

# EDITORIAL

## No April Fool

When you get your municipal tax bills this year it will be drawn to your attention that the provincial government has made certain contributions. The implication is, of course, that if the municipality had not received this amount you would have been called upon to raise it in a municipal levy.

What your tax bill doesn't tell you, however, is that you contributed these amounts to the provincial treasury in the first place. Every gallon of gasoline you bought had a ten cent tax on it. Every bit of liquor or beer you drank made you "cough up" (and we use the expression in a double sense). Every time you paid a police court fine the province took the lion's share and as a result of this and other ways too numerous to mention, Mr. Frost was, in spite of his generosity as shown on the tax bill, well able to budget for another surplus and have a highway construction scandal that nobody knows at what cost to those who pay the provincial levies.

If you have time or interest after you look at the figures that are of first importance on your tax bill, give consideration to these provincial "gifts" that are displayed. If you still have time and the inclination for further mathematics, you might count up how much gasoline tax you paid for the privilege of getting this pittance back into your municipal treasury.

Mill rates, assessments, grants and subsidies can be very confusing, make no mistake about it. However, the only money that any government has to dole out is the money that you paid to it in the first place—less the cost of administration of your funds.

## Beware the Stranger

In these days of keener competition there is bound to grow up an increasing number of individuals who want to make a fast dollar at the expense of someone else. The householders are going to see more door to door salesmen. The business men are going to have more glib tongued callers with schemes that will stimulate trade. These specialists have been appearing more often and we predict, this is only the beginning.

In the spring and early summer days when travel is more pleasant we are going to see more of these folks seeking our dollars and offering give-away proposals that a careful examination will prove unsound. We've had the chimney repair gang and the bank book racketeers and the magazine salesmen already. They are only the forerunners.

There is only one safe course to follow with the stranger who calls at your door. He hasn't anything to offer you as good as you can get from the merchant or dealer in your home town. Remember these fellows weren't calling on you when goods were scarce. Remember too, that they invariably make a big profit on every sale. You can get a better deal from the merchant, dealer or service man in your home town and he is always available to stand behind the goods or services he gives you.

## The Forgotten Man

The pedestrians today are in the minority group and are receiving less and less attention. In winter time roadways are kept plowed and open for traffic but the shovelled sidewalk is a hit and miss matter. In spring the sidewalks are often impossible until the warmer weather comes and the surface water can get away in the street drains.

Adding to the pedestrians discomfort is the mud in his eye that is always possible as he or she pursues their way and the motorist passes by. The reason for lack of attention to the needs of pedestrians must be the fact that they are a minority group. More of our tax dollars go for road maintenance than for sidewalk repairs. New roads come first in any newly developed section and it is often many years before sidewalk construction is even considered.

In a society with so many pressure groups that bring attention of their needs to the governing bodies, it does seem that a "Pedestrians Union" must organize and become active if human beings are to continue to use their lower limbs as a means of getting from one place to another outside the office or plant door.

## Another Day

If Canadians are going to sell goods in the world markets of today, we are going to be forced to give greater production. During the years when many countries were at war and when the replacement of war damage and scarcity of goods made an easy market, the price factor in trade was not the first consideration.

Now the battlegrounds are turned back to peaceful pursuits. The scars left by war are being wiped out and the world is back again in the market places with goods which mankind uses in everyday life. It is nearly nine years since the second World War was finished and those post war years have been almost as active in an industrial sense as the years in which the battles raged. Prices and wages have up until the present continued to mount. We on this continent are enjoying a high standard of living.

No one wants to see that standard of living lowered, but if it is to be maintained the way is not through subsidization, or shorter hours. The test is now on for making the hours of work more productive; for putting our ingenuity to work to create better products and more of them from the same hours of labor. Canadians with their wealth of natural resources have no cause for alarm in maintaining their place in world market. There may be changes necessary; we may have to work a little harder to develop our resources; but we must realize that the days of easy sale are over and the competition for the consumer markets of the world are back with us again.

## Lend a Hand

In the mails recently most every householder has received a very important message. It was sent out by your Rotary Club with the hope that you would share in helping children of this town and district and throughout the province to face life without a handicap.

Those Easter Seals which were in your letter are an appeal from crippled children for your assistance to rise above their handicap. While the letter is at hand why not put in your donation and mail it back to your Rotary Club so that the good work can continue.

The work for Crippled Children is not one in which great publicity can be given to individual cases. It's surprising how many children there are right in your own district who are receiving attention of the Rotary Club and the Crippled Children's Society. Every year there are more cases that require attention and the constant cost required in corrective measures for crippled children is long and tedious. Braces and special appliances must be adjusted to meet the requirements of growing children. The road to normal life is not an easy one for the crippled child.

