The Unearthly Horror

It is reassuring, in our time of the cold war, frantic armament races and atomic weapons development, to see shocked concern in all parts of the world following the hydrogen bomb explosion in the Pacific ocean, March 1

We have no reason to disbelieve Russian press dispatches which tell of the surprise and fears created there after the test far exceeded the scientific calculations of the bomb's Amercian experimentors. And certainly in Canada and the United States, we know by newspaper and radio reports of the startled anxiety now gnawing in the minds of citizens, statesmen, physicists and military leaders over the awful power unleashed by this hydrogen weapon.

So we say it is reassuring, this world-wide tremor of apprehension, for it could force a new look at international conduct in order to avoid the alternative to peaceful existence of mankind.

This alternative, it now appears, could in a third world war be the sudden atomization of life in a series of unearthly cataclysms.

And horribly true the nature of the March explosion supports this fear. The bomb detonated with a force 600 times greater than the history-making blast at Hiroshima nearly 10 years ago. Although its testers admit miscalculation of this explosion's might, they infer at the same time that the latent possibilities of the hydrogen bomb can produce even greater devastation.

The survival of life is at stake, as man toys with this unearthly horror.

Lesson at Hespeler

Labor's formidable voice in the Canadian economy recently sounded a somber note at Hespeler where the causes of textile marketing troubles stamped an emphatic result on the livelihoods of several hundred workers.

In an agreement to accept wage cutbacks, the Wootlen Workers Union of Hespeler faced up to a steely reality of economics: production, out of pace with consumption, buckles operation,

Diagnosis of the sickness assailing Canada's textile industry is said to be the cheaper imports of woolen and woolen-substitute goods available to Canadian consumers from foreign mills which produce at a much lower cost and consequently sell cheaper - than our own textiles. This may be

Prognosis for the unhealthy condition is offered by the industry in a cry from an arresting, protective tariff on imported textiles. This may be a valid, possible cure, in spite of the government's rebuff that not only would a protective tariff un dermine existing trade agreements but would in stigate problems with the Canadian fisheries and agricultural industries who might then cry 'policy' and clamor for their own tariffs.

All this too may be so, but we're not as concerned now with this broader aspect of the Can adian textile tribulations as with the significant action by the Hespeler workers.

The union there, an independent organization, realized their company's products were not selling, whatever the causes. The union realized, too, that consequently the company's financial disposition was weakened. Production had to be geared down to pace consumption and so rescue opera-

The alternative to wage cutbacks was lay ofts and ultimate shutdown. The union voted for wage cutbacks. This new tone struck by the Hespeler union may vividly remind other less compromising union bodies, that basic laws of economics cannot be related. Equitable distribution of proof profits

To the workers at Hespeler, this is now grim. truth Labor leaders know this but we wonder at their membership to the implications coming our l of the Hespeier case

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Since 1868

For many of us who have our roots deeply in bedded in Acton, the announcement last week that the Storey Glove Co would close their plant in Acton and the business would be sold, brought back many memories and the realization of a changing generation. Since 1868 Storey's has been "Canada's Oldest Glovers." Its business operations in all these years have been under the guidance of two families the Storeys and the Arnolds.

The editor does not vividly recall the late W. H. Storey, the founder of the business. He died about 54 years ago. The business grew under his guidance from a small shop on Mill Street to the present four storey plant on Bower Avenue and also included a glove leather tannery on Main Street just south of the C.N.R. tracks. Until March 15, 1924, the glove manufacturing was conducted by members of the Storey family.

On the above date the two glove firms of W. H. Storey and Son, Acton, and H. T. Arnold, of Georgetown, amalgamated. The plant in Georgetown was closed and all the manufacturing has been done in Acton for the past 30 years. But the conduct of a glove business in Acton was not a new event for the Arnold family. It was in the Luilding on Mill Street now occupied by Watson's Music Store that H. T. Arnold first manufactured gloves. Most of the Arnold family was born in Acton so that the return to a larger plant was just a homecoming in reality.

In the intervening years Mr. H. T. Arnold and his sons William and Beatty have since passed on and only Roy R, remains in Acton as president of the Storey Glove Co. There's a regret that we find this low tax rate in such a rapidly difficult to put into words that is shared by all of us along with the understanding that men and | 59 and 51 in Acton and Milton families cannot go on forever. It's a personal feeling with many of us. The editor's grandfather and brother worked for H. T. Arnold. We've had aunts and sisters who learned the glovemaking under these families.

