

EDITORIAL

First Summer Holiday

That popular holiday which seems to mark the opening of the summer season—Victoria Day—is next Monday. Since the reign of Queen Victoria was the longest in the British Commonwealth the day has become so much a part of our lives that any effort to dislodge it from the list of holidays proves very unpopular. Added to this is the fact here in Canada that the weather is usually so enticing that everyone seems to feel the need of an outing.

From now on its firm roots as a holiday will even be better established since it has been put in the list of Canadian holidays which will occur on a Monday. The only other Canadian holiday which fluctuates around and comes this year right almost in mid-week is Dominion Day which is set for July 1st. Perhaps the time will come soon when this holiday will be accorded the same treatment as Victoria Day and each year fall on a Monday. It could be a popular move and assure better observance.

Letting Off Fire

In Canada the day for firecrackers seems to have been established as Victoria Day. In the United States the day for noise and trial by fire seems to be the fourth of July. The Chinese have another time for celebrating with noise and display by fireworks and we suppose that most every country has a special noise day.

Two world wars of noise and discharge of explosives have failed to dim the desire of mankind for these displays. Every year at our Canadian National Exhibition and at numerous smaller events through the countryside the displays of fireworks and the thundering noise accompanying them is one of the thrilling events.

We suppose that in this present day and generation the newest attempts of the pyrotechnicians will be to portray the atomic or hydrogen bombs. As long as we have wars and rumors of wars the fields for those who make displays of fireworks will not lack innovation. Most folks hope they will only be a means of entertainment and not a source of destruction.

So we come to Victoria Day in Canada and in spite of the fact that youngsters and old boys know that in many communities the sale and discharge of fireworks is illegal, we'll hear and see them throughout the countryside.

Keeping Pace?

A rather small item in the newspapers the other day gave the information that Canada's railways were making application to serve intoxicating beverages on the trains. Of course, it is only another trend showing that the brewers and distillers are gaining more outlets and aiming at higher profits. The railway management may also be looking with envy at the many institutions which are making handsome profits out of selling liquor.

We recall a few years ago riding on a train in the United States. There was a so-called dining car on the train and, of course, we anticipated it would be up to the same standard that we find on our Canadian railways. It was a typical barroom on wheels. The menu was limited and badly prepared with the chief item wieners and canned beans. We were the only ones in the dining car being served food. Everyone else was drinking beer. We wonder if the move in Canada will have the same effect on our Canadian dining car service which now enjoys a reputation for excellence?

We wonder, too, if serving of liquor on Canadian trains will make travelling on them any more pleasant for those who do not like rowdiness and lurching in the aisles of drunken men or women? We wonder if women and children will find train travel more pleasant when drunkenness is encouraged on our railways and if the move will make train travel more accident-free?

The brewers and distillers are doing well in their spread of the sale of intoxicating beverages. Mental institutions, alcoholics anonymous, and welfare organizations are having a task to keep pace with the wrecks they leave behind them.

Growth Trend

Quite often the question is posed: which way will Acton expand? Apparently when the town was planned it was surmised that Main Street would be the main business street. But something changed that natural trend and we have Mill Street as the business section. Just at present, housing development is toward the east where building land is most suitable. Many of us can recall when living east of the tracks was a seeming long way from town. Development west of town is going on in a lesser degree.

North and south of Acton is not witnessing as much expansion but who can say that such will continue to be the case. Somewhere between Acton and Milton the new through highway from Windsor will intersect No. 25 Highway. Will it bring an industrial development south of Acton? In these days of rapid development it is difficult to predict future expansion. One can be assured, however, that in this age which belongs to Canada every town, village and hamlet will share in the growth.

Illusions

Every week-end we enjoy a perusal of many weekly newspapers and find out how towns in Ontario such as ours are meeting their various problems. Since the first of the year tax rates have been set in towns and villages in Ontario and the new assessments that are not so new in Halton have been coming into effect.

In every case where the new assessment has come into effect the mill rate is down. The newspapers are giving this information and also pointing out that actually more taxes are being paid. The new assessment has only had the effect of making the rate of the levy seem more palatable.

