

EDITORIAL

It's the Time of Year

While municipal nominations aren't scheduled until next week there has been the usual pre-election talk. Some of those in municipal office have already stated their intentions for next year. As a year of municipal life draws to a close we don't blame many who have served for feeling tired of public life. Only those who serve on municipal bodies know the time and worry it requires and at the close of the year are very tired of it all. The best way to get an understanding of your town is to give service for a term on one of the elected bodies.

But such is our method of municipal government. If it is to be carried on effectively we require those who are busy men, who have been successful in the conduct of their own business and who have the interests of the town at heart. It is not an easy task. It is not one that should be continually loaded onto the same shoulders but some continuity is desirable on councils, school boards and commissions if the programs are to be carried on progressively.

Nomination night will soon be at hand. During the next weeks it behooves all citizens to give careful thought on their home town affairs. Next year and the years ahead are all important in this growing town of Acton. We need the best citizens we can secure to serve the town. It might be in order and not at all commonplace either if citizens were generous with their praise for those who have served in the past and have helped give our town such a fine standing.

The Old Cycle

The two items may have absolutely no connection but a new wage increase was granted last week to the pulp and paper makers. Also in the mails all paper supply houses gave notice of an increase in the price of fine papers. And, of course, the increase will go on down the line to be paid by the user of fine papers. We don't just know how it will finally reach back to those who got the first increase but in the course of events it surely will get there.

Of course, there's no harm done in this series of raises as long as we use in Canada all the fine paper we produce. The chain of increase can go on indefinitely. The trouble arises when paper makers from other countries decide they can produce and lay down in Canada products at a lower price. That's what's happening today in the textile industry in this country. Textiles can be imported cheaper from other countries than they can be produced in Canada. It's the old law of competition and now that European countries are back in production again and not fighting we are going to see more of it whether we like it or not. It need not be lower wages but the answer may easily be in greater production.

Who?

In some of our exchanges we read an article headed, "Should we have an historical museum?" The answer is yes, in every community but in these days of rapid expansion and need for funds for so many enterprises, collection of articles and the founding of a museum either in county or town seems to have little prospect of success.

In the meantime, many articles of value and typical of early days here are going to be lost for the want of a place to put them. Just within the past two weeks a very fine spinning wheel came into our possession because the owner required the room. We have over the years taken in many articles and stored them in the hope that some day a museum would be established and we could turn them over for safe-keeping to a historical society. We know of another fine collection which was kept for years and finally scattered when the man who gathered the early relics of early days passed on and no one was interested or had the place to store any of the collection.

Whether it would be a county association or whether the society would find enough interested persons in town makes little difference. This County of Halton is growing so quickly these days that there seems little time to dwell on the past or preserve the things that our forefathers used. The point is that the longer it is deferred, the more articles are lost for the museum.

Spectator Sports

The day of many of our well-known games that used to be played just for the fun of it are past. Down in Bowmanville the intermediate hockey club has folded up because the management wouldn't pay the players. In Smiths Falls the Board of Parks Management, which is a public body and in charge of the hockey club, has agreed to lump the salaries of players and not give them individually when making their regular reports.

The day of the amateur sports in baseball, lacrosse and other sports has gone for some time. We wouldn't pin the blame on anyone in particular. The fans demanded a winning team and if the material wasn't available locally urged the getting of the talent. We don't particularly blame the players for asking compensation. Many of them suffered injury, lost time from work, had families to support, and when they slowed up and couldn't play the game any more were soon forgotten.

There's just one thing that we must bear in mind. If we want spectator sports, if we want to see these sports at the time most convenient to us and in the most comfortable manner, we'll have to pay the price for our fun whether it's in winter or summer or in the fall days when football has a short season and hasn't yet gone under cover.

The old two-bit spectator game when most of the participants played because they liked it, took abuse without flinching and practiced every night in the week to attain good form, is just about gone. You'll find it in some of the very small villages, and we could name one not far from here, but in the towns you're going to have to pay more for spectator sports as the years go along.

Knowing the Neighbors

An unfortunate aspect of development of the last 50 years has been the growing gulf between urban and rural populations. In the old days each group knew all about the other's way of life because of close family relations.

A great many urban adults had been brought up on a farm and the usual place for city children to spend their holidays was back on the farm where their parents had been raised and which an uncle was still operating.

These old close contacts have been broken. It is quite possible that a fairly large proportion of our Canadian children today have never even visited a farm.

That is true not only for children but for a considerable number of urban grown-ups as well. These people have driven past farms or flown over them. To them a herd of cattle or a flock of sheep or an orchard in bloom are merely interesting subjects for their color camera, not an investment of several thousand dollars which may or may not prove profitable.

It is not good for any country and particularly for a young democracy like ours to have two major population groups with so little knowledge of each other's life and problems. Various cultural and service organizations in both town and country might well give them careful consideration. — Financial Post

Other Papers Say:

Cranbrook (B.C. Courier). The people who can make the biggest dent in the car accident record are the drivers of cars. The accident that doesn't happen never costs anybody a dime.