But won't you help make their recovery possible by making your contribution as liberal as possible and bring the joy of new life to these little ones. Easter Seals are your practical way of saying, "He is Risen."

## Other Papers Say:

We are much too careless in granting drivers licenses, states the Sydney Post-Record. "If certain drivers bound for destruction are not so mentally incompetent as to require them to be placed in an institution they are, at any rate, plainly unfit for holding drivers licenses. With an appalling record of highway tragedies confronting us, it is quite apparent that the present system of granting licenses is reckless in the extreme."

The Pownass News thinks one thing every one will be reminded of continuously after April 1st is the increase in postal rates which becomes effective. Penny postage has reached the nickel stage.

The North Battleford, Sask. News-Optimist is plenty miffed because a Saskatchewan radio station and newspaper carried the item that a visitor in town had mistaken the old city hall for a lively stable and went in to try and hire a cutter for a drive.

A man at Kamloops, B.C. was fined \$10 and costs when he called at the Royal Inland Hospital to keep a date for an operation—but in an intoxicated state refused to take his clothes off and was quarrelsome. Kamloops Sentinel had headline: "Afraid of Ether, Drinks Alcohol. Operation Off."

## Reading Between The Lines

# 2,663 LACK FULL TIME WORK IN AREA PICTURE ISN'T AS BAD AS RUMORED

by Jim Dilla

Work is something we often complain about but complaints can be much louder when there isn't any employment. Looking over the Acton picture I thought perhaps things weren't too bright and quite probably they aren't for many families, but generally the situation is not as dark as it may seem.

A phone call to the Employment Office for the Guelph district this week reveals that there are 2,663 unemployed or on short time in the area that includes Acton, Erin, Arthur, Guelph and many other points. Of that total 919 are on short time, manager R. J. Robson points out.

The short time employment in several Acton industries has affected a great many people but there seems a little foundation for the rumors spreading to other centres that Acton is nearly on the rocks.

News this week of expanding processes in an Acton industry and the continued high employment level in other industries should provide a counter attack of boom times but it's the worst side of the picture that gets around the fastest.

The surprising thing is that suddenly the quantity of labor has met the requirements of industry for the first time since 1929. The

sudden change in the employment picture is what makes it so newsworthy evidently since government and union figures on unemployment are being explained and expressed regularly.

No official estimate is available on the number of people who leave town each day for employment in other centres but it has been unofficially estimated at least 100 travel to Malton for work. No doubt a similar number are attracted to Acton from the rural and neighboring areas to work in Acton industry.

Ford, Malton and the new G.E. plant in Guelph may also have a tendency to ease any employment problems that now exist. The necessity of travel to work is one of the developments of the last 10 years. Prior to that it was always desirable to be next door to your work.

While I sought definite information on the number of employed and those on short time in Acton, the employment office explained the listings were alphabetical but the total figure for the entire area does not appear excessive. It was explained there might be a slight increase in unemployment in Acton recently.

But Acton seems far from being on the rocks.



## Ex-Warden Dies in Crash

A former warden of Peel county, Otto J. Hardwick, was killed instantly when his car went out of control and crashed into a concrete abutment near his Bolton home, the Erin Advocate reports. Formerly reeve of Bolton, Mr. Hardwick was well known as a promoted amateur sport in this area.

**Seta Rates for Water**  
Georgetown council last week set rates of \$40 or \$60 for new home owners who wish water service. The charge is for bringing water from the main to the property line. Two councillors thought that the figures were too low and suggested \$50 and \$75, but drew no support.

**Beards in Wellington**  
Wellington county residents, preparing for the big county centennial celebration in Ferguson July 16 and 17, are going to see an outgrowth of facial decorations. At a recent meeting of the promoting committee a contest was decided to determine the male with the best beard. Apparently some men have started shaving the razor already.

**Georgetown Team Out**  
Commenting on defeat of the town's intermediate hockey team in group play-offs, the Georgetown Herald says, "Not that the Raiders had anything to be ashamed about. It was a strictly home brew team, soundly coached and managed. Lacking somewhat in youth, the team balanced that with guile and hockey know-how and might have gone at least a little further except for a bit more than its share of injuries."

**One Way or the Other**  
Trafalgar council last week asked the Ontario Municipal Board either to order Oakville to withdraw its application to annex 5,946 acres of the township or hold a hearing without delay. The township's plea reminded that a main committee had met several times, and sub-committees studying planning, fire and police, hospital, high school, sewers and water had been named and had met.

