It Did Happen Here

For over 40 years we've counted on newspaper presses to get out the editions on schedule. Some times the presses had to be coaxed a little and sometimes temporary measures had to be taken until more permanent repairs could be made. But always the printed sheets rolled off and while extra hours had to be put in the paper came out on time.

Last week we were three hours late and if it hadn't been for the helpfulness of Editor Walt Biehn and staff and the Georgetown Herald press, delivery of The Free Press and The Canadian Champion would not have been made until days later. It seems to be an unwritten rule among weekly newspapers that if a fellow publisher has troubles he cannot overcome, equipment is available to him from the nearest office. So when our call went to Georgetown early Thursday morning asking if their press was available that day the answer was, "Sure, come along."

Perhaps we should explain that actually the trouble developed in mid-afternoon on Wednes- | ing. day. There was an unfamiliar bump and examination showed that the mechanism operating the distribution of the ink on the type was out of place. Three hours beneath the press indicated the dislocation was not a minor job and since the shop foreman David Dills was suffering from a broken ankle, the only solution that seemed plausible was to put in a call to Toronto for an expert pressman we knew. He couldn't guide us to our trouble but agreed to come up that night and try to make repairs.

And So Into The Night

Our friendly pressman arrived about nine o'clock, located the trouble and it looked as if we would be on our way to publication in a couple of hours. Four times the press was started up and each time the part went out of adjustment. About 2.30 Thursday morning the last start ended in a real entanglement of the mechanism and clashing of gears that made it quite obvious there would be no press run until new gears were secured.

It was then decided that perhaps we could | make the run without part of the inking system operating. The parts were taken off the press. The mechanics put the broken pieces in a box and left for Toronto at 3.30 a.m. and we tried printing minus part of the usual equipment. A run of perhaps a 100 sheets showed us that the printing was farm from standard., At 4.30 a.m. we guit and went home for a rest of an hour and a half.

Thursday morning we made the arrangements to print in Georgetown and all that day a truck shuttled back and forth between Acton, Georgetown and Milton, and Thursday evening by six o'clock all the Champions in Milton were in the mails and two hours later the copies of the Free Press were ready for mailing. Some copies of the Free Press were on sale in Acton by 6.15 that evening.

After The Day Was Over

Friday morning another part of the press was taken to Toronto where arrangements had been made by our two pressmen friends for repairs and where other parts were being made. Saturday morning we received a telephone call that the mechanics would be along with the new parts by two o'clock that afternoon

About five o'clock that afternoon the parts had been fitted, extra bolts had been put in place to avoid a similar mishap. The necessary adjust ments were made and the press rolled again without any unusual bumps and just a little bit better than before.

On our behalf well be quite glad if we get another 40 years over without a similar occur-

For any of our newspaper friends who read this we'll add that if they want the name and address of the press mechanics who gave us such splendid service we'll be glad to supply it along with the telephone number. They ve helped us before when press problems had us baffled and always given us wonderful service

Weyburn Sask Review It is far better to have plenty of wheat on hand than to go into the new year with granaries empty. Wheat is wealth and as valuable as dollar bills

Brain

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Just An Argument

The argument most frequently put forward by those who support the present system of government control of broadcasting was summed up by the Massey Commissioners (who subscribe to it) in these words:

"Radio, as one of the most powerful means of education, may be regarded as a social influence too potent and too perilous to be ignored by the

What, in fact, does radio do? It educates, it informs, it entertains. But these are also the functions and capacities of newspapers, books and magazines. Radio employs the spoken word, the latter three the printed word - each to the same purpose.

The only justification for regarding broadcasting in a different light from printed publication is the technical means employed. And since the main concern is the free dissemination of information to the public, a technical point has been made justification for government control of broadcast-

Needed: A Positive Course

A matter of great concern to people in and out of the government in Canada today is the sharp increase in unemployment in this country. There are more people working in Canada than ever before, there is more money being spent for goods and services than ever before, and yet we will have between four and five hundred thousand people out of work this winter.

One suggestion made to the government for relief of the situation is an increase in unemployment insurance benefits. This seems to be a very negative approach. A more positive course would be to discover why skilled Canadian workers are without employment and take decisive action to solve the problem at its source.

The factor that makes jobs is purchasing power, and Canadians are spending more money today than ever in history. That is a fact, but it is also a fact that we are spending more money ebroad than ever in history. In 1953 our Imports reached an all-time high. If exports had kept pace we would probably have no serious unemployment to plague us.

