

EDITORIAL

Another Forward Step

In line with the trend of a North Halton area in many things is the proposal to have Acton, Milton and Georgetown and possibly Rockwood served as one community of telephone service. The present defining of the telephone system is very unsatisfactory and the proposal put forth by the Bell Telephone Co. appears a most satisfactory approach to the problem.

The cost to subscribers is indeed very small when it is considered that the boundaries are so wide and so much more territory will be available for use of telephones. Wherever the matter has been considered there seems to be hearty approval. The acceptance of the plan must be made according to the Bell Co. by eighty-five per cent of the subscribers. While this may seem a high percentage it should not be a great cost to the subscriber.

When one considers the three towns are now operating in one big area for high school purposes for the protection and for engineering and planning service in a one-stage step that consolidation of telephone service should follow the same trend. The plan adopted would put 3000 telephones at the rate of every subscriber without long distance toll. In view of the fact that Georgetown, Milton and Acton will be using one primer next year it will probably hasten the time when Acton will be part of this system and Rockwood also included.

Councils of the three towns are in accord with the move. Final word must come from telephone subscribers and of the terms outlined the plan should get a backing of 100 per cent.

Not What They Used To Be

In these accelerated days we find many changes and sometimes a yearning for things that have disappeared from the scene. Some of us can remember what neighbors' places were the blacksmith's shop, or the grist mill when men came into town and were waiting and had time for a visit and exchange of neighborly items.

Gone too are the barber shops where one could get quite a summary of the local news picture. You didn't have to be a waiting customer to have a seat in the waiting room at Tommy Morton's shop that was located where the Roxie Theatre now stands. Men could get a shave in a barber shop in those days and we used to drop into Morton's or McLean's three times a week. It was surprising the local news that could be gathered while waiting a turn or while your face was covered with a hot lather and your identity was not known.

The barber shops were the best places to learn the trend in Municipal affairs. There was plenty of water in either bands, McLean's or Tommy Morton's and the municipalities were a terror through the streets. In these shops just as well as putting in an appearance at the Farmers' Bazaar. The barber shop was a clearing place thirty-five years ago for current news.

We don't know what brought about the change in barber shops but we think the decline set in when women started to get their hair bobbed. There weren't any beauty parlors for the ladies and the barbers did the hair cutting. Now the ladies have their own beauty parlors which no men invade but their invasion of the barber shops took something away that has never returned and like the old grey mare they ain't what they used to be.

Land Prices

In these days when forecasts of land prices are being quoted it is interesting to learn that a town in North Simcoe offered a Toronto firm a site for one dollar. Canada and ever Ontario has many acres of land. It seems that just now the land which is a virtual easy road to the sea is a most sought. The further back from the Great Lakes the better the land. Cashawa Islands are mentioned in the lower price.

Probably after taking a look at land prices we read just recently that one firm located away from Toronto had secured enough of their own land to equip their plant. There is not a thing as pricing a town or a district out of industrial growth. Farms that a few years ago sold for \$5000 to \$10,000, including the buildings are now worth \$2000 or less even in the present day of high speculation. We need to keep our feet on the ground and not thinking that when we talk of values in these days.

Incidentally we neglected to mention that the industrialists who had a site offered for a dollar did not take it because when soil analysis was made it was found that piles would be needed for loadings in the black mud.

Other Papers Say:

We're concerned with the alarming rate at which the small farmer is being replaced by the Big Farmer. The trend to large farms has repopulated our farms and has created a movement of people from rural areas. (Guelph Daily Post, Sat.)

There are many pathetically housebound applicants for jobs in our district where the candidates are your friends and have a personal interest in the performance of your purchase. The bare bones of a bargain need to be covered with convincing meal of service. The ingredients in all purchases. (Hastings Daily Free Press)

Fortunately, the great majority of people living in an average community are probably 95% good citizens. The problem is just for these people in the majority to raise their percentage rating from time to time and to find ways of helping or making the minority improve their rating. (Acton Daily Post)

Reading Between The Lines

NORTH HALTON URBAN BOARD COULD PROVE A 'PRODUCER OF PROGRESS'

By John Black

Centred in the year of the North Halton Urban Board is a sort of multiple representative from Acton, Georgetown and Milton stands as an achievement of co-operation and realistic foresight which may have startling effects on the social and economic future of the uppermost section of the county.

