

EDITORIAL

Out With Hazel

Like thousands of other folks in this section we knew that Hurricane Hazel had a possible date with this area last Friday. We are not accustomed to visits of hurricanes here so, of course, did not consider it would interfere with dates we had in Toronto and Bowmanville for Friday. We know better now. We have an aversion to anything beginning with the letter H and we think it was a mean thing for weather forecasters to label all the girls named Hazel by such a storm.

Of course, it rained on Friday but that was not unusual; for the past few weeks it has rained most every day. But such a downpour as we drove through from Toronto to Bowmanville we have never witnessed for rainfall and duration. We believe any statistics that are given. But we were just as complacent as thousands of other Ontario residents about floods until Friday.

However, the rain ceased at Bowmanville and the only evidence of highway damage was an embankment slide which just about covered one side of the dual lane highway. It was guarded by a policeman and one line of traffic was maintained. We decided to return by Thornhill and come home by way of No. 7 highway. We are very thankful that we never reached No. 7 highway. At Agincourt a swirling river was roaring across the road and car owners were endeavoring to get their vehicles backed out. A trip around the block and another river crossed the road and as we left the scene a big gasoline tanker was in mid-stream. Every low spot had a stream racing across the road on the road north and back roads were out of the question.

Finally we met cars coming back from the direction of No. 7 highway with the information that two transports were stuck in the impassable road. We went all the way back to No. 401 and into Toronto from the east.

No High Land

Lacking any information we felt the best way to get out of Toronto might be by No. 5 highway. As we went well until we reached near the intersection of No. 5 and 27. Here a small pond and a police officer turned back all traffic. The officer told us that he understood the Queen Elizabeth highway was passable and we could reach it via Kipling Ave.

We felt it was advisable not to explore an unknown road on such a night and came back into the city to Parkside Drive. Traffic was moving freely over the Humber Bridge. In half a dozen places, however, this highway was under water and the ditches were overflowing across in small rivers. Cars and trucks were proceeding with caution and getting through in most cases. Of course, there were marooned cars and cars stopped along the highway and in the ditches. It was passable but no night for passing any vehicle on the road. If the car ahead got through we knew that we were likely to make it. It was a game of follow the leader.

At Palermo another pond covered the road but the car ahead got through and we followed. By this time auto-ferrying was getting a bit nerve-racking. Then we came to Milton and found another pond of unknown depth at the outskirts. We were thankful to divert into the high land of the new subdivision where the only occupied house was the home of our youngest son.

There we learned that by taking the road through the cemetery the last river on the highway could be avoided and highway 25 was in splendid condition right through. We are speaking literally when we write "we" in this week's comment since Mrs. Dills was with us through the experience.

Taking Inventory

Next morning and afternoon we learned from news releases and the papers what we had come through and best of all what we had missed in our six hour trip which normally would have been about two hours. We found that hurricanes and rains can cause loss of life and property damage

in any part of the world. Next time Hazel is scheduled for a visit our dates will be at home.

When the rains ceased the high winds followed and there was danger from falling trees, poles and wires. We reached home shortly after midnight. We learned that the bridge we had passed over was a few hours later closed to traffic when a section was carried away. Fortunately, traffic over it was halted in time. Saturday morning Ontario started to take inventory of its losses. As we write this on Monday the toll has not all been assessed but known dead is given at 60 with over 40 missing. The water on highways had in many places receded and the damage wrought in those few hours of torrential rain on a land that was water soaked before it fell, was revealed to some extent.

Traffic and communications were snarled on Saturday. It will be weeks before travel will again be normal, but repairs were underway the following day. It will be years before many people will have property damage restored. The loss of life has been terrific and can never be replaced. Those who came through unscathed have every reason to be thankful for their escape. Much help will be required to assist those who have suffered right here in Ontario to rehabilitate themselves. It was Ontario's worst flood disaster.

What Can Be Done?

Ever since the storm hit, various organizations such as the Red Cross, Salvation Army and numerous other reputable groups have been doing yeoman service in providing relief. There are, however, some individuals who want profit to themselves even out of the disaster that has come to so many.

Help will be needed in many ways and those who have been fortunate will be glad to assist the unfortunate. Be sure your help goes through a recognized and reputable source. We do not know at this writing what form of local assistance will be given. But this is a time to beware of the stranger soliciting funds or assistance. The Red Cross had by Sunday run into this trouble and issued a warning to curb this unauthorized door to door solicitation.

When your local plan is announced, as it will be this week and detailed in this issue, we urge you to support it to the limit of your ability. These are your neighbors, your friends and quite possibly your relatives who have suffered in this disaster. Give your aid in every way possible through those whom you know will assure it reaches those who need. Kind hearts and willing hands are already at work. The need is great throughout a large section of Ontario not only now but for weeks to come in rehabilitation before winter sets in. Already donations that are needed have been sent in and more will follow. The Ontario Hurricane Relief Fund has been set up as a central administration fund. It has a big task, not just now but for the next year or more.

