

EDITORIAL

The Need Goes On

The rehabilitation and restoration following the Hurricane is going to be a long task. The disaster story and pictures have been pushed off the front page news and replaced by more recent events. But the work of getting homes together again, finding shelter and adequate clothing before the advent of winter is something which only those who suffered can fully realize.

That is the reason why the Hurricane Relief Fund needs now and will need in the months ahead the best contribution you can give. If you can not give it all at once make arrangements to give it over a period because the work of restoring has barely started and the need is not even yet fully estimated. As the weeks go by more and more damage will be revealed in the clearing up process.

It is not too late to help the Hurricane Relief Fund. Give out of a thankful heart that you were spared from the flood. There are convenient ways to make your contribution through the banks and payroll deductions and other opportunities right here in the home community.

Just because the Hurricane is not top news now is no indication that the need has been filled. It's your neighbors right here in Ontario that require your help. Don't fail them in their need.

The Real Muddlers

Bemoaning surpluses, Premier Douglas of Saskatchewan told U. of T.'s CCF Club that "private enterprise, which has solved the problems of production, has failed miserably to solve the problems of distribution. The CCF says that the thing to do with surpluses is to get them to the people who need them."

What surpluses has Mr. Douglas in mind? Wheat surplus was not brought about by any failure or ineptitude. Better surplus results from Ottawa's insistence on buying it from farmers at 17 cents per pound above the world price.

If private enterprises were handling wheat and butter, they would very quickly get the surpluses "to the people who need them"; because if they did not, they would go broke.

Fact is that all the big surpluses in North America today are in the hands of governments. Only they are wealthy enough - and callous enough - to hoard vast stocks of food while most of the world goes hungry.

A Special Month

The second last month of the year has rolled around and with it come municipal nominations. Over the years there have been many changes, all with the thought in mind of creating citizenship interest in municipal work. The change from late December to November for nominations was one of these plans and then the innovation to make an allowance of fees for men or women who serve the public. All of these changes have been helpful but all of them combined have not been wholly successful.

We sometimes think that if all the citizens who find fault would just join with those who are doing their utmost we might come closer to the ideal of representative municipal government. As the years go along it appears to be getting more and more difficult to get citizens who will serve on the councils, commissions, and boards that are necessary for the conduct of our municipal affairs.

The fault, of course, is in the lack of interest of all citizens. Only a small percentage each year will take the trouble to register their vote. These are days when our town is growing and expanding. If good guidance is to be given we need the effort and interest of every citizen.

It is not too early to think seriously of municipal affairs for next year and encourage the men or women whom you consider would give good guidance. Don't hesitate to speak the kindly and encouraging word as well as the critical one. Don't hesitate to be ready yourself to take on a share of the responsibilities you would have others assume.

In these times when we have special days, and special weeks let's make November municipal month and plan constructively for the welfare of Acton.

Short Use

When we go to Toronto we are, of course, accustomed to see some tearing down or ripping up in the downtown section. Long before the subway was thought of this was typical of that city. The cost must be enormous but in spite of it there has been more progress in Toronto than in lots of cities and towns where the old was kept standing and made to meet the needs.

This was called to our attention particularly the other day. It seems only a couple of years ago that a lovely modern bus depot was erected on Adelaide Street. We were a bit shocked the other week to see the wreckers on the job smashing it down and taking the rubble away. We suppose another structure of some sort will take its place and greater revenue will be secured from the site than was possible for a bus depot to produce.

We wondered what would happen if some council became imbued with the idea that our town hall was inadequate and the site could be of more value for some other purposes. We wondered what reaction would take place if the building was wrecked and a new one of ample size was planned for the site or on property adjoining.

Then we recalled the nightmare of criticism, taxes, doubt, approvals of Municipal Board and all the other things such an undertaking would incur and realized it just couldn't happen here. Some way or other we just have to wear out our buildings in the small towns. We can't wreck them after a few years of use. Cities have procedures that cannot be followed in small towns, and perhaps we are just as happy living comfortably as in the wrecking stage continually.

Schedules Change

Some of these times we're going to get a year ahead of schedule. Remember when the new models of cars came out in the spring when the roads were inviting and all out-of-doors was calling. That was, of course, when tops on cars were used only in case of rain or snow and air conditioning and heaters were unheard of things.

Now the 1955 models come out in late 1954 and you get the urge to trade in the old model so you won't be stuck in the bad weather with possible repairs on cold days or nights. Of course, the hockey season was at one time dependent on its start for the freezing weather. Now it seems that June, July and August are the only months missed in the hockey schedules.

