

EDITORIAL

No Easy Task

In these days when councils are being required to make provision for money from various bodies it can readily be seen what a problem municipal councils have to face when it comes time to strike the tax rate. We have yet to note one body make a requisition lower than last year and when that occurs it will be real news.

Indications all pointed last week that expenditures of county council will be in excess of last year. There isn't a doubt that school boards will require more funds to operate over that paid last year. Citizens will undoubtedly require extension of services to new areas and the maintenance of present services will in all probability cost more than last year.

Without any control of the expenditures of other bodies, municipal councils are called upon to see that the tax levy is sufficient to meet all needs. Too often council is blamed directly for increased taxes while actually their control of expenditure is a minimum.

Having over a period of years watched municipal councils struggle with the budget each year, our sympathies go with those in whose lap eventually falls nearly all the fund raising of other bodies. School Boards and county council simply tell the municipality the amount that will be required. The debenture payments are set forth beyond the control of council. Every group of citizens who want improvements or donations makes the appeal to council. It's no light task being a member of council when the time arrives each year to break the news to the public of the rate that will be required to meet all the needs of the municipality and the growing costs each year. Criticize if you wish but remember the town council is not entirely to blame for higher taxes.

New Jobs

For those who talk glibly about unemployment figures of today it might be well to point out that in 1917 there were 606,523 Canadians employed in industry. In 1939 there were 658,114 employed in industry—a growth of roughly 50,000 in 20 years. In 1952 industrial employment had reached a total of 1,273,189. In a 15 year period, employment had doubled with 615,075 new jobs.

The figures are spectacular says the Fort Erie Times-Review and thinks they are even more astounding when we think for a minute about how those jobs were created. According to the Labor Gazette the cost of producing a new job for each new worker was about \$6,269. In special industries like steel, where equipment is hugely costly, it almost doubles that figure. But just this cost for average occupations adds up to a pretty penny. If you want to be dazzled just do the multiplication for yourself of 615,075 new jobs each costing \$6,269 to produce. If this cost was equally distributed over the 15 years the outlay was still a staggering \$257 million in each year. No one ever heard of a worker putting up the \$6,269 to provide his own job. But someone had to.

Somewhere put up the money for those new jobs. It's only reasonable to expect that some return must be made for the creative capital. If it's all drained away in taxation and to meet every demand of labor there will soon be an end to new jobs and new growth.

Better Paid, But?

We agree with the Midland Free Press when it says:

"This country would be run a lot more efficiently if we had fewer, better paid civil servants. Ottawa offices need house-cleaning badly. There are still far too many clerks and stenographers stretching the coffee break into an hour-long siesta, and too many executives building up their establishments of junior servants as an excuse to boost their own salaries. The government that will tackle this problem will earn the undying gratitude of Canadian taxpayers. There is only one way to reduce tax rates and that is to reduce the number of people taxpayers are paying for unnecessary jobs."

The trouble seems to be that we are getting only half our needs. We are getting better paid civil servants but we are not getting fewer of them. The jobs that were necessary in wartime seem loathe to leave us in times of peace.

Warm and Bright

We need some new and attractive signs at the highway approaches to Acton giving some brief information and a welcome. We don't believe that every such community project should be tossed over for the attention of council. Surely there is a group of citizens who are public-spirited enough to see that signs are erected and kept in good repair. True, we have the highway signs which give the name of the town and the population but there must be other brief facts that those who pass would like to know.

By way of suggestion, we think the date of founding of the town is important. Perhaps the business man on the highway would be interested to know what industries are located here. But above all, everyone likes to be welcomed to every town. The stress on wanting industries on many town signs is so commonplace that it scarcely requires mentioning. Every town and village is seeking new industries. In Acton we think particular mention should be made that this is an industrial centre with 19 industries already established here and one of them for over a century.

Above all, make the welcome warm and keep the signs well maintained and erected neatly. It's remarkable the impression of the town one gets from a sign at the entrance to town. Maybe the service clubs could undertake this work for the town such as Brampton has done.

No Bright Prospects

If you are counting on getting a little help this year by lower income tax, present indications are that you had better not count on the saving making an instalment on anything. This isn't an election year and it's not your turn to profit. The budget is expected in mid-April. Ottawa predictions are that there will be very little change from the present and that no Easter finery will be bought from the saving in tax.

Of course, the reasoning is well founded by the amount that the government proposes to spend, which was recently announced. It might also be pointed out that the deficit in the Old Age Security Fund is running to about 60 millions a year. Then, of course, there is increasing cost of those employed in government pay the same as every other branch and our Members of Parliament and Senate are taking home better pay envelopes.

There's only one source for government funds. It all comes from the taxpayers' pockets and taxes cannot be lower when expenses are higher.

Can't Be a Robot

In both management and labor we need more "made-in-Canada" decisions in this country, Canadian Pulp and Paper Association's R. M. Fowler says. That may be blunt but it is certainly true and not for any narrow reasons of nationalism either, comments The Financial Post.

