

EDITORIAL

16 From 3,000

There is reportedly a great deal of unemployment. How much depends on who is making the statements. This month there are 16 jobs going to be open for applicants. The opening is coming up on November 26th to be exact. From Acton's population of 3,000 the sixteen positions will be filled. Of course, not all of these 3,000 are eligible. You have to be over 21 years of age and be a householder or tenant. On that basis perhaps the field narrows down to 700 qualified for the positions.

These 16 positions are part time work. They won't interfere much with your regular vocation. Some of them have an allowance attached to them. Some of them bring their reward in other ways.

In spite of the employment situation it will likely be difficult to get those positions filled this month. The jobs we refer to are for mayor, reeve, deputy reeve, six members of council, three members of the public school board and four members of the public utilities commission. They are important positions. Acton needs plenty of applicants for these jobs. By filling one of them you can do your community a real service. You'll do yourself a real service too by serving on one of these boards and getting an understanding of the affairs of your town.

Better start now thinking about these 16 jobs in Acton. Two weeks from tomorrow night applications will be received at the town hall.

Thirty-Six Years Ago

Today is Remembrance Day. Thirty-six years ago World War I was finished. Since then we've had another world conflict. In our reading this week we came across the following letter which was circulated several years ago. John's Crown was a veteran of World War I. Here is the letter:

My name is John Crown. I am a paraplegic at Halloran General Hospital. My physical wounds are very small in comparison with my spiritual wounds. I have come back from death to a world that I no longer care for, I, who have been engaged in the great struggle to save the world from tyranny, and having seen my comrades die for this cause, can find no peace in the world or in my country.

Having lived close to death for two years, the reasons why there is no peace seem infinitesimally flimsy: Russia wants the Dardanelles; Yugoslavia wants Trieste; the Moslems want India; labor wants more wages; capital wants more profit; Smith wants to pass the car in front of him; Junior wants more spending money.

To these, I say, is it necessary to kill and cripple human beings for these petty gains? Anyone who thinks a human body is so cheap that it can be traded for a tract of land, a piece of silver, or a few minutes of times should be forced to listen to the moans of the dying, night and day for the rest of his life.

All the troubles of the world originate in the common man. The selfish and greedy ways of nations are just the ways of each individual man, multiplied a hundredfold. When the morals of the common man drop, so do the morals of the nations of the world. As long as our individual morals remain at a low ebb, so will be the world.

Until each of us stops "hogging the road" with his car, stops fighting over the seat on the bus, stops arguing over who is going to cut the grass, there will be no peace in the world.

If man wishes peace again, he must remember the great Commandment: Love thy neighbor as thyself for the love of God

Secret Ballotting

There's been a lot of talk recently in the daily press about the voting held by unions. Finally after pressure one union that is on strike in Toronto held a secret ballot and the result was, of course, an endorsement of the strike. One of the daily papers carried a picture of the men registering their secret vote.

The only voting we have done has been at municipal or elections for provincial or federal candidates. Only one voter is allowed in the booth where the ballot is marked. The ballots

are checked against the eligible list and must be folded in such a manner that the initials of the returning officer are visible when the ballot is cast.

Apparently, that isn't the union's idea of a secret ballot. In the picture we saw ballots were being marked at a long table. Anyone could look over a voter's shoulder to see how he voted. Two voters were attempting to put their ballots in the box at the same time. That's what the picture showed anyway.

If that is a secret ballot we wonder what the kind is that is used in other elections. We do not think ordinary election procedure has any unnecessary precautions for secrecy. But then, of course, we are not eligible to vote in union elections and if the eligible voters are satisfied with their secret ballot that is their business.

Signs and Signs

There are so many signs these days, not only along our streets and highways but elsewhere that they are not only apt to be confusing but their very number makes them often disregarded. Drive along a city street at night and often it is difficult to distinguish a traffic signal light among the multi-colored electric signs that are blazing away. Ontario highways are not nearly as cluttered with advertising signs as those across the border and motorists appreciate this action which keeps our natural scenery visible.

Then there are the signs "Men at Work." It doesn't necessarily follow that in the zone indicated men are working. There is a fine distinction between signs "Men at Work" and "Men Working." Sometimes these signs are left on the road long after the job is completed.

