

EDITORIAL

Let Us Give Thanks

Once a year a day is set apart for national Thanksgiving so that we may return thanks to Almighty God for his good gifts of the harvest and the bounties of the earth which he has provided. It is much more than a holiday.

There may be those who see nothing but gloom ahead. But the way we have come has been good for those who have made the most of the opportunities that have been available to all. Thanksgiving is not a time for boasting of our untold riches and our resources. It is rather a time for gratitude and not glorification which so easily turns into a form of boasting and may be both individual or national.

If you would chase the gloom or any feeling of ingratitude in your lot perhaps the words of that old hymn are the ones that should be in the hearts of all next Monday, "Count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done."

Indians?

The daily papers have the past weeks been giving some strange stories of the antics of the young people who are attending our colleges which gives some of us a pretty dim view of higher education. We hold in the same category the actions of rioters of our prisons as we do those who are going to college and do property damage or personal injury to others. If such behavior keeps up no town or city will welcome the establishment therein of any penal institution or college building.

College buildings and facilities, the transportation equipment and streets of this country are made possible by the work of all the people. Attending college carries no licence for the abuse of any of them. No one objects to fun that does not interfere with the rights of others and does not destroy property others have built.

It appears that one of the first things that should be impressed on those who enjoy the special privileges of higher education is a duty of citizenship and a respect for the rights of property and those of other citizens. If such an item has not been on the curriculum of our seats of learning there seems little need for support of better educational facilities for our young people.

Snake dances were connected with the days of the Indians. Such affairs have no place in the college halls, or city streets. Even the savages held such rituals in the wide open spaces.

Something Can Be Done

When we read of motor accidents throughout the province we are apt to be a bit callous. A report came to our desk this year that brings home the fact that Halton County is maintaining a place in this unenviable record. In the period from January to June, 1954, we had 513 accidents in this county. Nine people were killed and 116 persons were injured. In most every category of the report we in Halton did worse this year than last year in smashing up cars and people.

In the period covered by the report, 411 persons were killed and 10,293 were injured in Ontario. We don't know the remedy and, of course, there are 411 persons who are not interested any more in the solution. But there is vital interest to all the rest of us who use the highways in these statistics and the facts they bring out. 20,355 of the accidents were collisions with other motor vehicles. Most of the accidents occurred between five and six p.m. and Saturday was the worst day of the week. Most of the accidents occurred on paved surfaces when the roads were dry and in good condition. Weather conditions were good and most of the accidents were in daylight. Of course, it won't surprise anyone to learn that speed was the cause of the majority of the accidents.

It's quite apparent that something can be done to cut down the highway destruction and it's very evident that the place to start is with the man or woman behind the wheel.

Agreement Reached

It will be welcome news to citizens of Acton generally and the residents of Warren Grove in particular to learn that council and the contractor have been able to arrive at a mutually satisfactory arrangement whereby the job of constructing sewers in that section will proceed at once. Unusual difficulties were encountered in this construction which necessitated extra equipment to do the job and consequently additional cost which must be borne by someone.

No one except those who keep a very close contact with the intricacies of municipal work can fully appreciate all that is involved in such a situation. Those who see the inconvenience daily wonder at seemingly endless delay and rightly so. As a matter of fact we were almost ready to join in this clamor for action on what had become a public nuisance. Details of the council proceedings give information on the settlement made and we commend council on meeting a very satisfactory arrangement.

Close at home we look out our own window and see the new cement walk under construction and again are in a mood for a nod of approval after rather a lengthy upheaval and some inconvenience. There is nothing better for an understanding of municipal affairs than to have had intimate contact and listened for years to controversy around the council table. It is a great school of understanding.

A Year Round Task

In this week in which our thoughts are directed toward fire prevention it is interesting to note that the chief cause of fires in 1953 is by long odds laid at the door of smokers. This cause is rated about four times that of any other one cause such as heating, electric wiring, chimneys, matches, lightning or open fires, etc. Of course, it is the part of wisdom to check up and take all steps necessary to prevent fires from any cause.

In view of the fact that smokers are listed as the greatest cause for concern in fire prevention we ought perhaps to give most attention to our habits which cause the most trouble. It is estimated that in 1953 over 25,000 fires were caused by smokers. Heating and electric wiring shrink down to a little over 5,000 each. It is quite apparent that smokers as a group must be careless about their disposal of matches and cigarette or cigar butts. It might also be noted that smoking is forbidden in many factory areas. More and more the modern factory has signs which have areas in which no smoking is permitted. No farmer will permit himself or anyone else to smoke in farm buildings.

