

EDITORIAL

It is Up to You

There is never a year in the history of Acton or any other town that is unimportant. There is never a year when our town does not need the most capable men it can secure to guide the destinies through the year. That is why nomination night and municipal election time are so important to every town.

It is not a time for personalities or for little things to enter into the judgment of the electors. It is a time when the best business men and those with good judgment should be sought out for municipal office. It is a good time too to get acquainted with the affairs of Acton because those who have served in office come prepared to give account of their stewardship.

There should be a good crowd at the town hall on Friday night to give encouragement and hear from those who have held office and to make sure that plenty are nominated for the various positions. The affairs of Acton are the concern of every citizen. It's your tax money that keeps the municipal services in operation and provides all the impetus for progress. Tomorrow night is Citizens' Night. Be sure you are there.

The Calendar Says

In spite of the fact that we've enjoyed an unusually long period of Indian summer this year and that the kind of weather that usually accompanies Christmas hasn't been prevalent, the fact remains that it's only 28 days until Christmas. Whether it's a green or white Christmas it is just around the corner.

We are not going to exhort anyone to do their Christmas shopping early. We know just how you feel because we are one of those prognosticators ourselves and we hate to be hurried. But we can tell you and you will find out for yourself if you try it; that the stores right here in Acton are offering Christmas shopping opportunities that cannot be bettered by travel to other centres. You will save yourself not only time and travel expense, but a lot of headaches if you do your shopping for Christmas right in Acton. It has been many a year since all gifts were in such plentiful supply and prices as attractive as they are for this Christmas shopping season.

Just browse through the ads, look in the store windows, go in and make enquiry in any shop in town. You will find your local merchant friendly and helpful and your Christmas shopping made light and economical.

Canadian Trademarks

If the Canadian businessman hopes to sell to the United States he must make more than one occasional trip to New York City or Florida, says an American reader of The Financial Post. These places, he points out, are not typical of the U.S. as a whole and their buying power amounts to only a fraction of the total for the whole country.

Canada and Canadians are universally popular all through the United States, we are assured, and in offering our goods we should capitalize on that goodwill. To do that our products should be distinctively Canadian both in content and labeling. On the latter point, this American speaks plainly. "Use Canadian symbols," he says, "Do not use crowns, Union Jacks and similar devices, because these to the average American buyer mean England and not Canada."

We Remember, Too

Pointing out that everything else has increased its value, and printing, advertising and subscriptions must naturally follow suit, the Granby (Que.) Leader-Mail makes these timely comparisons. We can well remember when haircuts were 25c and took half an hour, movies charged 15c, cars sold for \$1,000 or less, cigarettes sold for a quarter, electricians got 50c an hour, meals were 25c, \$25.00 per week was fair pay, steak sold for 25c a pound with liver given free, banks paid 3% interest and charged 7% gas for the car was 15c a gallon, tires sold for \$10.00, everyone worked 10 hours a day six days a week with no rest periods, there were no labor racketeers, no communists, no radios or juke boxes, no airplanes, no four-lane highways, no oil burners, no firetrucks and no income taxes. Those were the days!

Tops on the Farms

It's some years since we have been at the Royal Winter Fair and in the meantime the fair has shown much advancement. This year was the silver jubilee year. Many of us can recall when the big event of this kind was the Fat Stock show in Guelph. We've always regretted that we didn't go to one of those events in Guelph before it folded up, so we like to get down to the Royal in Toronto every once in a while. Not that there seems any likelihood of its folding up during our lifetime but so often these great things which are close at hand are passed by.

The C.N.E. never seems to allow time to see the products of Canadian farms, and the Royal Winter Fair coming after the harvest time for all crops seems to excel in presentation of the best that is produced on this continent. As we listened to the names of exhibitors and competitors we found it was a great international event.

We didn't get time to get through all the stock exhibits but we did find that Halton County farmers are among the best. This was particularly noticeable in the cattle exhibit and there seemed scarcely a section in either dairy or beef breeds where the names on the exhibit were not familiar to us. The prominence of Halton in agriculture was perhaps indicated best by the fact that this year it was Mr. S. G. Bennett, of Scottdale Farms, who was president of the Royal Winter Fair.

An Equal Start

Coming home from Toronto on Saturday night we stopped at a place along the highway for supper. The place caters to wedding parties and similar events as well as operating a restaurant. There was a big wedding party that evening in the banquet room and it had all the appearances of quite a social event.

We got our food in the restaurant and in one corner we noticed two young couples at a small table with one lone candle in the centre of the table. Another glance showed us it was a smaller wedding party—just the bride and groom and we suppose the bridesmaid and best man. There was quite a contrast in the two wedding parties.