We can recall that for many years Beardmore | cupancy in September and Co. and Storey's were the only industries in Acton: And this town was known as a leather town. In these changing days there are not many the north-east corner of the present institutions that can put their founding date back to the days of confederation. Acton has, however, yet the distinction of having the Beardmore Co. whose establishment date goes back to 1844. We would all like to see them go on forever but such is not the way of life.

We wish for Roy Arnold and other members jous. The next morning two more of this family many happy years of retirement from business activity and the hope that after May day a couple of lads messed up then 1st we may be able to join him occasionally when he goes fishing. Since 1868 is a long span and a spans when they took a turn too fast notable achievement in any business

Other Papers Say:

The Capital Free Press of Frederiction, N.B., James improvements made during the Lowiship is currently producing 546 comments on the recent Canadian Press polldecide the leading Canadian Woman of the year. After toying with Ottawa's mayor, golfers, acties ses, etc., the free Press agrees that the woman (Association It calls for a total of who hardly ever makes the headlines, but is the woman of the year, 365 days in the year, is the Canadian Housewite

Oliver (BC) Chrom in and Osoyoos Observer, township clerk pointed out this further passenger can and track? Under term, of our political and economic system government has no authority from the India to postcard on what days the Soir. The opening of the Find Funeral Home, Heated Ambulance people to interfere or attempt control of bosiness. Barona track are id or at certain plant at May 54500 care have been unless business is narming the people. This is a principle that government itself, as it becomes tiquer and more impass and more presental terricks for himselfer.

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Reading Between The Lines

13th Power Bill in Acton Changes Face Formerly Was Credit; Now Expenditure

There's a rash around Onlarlo non It's the kind of communicable disease that was spread by a very fast delivery service. The rash has the effect of fraying tempers but it evidently can only be contracted by one very small group of people so its prominence is not as noticeable as maybe it should be

The rash I refer to is the rash of temper communicated to the members of the local Public Utilities Commissions across Ontarm and was delivered to this un fortunate group by the parent and supreme body of the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario, in the form of a small parcel containing the 13th power

Now admittedly the practice of delivering a 13th power bill is not a new system in Ontario The major change occurred first in 1953 and it has reared a rath er ugly head in 1954 with a lot hungrier look.

The amount the Ontario Hydro

Electric Power Commission finds it needs from Acton consumers this year to make last year's operation's successful, is \$5,769.88 Any normal reader will notice quite a difference between this amount and the comparable demand of last year for \$1,568.75 But in 1951 consumption, a credit was granted the local com-

mission of \$5 753 flo and the year prior to that, a credit of \$6 280 63 In an ordinary business it would seem strange to bill customers at what was suspected to be a satisfactory rate but finding at the end of the year that the business had not been success ful, to submit another bill to make things round out in nice.

The HEPC of Ontario 1: surpused to sell the power to the local commissions at cost I'm far from qualified to suggest they don't But it would seem only fair that they should approach more closely their estimated costs than seems apparent.

even figures

The rash of temper that has spread to local commissions ac ross Ontario may easily be un derstood when it is further pointed out that the HEPC Ontario sets the rates, approves any capital expenditures sets the selling price of power and gives general supervision of the whole operation.

Surely to be reasonable with the elected volunteers on the lo cal commissions of Ontario, the Ontarao group could estimate then power costs more closely than the figures indicate they have It will take in Acton an amount almost equal to the cost of the proposed new hydro truck to pay Actor's 13th power bill





Rate Up in Georgetown

Georgetown's 1954 tax rate is 45 nills, a two-mill merease over last year's rate. "We can be proud of growing town," commented Mayor Armstrong, comparing the rate with

Indicative of Growth

indicative of the growing district, the Herald says, action is being speeded on additions to Georgetown Wrigglesworth Public School and to Glen Williams school, with the hope that both will the ready for on-

Proposed Swimming Pool A proposed civic swimming pool tor Burlington would be located in Recreation Commission's property, in close proximity to the arena, according to a recommendation submitted to the fact-finding committee which met last week

Rash of Collisions In Erm recently two cars driven by local young men collided on the Main Street, damage was not ser cars, also in charge of local young men, were in collision. Later in the own car and another vehicle which was sitting up on a jack for the re

Untangling the Tangle Last week the Private Bills Committer approved the revised bill to straighten out Oakville's tangled financial affairs in-connection withhad the endorsement of the council the Municipal Atlans deputy manis ter the affected property owners; and the Oakville Property Owners

\$421,306 66 in debentures

Trafalgar (ollection Started this week but only those i benefitting will pay for it. The 5000 or more which the transfer of lated that rates to satents with he moti-

In Oakville a firecracker throws anto the clothes closet of his parents by the four year-old son caused half-hom blaze resulting in complete loss of clothing and smoke and water damage in their apartment.