Cowichan Leader, Duncan, B.C. It is an accepted fact that Canadians by and large are a cautious people. In view of this fact they find life insurance particularly attractive. Canada leads the world in the ratio of life insurance in force to national income.

Young persons should not be dismayed in contemplating a farming career and the cost thereof, pointing out what can be done, the Bowmanville Statesman (Ont.) cites the case of Dutch families coming to Canada since the war. Of a total of 4,500 such families, classed as agricultural workers, about 1,500 had settled on farms of their own by the middle of last year. They are proving a real asset to the community. adds the paper.

Reading Between The Lines

DO YOU APPRECIATE HOSPITALS? I DO AFTER I'VE GOTTEN OUT

by Jim Dilts

The heading on this column may remain the same this week but its interpretation will have to be allowed a little leeway so I can justify the column's content. We'll interpret the heading as "Reading between the lines..."

No. I won't bore you with a blow by blow description of "my operation." My knowledge of that is rather limited at best, thanks to the inventors of anaesthetics.

I spent only a few days in the mighty palace of healing on University Ave. in Toronto and above all else I learned again to be thankful for what is there. You have to run into a thing in the rush and hustle of today's living before you understand or appreciate it, hence the sudden appreciation of hospitals.

A few days faced with the work and wonder of a hospital produced a jolting impact. No matter how sick you are or feel there is someone sicker. Comparatively speaking, I wasn't very sick but that didn't necessarily stop all pain until I started to look around.

Surrounded by intravenous bottles, hardly able to talk above a whisper, one chap was recovering from a serious operation. A man in a neighboring bed had been there five weeks recovering from

a heart attack and was looking forward to getting home.

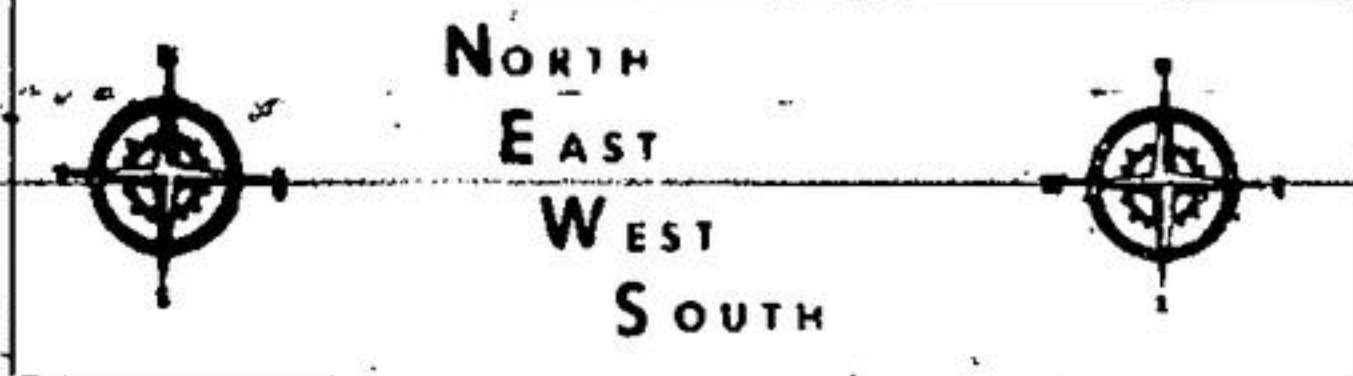
A bed was vacant just next to mine, briefly. Before long a young chap came along and climbed in. "How long do you expect to be here," I asked. "Three months," was his reply. When I recovered from the initial shock he explained he was to have a back operation that would put him in a cast from neck to legs for two months, the result of an early injury.

But besides the condition of other patients that makes one thankful I couldn't help being thankful for what Florence Nightingale added to hospitals and what scientific developments have added to the skills of the doctors and surgeons.

A hospital is a great place... after you're out. Symbolic of the constant activity it is never "all quiet." Night and day there is always someone who needs special care that stirs the activity of the nurses and doctors.

I don't doubt but that most people are thankful for hospitals and what they do. The constant service that is rendered to men, women and children in these buildings is still beyond the imagination of most people.

But now out from "between the rows of beds" I'm thankful for what hospitals do.



Was Seed House Owner

The owner of the Dominion Seed House and one of Georgetown's prominent citizens, William Bradley died in Toronto General Hospital last week. He went into the mail order business in 1922, and in 1928 added a line of heavy seeds— which was the nucleus of the present business. The Dominion Seed House claims to be the largest supplier of mail order garden seeds in the country.

Every year he took a trip hunting new varieties of seeds to add to his business. His moving pictures and slides were often shown in the community. His own garden was naturally a beauty spot in Georgetown. He was an active church member, and a former member of the Lorne Scots and Georgetown band. He was one of the original members of the Georgetown Lions club and a member of Credit Masonic Lodge.

On Television
It was interesting to watch the telecasts of the opening of parliament and of Eisenhower's speech to see if we could spot Halton's member, Sybil Bennett. We think we saw her in the camera's eye for about a second, wearing a light colored dress trimmed with fur.