Other Papers Say:

Courteous driving has paid good dividends this year in the province of Quebec where there were fewer road accidents than in previous years. Courteous driving is to drive so as not to be a nuisance or a menace to other drivers and to pedestrians - Granby (Que.) Leader-Mail.

To all intents and purposes the world is at peace. But there is an atmosphere like the training camp of a prize fighter prior to an important bout. There is continual sparring of one kind or another, and the question is always uppermost, who will get mad first. Huntingdon (Que.) Gleaner.

Oil production in Canada continues to shatter previous records, reports The Financial Post. For the first six months of the current year it reached over 42 million barrels. This was up 26.5% from 33,391,000 barrels, in first-half 1953. Production in June was 7,870,000 barrels, up from 7,161,000 in May, 6,809,000 a year earlier.

Reading Between The Lines

COMMUNIST CAUSE OFTEN AIDED BY LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF ITS AIMS

By Harley Cole

It's all very confusing to the man on the street when the news casts, newspapers, magazines and other vehicles of public information speak of Communism. Using expressions from Marxists, Titoists, Trotskyites, Socialists, to the familiar Red, they have only succeeded in acquainting us with terms.

How many of these self-confessed authorities really know what Communism is all about? It seems to me that men who have no knowledge of the basic principles behind this dynamic movement are poorly equipped to be telling others about it. Their ideas range anywhere from the ridiculous to the fantastic.

Some of these writers were avid admirers of Russia and all it stood for until it became unpopular to applaud. From their pens now in place of flowery adjectives extolling Communism, come long tirades against the system they so recently embellished.

Others speak of the Russians as confused peace lovers who are doing their best to promote peace among the nations of the world. Still others are squamish. They fully recognize Communism in all its forms but they want appeasement. Let the Commies run over any country they want to so long as it isn't our own.

Few writers come right out and say it: that Communism is an

atheistic philosophy conceived by Karl Marx, dedicated to bringing the entire world under its yoke by any possible means.

Democracy is established on the assumption that all rights stem from God. In a Communist state all rights come from the state. The state is the god.

The average man on the street with a reasonable amount of grey matter has the happy faculty of being able to tell right from wrong. He may not always do right but he knows when he is doing wrong. Communists mix it up a bit. They call wrong right and right wrong, which ever idea seems to fit the moment.

There are, of course, men in the democratic camp who espouse the same ideas. Bertrand Russell is one outstanding example. They deny man free will, declaring he is at the mercy of his passions and drives. These men are not professing Communists but they harbour the very germ that inspired Hegel, the forerunner of Marx, to initiate the Communist movement.

Consequently, we have all shades of opinion about the Kremlin from our magazines, periodicals and radios.

It seems to me that the man on the street would prefer to hear and read about the real issues of Communism rather than the piles of copy that condemn but can give few reasons for their condemnation.



More Land to Milton?
In Milton a request was made to council last week that the town annex an adjacent chunk of Trafalgar township for industrial purposes, as yet unnamed. The request, made by the Milton Industrial Development Company, was referred to council's industrial committee for further study.

"Not Good Planning"
In Burlington plans of two Lakeshore Highway east property owners to build attractive motels received a setback last week when the Burlington Suburban Planning Board decided a zoning change from residential to commercial was "not good planning." Further consideration was assured the applicants.

Georgetown Development
In Georgetown the local paper goes to lengths to describe past accomplishments of an Etobicoke businessman who it is believed will mastermind the projected 1,000 acre development slated for an area just outside the eastern limits of the town. In the Georgetown development plans, however, application for annexation of the Esqueping township acres has yet to be made.

Burlington's Growth
In Burlington population of the town is reported doubled in 19 years - from 3,647 to 8,064. Total assessment is affixed at \$14,688,332 while taxable assessment is given as \$133,076,882. There are the assessor points out in his annual report, a total of 2,157 building units in the town.

Costly Garbage Disposal
In Georgetown opinion remains divided around the council table where purchase of a new type garbage disposal machine has been battled around for some time. In any event a motion to authorize borrowing of \$12,000 for purchase of the machine was passed at a recent meeting.

Veto Sewage Application
In Oakville it was learned the town's application to enlarge its

existing sewage disposal plant to take care of a population of 35,650 has been turned down by the Department of Health for four main reasons. Instead, one main plant to serve Oakville and Trafalgar is suggested.

Pay for the Trustees?
In Bronte Public School Board, Robert Aitken swung hard at P.U.C. members who asked that they be paid for attending meetings as the trustees of the village school system recently faced the prospect of financing a second school. The chairman strongly opposed a motion that pay allowance should be made for the trustees themselves.

No Switch in Time
In Oakville a switch in time did not go good. A 14 year-old driver was spotted by a policeman who ordered the car to stop. When it did so, behind the wheel was the 14 year-old's father. Hauled into court the judge found the son guilty of driving without a license and fined father for allowing junior to drive without a license.

Big Farm Change
At Palermo it was learned that a noted Ontario horseman, Herbert Hatch, has purchased a 475-acre farm east of the community with the intention of raising prize Angus cattle on the farm on the Dundas highway next to the Ukrainian camp.