Another sign has made its appearance which may or may not be meaningless, "Speed Trap in Operation." This sign is an admission that some motorists do not heed the sign beside it stating the speed limit to be 30 miles an hour. The point is, does it mean anything? Is there a trap in operation? If it's electrically controlled, is the power on or off or is it just a piece of garden hose thrown across the pavement to give additional warning. There are cases we have known where the apparatus consists of nothing but warning signs.

How impressive are all these signs in these days of higher powered motor cars? Perhaps we don't need so many of them if only they were backed up with the message they give.

Eager to Grab

Rather interested recently to read a press report that the Ontario government officials were giving the nod to assist building more subways in Toronto if the federal authorities would help financially, too. Of course, building the new subways was a means of relieving unemployment which had, it is said, reached an emergency state.

We have no objection to Toronto having as many subways as they can pay for. But when it comes to spending provincial or federal funds for the relief of unemployment we must bear in mind that the whole of the province and the whole Dominion are contributors to these funds. There isn't a municipality in the whole province that couldn't make local improvements that are essential to its welfare if the funds, or a portion, can be secured from the provincial or federal treasuries.

So, line up your needs. Get your municipal programs ready and get in and get your share before Toronto puts the whole works in another subway. There are a lot more things in Ontario that are needed when it comes to sharing the wealth, to which all make a contribution.

Toronto is not suffering from unemployment more than many other centres. Taking a look around the whole situation is a bit exaggerated. Motor cars, amusements, television sets and the expenditure for intoxicating liquor would indicate that the situation hasn't tightened many belts yet.

In any school, no matter how poorly disciplined, there are students who pass their examinations and make good progress because they want to do so, and co-operate with the teachers instead of fooling in their time. Pembroke (Ont.) Standard Observer.

ONLY BRIEF POWER HALT BEFORE HOMES CONVERTED TO 60 CYCLES

"Changeover Day" in Acton is almost here, and extensive preparation and planning have been going on for weeks.

In Acton homes, it is estimated that Hydro crews will have to convert some 700 washing machines, 470 refrigerators, and 300 record players. In addition, some 700 clocks and fans will either be altered or exchanged for new models. The clock and fan depot is at St. Joseph's church.

Thousands of other items will be altered in stores, offices, factories and other premises. High numerically on Hydro lists are fluorescent light units, which will lose their 25-cycle "flicker" when the switch is made to 60 cycles.

Ontario Hydro's A. W. Manby Service Centre in Islington will serve as base for changeover work in the Acton area. The postal address of the Frequency Standardization Office at this Centre is P.O. Box 170, Postal Station "S", Toronto 18.

For service and information, customers in the Acton area have been asked to call Triangle 7-2233 at Georgetown and their calls will be routed through on a direct line to the changeover office in Islington. Radio contact with well-equipped trucks right in the conversion areas will be able to provide fast and efficient servicing of customers' equipment.

Co-operation Important

Mr. Saunders said customer co-operation plays a big part in the smooth functioning of changeover. Most important to Hydro is that some responsible person be home to admit technicians on "cut day." If a home is found unoccupied, Hydro is forced to cut off the power supply in order to prevent possible damage to customers' equipment.

All in One Day

Generally, all frequency-sensitive equipment in the home will have been converted to 60-cycles within one day. Most equipment, too, is altered right on the premises.

In certain cases, however, some types of appliances must be removed to Hydro standardization workshops. Where this may cause inconvenience, Hydro makes every effort to supply a replacement unit on loan while that of the customer is at the workshop.

Relocates in Georgetown

In Georgetown a casualty of Hurricane Hazel, a Woodbridge store fittings company, will reportedly locate in part of the sprawling Practical Paper premises popularly known as the "lower mill". Eleven men are to follow the firm from its former home and in time 50 will be employed. The Herald figures.

Up On The Mountain

In Milton it was reported construction is continuing on the erection of a permanent television relay tower on Milton mountain. On top of the tower's 195 feet will be an extension to hold huge dishes that pick up the video beam for boosting strength of transmission to receiving sets miles away.

Electronics Firm In

In Georgetown an American Electronics firm has taken option on a 10-acre property in the town and has indicated plans of building small but attractive plant in a predominantly residential area. It is expected the firm will employ about 30 skilled or semi-skilled workers when operations begin.

Babies In Bronte

In Bronte population during the past year increased by about 42 percent, a district paper reports, to make the village the fastest-growing section of the district. Inhabitants now number 1,778, an increase by 530 over the same period in 1953. One part of the published report observes "there are lots of babies in Bronte."