New Attraction?
Towns all over are wondering how to attract business, industry workers — and in Bronte they thought of an idea — a pub. Only a few attended the Bronte ratepayers' meeting called to discuss the state of candidacies and increased taxes.

Confirms Assessment
The Halton County Court of Revision during the two-day hearing of appeals at Trafalgar hall, confirmed the assessment of the Toronto Northern Pipe Line Company. The company had protested that the assessment on its pipe line crossing both Oakville and Trafalgar was too high. The Imperial Oil Pipe Line Company withdrew its objection.

Another Y?
Speaking in an IODE chapter in Oakville last week, Miss Agnes Roy, executive secretary of the national council of the Y.W.C.A., forecast the establishment of a Y in Oakville if local support was forthcoming. She warned that there would be no help from outside and that all the support must come from within the community.

South for Christmas
A new angle on a trip south for Christmas — this year we need only go as far south as Burlington for a different note in Christmas festivities. The Burlington Chamber of Commerce has decided to sponsor a contest with a cash prize of \$25 for the best outdoor Christmas decoration. Open to Burlington and the immediate area.

Esquering Fair
Directors of the Esquering Agricultural Society met recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Shortill, luncheon as guests of the president, Harding Price as Burlington president Spencer Wilson conducted the men's meeting and the lady president, Mrs. J. E. Ellerby, the ladies' meeting. The financial report showed the fair in Georgetown was successful. It was urged that the building committee continue efforts to wipe out the deficit on the building in the park.

He Dares Say
Georgetown high school's sports reporter had some different ideas from Dennis Pappilon, Acton H.S. sport writer, judging by what we read in the Georgetown Herald.

"Today sorrow hangs from the halls of GHS," he said. "Acton defeated us 16-10 and won the football trophy. It is the first time since I've been gone to high school that they have won."
"But to win a rugby game a team must feel like playing, the confidence must be running high, and the spirit good... If GHS had played that game over again with the correct attitude of spirit, I dare say Acton would be the absolute losers."
We wonder.

Annexation for Milton
Main news in the Milton Champion last week was the addition to the town of 572 acres of Trafalgar township land. The hearing was held last Thursday with the decision delivered early in the afternoon. Not all the land on which Halton Centennial Manor is situated is included and this is being considered now.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1903

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, November 19, 1903
An entertainment, unique in annals of local history, was the first annual concert of the High School Department of Acton Public School, held in the town hall last Thursday evening. The event was an unqualified success. The decoration of bunting, flowers and school colors was attractive. Mr. D. Henderson, M.P., took the chair. The first number was a cornet and piano duet by Misses Lottie and Hazel Mason, followed by a Maypole dance by 12 pretty high school girls.

Louisa Alcott's drama "Little Women" was next put on by the following students: Misses Ida Laird, Myrtle Matthews, Jennie Smith, Ena Pearson, Sadie Devitt, Maggie Johnston and Masters Harold Nicklin and Joe Arthurs.

Miss Laura Grey, one of Acton's newest musical artists, rendered "The Blush of Spring," a delightful piano solo, in a very skillful manner. Miss Gray is taking high standing in her course in music at the Toronto College of Music.

Mr. Stewart thanked the citizens for their splendid support of this first public effort and said the proceeds would be expended in further equipment for the science department.

The closing number was a pantomime representation by a large number of students of "What We're Coming To." The girls were busily engaged in sawing wood, office work, legal duties, etc., while the boys were baking bread, sweeping floors, nursing babies, sewing and other feminine pursuits.

Monday was the darkest day of the year. There were a good many complaints when the electric current was turned off at 8:25 in the morning, but thanks to Mr. Carruthers were profuse when it went on again, at 8:25 in the afternoon.

After the ice storm on Monday morning the roads and sidewalks were in very treacherous condition.

BACK IN 1933

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, November 16, 1933
A snowstorm that assumed the proportions of mid-winter did not deter a large gathering from assembling and participating in Acton's annual Remembrance Day service. Reeve Thetford opened the service in the town hall and the address was given by Rev. C. L. Gifford.

On Sunday last a large gathering of people celebrated the unveiling and dedication of the beautiful Memorial Gates, which have been erected to the memory of the early pioneers of the Eden Mills district, at the entrance to the Eden Mills cemetery. The gates were built through the efforts of the Eden Mills Women's Institute.

The announcement board, recently erected in front of the United church is proving quite a feature in announcing the various meetings and services.

The local hockey boys started their training activities this week under the veteran, Bill Eccleshall. The municipal officers commenced putting ice in the Acton arena on Tuesday night.

Below zero weather on November 14 set a real winter start for this year. The sleighing has been excellent since Thursday.

Mr. E. J. Hassard has been on a hunting trip in Northern Ontario and was successful in getting his deer.

The November meeting of the Church Ladies' Aid was held at the home of Mrs. John Graff. The presentation of a Bible was made to Mrs. Frank Freeman, nee Lucinda Graff, whose marriage was the first to be solemnized in Churchill United church. The address was read by Miss Elva Pearen.

Lighthouse correspondence: This (Wednesday) morning the thermometer stood at 10 below zero at 7 a.m. We think it pretty cold for a start.

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