

EDITORIAL

For Forty Years

We are reminded in an item read this week that for 40 years we have been experimenting with daylight saving. As a Canadian people we are far from being settled about our time. In Alberta and Prince Edward Island summer time is banned completely. Elsewhere in towns and cities from April to September you are liable to find any time in use.

In this immediate district time is fairly uniform but we, of course, have trains on standard time and bus travel on daylight saving time. Forty years and the time is still very much confused every summer.

It's therefore not at all surprising that the matter of store hours finds confusion when a change is undertaken. Not being fully conversant with retail problems we are not prepared to take any part in the discussion of retail store hours. It is a matter that takes time and some consideration. Judging from the experience of daylight saving, it will take many years to get a solution that is workable in all towns.

Tax Analysis

In these days when so much of the local tax dollar goes toward educational costs it is quite understandable that municipal councils give close scrutiny to the amounts that are asked by school boards to be raised each year. It is well, however, to bear in mind that both councils and school boards are bodies chosen by the people in open election. Both are therefore directly responsible to those who elect them.

While councils are the only body with power to levy taxes, they must raise the funds asked for by school boards. Council's only recourse on debenture issues for schools is a direct appeal to the people. We do not know why it is that in the public thinking councils as a rule get all the blame for tax rates. In reality they have control over little of municipal expenditure.

Debenture costs for municipal improvements must be met and are usually sanctioned by vote of the electors. The amount of school levies and county rates are beyond control of councils. Take these three items from your tax rate and it will readily be seen how little is left for the administration of council. Of course, there are other fixed charges too, such as maintenance of streets, garbage collection, street lighting, fire protection, etc. All of these and more go into Acton's tax levy each year. It might be well if every taxpayer gave attention each year to the summary of the tax levy printed on the tax bills as well as just the amount of the taxes due.

It's Possible

The nuisance of canvassers from out of town going to homes and business places is prevalent in most towns. Some towns do not do anything with these fellows who take with them any business they can get and pay absolutely nothing to the support of the town. The business men in Acton pay a business tax each year as well as a property tax and from these taxes the municipality is maintained.

In Dundas no one can go from door to door selling magazines and services without first obtaining a permit from the town. The Chief of Police of that town last week pointed out that any canvasser should have a license and a letter of recommendation signed either by the mayor or the Chief of Police. It was pointed out that every household should request any canvasser to show these credentials issued by the local authorities. The police were willing to protect its citizens if they were notified by any residents if these canvassers were working in town.

Such an arrangement in any town would be beneficial. It would protect citizens from unscrupulous salesmen. In Dundas, according to the chief of police it is unlawful to solicit advertising or subscriptions to magazines without a license. No one wants to build a wall about a town in restraint of legitimate trade but every municipality owes its merchants and citizens protection from the increasing number of peddlers and canvassers that are descending on us in these days. It's being done in Dundas and it can be done here.

Mother's Day This Sunday

Probably two of the most significant days in the year other than Christmas and Easter are Mother's Day and Father's Day. This Sunday is Mother's Day, a day of respect and gratitude expressing all the warm and happy feelings that are due the country's mothers.

W. D. Howells summed up a very sound observation when he said, "A man never sees all that his mother has been to him till it's too late to let her know that he sees it."

If anyone has played an important part in the advancement of the world it is the least heard of group—the mothers, who have influenced and instructed the greatest men and the greatest women of the world. Mothers are seldom heard from as a group yet their place in the way of life to which we are accustomed is beyond all doubt the most important.

John Quincy Adams, Lincoln and Napoleon, all great men, uttered words which in effect said, "All that I am my mother made me." But it is not just the great men who owe so much to their mother. It is the little men, the ordinary people who, through spiritual and character development gained from their mothers, have been able to take and hold their place in the pattern of everyday living.

Sunday is Mother's Day. Mothers don't expect the biggest and the best of something, indeed most of them expect nothing at all. A little extra consideration, a little more help, an extra smile, just a simple expression of appreciation for what Mother has done for you will satisfy her this Sunday on her day. Just remember her kindly and wear a flower.

A New (?) Thrill

It seems that most folks in Toronto and for some distance around have been going for a ride on Toronto's new subway. Perhaps we should not admit it but we have failed to enthuse and have not ridden on this new means of transportation that has Toronto all agog. After all, its simply a means of getting from one place to another in the city and we haven't had the necessity of going where the subway went in its 4 1/2 miles.