Five-Man P.U.C. Out

In Oakville last week town council turned a collective thumb down on the suggestion ratepayers be asked to vote on a five-man P.U.C. question this election time. Local business minds in the town were known to be backing the proposal but with arguments of "too unwieldy," "no criticisms so far" and such like, councilors flapped the idea away.

Tapping the Treasury

In Erin the village treasury is due for dent of some size following council's actions at a recent meeting when members voted to accept a R. Pyle contractor's bid for installation of water mains at an unspecified sum and to pay themselves for regular and special meetings retroactive to the first of this year.

Muddle Over a Motel

In Burlington and area a flurry of pros and cons is falling like con-

felt on the shoulders of councilmen and businessmen over the application of a resident to build a posh motel on the Lakeshore. Seems Planning Board and township council have batted the proposal back and forth until it, applicant and observers are getting short of breath.

AT THE Churches

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 14th, 1954
10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship—Remembrance Day Service
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship—Sound color moving picture "Village of the Power." No charge. Offering for rental.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
"There is nothing the body suffers that the soul may not profit by."
(George Meredith)

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14th, 1954
22nd Sunday after Trinity
9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class
4:15 p.m.—Holy Baptism
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer.

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 14th, 1954
9:45 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Devotional 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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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 14th, 1954
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service
7:00 p.m.—Evening service with drawn.
Wednesday—4:00, Mission Band; 8:00, Prayer meeting.
Friday—7 p.m., Explorers' Group at Bulmer's, 8 p.m., B.Y.P.U.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1934

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, November 8, 1934

Official word was received this morning of the appointment by the Civil Service Administration of Mr. Wm. G. Middleton of Acton to the position of Customs Officer succeeding Mr. R. M. McDonald who retired owing to ill health. He is a returned soldier, with a number of years of service overseas to his credit. His experience and training with the Canadian National Railways make the duties somewhat familiar and his ability for the position should make him a very capable and efficient official. Friends are pleased that the office will be filled by a citizen of Acton with such splendid qualifications for the position.

Electricity users in twenty-seven municipalities in Ontario will receive power at a saving of from 70 to 80 cents monthly as a result of the new power rates approved by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission.

The annual migration of transients bound nowhere are making stop-overs in ever-increasing numbers here nights. On Tuesday eight were lodged at the town hall.

Illiteracy is increasing in Canada, but only in proportion to the increase in population.

Some of the boys and men of Rockwood carried a Halloween car far. Some of the fool stunts carried out were soapy or wax writings on store windows, some not fit for sober-minded citizens to behold; an oil drum thrust through the window of a residence; an old car, minus its wheels, left on the sidewalk, a couple of old rigs left in the sidewalk section of the bridge, as well as other pranks.

The Milton Pressed Brick Company has resumed operations at its plant, this reducing the number of unemployed there.

The hockey boys are taking physical exercise by playing basketball in the arena.

BACK IN 1904

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, November 18, 1904

A quiet but very pretty wedding was solemnized yesterday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Slauffer when their only daughter, Miss Ella, was joined in holy wedlock to Mr. William Cooper, merchant tailor. Rev. J. C. Wilson was the officiating clergyman. The bride presented a very handsome appearance in her bridal robes. The young couple were the recipient of many beautiful tokens of friendship and esteem. Since coming to Acton half a dozen years ago Mr. Cooper has been one of our most successful businessmen. The couple commence life together in their cozy brick home on Main St. many happy auspices and their friends unite in extending the most cordial congratulations.

At the general elections last Thursday the people of Canada again endorsed the Laurier government with an increased majority. Halton's representative, Mr. D. Henderson, had a majority of 139. Total vote in Acton for Henderson, 170 for Deaton, 114.

The concert to be given by Acton Cornet Band Tuesday will have a program all will enjoy. A few of the numbers are, Love's Response; song and dance, Corn Town; cornet quartet, Cream Sue, by Mason and Lake; selection, Come Where the Lilies Bloom, Acton quartette; comic songs, Irish Swell and Major of Simpskin's Band; H. H. Jeans and band; serenade, Cupid's Charms, band. This effort should have the support of citizens generally.

The fifty-sixth annual meeting of the Acton Branch of the Bible Society was held in the Baptist church Wednesday. The officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, William Brown; Vice-Pres., Fred Eastwood; Sec. Treas., A. T. Brown.

A special vote of thanks was made to Mr. Brown for very comprehensive reports and supervision of the work of the Society.

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