

# EDITORIAL

## Monumental Mistakes

Thursday night we had a phone call from one of our readers which cleared our conscience of any wrong complicity with tombstones. It seems that these flat marble slabs were also used by confectioners for making taffy and especially required in the making of peanut brittle. Our reader told of her interesting experience some years ago in acquiring a marble slab.

She had gone to a confectioner in Guelph and selected a slab she considered the right size and had it delivered by freight. When the delivery man entered the store with the slab his greeting was "I knew the lady well." This was the first intimation the purchaser had that the other side of the slab bore an inscription and use of the stone was delayed until the matter was cleared with the Guelph confectioner.

His explanation was that all the marble slabs he used were actually tombstones which had some error or were found not suitable. The maker of the stones then disposed of these slabs of marble to whatever trade required them. We know now that these slabs found in the printing offices came there quite legitimately and we are relieved to know that actually these stones were never used to mark any grave.

We don't suppose there are any more confectioners who are purchasers of marble slabs. Printers do not purchase these errors of the monument dealers any more. But then on second thought you never see any new memorials made from slabs of marble about two inches in thickness. The trend has changed and its all toward improvement. We are just a bit curious, however, to know what the makers of monuments do in the present day with their mistakes.

## For the Next Two Weeks

Tomorrow the great Canadian National Exhibition will open its gates on the show window of Canada. In spite of all the controversy which inevitably is attendant on such a big event it will prove again to be the world's greatest annual show. Keeping it great over such a long period is no mean task. In these days of a fast expanding country, keeping it truly representative of Canada is also a challenge.

While the C.N.E. is a spectacular event with its grandstand show, fireworks, midway, bands and imported artists, it is much more than all this. Trouble seems to be that there is so much to see within the great grounds that one is apt to choose to see only the spectacular part of the program. Most any day there is only a very small portion of the visitors to stroll through the showing of fine horses, the best in cattle, the finest hogs, sheep, poultry and the exhibits which are the background of an agricultural country such as Canada.

In spite of the fact that we have been attending the Ex most every year for well over 40 years we still find it a must on our program every year. To us like countless others who are next door to the event more than one visit each season is possible.

For the next two weeks the Ex will be the feature and next comes our own local fair which has its own individual appeal and is the training ground for exhibitors in such national events as the C.N.E. and the Royal Winter Fair.

## Weekly News Field Loss

It was with general regret that the weekly newspaper field learned of the sudden death of Harold J. Fair of the Mount Forest Confederate. Mr. Fair had been in newspaper work for 23 years. He was a war correspondent with the Canadian Press in the Second World War. He was with Reuters news agency in New York. Three years ago he purchased controlling interest in the Mount Forest Confederate. He was 44 years old.

Mr. Fair was a native of Arthur, Ontario, and his father Harry R. Fair still resides there. He leaves a wife, the former Helen Dorothy Alton who was a real helpmate in his newspaper work, and a sister, Mrs. T. O. Dunlop of Toronto. Friends in a wide field mourn with them the loss that has been sustained in his passing.

## A Co-operative State

The past few weeks have seen quite a flurry in development of land for housing in Acton. The new developments take up practically all of the building land within the town limits and if Acton is to expand it is imperative that the boundaries be extended so that land can be serviced. In this present day there cannot be any large developments in lands which cannot give water, sewers, garbage collection and adequate fire protection.

To even a casual observer the need for more modern houses in Acton has been evident for some time. Many people who want to live in Acton have been frustrated because there was not on the market any number of modern homes. There has been, it's true, a progressive building of home owned buildings over the years. Many people, however, prefer to acquire a home without the bother of making building arrangements. For these Acton lacked the stock of houses to interest prospects. The new developments should find a ready market and a variety of locations.

A word of commendation is due to those who made these recent developments possible. Only those who are in close contact know all the obstacles which must be surmounted before such work can be completed. It takes co-operation of council, land owners, builders, realtors, and many more to bring a development into being. All have been able to do business and development can continue as long as this state continues.

## New Cause for Development

Announcement recently that parallel, dual 20-inch diameter pipes will be laid beneath the bed of the Niagara River to bring Tennessee natural gas into Ontario follows the speculation of many that the provision of ample natural gas in Ontario will provide a new impetus to industrial development and expansion.

It is explained that this line will be run from the Niagara River to the Peel-Halton line where it will be linked with the Consumer's Gas Co., Toronto distribution system. Officials expect to have gas flowing through the lines by November 1.

At the March meeting of the county council, officials of the Union Gas Co. of Canada Ltd. sought the rights and franchise to lay a 24-inch gas pipe line under county roads. At that time it was explained the company was planning to lay a 24-inch natural gas pipe line from the vicinity of Toronto, west to Lambton county. The approximate location of that line would be between one and two miles north of Highway 5. A secondary line was planned to serve the Oakville area. Service to centres such as Kitchener, Guelph, Galt and London areas was also planned by the company that was the largest supplier in western Ontario.

At that time it was explained that if a municipality did not have gas and desired the commodity, the company would provide a main to the municipality's boundaries, but it would be up to the municipality to take care of the distribution. Cost of the entire project was estimated at \$12,000,000.