Actually subways are not a new method of travel. In 1885 plans were made for the first subway in London, England, and it was operating eight years later. Thirty-six years ago we rode the subways in New York City and we well remember having them take us past our station when we boarded an express instead of a local train. We found our way back on a surface car where we could see where we were going. After that first ride we found them very convenient and fast in getting about New York. We also recall that they were nice and cool in the heat of summer and we heard of folks in New York at that time riding the subways all night to keep cool. We haven't been back to New York since and they were then putting another one down on Broadway. They took you under the rivers and almost all over the city 36 years ago. They must have miles and miles of them in large cities of the United States by now.

We never really liked subways. You rushed in, the train rushed out again. If you didn't keep pace the door closed without regard to your position between train and platform. The guards then never could give any help on your direction. We just cannot imagine riding a subway to get a thrill. And now we have 4 1/2 miles of one in Canada but in spring and summer give us 4 1/2 miles out in the country for joy and pleasure travel.

Other Papers Say:

In the short period of its existence comments the Victoria Colonist "CBC's TV division has cost the taxpayers at least \$15,000,000 just for plant and service, exclusive of buildings; and that many of its programs could have been received by a large proportion of TV viewers for nothing, by tuning-in to American stations. Through the tax they pay on new receivers, owners of TV sets pay part of the price of this expensive entertainment; the taxpayers as a whole, including all those beyond the short range of the five stations, pick up the tab for the rest."

Reading Between The Lines

"IT HAPPENS EVERY THURSDAY" IN COMMUNITIES ALL ACROSS CANADA

By Jim Dills

The Roxy Theatre provided me with some good laughs, as it did others at the recent showing of "It Happens Every Thursday." As may be understood it had to do with the production of a weekly newspaper and the efforts of the new purchaser to build up a broken-down paper.

Contests and a stubborn press with the rain making efforts of the new editor provide the plot of the story. The book, written by the editor's wife, is equally amusing but the picture provides the most laughs.

It happens every Thursday in Acton, too, but the stubborn press that required mostly a good kick to get it into action isn't on the scene. Across Canada, though, there are weekly newspapers serving communities of smaller area than Acton. And it can be a tough struggle with fickle equipment and advertisers.

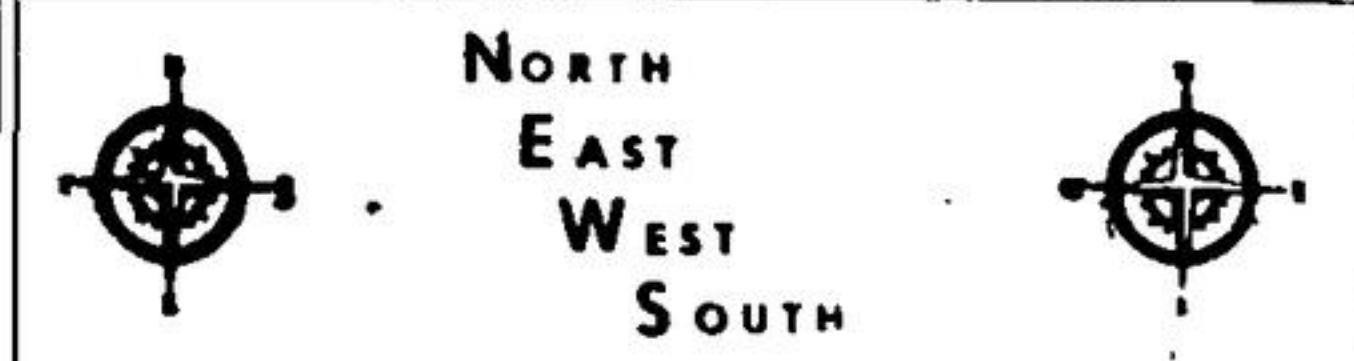
It's the weekly newspapers across the country—over 700 of them—that tell the important local events that go to make up the everyday life of people in smaller centres.