We are moving farther away from the pioneer stage of our economic development. As we do so it is essential that industrial leadership be in the hands of those with intimate day-in and day-out knowledge of Canadian conditions.

This does not necessarily mean that our labor unions should be completely divorced from those of another country. And it certainly does not mean that we should discourage foreign investment.

The Canadian economy, however, cannot be operated satisfactorily by remote control. In their own and the national interests it is best that Canadian plants be managed and Canadian labor be directed by Canadians, not necessarily Canadian born by any means but by those who fully intend to become Canadians.

After all, only those who are fully familiar with this country, its history, its people and its problems and who respect and admire our institutions have the necessary qualifications to make decisions of vital importance to Canada and Canadians.

The Bureau of Statistics reports that 19.7 per cent of low-income families in Canada spend nothing for medical, hospital, dental or any other kind of health care. Asks the Chilliwack, B.C. Progress, here again baby bonus was supposed to fill a great need. What is it being spent for?

Reading Between The Lines

EXCHANGE MISSIVES SUNDAY AS LOVE SYMBOLIZES ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

by Jim Dills

"A missive sent by one person to another of the opposite sex on February 14, St. Valentine's day." That's what the encyclopedia says about the event this Sunday.

Yes, Sunday is the day of flitting cupid with darts of love. The expressions exchanged on St. Valentine's day are varied indeed. Some valentines are beautifully embellished and bear choice sentiments, poetical quotations and the like.

Saint Valentine was a bishop of the early church. He was put to death at Rome in the reign of Claudius, February 14, 270. Later he was canonized as a martyr by the Catholic Church and the day of his death was set apart in memory of him as St. Valentine's day.

Going deeper into the history I find that "During the ancient Roman feast of the Lupercalia, celebrated in the memory of Juno, it was customary for Roman youths to draw tablets from an urn. On each tablet was inscribed the name of a maiden to whom

he was supposed to devote himself for a year."

As a matter of fact there were several saints by the name of Valentine. A story connected with one of them runs to the effect that he was a charitable man visiting the sick and the needy. When bedridden with old age he continued to send kindly messages to those he could no longer go to see. The Germans were wont to call on their St. Valentine for relief in cases of epilepsy.

One opinion was predominant among the English peasantry that birds chose their mates at this season. Both Shakespeare and Chaucer speak of St. Valentine's Day as a time when every bird chooses his mate.

Now on Sunday when the highly embellished missives emanating from the hearts of love are exchanged, the origin of the exchange will be known. A good thought might be for the foreign ministers at Berlin to make the exchange with sincerity and St. Valentine's day would have served a very adequate purpose as it has in the past.



A Necessary Provision

Discussing the need for public rest room facilities in Georgetown, Reeve Stan Allen put his tongue in cheek and observed makeshift facilities reported to have been used in the downtown area reminded him of resorts in France where "you get a view of heads and feet but at least the Parisiennes realize the necessity of providing something."

"No Other Town..." Putting the collective backs of the town works force after the recent snowstorm, the Herald editorializes: "We haven't travelled outside town this winter, but we would imagine that no town could be in better condition than Georgetown after a storm. Thanks to council and town staff for a job well done."

Seek School Site

With arrangements complete to meet Department of Education officials, the Erin Advocate expects to see a site purchased in the "near future" for the proposed new school. Trustees, the Advocate adds, have been negotiating with several parties for purchase of the necessary property.

Free Meals Fattening

Worried about a marauding coon which had settled in his barn to dine on choice chicken, Trafalgar township farmer Horace Hall and the game warden stalked the culprit, found the cunning connoisseur grown so fat that it was stuck fast between a hay mow and the side of the barn. Two boards had to be prised off to release the coon.

Cemetery Overcrowded

Bronte councillors have a problem on their hands; the local cemetery, it seems, is overcrowded to the point where grave plot space is almost non-existent. "Last week when one of our residents died the undertaker phoned and asked me where he would bury the body," said Reeve Alfred Jennings. "As Oakville won't allow us in the town cemetery, I was at a loss," the Reeve admitted.

Young Men Go South

Oakville's Record-Star copies up with the story of how five local teen-age lads decided to see what makes the world tick, ran away from home recently and headed south. Two of them were packed back by border authorities, the other three, according to the mother of one, didn't head for the US but merely quit high school to take jobs.

Well Protected?

"Wentworth communities are not as well equipped as Halton towns," observed councillor A. M. Battram when telling Burlington's town fathers about a mutual aid meeting in Hamilton with local and Oakville fire chiefs. "We are lucky to have so much equipment within a one-mile radius of the town." Mayor Smith added, referring to the Nelson and Beach fire fighting equipment.

Spectres at Speyside?

Speyside, one of Esqueping township's storied centres that has seen busier days as a larger village, comes in for considerable publicity in recent issues of the Hamilton Spectator and Georgetown Herald. The story twines around interesting pictures and concludes in the thought that ghosts of balmy days haunt the spot.