## Need More Teachers

A new salary schedule for Bronte public school teachers was drafted by the Bronte board last week and will be adopted at an early date, the Journal reveals. The board will engage two teachers, one of whom will have charge of a new classroom which is being opened to relieve present overcrowding in the present rooms.

## Protests Development

An Oakville housewife protested before council last week the conversion of Central School grounds into a shopping centre, as been proposed to the public school board by the Marshall Development Co. of Toronto. The lady intimated, the Record-Star says, that she spoke for a group but did not identify the others comprising it.

## A Belated Present?

Despite rapid growth and the added cost of new schools and services, the Burlington Gazette notes, Nelson taxpayers received belated Christmas present last week when township council set the tax rate and handed citizens a saving of from six to seven mills on taxes payable in 1934.

## More Milton Development

Preliminary plans for the development of approximately 200 acres in the south section of Milton, including residential and commercial property, were presented to the Milton-North Trafalgar planning board at the regular meeting in the council chamber last week. The engineer's plan included proposals for sewers and a pumping station to be installed by the developer.

## Hospital for District?

Milton Chamber of Commerce last week discussed the possibility of a hospital for Milton and district residents. Thoughts of the group were summed up in a motion, appointing a committee to interview the Minister of Health to see what requirements must be met and the proper procedure to follow in initiation of a hospital program.

# THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

## BACK IN 1904

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 24, 1904

The newly organized glove works, W. H. Storey and Son Ltd. are asking the council for a continuance of the partial exemption, previously granted to the old business or to have their assessment permanently fixed on basis similar to that given Messrs. Beardmore and Co. last year. Their request is reasonable and will be so well viewed by rate-payers, especially in view of the fact that the amalgamation and bringing of the Chapman glove business from Wingham last year, brought a considerable number of new families to Acton as permanent residents.

In the House of Commons D. Henderson of Halton expressed the hope that the government of Ontario would not be allowed to withdraw the capital of the school fund, but that they would be kept in the safer hands of the Dominion government, and only the interest be paid over to Ontario.

This week the spring millinery openings were held at Henderson & Co's store and at R. B. Scott's store.

The pretty hat at R. B. Scott's store was a white picture, with brim entirely of cream lace straw, white folded chiffon facing, new tricorn crown, large white plume caught with gold tuck, tastefully finished with strappings of white duchess ribbon.

Messrs. J. L. and J. M. Warren's sale of thoroughbred shorthorns last Friday was well attended.

Collector Graham returned the collector's roll for 1903 Monday. All taxes were collected except \$2.50 dog tax. The total taxes amounted to \$4081.88 for general rate and \$228.89 for permanent walks.

The building occupied by Mr. C. McLaughlin as a dwelling was the first school house in Acton. In 1848 a new cottage roofed school was built in the corner of the Presbyterian church lot in front of the church. This building served as a school until 1861 when the stone school was built.

## BACK IN 1934

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 22, 1934

The Acton school choir, under the direction of Mrs. M. R. Moore have been practicing for their appearance in Toronto on April 4th.

There are apparently several folks with likes and dislikes concerning the Murray Memorial Building who are willing to assist the committee toward definite action.

Colonel F. H. Deacon of Toronto, formerly of Milton, was elected 1934 President of the Canadian National Exhibition.

Provincial Traffic Officer, Russell Lemon was killed on Sunday night by a hit and run driver.

The annual meeting of Acton branch of the Canadian Legion was held last evening. The following officers were elected: Past President, W. J. Gould; President, J. M. McDonald; 1st Vice President, B. G. Arnold; 2nd Vice President, F. Day; Sec-Treas, F. L. Wright; Assistant Sec-Treas, Dr. F. W. Pearn; executive, E. Harrop, F. Boney and B. Bayless.

The tenth anniversary of the amalgamation of the Storey Glove Co. of Acton and the Arnold Glove Co. of Georgetown was marked on March 15 this year. On that date in 1924, the factory of the Arnold Co. in Georgetown was closed and the entire activities of this experienced glove family were dev. led to the conduct of the Storey Glove Co. Ltd. in Acton.

The past week provided some of the best hockey at the best bargain prices of the year. In the finals in the midget league, the Crescents nipped out the Majestics, to win the Patterson trophy.

Line-ups were - Majestics: goal, Holmes; defense, Patrick and Davidson; centre, M. Holmes; wings, Fraser and Ryder; subs, D. Ryder, Harris, Beatty and Leatham.

Crescents: goal, Woods; defense, G. Footitt and Bayless; centre, Cross; wings, Marz and Jones; subs, Tyler, B. Footitt, Buchanan.

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