Man has not had much success in changing the weather. But there certainly has been progress made in regulating our facilities so that they are not so dependent on the season. Some of us can remember when motor cars couldn't even be kept running in a good shower and the advent of winter called for putting the car up on blocks, draining the radiator and taking out the battery. Now they work as long as the water is below the floor boards as many found out in the recent hurricane.

Right in the face of coming winter months ahead out come the shiny new models for next year.

Other Papers Say:

The customer will show an appreciation of good service perhaps sooner than the merchant might think. - Comox (B.C.) Free Press.

Some sobering things are going on in Canada's agricultural economy these days. . . The lush days are definitely over both for the farmer and for everyone. All this is not bad; we are still a busy and prosperous nation. - Chilliwack (B.C.) Progress.

There's a common phrase that says you get what you pay for. This is not necessarily true in government for you don't always get what you pay for, but you generally get what you deserve if people fail to contest local elections or fail to vote, they have no right to complain about what the local government does. - Humboldt (Sask) Journal.

Reading Between The Lines

ACTON BAND TOWN'S OLDEST GROUP PROVIDES MONTHLY CONCERTS

Among our exchanges this week I read that in Chesley the rate-payers will this year vote on a band by-law to give a fixed annual amount of municipal funds each year for the support of the town band. That was all settled in Acton back in the days when Charlie Mason was leading the boys' band to championships at Waterloo and the C.N.E. and it's been a real lift in keeping a band here.

Attending the band concert on Sunday evening in the public school auditorium I felt it was fortunate that the funds had been provided by the municipality for continuance of Acton Band. For years ago a boys' band was active because they largely make up the senior band of today. Yes, and fortunate too that all the older bandsmen like Charlie Mason and Teddy Denver, Rudolph Spivelegel and Charlie Landsborough and a lot more have kept up their band work over these years.

But a band needs more than financial support. There was a rather small attendance at this first concert. What it lacked in number it made up in enthusiasm and the band boys realized their concert was appreciated.

Speaking now as one who used to play in the band I know how the boys appreciate playing to a full house. It gives one a real lift

to have a big audience and an appreciative one. The fellows in the band get no financial remuneration for their concerts or the nights of practice necessary to prepare a concert. But they do get a thrill when they have the loyal support of all citizens.

It's our band. For the time, we as a municipality, have provided some funds to assure a continuance of Acton Citizens' Band. We have a fine auditorium in the public school and the co-operation of the school board had made possible using these fine facilities for band concerts once a month.

The next concert will be the last Sunday in November. Judging by the first program a fine winter series is in store for lovers of band music. We know the band will be encouraged by big audiences and the school auditorium we understand will seat four hundred. Finances need not hinder anyone from attending since only a silver collection is received and your contribution is voluntary.

Since 1873 Acton has had a band. It's a remarkable history for any organization. It's had its ups and downs, its triumphs and its lean years. Acton band was playing for garden parties before the days of electric lights, when the bandsmen wore little oil burning torches on their caps. It's offering fine music today. The band deserves the encouragement of us all.



Saved by the Yells
In Oakville plans to demolish the town's 15 year-old post office building, in favor of a newer, larger building, have been headed off for the time by representations and a petition to the minister of public works from citizens who were dismayed at the thought of the building's demolition when it was considered ideal for service as a public library.

Diver Repairs the Damage
In Bronte recently a professional diver dunked into the Lake Ontario to rectify damage to the piles driven to shoulder the village's first marine railway by Hurricane Hazel. Although damage done was considerable, it is hoped to have the project completed in time to accommodate boats for the winter.

Bad Strike News
In Oakville strike news last week was bad. Provincial Labor Minister Walter Daley said that a settlement of the Ford strike didn't appear to be any nearer than it was two weeks ago. The cabinet member also expressed himself greatly concerned that there seemed to be no area left by either side in which a compromise could be worked out.

Curiosity Nabbed the Thieves
In Burlington a constable's curiosity was responsible for the arrest of two men charged with theft. Strange license plates on an empty, parked car caused Constable Tom Oliver to investigate, and in dash out of nearby bushes and take to his heels. Joined by other officers, the search succeeded in arresting the runner and a companion.

Imposters Around Erin
In Erin the local newspaper warns of two fly-by-night salesmen, posing as Department of Education representatives, who have been circulating in the area and reported trying to sell books. The paper also adds a comment of caution about imposters claiming as collectors for charitable or benevolent institutions.

Seek Hit-Run Driver
In Milton it was learned police are seeking a hit and run driver after the body of Allan Droppo, 49, a bank official who has recently been acting manager at the local Bank of Nova Scotia, was found beside his car on No. 7 highway, five miles east of Brampton. He was a former manager at the same bank in Milton.