We need to have tidy housekeeping habits if fires are to be prevented. We need to watch our actions at all times in our habits if the fire losses are to be trimmed. All the fire fighting equipment and all the insurance protection can be of trivial importance if we do not this week and every week have our thinking geared to prevention of fires. Smokers need to do a lot to get down from the high rating they now have in causing fires.

Other Papers Say:

Gasoline station operations could improve relations with American motorists by taking time to explain the chief reason for the big spread in the price of gas and oil in this country is that the Imperial gallon is 20 per cent. larger than the U.S. gallon.—Prince George (B.C.) Citizen.

Let's use more of our own raw materials, suggests the Halifax Chronicle-Herald. "These are changing times—and the lesson is plain enough. What we should strive for is development of industries based upon the natural resources of this country, of the provinces of this country."

Agriculture should welcome an influx of immigrants because each newcomer provides a new customer for the surplus food produced on our farms. We are too dependent on outside markets wherein to dispose of our surpluses.—Brooks (Alta.) Bulletin.

Reading Between The Lines

AUTUMN SEASON OF TRANSITION FOR MOST OF MAKER'S CREATION

By Hartley Coles

I love the autumn. It is a time of wonder, when all creation makes the transition from hot summer days to winter, already on the threshold.

Even light undergoes a change as we are drawn further from the sun. The trees discard verdant leaves and don coats of brilliant color. Overhead, birds fly in unerring direction southwards. Timeless instinct tells them the sun will shine warmly on them again.

In the marshes hunters lurk, their guns concealed from the majestic Canada goose, high overhead, seeking a haven for his tired flock after a weary night of stretching V's on the quiet sky under a full moon. Mists rising from the steel-grey waters hide early morning tragedies as hunted meet the hunters.

Within the woods squirrels engrossed in hiding food supplied by a provident nature have no time to admire the ring-necked pheasant cock, preening vivid plumage on a fallen log. Cedars, their pungent perfume pleasant in the nostrils of wary deer, are some reminders to the riotous maple tree that he will wear clothes of mourning for his departed glory.

The farmer, his beautiful crops stored in barns, is busy again. His plough turns up the rich soil, made arable by autumn rains, under the

watchful eye of Judges for prizes and plaudits attesting his worth with one of the oldest of man's skills.

In a country school room, a nervous teacher from a city college, teaches rural boys and girls the traditional poem, "Along the line of smoky hills..." A haze obscures the sun.

A country church festooned with sheaves of grain, fruits and autumn flowers, reminds man of an eternal debt to his Maker. The organ sings warmly to the congregation, busy all week planning the annual turkey supper, now pausing in the midst of plenty to offer thanks.

After lazy summer days, small towns discard some of the summer lethargy. Home owners light bonfires, burning leaves and throwing chestnuts in to pop for delighted children. Storm windows are cleaned like burnished brass and put in place in anticipation of icy blasts to come.

The city, always the scene of endless hustle and bustle is changed. Colorful throngs jam football stadiums to watch rattle-dazzle on the grid-iron. College students, bursting with the resolutions of a new year walk fairlyland avenues just enjoying the brisk air.

Autumn in Canada; it stirs a feeling deep inside us for all those who have time to listen.



The Flying Mayor
From Oakville, where a new, enlarged disposal plant is contemplated, Mayor Lachlan MacArthur hopped into a plane one day last week, flew to Toronto for a gander at a bio-sorption sewage disposal plant in operation. A similar unit is recommended for the growing town of Oakville. Cost is estimated at somewhat over a half million dollars.

Behind Closed Doors?
In Bronte, the town's regular assessor indisposed, some future developed in council after it was agreed, somewhere along the line, to pay a councillor \$400 to finish an assessing job. The councillor was in a hurry to tender his resignation which would have to be held to replace the vacancy. Another member was just as much in a hurry to have nothing to do with "deals behind closed doors."

Three New Cloverleafs
In Oakville the Ontario Department of Highways has released plans to expedite traffic movement in the area immediately north and to the east of the town. Three new cloverleafs at the Queen Elizabeth and an extensive program of new service roads and road widening is included in the proposals.

Burlington Grows
In Burlington record of growth was given substance with figures at a recent council meeting where it was reported that population is now 8,064, up 883 from last year, and assessment is estimated at \$12,783,418 compared with last year's total of \$11,356,718.