Trans-Canada Pipe Lines who are laying a line to the Peel-Halton border considers the Niagara-Toronto line one of the 15 sections making up the 2,200 mile natural gas transmission network between the Alberta border and Montreal.

In addition to crossing the Niagara River and the Welland Canal, the pipe line will make more than 25 highway and 11 railroad crossings in the 80-mile stretch under construction.

With the arrival in Halton of natural gas a new avenue of industrial attraction may be opened up and with it the problems of municipal councils in deciding whether to install the necessary network of lines that would make available service to all home owners.

Individuals with either guns or fishing tackle, passing themselves off as sportsmen, have repaid kindness with shocking bad manners in the use of a host's property in this area. . . . Our farmers are wondering how many of the recreation seekers are actually sportsmen in the full meaning of the term and how many are simply destructive vandals.—Indian Head (Sask.)

## Reading Between The Lines

### T.V. NOT PREJUDICIAL TO SPORTS IF THE SPORT IS WORTH SEEING

By Hartley Cole

Do you think most of the criticism directed at the influence of television on attendance at sporting spectacles is constructive? Or do you suppose that much of it is prompted by promoters who no longer have anything to sell the public and try to hide it under a full blast of steam at T.V.?

This is what the promoters have been mulling over since the advent of the television screen. And they are still far from agreement.

Some promoters, like the Big Four football circuit don't mind signing contracts for people in the United States to see their games and there has been much hullabaloo about it, but the top brass have no intention of letting the people within a certain radius of the televised games be viewers. This is done by a device called the "black-out".

Fight fans are familiar with the technique of a black-out, both partial and complete. T.V. has been a boon to the fight game, making many more fans for it by weekly telecasts. However, when some of the really important fights came up sometimes the folks a thousand miles away aren't allowed a peek because the promoters feel that attendance might be hurt.

The attitude of some hockey promoters is typical. How, says one, can you expect people to go to all the bother of travelling to the arena, paying two or three bucks to see a game when they can sit at home in a comfortable chair and see the same thing for nothing on T.V.?

Well, Conny Smythe, one of the shrewdest hockey men on the map at the moment has an answer for that one. His Maple Leaf games are televised every Saturday night. And while the Leafs are building up a tremendous following with their appearance in the living room of every sports fan

within reach, other clubs are passing it up as too risky. Of course, the Maple Leaf brass have a little gimmick which they use just in moderation. They show only the last two periods, keeping the living room fans at a slight disadvantage.

The Stanley Cup play-offs last spring are a good example of the fact that every game was televised, the arenas were jammed.

Wrestling promoters probably appreciate T.V. more than any of the moguls. Wrestling had only a fair following until T.V. Now it is difficult to keep them off your screen. Of course, television is an excellent medium for the grunt and groin boys. Along with boxing, these two sports must get the ultimate in coverage.

Sports played on a big field or an enclosed rink are at a disadvantage. The cameraman can only cover one angle at a time and in a sport like baseball action is apt to be going on in several places simultaneously.

Last week C.B.C. T.V. carried a lacrosse game from Vancouver. Do you suppose anyone stayed away because the game could be seen at home? Perhaps, but the number will be far smaller than the new interest in lacrosse that could result from several games being shown on the living room screen. It could be the medium that would boost lacrosse back to the level it once enjoyed as Canada's national sport.

Personally, we could never see where T.V. would be preferable to sitting in at a game. You miss the excitement of the crowd, drama in the stands, and a good chance to let off steam when you watch calmly from your easy chair. It's possible sporting events will have empty seats but they had them long before T.V. appeared on the scene.



### Odd for Milton

In Milton a reversal on the usual story of industrial progress, as has come to be expected in that bustling town, was told last week when announcement was made the spinning section of the Model Knitting Mill will be moved to Harrison this month, affecting approximately 30 employees by the transfer of operations.

### Great Furniture Factory

In Georgetown announcement was made that a Dutch furniture firm, producers of contemporary, hand-carved pieces, will establish in this town next spring to assemble furniture and later, it is expected, branch out into complete Canadian production.

### Signals Cost Money

In Milton, after studying several letters on the matter, the reeve reported to council that estimated cost to the town for installation of a warning signal on the Martin St. CNR crossing would be \$1,770 with an annual maintenance charge of \$300. A further balance of \$5,000 would be paid by the Highways Department, CNR and Railway Crossings Fund.

### Road Gets Rough Report

In Burlington council has its guns trained on County Council over a road repair job on Brant Street which, after being given a black top which, after being given a black top which, after being given a black top was charged to be "just as bad as before the work was commenced." A formal complaint in motion was unanimously approved and is to be sent to the larger body.

### Prophet of Gloom

Near Palermo, at the annual labour rally in Ukrainian Camp, Canada's cateringing leader of orthodox socialists, Tim Buck, issued the dark prediction that 750,000 Canadians will be out of work by next spring but quickly stressed that the Soviet Union is doing more for its people than Canada or the U.S. Had Canada tackled the St. Lawrence seaway alone, Buck bleated, unemployment would "be kept down".

