

EDITORIAL

A Common Problem

Anyone with the idea that regulation of closing hours in the stores in Acton is a big problem should look about in other towns. It seems that Saturday night was considered quite the night to do the week-end shopping for many years. Most folks from town and country liked to get down town Saturday night.

Then the cities found that with long week-ends the residents were not home on Saturday night and if the shopping dollar was to remain in the city Friday night was the night to stay open. The super duper food markets used all sorts of circus tricks to popularize Friday night shopping. Recently we came past one out on the highway and our seat mate on the bus informed us that both Thursday and Friday nights were open nights in some of these markets. Evidently the hours for clerks in some is longer and not shorter.

Of course, everyone wants a long week-end. Factory workers enjoy all day Saturday while those in retail establishments usually get a half day in mid-week. It looks as if the problem will not soon be adjusted and we wouldn't want to add anything to the confusion. But those who serve and those who are served undoubtedly have rights that will have to be taken into consideration in any adjustments that are made.

Canadians are Travelling

From Skookumchuck, B.C., to Merasheen, Nfld., more Canadians are going more places for pleasure this year at home and abroad, reports The Financial Post.

Travel agents this week reported strong indications 1954 will prove a record year for the tourist industry. As one big agency put it: "Name the industry and we're placing bookings there."

Trans-Atlantic, European and North American travel by plane, train, bus, auto or ship are all in for a share of the free-spending travel boom.

The Canadian Pacific and Canadian National railways are adding \$88 million worth of new passenger equipment.

Trans-Canada Air Lines is adding eight giant Super-Constellations and 15 turbo-prop Vickers Viscounts to its fleet of 27 DC-3s and 23 North Stars. Canadian Pacific Airlines has added DC-6Bs and Convair 24Cs to its fleet of DC-3s and DC-4s.

Canadian Pacific Steamships has three liners operating between Canada and Europe with two on order. Cunard are adding the Saxonia to their four sailing to Canada. The Greek Line has one, the Home Lines, one.

Let's Wave Our Own

Had a visit over the holiday with relations in the United States and while we travelled in two states and were not far from the Canadian border we never sighted a Canadian flag beyond the International approaches. We didn't expect to see one. Matter of fact, we always think it odd when we see the flags of another country on display in that country.

Perhaps that is the reason we dislike to see flags of other countries displayed in Canada. It looks like a cheap way of attracting attention and incidentally, customers. But then again we find flags of the United States on display at service clubs and conventions where there may be a few Americans present. We attended a dinner recently of a Canadian organization. Along with the rest of the guests we drank a toast to the Queen and then to the President of the United States.

Just why do we pay so much homage to a neighboring nation? We don't believe our neighbors expect it and we surmise they smile about it occasionally. Canada has grown up and it's time that our flag waving was confined to that of our own country. There are lots of Canadians living across the border and they wouldn't think of flying the Canadian flag there and the same is true of Americans who reside in Canada. The display of the Stars and Stripes on this side of the border is usually a cheap way of attracting patronage of visitors to Canada which few appreciate.

Seeing the Country

Getting back in Ontario from a trip along the highways south of the border one appreciates the benefit that we enjoy through a branch of the Ontario Highways Department. Promiscuous placing of signs and a country-wide splashing of fluorescent paint have made night driving on United States roads a hideous nightmare.

In Ontario the Sign and Building Permits Branch performs very well an official duty for the Department of Highways which is defined in an official publication as "to see that no edifice, from a telephone booth to a baseball park, is erected in such a position as to be a hazard to the man in a car."

This branch possesses and exercises tight control of billboards, of advertising signs of all kinds along provincial roads. In some areas no signs of any kind may be erected—field advertising, it is called, and where signs are permitted the regulations are strict. The official publication summarizes them:

"In rural areas that are not restricted these signs cannot be over 53 feet in length, 15 feet in height and must be three feet above the ground. If 10 feet or under in length they must be set back from the boundary of the highway at least 75 feet, if from 10 to 25 feet in length they must be placed 175 feet from the highway, and those between 25 and 50 feet may be no closer than 275 feet.

"Moreover, no sign may be placed within less than 1,000 feet of another sign of this type regardless of which side of the highway it is situated; nor can one be erected nearer than 300 feet of an intersecting road or railway."

Thanks to this control the highways of Ontario are mercifully free of the signs so common years ago—and still common in some provinces which block scenic vistas and can create a hazard to public safety by obstructing the view of hills and curves or by taking the attention of the driver from his wheel.

Mid-Week Holidays

There is not a single sound reason why all national holidays should not be officially celebrated on the nearest Mondays, just as we have observed Civic Holiday and Labor Day, declares The Financial Post.

Virtually every citizen as well as industry and business would be in favor.