The day of small plugging newspaper editors handling the type-

setting, printing and editing, is diminishing. Statistics from our friends south of the border indicate that in 1910 there were 2,600 daily newspapers and in 1953 there are 1,772 while circulation has zoomed from 24 million to 54 million. In the weekly field of 1910, the number has decreased from the 18,899 papers to 9,581 in 1953.

Weeklies serve in a community where living is a wholesome thing and friendliness comes in volume. Reports in the paper of what the doctor, janitor, the farmer or the preacher, or of what anyone does is of equal importance to its readers. The weeklies across Canada are usually well-read by those who leave the home town for work in other centres. There is seldom a more regular letter from home and the content of local names and the activities of local friends is the information most of us enjoy after it is a few miles behind us.

Yes, it happens every Thursday. The weekly chronicling of the events of Canadian people in the smaller centres will continue to be the role of weeklies and will no doubt find ready acceptance while editors and publishers are part of the community.



Business Changes Hands

One of Georgetown's oldest businesses, the Herald announces, changed hands last week when Harman Snyder sold his transport business to Scobie Transport Ltd. Although Mr. Snyder will relinquish ownership of this 33 year-old business May 1, he will be associated with Mr. Scobie in operating the Georgetown business.

Plugging the Loopholes
Georgetown council, advised that loopholes in the building by-law might lead to infringements of the intention of the by-law, appointed a committee to recommend by-law changes which will close such loopholes, the Herald recounts.

Bronte Stands Firm
Bronte Council, on the advice of village engineers, last week informed Dr. A. E. Berry, head of the Department of Health's Sanitation Division, that Bronte could not afford to alter its water system to accommodate Trafalgar's proposed sewage outlet, planned for Coronation Park.

Approve Hospital Addition
The Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital Association, at its annual meeting last week, approved the expenditure of approximately \$55,000 for a 99-bed addition to the present hospital. The addition including enlarged services to take care of a total of 300 beds, will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,600,000, with \$1,380,000 of this amount to be raised via municipal debentures and public subscription.

The Pounding Waves
Oakville council will investigate the possibility of obtaining government assistance in combatting the ravages of the pounding waves along the lakeshore, it was recently learned. Fear was expressed that "if something isn't done soon we'll have no lakefront park."

To Clear the Air
In Burlington a deputation of members from the Volunteer Fire Department appeared before town council protesting the recent refusal to grant a pay increase. Mayor Smith found it necessary to frequently remind councillors and the delegation it was a council meeting and not an argument forum. Council finally agreed to obtain information and arrange a meeting with a firemen's committee to "clear the air."

Yet Another Industry

Milton is the chosen location for a new industry that will employ 100, according to an announcement last week by D. L. Gibson, in charge of the co-ordination of the Milton (Canada) Industrial Development Co. which brings the yet unnamed, 114 year-old firm to town.

Approve Subdivision
Last week Milton-North Trafalgar Planning Board approved a 10-acre Henderson subdivision containing 335 lots providing an allowance for a 60-foot roadway is made to meet Bell St. and opening of the extension of Barton St. be made 60 feet.

Annuals Desirable Sunshine Important

For a one-storey house set two planting of flowers along the foundation line is an ideal solution of the front yard planting problem. Where shrubs or evergreens would grow so tall as to screen the windows, and make the house appear lower than it is, flowers will remain at a desirable height, and present a band of attractive color at the base of the house.

The simply designed small homes now being built need an attractive frame, such as the flowers would provide. Its effect will be heightened if the colors of the flowers harmonize with the colors of the house and its trim.

A fashion for dooryard gardens, to take the place of trees and shrubbery in front yards, is spreading through the country. It is based on the feeling that too much shade has been the rule in the past. Modern architecture demands that sunshine be admitted freely, not only to the outside, but also to the inside of the house through the increased use of glass. Flowers in the front yard revel in the sunshine, and cast no shade to the detriment of the house and lawn.

ASSISTANCE

Hank—"My brother wants me to help him with his income tax."
Dank—"But you can't read or write."
Hank—"He doesn't want me to read or write, he wants me to pay it."

AT THE Churches

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Rev. Robert H. Armstrong
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SUNDAY, MAY 9th 1954
11:00 a.m. - Baptismal Service
7:00 p.m. - Evening Worship
The church school will meet with the morning congregation.