AT THE Churches

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7th, 1954
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Communion
7:00 p.m. - Special Young People's Service conducted by Young People from Century Baptist Church, Toronto
Wednesday 8 p.m. - Prayer meeting
Friday 9 p.m. - Choir rehearsal
Friday 7 p.m. - Explorers; 8 p.m. - B.Y.P.

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH (Anglican)
Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th. Rector

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7th, 1954
10:00 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Beginners' Class
11:00 a.m. - Service of Remembrance Choral Communion
4:15 p.m. - Holy Baptism
7:00 p.m. - Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen Service, Speaker: Bob Welch of St. Catharines.

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KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7th, 1954
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Divine Worship
7:00 p.m. - Evening Service
A Warm Welcome Awaits You
"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

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10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Morning Service
7:00 p.m. - Evening Service
Everyone Warmly Welcomed

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1904

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, November 3, 1904

Over three hundred deer hunting licenses have been issued to Canadians and one hundred and sixty to Americans.

The docket at Monday evening's meeting of council was an unusually brief one. The passing of an account of \$70.21 for electrical supplies from the Canadian General Electric Co. was the only business.

Contractor J. B. Mackenzie has purchased from Mr. C. C. Speight the fine building lot at the corner of Church and Main Sts. He intends building a double tenement of good substantial design—possibly of the new rock-faced cement blocks.

Hallowe'en passed off very quietly in town. A few foolish pranks were indulged in. The most serious was to take the pump out of the well at the Dominion Hotel. If the husky young athletes had put another pump in the well, or taken away the beer pump, it would have been more sensible.

The present year has found Acton one of the busiest places in Ontario. The factories are busy, and a new store or two and new dwellings are being talked of. The time for growing is here. One agent in town who had a house vacated on Saturday had 16 applications for the premises. The demand for dwellings will require at least 50 new homes to be erected next year.

A surprise was sprung in Georgetown in the resignation of the Science Master at the high school. He entered upon his position three weeks ago, but yields to the attraction of another position. In the case of teachers that are giving satisfaction a yearly agreement would be a good thing.

There were over 30 cars of sugar beets standing at the G.T.R. siding Tuesday. All the sidings along the line for 30 or 40 miles are glutted.

Since World War II an average of about 113,000 immigrants have entered Canada annually.

BACK IN 1934

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, November 1, 1934

President J. M. McDonald conducted the annual meeting of Acton Hockey Club, held in the council chamber last evening. There was a good attendance and keen interest throughout. Officers elected were:

President, Dr. E. J. Nelson; 1st vice president, W. D. Talbot; 2nd vice president, W. Bayliss; secretary, H. I. G. Fraser; treasurer, W. K. Graham; executive committee, H. Holmes Jr., L. Walters and Joe Kentner.

The meeting decided that an intermediate hockey team would be entered in the O.H.A. again this year. Training will start at once. A committee of Messrs. Wm. Burton, R. Morton, J. Greer and F. Gibbons was appointed to make arrangements for a minstrel show to be put on for club funds.

The first snow of the coming winter came on Sunday and Monday. Among the Hallowe'en gifts left at doorsteps was a dog kennel at the post office. There was no dog.

Hallowe'en passed off with the usual fun and not a great deal of property damage. The parade and frolic in the arena were not carried on this year. Signs were exchanged and wood piles moved, a few fences were torn down and moveable articles changed places.

The fifth Girls' Conference under the auspices of the Halton District Women's Institute, was held in Milton last Saturday with the district president, Mrs. Wm. Gowdy, presiding, assisted by the 1st vice president, Mrs. George Agnew, and Mrs. Merry, secretary-treasurer.

A very enjoyable Hallowe'en Social was held by Knox Guild on Monday night. North dimmed lights many grotesque figures gambolled in the age-old custom. Winners were Mrs. Brownlow, Ted Hansen, Mrs. H. Mainprize, Mrs. F. Blow and Mr. Ted Russell.

Howard Switzer and Mrs. J. Adamson had the best costumes at the United Church Hallowe'en Social.

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COACHES LEAVE ACTON

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6:38 a.m., 8:54 a.m., 11:33 a.m.
2:48 p.m., 4:08 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 Kitchener only
a Daily except Sunday and holidays
b Saturday, Sunday and holidays

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Standard Time

Eastbound
Daily 6:40 a.m. Daily except Sunday, 10:00 a.m., 7:13 p.m. Sunday 8:01 p.m. Daily except Sunday 8:48 a.m., 6:53 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.

Westbound
Daily except Sat and Mon 1:28 a.m. Sun and Mon only 12:28 a.m. Daily except Sunday 8:48 a.m., 6:53 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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