Mid-week holidays are a disruption of work and they aren't much good for a holiday either.

The Federal Government should not let a few misguided sentimentalists block this long overdue reform. The experience this year with Victoria Day on Monday resulted in a much more uniform holiday observance than in other years when Victoria Day was the 24th of May regardless of its position in the week. The same thing might well be applied to Dominion Day.

Other Papers Say:

In this age of scientific agriculture, it is astonishing but true declares The Temiskaming (Ont.) Speaker, "that many Canadian farmers are still of the opinion that soils are inexhaustible and that all one needs for a good crop is perfect weather. Such nonsense has been exploded long ago. Nutrients taken out of the soil by growing crops or by animals that consume them must be replaced if good yields are to continue."

The sellers' market has disappeared for the time being and it will be up to the storekeepers to persuade the buyer to make purchases in order to keep a good business level. Huntingdon (Que.) Gleaner.

The Ontario Federation of Printing Trades Unions, pushed by a strong bid from its president, recently decided by a one-vote margin to back officially the C.C.F. And, believe it or not, one of the reasons why the union threw its allegiance to the socialist party was that the federal Liberal government was having too much of its printing done in its own government printing bureau. Thus the printers' union was supporting a socialist party in the hope that the latter would attack socialized printing—Midland Free Press-Herald.

Reading Between The Lines

CONSIDER PARK, SAND AND GARDENS IN TOWN TOUR COMMENT THIS WEEK

By Jim Dills

This business of writing a column each week on some local topic isn't the easiest thing in the world to do, it seems. The difficult part comes not so much in the actual writing as in the finding of a topic. While the column is usually devoted to one topic, I decided to take a look around the town and devote the space to the several subjects that presented themselves.

Acton's park will be a centre of picnic activity again this year, no doubt, and it is encouraging to see that facilities at this centre are being improved. The local Y's Men's club has donated swings for the entertainment of the local children and this has filled a need lacking for some time. It is to be hoped that swimming in the lake will be available this year for adults, with the junior swimming pool for the small children.

It will be necessary this year to secure the services of someone for supervision at the small pool but I'm just wondering if the pool was ever officially turned over to the town under whose guidance, the project should be. All of which adds up to the possibility or probability of the town ever engaging a summer recreational director in conjunction with the Y.M.C.A. Board.

Turning to another phase of recreation, it is also encouraging to note that the Acton Tennis courts are preparing for activity and it is understood that an arrangement for maintenance and rental has been reached by the local club and the officials of Beardmore's. The club last year had a membership of over 60, which is, in itself, encouraging.

Whether you can call it recreation or not, a lot of local gardeners are preparing the ground for the annual cropping of vegetables and the odd weed or two. With all the interest that is annually invested in gardens in the district, it is surprising that prizes offered in conjunction with the Acton fair for the best garden a few years ago had to be discontinued through lack of interest.

Taking a look at the grounds of the new high school, the amount of land surrounding the new building looks quite impressive. It will give the school the largest playing field they ever had and it is to be hoped the larger playing field will encourage a high brand of athletics. Few schools in the district will have as attractive an area and Acton should be able to place well up in inter-school athletics.

Final note from the town tour is one regarding a big sand pile near the Mason Knit factory. For several years now the sand for winter highway sanding has been stored here and it would seem that with rail facilities at hand and industrial sites in town at a premium a move, of the sand pile would be in order before restocking begins. The stock yards used to be located there and Saturday morning at the yards was the usual program for children from all parts of town. It does seem now, however, that more use could be made of the land than for storing sand.

considered good planning." In addition town council was informed land may be acquired more cheaply in the township itself. A note bid will be entered to include only that area required to include the necessary additional land for the sewage disposal plant and the Bridgman survey now landlocked within Burlington.

Open Lacrosse Season
Dundas and Burlington will open the lacrosse season in the intermediate game this week. The league is composed of Burlington, Dundas, Lewiston, N.Y., Georgetown, Streetsville, Paris, Sarum and Wallaceburg. Only return games are scheduled for the last three entries.

30 New Houses Built
Permits totaling \$354,950 for building in Burlington were issued during April according to figures reported to council at a recent meeting. Some 30 new dwelling units were included among the permits. Other permits included four stores in one building, garages and alterations.

Plan Public Meeting
The three man hospital committee appointed by Milton Chamber of Commerce has prepared information and is planning a public meeting of district groups and interested citizens.

Open New Room
Milton High School's annual open night, this year featuring the opening of a gleaming new library classroom, was attended by over 300 parents and visitors, who shows, displays, musical numbers, and a debate were presented.

THE END
Ship's Captain (into speaking tube): Is there a blithering idiot at the end of this tube?
Answer: Not at this end sir.