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11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
Christian Family Sunday Baptism and dedication of children.
7:00 p.m. - Evening Worship. Illustrated hymns. Slides A color picture welcome as extended to all.

"No mother who stands upon low ground herself can hope to place her children upon a loftier plane. They may reach it, but it will not be through her."
(J. C. R. Dorr)

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7:00 p.m. - Evening Worship

Wednesday, 8 p.m. - Prayer meeting followed by choir rehearsal.

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(Anglican)
Rev. Ralph E. Price, B.A., B.D.
Rector

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
May 9th, 1954
9:00 a.m. - Holy Communion. Cerecote Communion and breakfast for Young People.
10:15 a.m. - Church School.
11:00 a.m. - Beginners Class.
7:00 p.m. - Evening Prayer and Sermon.

8:15 p.m. - Mother's Day Festival. All women invited. Program of musical numbers. Address: Mrs. Kenneth Knox. Collection for missions.



THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1934

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 1, 1934.

In a convention hall packed to overflowing, Thomas A. Blakelock, M.P., was the unanimous choice of the Liberal-progressive party to contest Halton county in the next provincial election. The town hall at Milton on Saturday had every bit of available space filled before the proceedings began and a loud-speaker carried the addresses to a crowd at the front and on the street.

A new Liberal song sheet made its appearance among the crowd and a song leader led in these party parodies on popular songs. The matter of daylight saving time was discussed by Acton school board at their meeting this week. A tabulation of the school showed a large percentage of the homes of the children were adversely affected by the confusion in time. It was the feeling of the board that it would be advantageous if daylight saving time was uniformly established throughout the town.

On Monday a new Arrow coach service went into operation between Acton and Milton along the second line route. There are now advocates for this line becoming a provincial highway. Fishermen were busy on May 1st, but no big hauls were either seen or reported. The weather has been unfavorable right up to the opening of the season, so luck was poor. The stone quarries at Limehouse are real active again. The unemployment is a thing of the past. Most of the stone is being used in Toronto.

The concert last night in the town hall put the baseball club awed to an encouraging start and provided a splendid evening's entertainment for all who attended. It was well patronized and the array of local talent proved that Acton has no dearth of talent. Dr. E. J. Nelson, president of the Ball Club, acted as master of ceremonies. The band was under the direction of Mr. C. Mason. Much of the success of this event is due to the work of the secretary, Mr. E. Coles.

In the recent oratorical contest in Guelph, Miss Thirza Gandier, Eden Mills, won second prize in the senior group. Her tone enunciation and spirited delivery were especially commended by the judges.

BACK IN 1904

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 5, 1904.

A quartette of young people in town came down town after midnight when the street lamps had been turned off and under the erroneous impression they had no spectators indulged in some rather holdenish pranks. First there was a trip for each of the young ladies around the block in a hand cart belonging to one of our business firms. Then a young musician in the vicinity of Fairview cemetery was serenaded and awakened from his slumber. Opposite Knox manse they joined hands in orthodox fashion and sang Auld Lang Syne so lustily that it is alleged the Rev. pastor was impelled to raise the sash of his chamber window and inquire as to the sanity of the choristers. It was somewhat of a shock to those who saw them to recognize the personnel of the quartette.

Never before in Acton's history was real estate so lively a commodity. Daily changes are taking place in ownership and have an upward tendency very satisfactory to owners. During the week Thomas Bennett sold to J. J. Holland the Commercial Hotel. The price paid was about \$3,000. Mr. Bennett was the owner of this property for upward of 30 years. W. J. Humphries sold his property on Church St. which he bought recently for \$600, to David Elliott for \$700. Donald McGregor has bought the Thomas Perryman Jr. property on Church St. for \$900. Charles Mason has purchased from Thos. Easton the brick cottage on Brock St. which he occupies. Mr. Norman McLeod has purchased the Quinlan property on Agnes St. for \$550.

The new blinds on the council chamber are an attractive and much needed improvement. The increasing business at R. B. Scott's "The Busy Store"—has necessitated putting on a delivery rig and all goods are now promised within 30 minutes of receipt of order.

C. F. Goudeve and Co. now have their cut glass displayed in a handsome Plate Glass show case which is lighted with electric lights. The effect thus produced is very effective and numbers of people were attracted from across the street when they had it lit up for the first time on Friday and Saturday.

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