

EDITORIAL

That Horseless Buggy

When the horse and buggy went out of common usage on this country's roads and the horseless buggy was introduced the new vehicle was equipped with a noisemaker referred to as a horn. The earlier type horn had the bulb on the end and took some energy to put into operation.

Today's successor to the bulb type horn is the automatic horn complete with horn ring that can be put into operation without a second thought.

Since blowing the horn has been made so easy it is natural that more use is made of it and to a disgusting extent in many cases. Naturally the city streets emphasize the use of the horn but in the smaller centres its use while maybe not as frequent can often be used in an unfortunate manner.

We've seen older people crossing the streets and a motorist approach quite close before shattering the nerves of the pedestrian with a blast from the too easily reached horn.

Of course, where there is a traffic tieup it seems almost inevitable that some motorist expresses his disapproval and self importance by leaning on the horn. And for no helpful reason.

No doubt the increased speed of the age in which we live has increased the necessity of the car horn as a warning when passing other cars and as a disciplinary reminder to the shaky driver. But it is not meant to shatter nerves of older people and anger other drivers.

Before you blow your horn think of the effect it might have on the one you direct the blast at and remember your horseless buggy is not for the annoyance of pedestrians.

Brotherhood Week

This is Brotherhood Week. It's a time when men of different social, religious, political and ethnic identity are urged to recognize and emphasize the sympathies of humanity. It's a time, and regrettably a time of only a week's duration, when acts and attitudes of brotherhood which should be common the whole year are promoted for seven days, more or less.

Perhaps this reflection tinges of bitterness. But when the world's statesmen and politicians continue to achieve discord over foundations for peace, when the world's religious leaders and theological scholars manage every year to drag in some spat of doctrine before the public, when a man's color or birthplace still remains an insidious determinant of his social and economic achievement—when these are considered there is perhaps a real basis for bitterness.

We have no objection to Brotherhood Week and its aims. The mere fact that the need was recognized, and men were concerned enough to make efforts to meet the need, is proof that bonds of brotherhood do exist and can be fostered for the good of all.

The unsavory characteristic of the whole scheme is the continual emphasis on "tolerance". From time to time you may run into the fellow who, with a smug smile, slides into a conversation about social differences. He suffers himself to hear the "little people" and their prejudices, then he wags his head with silly impatience. He fairly glows with forbearance and pretended puzzlement as he smirks, "Why can't you be tolerant?"

Then he turns and admonishes the "little people" to be mildly kind and favorably indulgent with differences found in others. And at the same time he warms himself and his audience in the thought that they're lucky not to be as others are. This is popular tolerance!

True tolerance is not salted with charitable forbearance and patronizing indulgence. True tolerance has and is understanding, and the tolerance that lacks understanding can be evil. If understanding could replace this popular "tolerance", perhaps there would be no need for Brotherhood Week. Until then, Brotherhood Week must continue as a move to enlighten the better conscience of mankind.

Editorial Notes

Campbellton (NB) Graphic "Old Biblical injunction, earning your bread by sweat of your brow" seems to be going by the board.

Ignorance Breeds Fear

Not long ago Canadian papers and periodicals made a mighty editorial outcry, pro and con but mostly con, over the rantings of a British Columbia mayor to have his city's library stripped of all books and papers which suggested their political color might be the least bit Red.

We trust the mayor's face is sufficiently red after the indignant blast of criticism and censure he got for his ill-considered remarks.

Censorship, in its tenderest state, is a revolting and gritty pill for any intelligent mind to taste. There are many forms of censorship, some so stealthy we often fail to realize they exist, others so common we forget they exist, and still others so obnoxious we refuse to accredit their presence.

But of all the shapes of censorship, the kind that is the most despicable is censorship which would warp and whittle the minds of children and men into a frame of understanding with only one shaky dimension. The process of this distortion can be induced slowly, over years by methods such as the mayor of Victoria upholds. Or it can be swept quickly, effectively, by means employed in Russian indoctrination schools and torture cells.

It is presumptuous on the intelligence of Canadians, and ridiculous in a democratic nation, that book-burning should be necessary. Necessary, presuming that necessity was the mayor's motive to satisfy a need, a need to eliminate the fears and insecurity which must then characterize our way of life.

If there are great empty pockets of faithlessness in democracy in this country, then the way to fill them is not with the blackened ashes of burned books. Faith and security in a freedom will be nourished with the understanding and knowledge that comes from having many more books, untouched by fanatic censors.

Not only with books, but as the detour signs and roadblocks are removed from the paths of other vehicles of information we will be able to disentangle truth from the twisted mass of indifference and falsehood.

For only as the sources of knowledge, "good" or "bad", are retained and left unhindered can fears be quashed and made rootless. It's ignorance more than anything else, that breeds fear.

Symbol of Aid

Disasters hit small towns and big cities and headlines shout the misfortune. Always behind those headlines is an army of workers bearing the banner of the Red Cross administering to the needs of the victims.