All forms of government have this illusion to perform all the time. Newspapers are doing a public service when they take the magic away from tax levies. The more public service which we load onto governments the more taxes will be required. There is no magic for supplying government funds but there is a lot of illusion in the way they are collated and it is being used with some effect in provincial and federal fields more adeptly than in the municipal field.

A Healthy Sign

The action of the federal government in calling two Victory Loan issues some years in advance of their due date would seem to indicate that Canada's finances are in a very healthy condition. It is even more surprising when it is remembered that these issues are at 3%, a figure which could hardly be improved or duplicated in any current borrowing. It is quite evident that Canada does not intend to borrow more money at the present time.

One would surmise that if any large amounts are to be expended on public works the government has the funds in sight for such an undertaking. Such expenditures as over three million on the harbor facilities at Port Credit indicate that Canada is preparing for continued expansion and the development of such projects as the seaway and knows where the finances will come from.

It's a healthy sign for the future of Canada that our taxes are meeting obligations before they become due.

Other Papers Say:

Fredericton, N.B., Free Press Growing popularity of urban life, plus growing emphasis on home ownership, makes it difficult to sign up men for work in remote areas, even at premium wages. In many cases, they would rather be unemployed in the cities than employed in the bush. Only solution seems to lie in a large-scale immigration of Europeans who will do the jobs that native-born workers are unwilling to do.

One-fifth of the Niagara fruit land has been lost to industrialization, says the Farmer's Advocate, (London) "This problem is plaguing many areas and communities. Too much good crop land is going out of production because of rapid ex-

Reading Between The Lines

ACTON VOTED IN; LEVY FACES TOWN FROM AUTHORITY COUNCIL OPPOSES

By Jim Dills

Acton got voted into membership in the Credit Valley Conservation Authority this month. If the Ministry of Planning and Development gives the necessary approval.

It took four meetings before the authority was established and Acton was still opposed to membership in the group because it might mean Acton taxpayers will be contributing toward the cost of dredging and draining the flats in Toronto township where there is a flood condition. Port Credit, Toronto township and Mississauga entered the petition to form the authority.

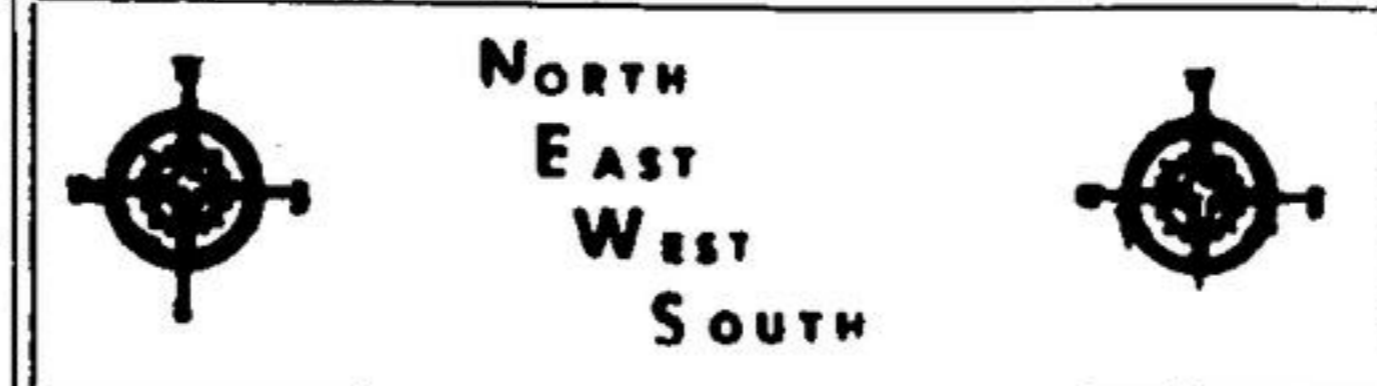
The authority is formed of municipalities in a particular watershed. Acton's Black Creek is the contributing water course that forces the town to be a member. Others in the area are Garafraxa, Deaf, Amaranth, Mono, Carleton, Erin township and Erin village, Chinguacousy, Esquimaux, Trafalgar, Toronto township, Orangeville, Georgetown, Acton, Brampton, Streetsville and Port Credit.