Three Families Homeless
In Erin it was reported last week three families were left homeless after a district fire destroyed an old hotel building where they had been living. Generosity of friends, employers and relatives soon secured accommodation for the victims, none of whom were reported burned but suffering loss of personal and household belongings.

ouple in Car Accident
A Georgetown couple were slightly injured and their car badly damaged recently in an accident between Peru and Milton Heights. The car was in collision on the top of a hill with another vehicle driven by a Weston man. Both the Georgetown man and woman were hospitalized.

Oppose Trailer Park
In Burlington town council was given the support of the planning board in opposition to the establishment of a trailer home park in Nelson township. Objectors among the ranks of citizens were asked at a meeting to write to council this week. A special meeting is to be called to review the trailer park situation and why it shouldn't be set up.

Boys in the "Big Time"
In Georgetown two local boys are eagerly awaiting a special hockey event in Maple Leaf Gardens where they have been picked for the all-star team to play against a team composed of sons of present and past N.H.L. players at a community chest benefit game.

Crowd at Milton Fair
In Milton a crowd estimated at between 13,000 and 14,000 gathered at the 102nd annual Fall Fair last week in a week-end which was bright and sunny. Over 2,000 school children were admitted to the park. The show was opened by the Deputy Minister of Agriculture who praised the expansion evident.

Urges Building Levy
In Milton a building permit of \$200 to \$300 per house was urged by the Reeve recently on new housing in order to take care of increased school and service costs wrought by the town's galloping expansion. However, it was reported discussion on the proposal tapered off and no action was taken.

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11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 1954
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
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7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer meeting; 9 p.m.—Choir practice; Friday, 8 p.m.—Young People's

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1904
From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 6, 1904.

The fifty-eighth annual exhibition of Esqueving Agricultural Society held here on Monday and Tuesday added another to the long list of successful fairs held in Acton. There was an immense crowd despite unfavorable weather. There were 339 entries in the horses alone while in cattle the large number of 101 head was entered.

The hall exhibit was highly creditable and the showing of ladies' work, fine arts and dairy products was never better. One side of the hall was occupied by the merchants who went to no little expense to present attractive features. The exhibits of house furnishings by Johnstone and Co. was most praiseworthy. The display of fur goods by R. B. Scott was the centre of attraction throughout the fair. The goods appealed strongly to those who know what comfort means. Mr. R. Bennett made a good exhibit of harness and W. White showed parlor and cook stoves and ranges of chaste design. There were Bell pianos and organs, and the Singer Company had several machines in operation.

The ladies' work included classes for Belgian embroidery, Roumanian embroidery, embroidered photo frames, netting, drawn work, alling, Indies' silk mitts, display of buttonholes, painting on china, pyrography, woollen stockings, sofa pillow, and many others.

The officers of the fair invariably provide most enjoyable entertainment of Fair Night, and again did so Tuesday. That the efforts of the committee were appreciated was amply manifested by the crowded house. On the program were a guitarist, soloist, reader, humorist and accompanist.

The fine new Oddfellows' hall over Soper's grocery store was opened Thursday.

Rockwood fair is being held today.

BACK IN 1934
From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 4, 1934.

A cool, damp afternoon did not deter on Saturday a splendid attendance at the ceremony in connection with the laying of the corner stone of the Murray Memorial Y.M.C.A. building. A crowd of about 400 was present. The honor of laying the corner stone was rightly the duty of Mr. Wm. A. Murray, only brother of the late J. A. Murray and with the silver trowel presented him by the town for this occasion Mr. Murray proclaimed the stone well and truly laid.

A metal box was deposited in the wall containing copies of newspapers, coins, the Acton Voters' List and Auditors' Report for the year and a copy of a testament read many times by the late J. A. Murray.

In spite of the cool, dull day, a good crowd of scholars and friends were in attendance at the annual school games on Wednesday afternoon in the Park. There were both public and high school events. Top winners were, junior girls champion, Margaret Smith; intermediate girl champion, Kathleen Chapman; senior girl champion, Dorothy MacArthur; junior boy champion, Jack Blow; intermediate boy champion, Roderick Ryder; senior boy champion, Hector Lambert.

The Lakeside chapter of the I.O. D.E. held a most happy and impressive meeting Wednesday at the home of Miss M. Symon. It was the occasion of the graduation of the junior chapter to a Primary Chapter. The regent, Miss Vida Ramshaw, was presented with the new charter.

The heavy frost on Sunday finished outdoor flowers in the locality, also tender vegetables such as tomatoes, peppers, etc.

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