Year in and year out the Canadian Red Cross Society, through its network of humanitarian services, is there relieving suffering, reviving hope, saving lives and carrying on the work of mercy wherever needed.

Women across Canada volunteer their time and their energy for the Red Cross. They gather in local work groups to make clothing, bedding and hospital dressings for use at home and overseas. This is one of the most important services of the Red Cross and on it depends the stock pile at Geneva and the stockpile proposed in the Middle East to bring quick aid to the victims of disaster.

This year, commencing on March 1, the Canadian Red Cross is asking the people of Canada for \$5,422,850. Ontario branches are responsible for \$2,144,690 of this amount to maintain the many Red Cross services such as disaster relief, international relief, health and education services, home nursing, outpatient hospitals, veteran welfare, blood transfusion service, and women's work, all designed to bring help where ever and when ever needed.

Editorial Notes

We haven't run out of jobs in Canada by any means, declares The Financial Post. There is work waiting to be done on our new frontiers. We may have to work a little harder. We may not be able to pick and choose as we have been doing in the boom period since the war. But this country was built by men who were not afraid to go after jobs. It cannot hope to continue to prosper and sell its production on the markets of the world if we sit back and wait for the jobs to come to us.

Reading Between The Lines

SHOULD ACTON FLUORIDATE WATER? OR ARE CHILDREN'S TEETH HEALTHY

by Jim Dills

One of the progressive steps that hasn't been mentioned by public groups in Acton is the addition of fluorides to our drinking water.

Eight Canadian centres are already adding a chemical compound to their tap water to try to give children better teeth. This issue is one of the most controversial and ranges from acclaiming it as "the greatest thing since pasteurization" to cries of "rat poison."

A recent article in Maclean's magazine points out that "In Canada a tooth decay is now increasing six times faster than dentists can provide adequate treatment. Half of all two-year-olds in this country already have tooth trouble."

The arguments for and against the fluoridation of water are advanced by many groups and the suggestion in any municipality that action might be taken usually results in many objectors and many supporters.

About 10 years ago Brantford became a test city for an experiment on the value of fluoridation of water with Stratford, whose water naturally contains the fluoride and Sarnia whose water is free of fluoride as part of the experiment.

Results are periodically announced concerning the reduction of dental decay in the Brantford area and the figures are impos-

singly favourable to the fluoridation of water.

The picture is far from clear on the fluoridation battlefield. The fears about fluoridation are not fears of whether it can postpone tooth decay but fears about its hazards. One of the main hazards considered is the chance of a person getting too much of the sodium fluoride that is available to the human system through some natural foods. It becomes a poison if too much of the fluoride is taken in by the system. A concentration of between 1 and 1.2 parts per million was added in the case of the Brantford experiment. U.S. pharmacologist Gustav Wm. Rapp in a paper on the pharmacology of fluorine says "a review of the literature of (fluorine) indicates that many of the common foods in the North American diet contain fluoride concentrations in the same order of magnitude as the soil or water in the environment in which the grow."

Cost of fluoridating the water once initial expenses are met averages from 12 to 17¢ per person per year once the initial expenses are met. It would probably cost Acton about \$450 a year with the present population plus the cost equipment that in Brantford was \$450.

Would you favor fluoridating Acton's water supply?



Early Morning Work

Erin fire brigade had a busy time recently. A fire outside the village, at a fire home, turned the Erin fire fighters out in the early hours of the morning to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Murray. No serious damage resulted. A few days later the brigade was again roused in the wee hours to speed to Orton where a fire at the home of Frank George was found to be already extinguished.

Looking to the Future
The green light, as the Herald puts it, was given last week for a four-room addition to Georgetown Howard Wrigglesworth school. Board chairman R. Salter said: "It is quite possible that future school board may be discussing with council a complete new school in another part of town, depending on which way the town grows."

An Industrial Impetus
An impetus to the industrial expansion in Burlington and Nelson township was seen, the Gazette says, in the application of the Union Gas Co. Chatham for a franchise for a pipe line carrying Western Canada natural gas across the township. Nelson council last week promised to give speedy action and have a report ready by its next meeting.

Spring and Flowers
Spring must be somewhere near. Last week members of the Burlington Garden Club could not help but feel, the Gazette surmises, that the first signs of spring were in the air even though the gardens themselves were still concealed in ice and snow when they met to talk over spring flowers.

A Battle Royal
A battle royal is predicted to result in Oakville from the local improvement assessment notices that have been sent out recently by the Town. The Record Star says: Lots of home owners bought their properties without any idea that there were contingent liabilities for local improvements hanging over them, like unrecorded mortgages.

No Raise in Pay
Bronte Council last week turned down Constable Morley Johnston's application for a \$10 a week increase stating that he didn't merit

a raise and that the village couldn't pay him more anyway. "It's getting to be a sore point," a councillor offered, "we're not getting satisfactory results from the constable. Nobody can find him when he's needed."

To Try Secret Ballot
A retail section committee of the Milton Chamber of Commerce plans to circulate a secret ballot among local merchants to find out if Saturday or Friday closing is preferred. Merchants pointed out, the Chamber relates, that an extensive program would be necessary if a majority favored remaining open Friday night as opposed to the present Saturday night.