But the human interest side of it came when we noticed the waiter fixing up dessert of wedding cake and some fancy items to serve to the little group of four. She confided to us that the couple in the corner didn't have any wedding cake and she had arranged to get some from the bigger party for their wedding supper. "After all," she said, "those kids are just married too." We noted too that a word to another waiter brought forth four glasses of punch that wasn't on the regular menu.

It's a good old world after all that finds a human touch that endeavors to bring equality to all.

Other Papers Say:

Prince George (B.C.) Citizen: If parents don't want their children to become victims of the drink habit, they should practice moderation in their homes. Even childish reason is revolted by precepts that are ignored by the teacher.

The Indian Head (Sask.) News commenting on new ways for tax-gathering says: "One of these days some bright soul is going to equip a plane with a combination radar, TV and electric eye, and he's going to see what you have in the root cellar besides roots."

Recent British census, which reveals that the number of non-earners in the United Kingdom is 16 per cent greater than the number of persons gainfully employed, and that the most marked increase in non-workers is among those who are recipients of government pensions, prompts The Times of London to assert that that is every reason for wanting fresh thought on retirement and retirement pensions. The demand for earlier retirement coupled with the longer life span of today. The Times concludes makes it highly probable that within 30 years pensioners alone will make up nearly a third of the population and about half of the electorate.

Reading Between The Lines

COUNCIL DESERVES PAY FOR HOURS SPENT AT THE BICKERING TABLE

by Jim Dills

It wasn't surprising last week to learn that council this year will seek pay for the position's services next year. Acton is, I believe, the last municipality in Halton to seek pay for its council members. The idea is not new in Acton. It was tried a good many years ago and then dropped.

The plan is outlined in a resolution calling for action at the last council meeting, provided for expenditure of \$2,500 annually for this purpose. On the assessment of last year that amounts to about \$1.00 on your next year's tax.

While I favor the plan for paying council members I can't help but have a few regrets and a little hesitancy. Under the plan the Mayor will receive \$500 and each councillor who attends all meetings a maximum of \$250. For the councillor if he attends 24 regular council meetings it works out to about \$2 an hour. That, of course, does not include a number of committee meetings, trips to various governmental departments in Toronto, listening to complaining taxpayers and any number of other duties that befall a councillor. They won't be overpaid.

My regrets on the subject are that we are losing the voluntary services of citizens as such. My regrets are that the council is arming the taxpayer with even more to throw back at them. "You're getting paid. It's up to you." That may sound strange but

my belief is that it will be heard by councillors more than once next year.

My hesitancy on the subject of paying councillors stems from the fact that it may attract a type of citizen to office who thinks of the annual remuneration more than the duty of it.

Both these things are possible. Acton can't afford to have either of these things happen. That's not the type of town and citizens we want. The fact that they are brought out into the open before the payment goes into effect next year may lead citizens to understand the damaging influence they can have.

We should pay councillors. As I have pointed out in previous columns their jobs are not the easiest but it is an education that every citizen should be exposed to for a better appreciation of their municipal affairs.

The plan presented to council at last week's meeting had been well thought out and it contains protection for the taxpayers in that the amount cannot be exceeded while it can be reduced, by the absence of councillors from meetings. Extra meetings do not mean extra pay.

The idea seems assured of a comeback in Acton alright and it's my hope it works out for the benefit and not the detriment of council. It would certainly help pay the out-of-pocket expenses councillors are bound to incur during the year anyway.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1903

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, November 23, 1953

Only once in the history of Acton public school has a principal remained at its head and guided its destiny for anything like a quarter of a century. That has been the record of Thos. T. Moore, the present principal, and his term is rapidly drawing to a close. In less than four short weeks remaining until the completion of his stewardship. In his retirement the Acton public school loses the man who has done the most for its success and high standing. Mr. Moore was engaged at the meeting of the public school board on November 18, 1928, with W. H. Sloney in the chair. His appointment was accepted on motion by D. Henderson and Edward Moore, at a salary of five hundred dollars per annum and free residence.

Both Whitham's and Patterson's meat shops have had fine deer on exhibition during the week.

Mr. Thos. Cameron returned from Muskoka last week. The party he was with secured 16 deer, two each of which were skinned and prepared. A movement is afoot in Rockwood to organize a young men's association. It has the support of the clergy and influential citizens and should be successful. The following were appointed the executive at a meeting in the Friends meeting house, Nov. 22: H. Black, Hon. vice pres., J. T. Wood, pres., William Harris, vice pres., J. Davidson, sec. treas., Rev. H. Parry, committee, A. Black, H. Lee, patrons, T. Landy, S. Bailey, S. Seymour, A. Clancy, J. Albion.