### Short Term of (Post) Office

In Oakville the department of public works expects to call for tenders on the town's new federal buildings during the latter part of September. The building, 94 feet by 145 feet, will replace the present post office which will be torn down after only 15 years of utility.

### No Sewers Sooner

In Bronte, with some contention that present filter beds are not situated properly, ratepayers lined up before council at a recent meeting to find out if they could expect sewers sooner or later. Council, observing the cost could be a disturbing \$450,000, figured it unlikely Bronte would have its sewers sooner, and most likely later.

### Sewer "Festival" Flops

In Oakville, a local paper reports, "Act V of the Great Trifalgar Sewer Festival Flopped" when the head of the provincial sanitation division, Dr. A. E. Berry, told council he would not rule on the feasibility of enlarging Oakville's sewage disposal plant; until he had engineer's recommendations.

### Warning About Water

In Erin, where there's been a honest concern about the quality of water residents are drinking from local wells, the County Health Unit director, in a published letter, warns that villagers should take advantage of free testing services and send samples of their water in sterilized bottles to Guelph or Kitchener for analysis.

### More Men, More Money

In Georgetown at a recent council meeting, members were told that the town had grown to such a size that a corporal and three constables were necessary for adequate police protection—and the addition of one more man—and were also informed that next year charges for police protection will swing upward.

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10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service in St. Alban's Church.  
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer meeting.

**THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER**

## BACK IN 1934

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 23, 1934.

At a special meeting of the school board on Monday evening, Miss Teron Hunt of Oakville was engaged. There were a host of applications.

Secretary Wright has received word that Hon. Duncan Marshall, Ontario's new minister of Agriculture, has accepted the invitation of the Directors and will officially open the Acton fair of 1934.

Brampton and Guelph have both had the unenviable experience of strike riots recently.

A frost on Tuesday morning was reported, but no damage seems to have been done.

Several residents of the Ospringe community availed themselves of the opportunity of seeing the village from the air on Monday afternoon when two passenger planes landed at George Grundy's farm.

A concert by Acton Citizens Band in Guelph on Sunday evening proved very popular with the city audience. The following items respecting the concert is from the Guelph Mercury: "A crowd estimated at from 2,000 to 3,000 citizens last night heard the Acton band, under the leadership of Bandmaster Charles Mason, in a concert at Exhibition Park. The work of the visiting musicians was highly praised by music lovers. Particularly popular was "Billie Graham's Favorite Hymns" and the marches were also highly enjoyed."

Complete re-organization of the magisterial system of Ontario was announced. Forty-eight magistrates will now do the work done by 138 similar appointees. William Keith, the present York county magistrate has been selected as the one magistrate for this district.

The lawn social held by Rockwood Womens' Institute last week at the home of Mrs. Fred Hamilton was a decided success. Mrs. Fred McArthur presided for the program.

## BACK IN 1904

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 25, 1904.

For nearly thirty years the Free Press has been delivered to readers in town at their homes by our carriers. But there has necessarily been a lack of uniformity in the time of delivery, some ruggying their papers at nine o'clock and others not until noon or later. We have therefore decided to place all papers in the post office for delivery hereafter.

The trains on Tuesday morning took over 30 residents of Acton to the great wheat fields of the west. The weekly smash of the C.T.R. at Georgetown occurred Thursday this week. Ten cars of cattle, cement, sugar and furniture were smashed.

Usually at the annual meetings of the ratepayers the attendance is meagre. This however, was not the case at the meeting called by reeve Swackhamer Tuesday, to discuss the question of permanent roadways for the municipality.

After a preliminary program of musical and literary numbers by local artists, Mr. A. M. Campbell, deputy minister of public works was introduced. He reviewed Acton's experience in road building. In the last fourteen years we have expended \$8,000 on our streets, \$2,000 for patching sidewalks and \$6,000 in patching streets. If Acton's streets were in any worse condition a quarter century ago, than they are to-day, after all that money wasted on them, I would like to have a snap shot of the horrible condition they were in then, he said.

Goodeve and Co.—Do you use any breakfast cereals? We keep all the popular lines such as Force-Vim, Shredded Wheat, Banner Oats, Strength-Pulse and Orange Meal. Sole agents for Butterick Patterns.

Mr. Fred Plank delivered the first load of new wheat to Noble's elevator. New wheat is bringing a dollar a bushel this week.

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#### GRAY COACH LINES

**COACHES LEAVE ACTON**

**Eastbound**  
6:38 a.m.; 8:58 a.m.; 11:33 a.m.  
2:08 p.m.; 5:08 p.m.; 6:33 p.m.; 8:38 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.)  
a—Daily except Sunday and holidays  
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**Standard Time**

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**Westbound**  
Daily except Sun. and Mon. 12:28 a.m. Sat. and Sun. only 11:58 p.m. Daily except Sunday 8:48 a.m.; 6:55 p.m. (flagstop); 7:49 p.m.; Saturday only 1:27 p.m.; Sunday only 9:03 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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