A Grim Warning
Milton Fire Chief A. E. Clement said last week that firemen could not be reached by telephone the night of the life-taking blaze at the Laver farm, Hornby, since the switchboard was flooded with calls—over 200 of them—seeking details of the fire.

FINANCING DEVELOPMENT
The Commonwealth Development Finance Corporation, formed early last year with the backing of the Bank of England and leading financial and industrial interests, has made its first overseas investment. This will be the rupee equivalent of \$2.8 million in the equity of the new Sui Gas Transmission Company in Pakistan.

BRITISH CARS AT SHOW
British car representation at the 1954 International Motor Sports Show in New York this year is more varied than previously.

"Shine your shoes, mister?"
"No, be 'em so you can see your face in 'em?"
"No, boy."
"Don't blame you, mister."

Although John Cabot's report of the rich cod banks off Newfoundland, in 1497 brought European fishermen on annual voyages from that time on settlement on the island was at first discouraged by prohibition of land ownership.

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10:00 a.m.—Sunday School Help us to help the children.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Special service. Men's Association in charge. Speaker, Wm Ramsden, Buffalo University, N.Y. Subject, Christ Men and the Church. Special music by the men.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Pictures Hymns on the screen. Life of Christ. cont'd.
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9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

ASH WEDNESDAY, March 3, 1954
7:00 a.m.—Holy Communion
9:00 a.m.—Children's Service (pupils are excused from school for one hour if they attend divine service).
8:00 p.m.—Shortened Evensong and Communion Service.
"All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way."—Isaiah 53:6

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7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
8:15 p.m.—B.Y.P.U.
Wednesday, March 3, 8 p.m.—B.Y.P.U. musical evening.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1904

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, February 25, 1904
Lieut. A. Morrison of No. 2 Company, Halton Regiment, has been promoted. He is the captain of the new company, No. 8, with headquarters at Hornby, and has enrolled a number of recruits.

This good old fashioned winter has been the ruin of many a good thermometer's reputation. One would hardly believe some of them would sink so low.

Society circles in Kingston are stirred by the address of Bishop Mills in which he condemned card playing and women's clubs.

Next Monday will be the fifth in February. No February will have five Mondays again for 28 years.

On Monday afternoon the married and single men of Harness Leather Tannery went in for a game of hockey. Although the players managed to keep it rather quiet, quite an interesting little crowd gathered to see the amateurs play.

Two cars of coal came in on Monday and paterfamilies gave thanks. In the Japan-Russian war, it is reported that a strong Japanese squadron is nearing Vladivostok for the purpose of attacking the Russian fleet in the harbor there.

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BACK IN 1934

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, February 22, 1934
There was a hectic meeting of the Acton Public Utilities Commission this week, concerning a building for the Commission. Reeve Thetford pointed out that no mention of a building had appeared in the minutes since 1929. The proposition for a Murray Memorial building had altered the course.

Commissioner Kerr pointed out the need for the building and said there was no assurance of a Murray Memorial building; where it would be located; what rental would be demanded; or what committee would be the landlord.

A heated discussion was precipitated on the truck, which one member claimed one garage had received the major portion of the work.

Mr. Bearhope and George had an experience they won't want to happen too often at Limehouse. Their furnace chimney took fire, and they kept the roof from taking fire, they had to get up on top, keep wetting it with water carried from the ground in pails. It was below zero weather, and Mr. Bearhope took cold and has been real sick for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Mason, Miss E. Gibbons, Mr. C. W. Mason and Mrs. G. A. Dills attended the annual concert of Varsity Band in Convocation Hall, Toronto, on Tuesday evening. Among the members of the band are Mr. George Mason and Mr. Knox Beardmore.

While riding farmers' sleighs on Saturday little Betty Turner had a narrow escape from serious injury. She jumped from a sleigh on Mill St. and failed to notice an automobile directly following the sleigh. The motorist had difficulty coming to a stop but fortunately did not strike Betty. Boys and girls who have been enjoying the fun of riding sleighs will need to exercise extreme caution or a serious accident will happen in this sport.

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Eastbound
6:38 a.m., 8:58 a.m., 11:33 a.m.,
2:08 p.m., 5:08 p.m., 6:33 p.m., 8:33 p.m., 10:58 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., 1:12 a.m. (Sun to Kitchener only)
a-Daily except Sunday and holidays.
b-Saturday Sunday and holidays.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Standard Time
Eastbound
Daily 6:40 a.m.; Daily except Sundays 9:55 a.m.; 7:10 p.m.; Sunday only 8:10 p.m.; Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown 9:03 a.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown, 10:11 p.m.

Westbound
Daily 1:28 a.m.; daily except Sunday 4:48 a.m.; 6:50 p.m. (flagstop); 7:44 p.m.; Daily except Saturday and Sunday 6:10 p.m.; Saturday only 1:30 p.m.; Daily Flyer only Flyer at Guelph 7:08 p.m.

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