AT THE Churches


ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH (Anglican)
Rev. Ralph E. Price, B.A., B.D. Rector
Sunday after Ascension Day MAY 30th 1954
Missionary Sunday 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Corporate Communion for the Brotherhood of Anglican church, followed by breakfast (No change in time.)
10:15 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.
All are Welcome

BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON
Ray H. Coiterus, Pastor
Parsonage—115 Bower Ave. Phone 206w
SUNDAY, MAY 30th, 1954
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
8:30 p.m.—Bible Society Fireside
Wednesday—4 p.m. Mission Band
8 p.m. Prayer Meeting
Thursday—8 p.m., B.Y.P.U. choir rehearsal.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA ACTON, Ontario
A FRIENDLY CHURCH
Rev. E. A. Curry, B.A., B.D. Minister
Parsonage—29 Bower Avenue Phone 60
Miss O. M. Lampard, A.T.C.M. Organist and Choir Leader
SUNDAY, MAY 30th, 1954
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School. Not to be despised.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Subject—My Church and My Country.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship Thought for the Week "Until we place our religion and our treasure in the same thing religion will always be sacrificed." (Epicurus)
"Religion would not have any enemies if it were not an enemy to their vices." (Massillon)

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG M.A., B.D., Minister
SUNDAY, MAY 30th, 1954
9:45 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. A Warm Welcome Awaits You

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER



BACK IN 1934

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 23, 1934

The old bark shed on Agnes St. belonging to the Beardmore Leathers has been torn down. Another brick building erected for a drying loft and which has not been used for some time is also being demolished.

Members of the Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion joined with three or four hundred Legionnaires of Zone 13 Canadian Legion and paraded to the Presbyterian church in Brampton on Sunday afternoon, following a brief ceremony at the town's cenotaph.

Acton got away to a poor start in their entry in the Halton County Ball League on Saturday afternoon when they lost to the Lakeside boys by 15-3.

Extensive repairs to the bridge over the Beardmore Co. siding on Main St. are at present underway and traffic to the Crescent will detour through the Beardmore property until it is completed.

The showers are still rather scarce and the need of a cupola is felt by everyone.

Mr. Thos. Gibbons has erected a neat enclosed verandah at his home on Main St. and is applying a new surface to the exterior of the house.

While at play on Saturday, June Talbot, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Talbot fell from a tree and fractured her left arm just below the elbow.

Mrs. E. F. Collier, Brock Ave. is suffering from painful lumbago and injury she received when the railing on the verandah at her home broke and she fell several feet to the ground.

Council decided that the present price of 50¢ per hour for hire of truck was not sufficient to cover the actual cost of operation. A fairer price was considered 70¢ per hour and this price was to be adopted as the scale for the council except on contract work.

The Young People's Society and the congregation of the Baptist Church held a most enjoyable social evening to welcome the new pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Eater. The group also honored Mr. and Mrs. Charles Landsborough, the recently married couple and said goodbye to Mrs. Begley, who is shortly leaving for White Fish Falls.

BACK IN 1904

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 23, 1904

Citizens are enquiring as to the prospects of further permanent pavement being laid this season. They are certainly needed in several localities, notably the east and west ends of Mill Street, Young Street, Main Street, to Queen Street at least and Park Avenue.

The first baseball game of the season took place at Guelph on Saturday afternoon between Acton and the Maple Leafs of Guelph, and resulted in favor of Acton, 7-3. The home games of the Canadian Amateur Baseball League were inaugurated in the park here on Victoria Day with becoming ceremonies and very satisfactory results. Acton defeated Galt 5-2 in an admirable match to head the league with two wins.

Acton line up: Douley D., F. Beattie ss., D. Heattie c., Ryder 2b., Wallace 3b., Organ p., Oram cf., McIntosh lf.

H. Grudell, machinist, would much appreciate the act if the boys who took away the hind wheels and gearing of a wagon on Hallowe'en will return them, or give information as to their whereabouts.

Mr. Ed J. Moore, who has just completed his year's work at the University, returned home yesterday and will spend the summer on the Free Press staff.

The present year appears to be one of abnormal conditions, and the big rain for nearly 24 hours last Wednesday added another surprise. Nearly three inches of water fell, and as a result considerable damage was done. Shortly before seven o'clock the dam at Beardmore's tannery and Sinclair's wagon shop was carried away, and has necessitated much costly work since in the effort to restore it. The dam at Fairy Lake was threatened for several hours.

Col. Galloway, the inspector of militia stores and property, is expected in Acton in a few days to inspect the drill shed and armory. He will find a raft of empty whisky bottles in the armory; the doors of the drill shed dilapidated, windows broken, a hole torn through the foundation, and rack and ruin generally.

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