Once the conservation authority has been established, there is no legislation to disband the organization and the powers of the group as outlined in the act are rather broad. The Act outlines the objects of an authority "shall be to undertake and effect such scheme or schemes in respect to the watershed or part thereof for which it is established as the authority may determine."

Again from the Act we find "when the authority has determined the proportion of total benefit afforded to all participating municipalities which is at least a notice containing a statement of such apportionment to be sent to council."

The apportionment of cost can be appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board, whose decision is final. The cost of maintenance including the office expenses and salaries may be annually levied against the participating municipalities. Members of the authority can be paid no salary or expenses without the Municipal Board's approval.

It all boils down to this: Acton and other municipalities are included in an authority they opposed. Council will be saddled with an annual levy over which they have no control and which must be paid. Acton must find a representative who has sufficient time to study the situation and sufficient time to attend meetings and visit points from Orangeville to Port Credit without remuneration at least for the present. Acton may be called on to issue debentures for capital expenditures of construction miles away from its boundaries. And there is no way out.



Children's Safety

In Georgetown rather than install stop or blinker lights as safeguards for a school children crossing, council last week decided to have police make a regular highway patrol at crossings near school time. The Board will consider using a crossing guard for longer periods and possibly hire a man for the job.

Embarrassing Question

In Burlington Mayor E. W. Smith replied to a query on progress of the town's annexation bid as "The 504 question." Some 20 other applications have been approved since Burlington's bid, it was noted, and it was indicated that the hold-up was becoming a little embarrassing.

No Spikes For Softball

In Erin it is reported that through the combined efforts of people around the area a softball league of five clubs has been formed which will include, as well as Erin, Orton, Hillsburgh, Beech Grove and Inglewood. One move the executive made at its first sitting was to abolish spikes in the league.

Annexation Preparations

In Oakville it was revealed that the town and the township of Trafalgar will have four months to prepare their case for and against annexation by Oakville of 5,946 acres of southern Trafalgar. The area proposed to be annexed includes the Ford-Oakville plant.

Within The Law

In Bronte where police chief Fred Oliver suggested that the "Busy Bee Club" wasn't quite within the law in selling draw tickets on a "firecracker cake," the members—all under 12—nevertheless went ahead and raised \$9.60 for the crippled children's fund.

No Clear-Cut Decision

In Milton no clear-cut decision emerged from the Public School Board last week when it met to consider paring down the size of the proposed \$20,000 public school to meet Council's objections that it was \$7,000 too much. Grants on the school will only be made on a total of \$13,000.

No Judicial Inquiry

In Oakville there will be no judicial inquiry into the town's finances. Council decided recently. Only if the finger was pointed at one individual and specific charges of dishonesty were made would he ask for one, the Mayor explained.

Question of Sanitation

In Bronte owners of a property in the Triller and Trafalgar streets area have been given until May 22 to stop using a well as a cesspool. Sanitary inspectors may then take action against the owners of the premises which are used as a snack bar and multiple dwelling unit, it was indicated.

Police Negotiate

In Oakville this week representatives of the police association met with Council's police committee for one more attempt to reach an agreement on police demands for contract changes. Should this meeting fail to produce a satisfactory compromise, the matter will go to arbitration.

Approval for Subdivision

In Milton Council gave its approval to the Kingsleigh Court subdivision presented by J. J. Thistlewaite for the east side of Martin St. south of the base line. Changes suggested by the plan presented were similar to those endorsed by Milton-North Trafalgar Planning Board when it considered the subject.

AT THE Churches

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SUNDAY, MAY 23rd 1954
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11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
Wednesday 8 p.m.—Prayer meeting
Thursday 8 p.m.—BY.P.U. and choir practice
May 21-24—BY.P.U. Convent at Kitchener

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7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength
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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH (Anglican)
Rockwood, Ontario

Fifth Sunday after Easter
Rogation Sunday
SUNDAY, MAY 23rd 1954
9:00—Holy Communion
10:15 a.m.—Children School
11:00 a.m.—Beginners Class
11:30 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Service—special Rogationtide service
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Service
At Rogationtide the days before Ascension the Church and her people join to pray for God's blessing upon the seeds and the earth that His mercy may bring forth abundantly for the sustenance of man.
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10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for every child. Christian knowledge
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Rural Life Sunday
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Informal pleasant helpful
Thought for the Week
"What we are afraid to do, before men, we should be afraid to think before God."
"As a man thinketh in his heart so is he."