In recent years we have been very generous in granting tariff concessions to other countries. Perhaps too generous, and certainly more generous than others have been to us. There is no suggestion that we should attempt to exclude imports, but would we not be wise to admit a responsibility to our own working population.

Who Profits?

The town of Chesley recently voted for the sale of beer in that town and this week the police requested a \$300 increase. That's getting off pretty lightly. It requires three policemen here where before the sale of intoxicating beverages in town one man did the work and several other town jobs as well

It's rather interesting to note that the provincial treasury had \$44 millions in profits and taxes from the Liquor Control Board. The 239 municipalities in Ontario received \$877,619 as their share of the license fees which works out to about \$3,755 for each municipality participating. For a municipality to get a rebate of \$100 someone must spend \$28,000 on liquor.

Any way you want to figure it out it is easily seen that the municipalities are getting the short end of the deal. All the grants that appear on ? your tax bills as gifts from the province will not nearly balance the collections of taxes that are being derived from liquor and gaso ne taxes and "the added expense under which municipalities are obliged to operate

Municipalities are entitled to a bigger share of both provincial and federal tax revenue and an alternation of the ever increasing tax levy on pro-

The farmer by nature in most cases is a very i active man and scarcely a day goes by in his life on the farm that he isn't doing something. Commenting, the Hanna (Alta) Herald, says "Upon his retirement and living in town he feels the need for more activity. As a result he devotes his energies to church work, municipal affairs and various enterprises that benefit the community "

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Reading Between The Lines

EDUCATION LEADS FIELD IN TAX LEVY GARBAGE, FIRE, POLICE CLAIMED ALSO

The mill rate for taxation in Acton during 1954 has been approved at a fairly respectable 50. The variety of services included in that annual taxation figure may make the taxes a little easier to understand if you know what you pay for each one.

In an effort to explain just where your tax dollar is put let's take a fairly average assessment of \$2,500. On the 59 mill rate that means Mr. Average will pay taxes totalling \$146.50.

Here's where it will be spent: General administration \$20.48. Maintenance of public buildings, \$2.90.

Fire department \$1.43. Police department \$7.30. Roads \$11.89. Garbage collection \$5.83. Relief, indigent patients \$2.90. County \$10.22. Public school \$49.78. High school \$11.89.

General debentures \$21.88. Some of these headings may need a little explanation. For example the county rate. That is

the sum of money paid by the town to the County of Halton as its share of county road costs. county jail, Halton Centennial Manor and other expenditures of the county council.

General administration includes the salaries of the clerk-treasurer, assessor, solicitor, stenographers, as well as the grant to the band. fall fair and planning board, and maintenance of the park and lib-

Public welfare includes the accounts or relief to needy citizens, payment of hospital bills where the patient is unable to meet the cost and the post sanitorium care for those released from provincial hospitals.

Setting a mill rate must be becoming an easier job for council as more and more fixed costs are preented to council. Education, county rate and debenture payments are among the largest and most immovable. They're set and council just has to raise the money and take the blame for the mill



North WEST South



A "Childish Action"

In Erin some conflict is apparently absorbing the energies of the tentious business is due to be aired in the courts.

An Unexpected Bonanza Wellington County taxpayers got an unexpected bonanza, if it could be construed as that much. It was revealed at the opening of the new registry office, which will serve South Wellington, that the structure actually cost \$12,000 below the budgeted estimate.

Racket and Dust Meet Apprehensive of the racket and dust which reportedly will be blown up at a scheduled motorcycle meet in Georgetown next summer, resi dents of that town petitioned council last week to renege on its decision to permit use of the park for from Dundas and Hamilton, the meet. It was pointed out the track will not be used, but it was i meet goes or stays

Something to Trade Here's a switch for you: A Toron- in plan stage. It was pointed out school grounds On this property | bricks needed. the firm would construct two supermarkets, 18 smaller stores, parking! library and police office. Needless a \$1,587,40 half-ton pick-up truck for to say. Oakville's guiding hands are the use of the town foreman on giving this proposition serious study, town works. Five Milton business-

Find Debenture Buyer offer of a Toronto firm for deben- Motors. tures covering construction costs for the new Fairview school at Lowand \$18,600 for the fire hall

· Sports in the Hole

port local sports? Certainly, agreed Public Utilities Commission, accord- Georgetown councillors at a recent ing to the Advocate. A ratepayer meeting, but when it comes to the writes to the editor and concludes town dipping into its own pocket to that the whole argument over retire debts incurred by sport teams, whether one member is legally on that's another thing again. Memthe Commission is nothing but bers of the council were divided in "childish action." Anyway, the con- opinion about whether or not the hockey club should get a handout. Later, they learned that the baseball club had money trouble, too.