Deep sorrow came into one of the happiest homes in this locality when death claimed Mrs. George Douglas of lot 18, Con. 1, Esquesing. The ninth annual convention of the Guelph District Epworth League opens in the Methodist church this afternoon. All seasons will be open to the general public. The president's address will be given by Mr. Chas. Harris of Rockwood.

BACK IN 1933

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Fifty-seven young folk are attending the commercial courses (three evenings each week at Acton high school).

A good crowd attended the bear supper served last Friday evening in the parish hall by the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the IOOF. The Canadian dollar touched 104 1/2 in the United States the other day and now it is our turn to smile at the little American notes.

On Monday night the annual meeting of Acton Citizens' Band was held in the band hall at the arena. Officers elected for the ensuing year are: president, W. W. Williams, (past president, J. McGeachie), president, H. Parkinson, vice president, K. Williams, secretary, treasurer, N. Gibson, bandmaster, C. W. Mason, assistant bandmaster, H. F. Moore, librarian, T. H. Hoad, caretaker, G. Simpson.

The monthly social and dance of the Snows Glee Club was held in the parish hall on Friday. The following executive was appointed for the next social, after a program of musical numbers presented, Harold Price, secretary, treasurer, John Young, entertainment committee, Mrs. V. Knight, Robert Hall social committee, Mrs. Snow, Miss Lillian Flynn.

Andrew, the little four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bradford, the unfortunate to break his right arm. The little chap fell from his high chair.

Municipal officers started making ice in the arena last week. It. McPherson and Jas. Mills made ready a trip to the arena during the cold nights and gave the surface a fresh coat to build up this foundation and on Monday evening the surface was flooded three times.

BOHN. In Acton on Saturday, November 13, 1933 to Mr. and Mrs. H. Elliott, Church St. a daughter.



Wolves and Gobblers

Oakville and district Rod and Gun club members have decided to hold a wolf hunt in Massagawa in the Saturday afternoon. Reports that sheep losses were amounting to \$13,000 through attacks of wolves and dogs. Many of the losses have occurred in the heavily wooded Blue Springs valley.

The club has learned that the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests is considering a plan to stock wild turkey in different Ontario regions. Members decided they would apply for some of the turkeys to be stocked around the mountain which is thought to be the best place for them. The gobblers come from Pennsylvania.

Attend Opening. Sandy Best, secretary of the Halton Progressive Conservative Association, flew to Ottawa to attend the opening of parliament. L. Koz Dale, Q.C., Miss Sylvia Bennett's law partner and Miss Joy Lair, of the office staff, also attended when Miss Bennett, Halton's M.P. took her seat.

New Enthusiasm. Seems that hockey enthusiasm in Georgetown is above average this year. The Herald says in the account of a Georgetown-Fergus game "A rebirth of enthusiasm for hockey saw over 350 fans turn out for the game, which is something of a record for an early season match and gives signs that hockey is in for some popularity this year."

And then another article says, "The Legion auditorium last Monday was the scene of one of the largest gatherings of prospective hockey players and parents in Georgetown in many years. The occasion was the little NHL night, sponsored by the local Legion branch, when the lads and parents were urged to come out and hear what the hockey program was for the coming winter."

First Employees Begin. A limited number of production employees have begun work in the

new Canadian General Electric plant at Guelph. A huge, modern transformer plant has been erected on Woodlawn Road.

Color Reverse. Ontario's 1954 motor vehicle license plates have a white background and blue lettering, a color reverse of the 1953 plates. J. B. Bickell, Registrar of Motor Vehicles announced, licenses go on sale January 2, next, in all parts of the province.

This year, Mr. Bickell reports is a record in all branches of registration. Passenger vehicle licenses have already gone over the million mark for the first time in history with 1,081,770 issued up to October 1, and the total at that time for all classes of vehicles was 1,359,447 compared with a total of 1,205,470 for the complete year of 1952.

Only Revere. Alfred Jennings, who was returned to office as reeve of the village of Bronte last week, has been Bronte's only reeve since its incorporation as a village in August, 1951. Mr. Jennings is a tourist.

Converted Church. Readers of The Family Herald and Weekly Star will be interested in a recent article on the Kirk-Kraft studio, that old church on No. 2 highway which has been converted into a wonderful handicrafts centre. Mrs. Wes Beatty of Acton supplies metal work for sale in the old church, but not all the handicrafters are local.

Most of the work comes from within a radius of 50 miles, though, and includes special orders as well as leatherwork, art work and weaving.

Strawberries Still. Another "break growth" story. Miss Dorothy Stone of Stewarttown has been enjoying strawberries from her garden right up to now. Miss Stone taught art classes in Acton several years. The strawberries are from a variety of ever-bearing plant with which she reports wonderful results.

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Thought for the Week
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