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THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1904

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 19, 1904

At the meeting of Council it was decided that a new ticket office and gate will be erected at the park at a cost of \$100.

The drill shed is reported to be in a very dilapidated condition. It certainly requires the attention of the Militia Department.

The town hall committee of the present year is giving this property the attention it deserves and which the public will appreciate. New blinds have been put on the Council Chamber, the stage waiting rooms have been papered and carpeted, a new carpet has been put on the stage and further improvements are contemplated. The committee is considering the advisability of putting in a rear exit or at least a fire escape on the Bower Ave. side of the hall.

Acton Lodge L.O.O.F. was favored last Friday evening with an official visit from Grand Master T. J. Hamilton, which the members appreciated very much. The Grand Master first visited the Lodge Room and complimented the officers upon their work. He expressed pleasure at the manifest prosperity of Acton Lodge. The brethren proceeded to Clark's Hotel where a carefully prepared banquet was served. A toast to the Grand Master was then drunk with grand effect.

Mrs. Henry Wallace and Charlie Smith of Speyside have good reason to boast of a big day's work on Monday, 25th April, they cut ten cords of hard wood into 18 inch wood in nine and a half hours. They would like to know if this does not beat the record.

The pay of the private volunteers at the coming camp next month will be 70 cents a day instead of 50 cents as formerly.

The cow will soon stand knee deep in sun-kissed pastures.

ANXIOUS

The chairman's introduction was such a eulogy that the speaker looked bewildered as he stood up. "Ladies and gentlemen," he began "I can hardly wait to hear what I am going to say."

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BACK IN 1934

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 17, 1934

As a result of the re-organization of the C.C.F. constitution at a recent convention, changes of which met the objections of farmers in Halton County Captain Elmer Phillips and his U.F.O. followers have returned to the C.C.F. fold as a valid organization.

The Halton County C.C.F. Club, formed this year, the former Liberal supporter accepted the ranks of the C.C.F. because of what was claimed to be the increasing "left" element which was developing in the party.

At a meeting in Milton last Tuesday the decision was made to return to the C.C.F. fold. At the meeting Captain Phillips was re-elected as the C.C.F. candidate for the riding of Halton. The Halton club, according to Capt. Phillips, has a total membership of 225.

The local baseball season opens this week when Acton and Oakville and Milton and Georgetown meet at Saturday.

The trees of this year were better than the past weeks have been hard on the vegetation.

The watering trough on Main St. has been repaired and the roadway and in some places repaved and put in condition again. It is reported approximately a credit to the municipal officers who did the work.

As an indication of the improved business conditions in the Milton district the Bell Telephone Company reports the re-installation of several phones by the farmers. Some of these phones were disconnected during the recent years of depression by subscribers who now feel the worst is over.

Mr. J. Hurst of Acton again had charge of the church service at St. David's church, Campbellville, last Sunday and delivered an eloquent address.

In the W.C.T.U. competition for public school children, the Limehouse group took a prominent place, taking almost 16 prizes.

From now until June 19th the politicians will have the platform.

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6:30 a.m. 8:58 a.m. 11:33 a.m.
2:08 p.m. 5:08 p.m. 6:33 p.m. 8:30 p.m. 9:58 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)
—Daily except Sunday and holidays
—Saturday, Sunday and holidays

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Daily 5:40 a.m.; Daily except Sunday 10:00 a.m.; 1:15 p.m.; Sunday 7:01 p.m.; Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown 9:02 a.m.; 6:31 p.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown 10:11 p.m.
Westbound
Daily except Sun. and Mon. 12:35 a.m.; Sat. and Sun. only 11:50 p.m.; Daily except Sunday 8:40 a.m.; 6:55 p.m. (flagstop); 7:40 p.m.; Saturday only 1:27 p.m.; Sunday only 8:03 a.m. (flagstop); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph 7:05 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. Flyer at Guelph 6:01 p.m.

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