairs of all kinds had free swing for a consideration and it is said the society derived \$150 from this source alone.

It is only a few weeks since the wrecking train was here on Sunday to clear the smashup which occurred in the G.T.R. yards. Last Sunday it was here again with its gang of workmen and derricks clearing up a wreck which occurred near the culvert west of the engine house at 11 o'clock on Saturday night. The yard was full of trains and a heavy double-header backed viciously into another freight standing on the main line with brakes set. The result was that two flat cars loaded with granite were converted into splinters. The semaphore line was smashed for several car lengths.

A large crowd of Scotelmen from all the countryside who attended the Scotch supper on Thanksgiving night are not yet tired of telling about the braw haggis, the toothsome bannocks, the brittle oat cakes, the short bread that would melt in your mouth and parick like mother made in the Highlands. The haggis was paraded about Knox church basement by the "Misses of the Pipes" as only Piper Murray can skill them. After the big supper the musical and literary section served a secondary consideration. Rev. J. C. Wilson spoke on "Loyalty."

The annual "At Home" of the employees of W. H. Storey and Son held in the town hall Thanksgiving eve, was pronounced a very enjoyable affair. Musical and literary numbers were presented.

BACK IN 1933

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 19, 1933

Identical autumn weather favored the 77th anniversary of Knox church last Sunday and at both the morning and evening services large congregations filled the edifice. Services in the United and Baptist churches were withdrawn and Rev. C. L. Poole and Rev. Mr. Gifford attended and assisted in the morning service. Rev. A. C. Stewart M.A. of Chalmers church, Toronto, a former minister, was guest speaker. A quartet composed of Messrs. A. Mann, Wm. Burton, F. Sait and G. Musselle and solos by Mrs. C. Lashman and Miss Edna Hinton during anthems made the anniversary music a feature of the occasion.

The rugby games in which the Acton high school boys have participated during the week have not been won by the locals but have been rich in experience. Considering this is the first time the Acton boys have played the game, they are doing very nicely.

Those who competed in the International plowing match at Owen Sound from the district were Harold Pickett, Lloyd Easterbrook, Willard Featherstone and John Lister.

At the meeting last Friday afternoon of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I.O.D.E. Mrs. Heather of Kitchener was guest speaker. Following the conclusion of the address and presentation of the trophies Mrs. W. M. Cooper, poured tea and was assisted by Mrs. H. I. G. Fraser, Mrs. E. E. Barr, Mrs. E. J. Hasard, Mrs. C. H. Harrison, Mrs. W. Nisbet and Mrs. (Dr.) P. W. Pearson.

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