Constable Resigns

Once again Bronte is without a constable. The resignation of Constable M Johnstone was received and accepted by council last week Appointed last October, Mr. John-Stone is the second constable to resign since Bronte was incorporated

Seck More School Land

Tenders for the construction of the new six foom public school in Milton were called last week following a special meeting of the Board At a later meeting the trustees also agreed to take immediate action secure another school site in the mathern section of town

To Build Exchange

Barclay Construction Limited of Hamilton has been awarded the contract to construct Milton's dual telephone building, the area manager announced last week. The building will be creeted on Main Street west of Court Street

Produce 546 Cars Per Day at Ford

last seven years. The brial draft ears each working day, according RayerM Sab president of the Ford Motor Company of Canada What, all assembly operations are: established, the raparity will, be netween 900 and 1000 cars and, Princks per day he said

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THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1904

From the laune of the Fran Fress of Thursday, April 7th, 1804

A happy event occurred at the Methodist parsonage in Horkwood on Wednesday afternoon, when Mr Robert Johnston, second time, Kette, was united in marriage to Miss Mand Ramshaw of Arton daughter of the late Mr William Hamshaw of

and citizens spent Friday afternoon completing the organization of the deal frest Chiabolic Million first Acton Board of Trade Thirty one eligible citizens were nominated for positions on the board of whom the following 13 were elected Henderson, Charles Goodeve, John Cameron, William White, A J Mc-Kinnon, A. T. Brown, John Kenney, R B Scott, J B Matthews, John Harvey, W A Storey, W H Denny Halton County Dramatic League and Dr Gray These with A E Nick. lin, president, A. H. Devitt, vicepresident, and H P Moore, secre-

involuntary bath at the dam at his and will all enter strong teams this waggon works on Good Friday The year Charles Walters of George water was rising and he was about to remove a plank at the waste gate, when his feet slipped and he was precipitated head-first down apron and over the cataract Sinclate's agility in getting away from his perilous position was well worth witnessing

Miss B Millar's confectionery window was the most artistic in town during Eastertide

At a meeting of baseball enthuslasts in Preston on Good Friday at which representatives from Acton were present, a Canadian league was organized to consist of clubs from Acton, Guelph, Galt, Berlin, Preston and Hespeler Prospects for first-class baseball in town this year are exceedingly good. At the meeting Messrs. W J Gould, H Jeans and N. McNabb were elected as umpires from Acton

Many roads in the neighborhood are still in an impassable condition Council are taking up the matter of a new industry for Acton and passed a resolution determining the inducements to be offered

BACK IN 1934

From the leave of the Free Press of Thursday, April 5th, 1934

Att the gottlemblem line comme inter being recently that is worthy of note an for an the country of Italtem is enderstand It is the Hallon Rural Young Peoples Assertation and actually is a country board supresent ing the activities of the local branch of the Department of Agriculture The goodpease is to attacige a com-A large number of lossiness men plate point program for the county The officers of the Board are prest vice president Marie Blackatt Nor val, secretary Innother McDonald Bronte treasurer A G Kirbline agricultural representative auditors, Walter Linham, Acton, Linya Millat Burlington directors Actor Margaret Brown Veima Muttay They have already matituted to

Messes E. Hyder and W. Hultoway were delegates from Acton Basebail Chub to the annual meeting of the tary-treasurer, will form the execu- Hafton League in Oakville Monday Acton Milton, Georgetown and Mr. R. Sinclair took a sudden and (Oakville, teams, were represented town was elected president, E. Ryder, Acton, vice-president and J Benham, Georgetown, secretary-

Acton school choirs visited the illy yesterday II was a joyous, metry crew that set out. They were a little more tired on the return trip in the evening Easter services in the churches

were well attended Sunday The usual price of \$2.50 a gallon eems again the rule for maple sy rup this year

The robins and other harbingers of spring are quite common now Features of the new Ford V-8 at Norton Motors - 8 cylinder motor with V-8 smoothness, aluminum cylinder head, valve seat inserts; dual downdraft carboretor and dual manufold, more power and speed. self-adjusting double acting bydraulic shock absorbers; excellent performance in cold weather, large roomy, beautiful bodies, clear vision ventilation, safety glass throughout, 5 to 85 miles per hour in high gear. amazing acceleration, exceptionally low gas consumption

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