Over 100 More Houses

Tentative approval was given plans for construction of houses by J. Thistlewait on the east and west sides of Martin St. by Milton council last week. The plan submitted indicated 23 building lots in this area with a frontage of 57 feet. A road allowance was provided to run off Martin St. for a new subdivision which controls approximately 90 building lots.

Times are the Best

At the annual meeting of Halton Agricultural Society in Milton last week, a balance on 1953 operations of \$5,547.82 was reported, the highest in the fair's 102-year history. A new building for the Junior Farmers was mooted at the meeting and 54 Fair dates were set for September 24 and 25.

Nothing To It

Addressing the Y.M. Men's Club here last week, HEPC public relations officer Bill Becraft related this true bit of conversion curiosa:

Woman, writing to Ontario Hydro to inform she wouldn't be home on change-over day, suggests: "Since there'll be nobody home when you want to change us from 25 to 60 cycles, just drop the extra 35 cycles in the mail and my husband—he's quite handy around the house—will do the rest."

AT THE Churches

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 1954
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Subject: "Who is Satan?"
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship Study and slides "The Life of Jesus (cont'd)"

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
Men are not made religious by performing certain actions which are externally good, but they must first have righteous principles and then they will not fail to perform various actions.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 1954
9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Divine Worship
7:00 p.m. Musical Service
"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength"
A Warm Welcome Awaits You

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SEPTUAGESIMA
February 14th, 1954
9:00 a.m. Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Evensong Class
7:00 p.m. Evensong and Sermon
8:15 p.m. Confirmation Class
First meeting of all interested in taking confirmation instruction. The meeting will be held in the church.

Saturday, February 13, Work day for the men of the parish. Make tables for use in the parish hall. The women will be in charge of the men asked to help make it up.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1904

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, February 11, 1904

St. Valentine's day this year falls on Sunday.
Sunday temperatures varied 60 degrees in half a dozen hours. The thaw replenished the cisterns, and relieved many burdened roofs.

Owing to ice on the tracks, half a dozen cars were derailed on the sidings at the G.T.R. station Monday. A valise containing clothing and \$100 cash was stolen from a freight car at the G.T.R. station one morning last week.

George Joyce, of Esqueping, after a few days' illness, died on Friday last of blood poisoning. It was quite a shock to his friends, as he appeared to be recovering until the day before he died. He was born on the farm where he died, and was in his 58th year and unmarried.

Acton junior hockey team journeyed to Milton last evening to play a game with the juniors of that town.

The shortage in fuel becomes more aggravated here as the winter and cold weather advances. The dealers have quite a number of cars on the way, but none has been delivered for 10 days or more. The corporation secured a car of soft coal from Toronto on Monday and a number of citizens applied for a few hundred pounds of it to tide them over. The power house would have been obliged to close down had not this car been forwarded. The manufacturers here are short of fuel and there is talk of closing down unless a supply comes forward.

The weather conditions last Sunday, the date of Knox Church anniversary, were not a whit better than those prevailing on the dates of the Baptist and Methodist anniversaries last month. In fact, the impassable condition of the roads hindered Knox church congregation from attending to a larger degree. This event marked the 59th anniversary of the organization of the congregation and the ninth of the opening of the present church edifice.

BACK IN 1934

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, February 8, 1934

Twenty below is a rather common occurrence this winter, and the burning question these days is "How long will the supply in the coal bin last?"

If there was any doubt about the comparative value of the Acton and Georgetown hockey teams, the fans saw it vanish into thin air last Friday night when Acton went down and gave Georgetown an 11-3 drubbing right in the home rink.

Charles Tyler, of Crewsons Corners, suffered severe injuries on Thursday last when his car figured in a collision with a car driven by Andrew McKinnon of Guelph. The mishap occurred on the highway just outside the westerly limits of Acton. Mr. Tyler's car went into the ditch following the collision and turned over on its side.

Preliminary work has begun on the Second Line of Esqueping township between Milton and Acton, preparatory to taking on a large force of men to reduce unemployment in Halton County.

Robert Carnochan suffered serious injuries Monday while felling trees in the bush at Mr. Fred Stewart's farm on the town line. The group had started to work after dinner "third day" and the first tree felled took a course sideways, striking and pinning him beneath. Serious injuries to his head and back were sustained.

A very delightful birthday party was held in honor of "Grandma" Smith at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. Roadknight on Saturday, February 3. It was the occasion of "Grandma's" 89th birthday, and still hale and hearty she is looking forward to a great many more.

Seems as if Acton can dish up any sort of a score for the fans with the Georgetown team, and the one on Tuesday night was just close enough to be interesting, and big enough to let the Acton team pig without much trouble on a 5-3 win.

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2:08 p.m., 5:06 p.m., 6:53 p.m., 8:39 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., 9:12 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

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Standard Time
Eastbound
Daily 6:40 a.m. Daily except Sundays 9:55 a.m., 7:10 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
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