New School To Open
In Milton it was noted at a recent meeting of the public school board that the town's new school will be ready for classes after mid-November. With a kindergarten enrolment of over 80, it is expected each of the town's two public school buildings will have a class for the small pupils.

ENCOURAGES RESEARCH
Trail, B.C. (CP) - A fellowship grant of \$1200 a year has been granted McMaster University, Hamilton, by the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company. Similar fellowships are now available at 10 Canadian universities to aid students and increase scientific research.

AT THE Churches

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24th, 1954
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School. A bulwark of good citizenship.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Subject, The Danger of Drift.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship in Knox Presbyterian Church. Anniversary Service.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24th, 1954
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10:00 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
4:15 p.m.—Holy Baptism of infants.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service in the Presbyterian Church on the occasion of their Anniversary.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24th, 1954
ANNIVERSARY SERVICES
9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Divine Worship
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Rev. J. Stanley Glen, Ph.D., Th.D. Principal of Knox College, Toronto, will be guest minister. Mr. Peteris Gestauts will be guest soloist.

We welcome the members of the other Communions to the evening service.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24th, 1954
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service
7:00 p.m.—Knox Church Anniversary.

Wednesday—4 p.m. Mission Band; 7 p.m. Explorers, 8 p.m. Prayer meeting; 9 p.m. choir rehearsal.
Friday—8 p.m. B.Y.P.U. Rally at Hillsburgh.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1934

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 18, 1934.

On Saturday evening thieves broke into and ransacked the C.N.R. station here. They secured seven cents from the stamp box for their trouble. Chief McPherson and the C.N.R. police are investigating.

Two more entries in the big potato class are shown in the Free Press window this week. They were grown by Mr. Henry Sayers. One weighs two lbs., 11 ounces and the other two lbs., 15 ounces.

Hinton's 5c to \$1. store has been newly decorated throughout and new lighting installed. It presents quite an attractive appearance and gives greater facilities for display of the lines carried.

A meeting of Acton Welfare Board was held last evening, when the new regulations and forms for administration relief were discussed and details considered.

Georgetown defeated Acton High School rugby team by a rather large score yesterday.

Milton Golf Club property is to be sold by the mortgagee sale route.

The reduction in interest rates on saving accounts to come into effect next month, is news that doesn't mean anything to a lot of folks.

The following officers have been elected to the executive of Knox Young People's Society. President, Miss Isabel Bruce; vice-president, Mr. Clarence Henderson; secretary, Miss Bessie Rawlings; treasurer, Mr. Jack Graham.

Ideal autumn weather blessed the tenth anniversary occasion of Acton United church Sunday. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. B. Mason, gave splendid numbers. The anniversary speaker was W. B. Caswell of Oakville.

Favorable building weather has again been the rule during the past week and the contractors on the new Y.M.C.A. building have made the best possible time. On Monday afternoon the brick walls were completed up to the second floor.

BACK IN 1904

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 20, 1904.

Lord Strathcona, interviewed in London Enlignad last week said that nothing can be farther from the thoughts and desires of the people than cession to the United States.

London also reports that little is heard of Port Arthur. It is stated at Chefoo that the Japanese are trying to send Chinese messengers to inform the garrison of General Kourapatkin's defeat. The Japanese are still shelling the fortress. They still hope to reduce it before winter so they can use it as a base. Both sides are using balloons to direct their artillery fire.

Acton admirers of Sir Wilfred Laurier, Canada's eloquent prime minister, attending monster meetings in Guelph and Toronto last week.

Electrician Carruthers commenced the morning electric light service last Monday.

Being much in need of new uniforms, Acton Cornet Band has decided to hold a series of concerts during the winter months. They require the uniforms in time for the summer's outings, and expect the cost will be about \$250.

The stables at the Dominion Hotel have been rearranged and half a dozen new box stalls added. The improvement gives one of the most commodious hotel stables in the county. William Gibbons was the contractor.

The election campaign goes merrily on. Public meetings are being held nightly.

Owing to rumours concerning a Boxer uprising in China, where Canadian missionaries are working, Rev. McKay, secretary of Presbyterian missions, has cabled to secure the facts.

Mr. Williams, one of the G.T.E. detectives stationed here, went home where he is ill with diphtheria.

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Eastbound
6:38 a.m., 8:58 a.m., 11:33 a.m.
2:04 p.m., 3:08 p.m., 6:33 p.m., 8:3 p.m., 10:13 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 Kitcheener only)

a—Daily except Sunday and holidays
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Standard Time

Eastbound
Daily 6:40 a.m., Daily except Sundays 10:00 a.m., 7:15 p.m. Sunday only 8:01 p.m., Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown 9:02 a.m., 6:37 p.m., Daily Flyer at Georgetown 10:11 p.m.

Westbound
Daily except Sun and Mon 1:26 a.m. Sun and Mon only 12:28 p.m.; Daily except Sunday 8:48 a.m., 6:55 p.m. (flagstop); 7:49 p.m. Saturday only 2:27 p.m.; Sunday only 9:43 a.m. (flagstop); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph 7:05 p.m. Daily except Sat and Sun, Flyer at Guelph 6:36 p.m.

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