

EDITORIAL

Not One on No. 25

One of the features which makes Ontario's highways pleasant for motorists are the picnic tables located in shaded spots. Most everywhere one travels these picnic spots are in use and whether on a long drive or just out for a family picnic they are in use.

We said they are most everywhere along Ontario's highways. Perhaps you too have noticed that not one of the picnic tables is located on No. 25 highway in its whole length. Yet there is no more scenic section in the district. Quite often one sees a roadside picnic being enjoyed in spite of the lack of facilities. This is particularly true in that winding section just south of Speyside. There are several choice locations along No. 25 for roadside tables and surely another summer will see a few scattered along the route. It's an oversight we feel sure that will soon be corrected.

Belated But Sincere

In the extra confusion of conventions and to perseu our exchange we overlooked a very important event in the history of a neighboring weekly. The Fergus News-Record recently celebrated a hundred years of service to that town just north-west of here. We have known the Templin family through three generations and the paper under their guidance has won a place, not only in Fergus and district but in Canada at large that may well be the aim of any newspaper. The services to Canadian journalism that the present editor, Dr. Hugh Templin has given were recognized in some measure by the honorary degree conferred on him by the University of Western Ontario some years ago.

Our belated but none the less sincere congratulations go to the Fergus News-Record and the Templins on this 100th anniversary and our best wishes for a continuance of their success during the years ahead.

Music Has Charms ?

Maybe you read the story this week of the band that came from Donkin in Nova Scotia to participate in the music day competitions at the C.N.E. They took a year to raise the funds for expenses (about \$3600). They placed second in their class and they made an arrangement to play the next day at the Nova Scotia exhibit. The C.N.E. officials agreed to pay \$150, the price suggested by the band. But the band boys from Donkin found out that in Toronto you can't play for the fun of it.

Walter Murdock, music union head, ruled the C.N.E. must pay \$10 per man or a total of \$300 before he would clear the performance. It's reported Mr. Murdock wasn't very nice in his comments either and no one can blame C.N.E. officials for dodging another tilt with musicians' unions after the grandstand "spectacle" they had just gone through.

The band boys from Donkin, Nova Scotia, headed back home on their 1500 mile trip. We'll bet they would have played for nothing as no doubt most of them do all the time. We don't know who was to receive the \$300 fee asked by the union head, but not likely any charity.

It is well that we have such places as Donkin across Canada where band boys can play their tunes without clearance by Mr. Murdock. It is going to be a dull country when folks cannot play music for the joy of it and have to have their performances cleared through some official. We're glad we live in a place like Donkin where the band boys can add to the community life without permission of anyone. We hope the Donkin band is not discouraged by their treatment or their trip to Ontario. There are lots of places in this province where their performance could be given and appreciated but we'll have to guard our liberties well, lest we lose them.

Guess we had better hide our trombone as we'll never ask for clearance from anyone to use it. We're glad we played in the bands before the latest arrangements came into force in the city. The music wasn't professional but it was sure a pleasure to blow with perfect freedom.

Make it a Date

Now comes the season of the rural fairs of Canada. Go where you will across the province you will find the weeks crowded with dates of the fall fairs. It is impossible to take them all in, so the best thing to do is select the fairs in your immediate neighborhood and be sure to attend those. Your own fair is one that you cannot afford to miss. The dates for Acton fair are September 17 and 18.

Your own fair has an attraction for you that no other fair can offer. Here you see the exhibits of people you know. Here you meet the folks you know best. More and more the Acton Fair has become a place for reunion of friends. Some of them came a long distance and many of course came from within 50 miles or so of the home town fair. For years Acton Fair has meant an opportunity for these annual reunions. In these days of good highways and fast travel it is easy to come back to the home town annual. Make it a date on your calendar now to meet old friends, spend a fine fall day out-of-doors and see the many attractions offered at your annual fair here.

Opportunities are Yours

The day after Labor Day may not officially be the close of summer, but in these parts when that holiday is over and the children return to school, the end of summer activities has come. It signals the start of fall activity. Schools re-opened on Tuesday across Ontario.

With a growing population, the school population is up, of course. In spite of new buildings and classrooms, it seems almost impossible to keep in pace with the needs. Never however have the young people of town and country had greater opportunities for securing a good education than today. It is costing those who pay taxes plenty to keep pace with the needs but it is being done and we sincerely hope is appreciated by the school boys and girls of the present day.

Now as the fall term opens in schools, it is well for pupils to remember that the course of study they are undertaking will require the whole year to complete. In any race the boy or girl who gets off to a good start finds it easier to maintain the lead than it is to catch up to the leaders. Life is always a contest and to maintain leadership or just a place in the field requires constant effort.