Over the Top Oakville. Trafalgar and Bronte became the first district in the province to reach its Red Cross quota. the Record-Star reports. Monday 32 workers "blitzed" the town and township to garner \$15,017, well exceeding the quota of \$14,000.

Municipal Salesmanship Problems facing municipalities in selling their industrial potentialities to interested, or possible, customers were discussed last week at a meet-

ing of representatives from Nelson.

and Saltfleet townships with men Brick or Cement Slabs? Members of Milton School Board not made clear whether or not the are divided on the question all-brick or brick with cement slab construction on the new public school, now

to development firm has offered to 'that original plans called for use of build Oakville a new public school | cement slabs in the construction in in exchange for title to the Central order to reduce the number of Buys New Truck With due despatch, Milton council areas, municipal offices, town hall, last week agreed to the purchase of

men submitted prices for the truck Nelson township council, at a re- before council recommended purcent special meeting, accepted the chase of the vehicle from Early A manufacturer says that digest-

ville and the recently completed fire ible nutrients produced from pashall on Queensway Drive The price tures are like "gold" because they offered was \$101.52. The debentures often cost only one-fifth the exprovided for \$164,000 for the school pense of comparable amounts of grain.

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THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED . BETTER

BACK IN 1904 From the Issue of the Free Press of From the Issue of the Free Press of

Thursday, March 17, 1904 Canada is becoming a land of many languages. In the Northwest presbytery of Minnedosa, the gospel

lish, Gaelic, Sioux, Saultaux, Galician, Doukhobor and Hungarian. The unbounded hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. John Stalker of the third line is known far and near and many have enjoyed it to the full, but none more than the half a hundred who drove down last Friday evening. This company was received with open arms and every room in the Statker mansion stood open invitingly. A program of music was provided and the dear little maidens of the home and their cousin, master Willie Ross complied with

the pressing invitation of the company to dance the Highland Fling. Miss M. Dickenson, who was to sing at the Sons of Scotland concert here, was storm-staid in Durham for two full weeks.

It is a matter of current rumour that two of the hotels in town are pened to hockey in Acton of the Board of License Commissioners of this county, for permitother places of town as well as the game.

Donald was a resident when the thanks. name of the hamlet was changed. The old, old dream of residents of court clerk.

known manufacturer of Hanover, won the championship are all home proposes to build a magnificent brews, every one of them raised in building on what is undoubtedly the the Erin locality. best site in town, for the enjoyment and benefit of the young men of

BACK IN 1934

Thursday, March 15, 1934

At the meeting of Halton county council last week, the committee on education recommended that examis preached in seven languages. Engination fees be cut 50 per cent. They also suggested that rural schools close from June 1 to August 31, to enable rural students to seek remuneration in various occupations such as fruit picking, etc.

There is every indication of spring and folk are welcoming it. At Limehouse Mr. Gowdy is busy in the saw-mill making real nice lumber. Mr. Wright has started tapping maples in preparation for syrup-making, and the neighbors are getting their wood piles cut into stove wood. Other years there has been some competition, but this year Mr. John Standish of Stewarttown, who owns and operates a splendid machine, has had the field to himself at Limchouse

Some of the hockey fans have been enquiring as to what has hap-

in a fair way to have their licenses. The street drains required some cancelled at the forthcoming session; attention again when the second mild day came on Tuesday.

In the high school hockey game in ting gambling practices on their Milton, between fourth form boys premises. It is rumored that these, and girls, two of the boys were badgambling pursuits are carried on in ly injured and the girls won the

A splendid audience greeted the Acton has always manifested re- appearance of the Norval Choral Should or should not a town sup- spect for the men who have taken Society last evening in Knox church an interest in the early affairs of the and were treated to a musical evenlocality, and it was not surprising ing of interest and merit. On bethat a number of old residents turn- half of the Sunday School of Knox ed out through the snow storm to church, the superintendent, Mr. R. pay their respects to the remains of N. Brown and Mr. F. L. Wright tenthe late Lachlan McDonald, Mr. Mc- dered the visitors a hearty vote of

from Adamsville to Acton. The late | Erin village has come true at last. Robert Swann was the first post- Saturday night the Erin Shamrock master and Mr. McDonald succeed- hockey team became the champions ed him in 1852. He was Acton's first of the Northern hockey league when they defeated Walkerton in 10 min-Mr. Daniel Knetchel, a well- utes of overtime. The team which

Acton sent its quota of spectators to the annual Ice Carnival in Toronto this week.

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