The alignment of forces come at a time when North Halton stands in danger of being economically over-shadowed by the swelling bulk of progress in The Hague and Nelson townships. It comes at a time when Oakville, Brant and Burlington are expanding industrially and commercially in a commanding style. It comes at a time when it is so very necessary and so very better that the three municipalities should be united in a common council.

Formerly, originally a joint responsibility for the hiring and supervision of a town engineer by the three municipalities, the body in 1943 set up a joint council for a three-year period. Mayor H. G. Brown, of Acton, was elected to the position of president. When the council was first formed, it was a sort of a joint council for a three-year period. It was a sort of a joint council for a three-year period.

Membership on the board is made up of representatives from each of the three municipalities. When a council of representatives is formed, it is a sort of a joint council for a three-year period. It was a sort of a joint council for a three-year period.

Strategic emphasis is not on the town of Acton, but on the town of Milton. The council is a sort of a joint council for a three-year period. It was a sort of a joint council for a three-year period.

Inquiry Into Drainage
The County of Simcoe has been conducting a survey of drainage in the County of Simcoe. The survey is being conducted by the County of Simcoe. The survey is being conducted by the County of Simcoe.

Fewer Drops To Drink
The County of Simcoe has been conducting a survey of water supply in the County of Simcoe. The survey is being conducted by the County of Simcoe. The survey is being conducted by the County of Simcoe.

Blockade of the Buses
The County of Simcoe has been conducting a survey of bus service in the County of Simcoe. The survey is being conducted by the County of Simcoe. The survey is being conducted by the County of Simcoe.

Dog in the Doghouse
The County of Simcoe has been conducting a survey of dog control in the County of Simcoe. The survey is being conducted by the County of Simcoe. The survey is being conducted by the County of Simcoe.

Thermom is the Word
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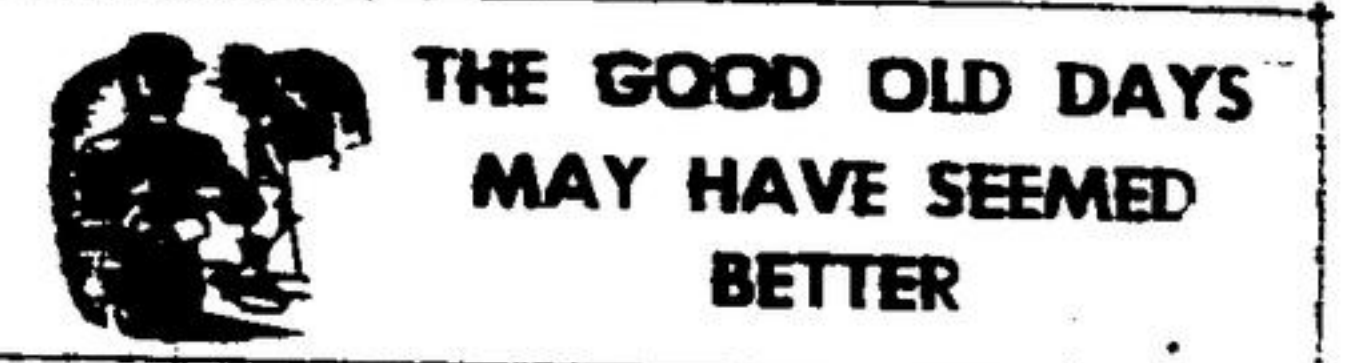
The Farm Got Away
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Riders in the Sky
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Flash Fire in Erin
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July Supply is High
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THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1934
From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 9, 1934.
Harold Wilkes purchased his confectionery business on August 21, 1934 and marks his silver anniversary this week. The business has steadily grown and has been enlarged under the courteous and efficient service of him and his assistants to the public of Acton and surrounding district. Through the twenty-five years since Harold Wilkes purchased this business it has been through the partnership of him and his wife, Miss Laura Wilkes, and the time of steady growth. Always attentive to business, always courteous and always with the thought in mind of service to the public, the business enjoyed the measure of business due to it.

BACK IN 1904
From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 11, 1904.
The annual convention of the Ontario Firemen's Association of Acton was held at Milton last week. The fire-fighters were engaged in a very interesting and successful week. The fire-fighters were engaged in a very interesting and successful week. The fire-fighters were engaged in a very interesting and successful week.

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