Schools and opportunities for young folks open today across the province. How you use them is up to you. The foundations for your life are being laid in the school days that are now starting.

Sure It's a Problem

Dr. W. H. Cruickshank, Medical Director of the Health League of Canada, says: "Alcoholism has become a major health problem within the Canadian adult population. It has taken its greatest toll in industry. It is only natural that within recent years it has become the subject of a great deal of study by industrial and health leaders."

We have often wondered why with all the study accorded this major health problem, we still continue to make more outlets for alcoholism, and give every facility for creating more drinkers. We don't treat the drug sale with the same cordiality. We use every endeavor to stamp out the illicit trade in narcotics. Yet the alcoholics of our country far outnumber the drug addicts. Very often drinking of intoxicating beverages is the start of the individual on the skid row.

With all the study given the problem of alcoholism it seems probable that someone would find that the best way to eliminate the problem would be to make the manufacture of alcohol illegal. We do it with drugs because the manufacturers haven't such a hold on our finances. Everyone knows the magnitude of the problem of alcoholism. But we are lulled into complacency because of the nice juicy profits which accrue from its sale and the smooth propoganda that those who profit most use to put across the deal.

Reading Between The Lines

NEED TO ADVERTISE ATTRACTIONS IF ACTON IS TO BECKON TOURIST

By Hartley Coles

A tourist on his way through Acton is quite likely to stop. One of the first things he would ask "And what is this town noted for?"

What would your reply be? Would you enumerate the diversity of its industry, the size of its tannery, the fact that we are a certain number of feet above sea level? Or do you associate Acton with a distinctive atmosphere which some visitors sometimes misconstrue as being an odor?

Several people have asked me that same question. Each time I've told them about Fairy Lake, its fishing and the fact that there are beaver in its waters.

Tourists aren't interested in the number of factories, the miles of paved streets, the size of the town and other data. These things they have in their own town or city. What they are looking for is something different.

Unfortunately, those who journey through Acton have no way of knowing about Fairy Lake, the lovely park surrounded by blue waters bordering its banks. The only recognition given our best tourist attraction is a sign that mutely says "Acton Park." The rest is left to word of mouth.

Those who have discovered the park from places far and near make constant use of its facilities.

Acton Park has a special appeal to fishermen. When pike were deposited in the lake three years ago to augment the already large bass and catfish population, the numbers of fishermen began to increase considerably.

Anyone touring through the States, especially the eastern part, notices that practically every centre, no matter how small and inconsequential seems to have something that sets it apart from the neighbors. It may be the site of a battle, the home of some Indian tribe in the far distant past, or may be within its borders a house of pure colonial architecture.

All of these features are advertised on the town's outskirts or perhaps on the main road passing through. People stop and take a look. They may stay for only a few minutes. Some may stay for days.

During their stay they will look for something to buy, preferably native in this region. That's when the tourist is most appreciated... when he's ringing the bell on a cash register.

It seems to me that the merchants in this area are missing out on the millions of tourist dollars that are spent annually in Ontario. There is no reason why existing facilities should not attract many more visitors and provide additional income for businesses.

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

Sewers Grow Too
In Oakville preparations are apparently progressing unhindered for enlarged sewer facilities. As town and township engineers met last week to discuss plans prepared for the town to expand the present sewer facilities in order to handle township sewage.

Fall Flowers Shown
In Milton recently over 200 entries were recorded in the classes for annuals, perennials, summer-flowering bulbs, arrangements and specials at the Milton and District Horticultural Society's fall flower show in the Agricultural Hall.

Four in a Jeep
In Erin four local men thank their lucky stars they're alive today after an accident with a jeep last week near Brantford. The four were bumping along in the jeep when a blowout rocked the vehicle on the slippery pavement, overturned it and smashed it into a guard rail beside a 15 foot ditch. Not one man was hurt.

Widow Leaves Canada
In Oakville English-born Mrs. Arthur Thurst, 31, who died in the tragic Sea Scout drowning a month ago, said last week she will take her three small children and return to England where both her own and late husband's parents are living.

Archdeacon Retires
In Georgetown last week a series of farewell presentations, culminated in a reception, preceded the departure of Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson from town, who for 22 years was rector in Anglican churches in Georgetown and Glen Williams. Archdeacon Thompson is retiring from active ministry.

Erin Water Again
In Erin, infectious jaundice which arises from contaminated water and has been quite prevalent in that village for many years from time to time, is now thought to be caused from the privately owned wells in the village, the Advocate suggests, adding that the M.O.H. is concerned a waterworks system is started soon.

Plan of Attack
In Brantford last week members of the recently-born vet committee held a confab to assess progress in their efforts to institute a vote on the heady beverage question in the village to consider how far their petition had progressed and just when it would be presented.

Congestion Committee
In Burlington, evidently fed up with congestion and cramping the council asked the Chamber of Commerce to name three merchants to a committee proposed by council to study parking and traffic congestion, also to be included are one councillor and one policeman.

Area Attraction
In Oakville, called as "The Battle of the Century", or, hearings by the Municipal Board of Oakville Application to annex 2,946 acres of southern Trafalgar there's been a slight change; showings have been moved to the Pine Room in the arena instead of the council chamber.

Two New Schools
In Milton an estimated 825 children from the kindergarten to high school went back to their desks this week. Both the school—the new Holy Rosary Separate School—opened for the first time and another new building, a six-room public school, expected to be opened by next January.

ROAMING ENTERTAINERS
(Checotum, Que.) (CP) — Calling themselves Les Rouge-Gorge (the Robins) a group of Quebec City students is touring the Lake St. John district with folk songs and dances. They usually perform outdoors around a huge bonfire.

MINE RESUMES
Bathurst, N.B. (CP)—W. Holland Smith, general manager of the Keymet base metals mine near here, says it will start producing by the third week of October. The mine buildings were destroyed by fire last April just before production was scheduled to start.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1934

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, September 6, 1934
Acton schools re-opened on Tuesday after the long summer vacation and the High School had a record registration. There was an attendance of 110, with 30 in Form I. It is expected that four Upper School subjects will be taught—English, French, Geometry and Trigonometry.

Mr. D. A. MacRae, B.A., is the new principal in charge and his assistants are Miss Bell and Miss Mortimer.

In the Public School, the attendance, which is usually over the 300 mark, dropped to 279.

After a year of straightening out the difficulties in connection with the erection of the new Y.M.C.A. Murray Memorial building, actual work on the \$20,000 structure commenced Wednesday.

In the stock judging at the Canadian National Exhibition, exhibitors from Acton in the district have had some success. Among them are F. E. Holmes, Henry Droux, John Campbell, W. A. Allan and Robert Kerr and Son.

Mrs. Agnes Young of Ballinacraig celebrated her 102nd birthday there. She can recall the excitement which prevailed during the Mackenzie rebellion although she was only five years old at the time. Her father, she said, had his rifle for fear the rebels would seize it. That, and his watch, which he also had, were his most cherished possessions.

When you buy a new Ford V-8 you buy a thrill in motoring. No other car can possibly give you the same smooth, satisfying performance because no other car under \$10,000 has the V-8 engine.

The frost last week did quite a lot of damage to the corn, and sugarcorn and tomatoes, also to cucumbers and pumpkin vines in this district.

BACK IN 1904

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, September 8, 1904
An amendment to the Municipal Act made by the Legislature requires that a candidate nominated for office must file a declaration of qualification with the clerk. This will give the annual nominations a seriousness not always heretofore manifested.

Four straight wins in two weeks! How is that for a record? The local team are certainly playing ball at winning clip at present, and this week won both games from the pet teams of the twin cities—Berlin and Waterloo.

The King has approved the appointment of Earl Grey as governor-general of Canada to succeed Lord Minto.

A decidedly interesting meeting of the members of the Acton Women's Institute was held at "Hillcrest" Friday. There was an attendance of about 100. A. J. Chapman presented samples of nasturtium and Spanish potatoes. Mrs. George Havill gave her method of making tomato catsup. Mrs. John Cameron gave her recipe for layer cake and almond cookies. A very simple and well-baked custard leaves was announced by Mrs. A. T. Brown.

At the amateur athletic contests in Toronto last week Mr. Frank McIntosh won third prize in the 100 yard race and third in the 440 yard race.

The game with Waterloo in the local diamond, scheduled for Monday "Labour" Day, brought out a large crowd of admirers. Waterloo has yellow streak seasons. They reported to a local agent when the score was tied and called off the field throwing up the game like a bunch of schoolboys. Their conduct during the game was not very here has been disgusting.

Hundreds of residents of Acton and vicinity have attended Toronto Exhibition this week.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th, 1954
9:45 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
3:00 p.m.—Orange Order Church Parade.
7:00 p.m.—Service in Church of England.

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
September 12, 1954
9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion.
1:00 a.m.—Choral School. First session of the fall season. Pupils 6 years and over.
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class. First session of the fall season. Pupils 5 years and under.
7:00 p.m.—Dedication service. Special service for the purpose of dedicating memorials to the late Rev. G. N. Luxton and those who served in the Second Great War. All friends of St. Alban's are cordially invited to this service.
"O come let us worship"

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10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
Wednesday 8 p.m.—Prayer meeting

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All Are Welcome