

EDITORIAL

Killed in Action

Ontario in particular and many parts of the continent were shocked and grieved to learn of the tragic death of Robert H. Saunders, head of Ontario Hydro. Tributes from all are being made to his seemingly untiring enthusiasm and energy that he gave to the work that came to hand. This province and country has indeed lost a citizen who contributed much to its development. He met death while on his schedule of duty.

There is little that can be added to the tributes that are being bestowed. How he kept up his strenuous round of activity has puzzled many an observer. He seemed to have time to appear every place and always a moment to stop and pass a friendly word with everyone. He knew every city, town and hamlet in the province. He was never too busy to be occupied to give attention to the flood of inquiries and details connected with Hydro and an appeal to Bob Saunders always got action.

The place of Robert H. Saunders will be a difficult one to fill. His zeal for progress, his intimate knowledge of the province and its people, was gained from experience and physical stamina that few individuals possess. He died as he lived "in action" and we all mourn his passing.

Fact or Rumor

These are days of rumors and how they can spread. Every day the dailies are full of them until a confused public has difficulty in discerning fact from rumour. Take the case of the world situation where almost every day brings the rumor of war or a change of government in some country. In labor circles there are strikes, rumors of more strikes and settlements that are on again and off again with almost hourly regularity.

Only the other day some individual even spread his thoughts for public consumption on the theory of there being no God. One sometimes wonders how far this confusion of public thinking can be carried. Definitely the unreliable outweighs the reliable in much of the news coverage that is put forth in an effort to get there first with an item of interest or just plain controversy.

Even editors of weekly newspapers have a problem oftentimes to get the facts from a multitude of rumors that occur even in a town such as ours. Sometimes these rumors are harmful to the community. Sometimes they are based on half facts and fictional coloring to suit the appeal of the one repeating the rumor. It's a problem quite often to get facts on many of the rumors that come to our attention each week.

We are always appreciative of the tempo under which our weekly papers are published that allows a bit more time to sift the rumors and secure the facts. We believe that our readers prefer to get the story correctly than to rush rumors into print. It's not the easy way, especially when many folks have become accustomed to get a new rumor every day and perhaps a radio contradicting one every hour. Experience, however, seems to show that one of the virtues of living in a small town is that facts are more important than speed and better for the community as a whole.

We Would Like To See

We'd like to see the nations resolve to stop calling each other names. A minor matter, perhaps, but it always seemed to us that adults should act like adults, and not like a bunch of school kids hurling insults at each other across the back fence. And that, we feel, should go for nations, too.

We'd like to see the nations resolve to spend a little more time and effort in peaceful pursuits, instead of sitting up nights trying to devise more efficient ways of eliminating the human race altogether. It seems to us that if half the time spent in developing weapons of mass destruction were put to constructive use, the world could be a much better place to live in.

Finally, the nations might resolve to look at things from the other fellow's point of view once in a while, to be a bit more tolerant of each other, and to realize that it's pretty hard, even for our side, to be right 100 per cent. of the time.—Wingham (Ont.) Advance-Times.

Our Week

This week among the 52 of the year is known as Printing Week. To those of us who have cast our lot in life with the art of printing, of course, every week is printing week. But it is well that in a broader life and better understanding it possible we acquaint ourselves with the work of others. We are apt to think of the work of others as not keeping pace with modern trends if we do not review occasionally.

We had a note the other day from a printer who was renewing his subscription from New Jersey. He sent us his pay slip showing his wages for the week and noted on it that learning a trade was a great thing. He had started to learn the trade 60 years ago at one dollar per week. His pay check for one week was better than the equivalent of what he received for two and a half years at that rate. At 75 he can hold his place on a linotype with any of them and yet when he started 60 years ago the type-setting machines were not in use on city or town papers.

We could write quite a long article on the history of printing because it is one of the oldest arts. In our own 45 years since we first smelled printer's ink we have witnessed many changes. We know the tedious hours of hand setting a newspaper and also operated the first linotype to come into Halton County over 35 years ago. Incidentally, it is still operating every day and in good condition. We know the leg aches of operating a job press when hydro power was unknown and foot power and hand feeding were common practice. Today all power is electric and automatic presses handle the sheet more accurately at four to five times the speed.

No business, we believe, has seen more changes and advances than the printing business. In spite of increased production more people are employed and wider use is made of printed material than ever. Like our friend who has spent 60 years in printing we have never regretted our choice in life.

We won't continue but any time our readers would like to know about printing it's all year, 52 week full time hobby we enjoy and we've met a great bunch of fine folks whom we are privileged to serve.

As We Progress

Growing importance of the municipal services supplied in Acton is reflected in the five man Commission which now administers the hydro, water and sewerage divisions of the municipal affairs in Acton. Many of us can recall when hydro was a very small part of the work of municipal councils. Of course, at that time councils had no water or sewerage disposal problems.

Over 30 years ago it was realized the Hydro should have separate administration and not be confused with municipal affairs. A three man commission was quite adequate at that time. As waterworks and sewerage disposal were added it was reasonable from experience to see that this administration could best be handled by a Public Utilities Commission. Until this year a three man commission carried on in this work.

Four years ago it was deemed advisable to increase the size of council. This year more should have been added and quite rightly to administer services which have grown as the town expanded. The larger Commission was able for the first time to appoint committees at its inaugural meeting and spread the load of public services on more shoulders. Acton's program of combining public services in one office has certainly worked very satisfactorily over the years and the measures taken to meet growth have proven wise and beneficial.

When we see these changes we are prone to reminisce and become appreciative of the services our tax dollar municipally provides. As a lad we recall the old oil lamps on the streets and in the homes, the town wells that weren't always at the back door or on the same lot and the disposal system that was on the same lot but always very uncomfortable, especially in the winter months.

No we don't long for the good old days as we recollect them and we do appreciate the services which Acton now enjoys from those who in public spirit carry on the community work.



BEAVER DAM, one of Halton County's favorite beauty spots, is shown in this photograph. By way of contrast, warm summer sunlight plays leaf-leaved shadows on the clear water of the stream where now winter's ice and snow binds the scene in cold white.

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

Oakville and Its Strike
In Oakville where the Record-Star is now hard pressed to come up with a new copy every week of saying the Ford strike isn't settled yet, citizens are told the big stall is due to connections between the local situation and the international U.A.W.'s coming demands for a guaranteed annual wage by a city newspaper and then promptly told the opposite by the Oakville paper.

Face to Face Talk in Bronte
In Bronte, this week a public gathering will be held, organized by the council with invitations to most local organizations, to stir up interest in the need for a new town hall. It will be a talk face to face with other citizens and try for cooperation, the Mayor is quoted as declaring, and added: "Council can't carry on without assistance."

On Spending Tax Revenue
In Georgetown, cocking an eye to the future, Mayor Jack Armstrong reasoned that "any council can take in a lot of tax revenue and spend it but the smart council is the one which can do a big job with a small amount of money, and that is what we must do." Then the mayor went on to itemize the many and various ways it was proposed to spend the tax revenue.

Auxiliary Brownd Off
In Bronte there is some concern that the local Legion Auxiliary will fold due to lethargic designation on the part of members to hold office or take responsibility. A former president reflected: "Some members are just plain browned off, some women feel they do all the work, raise all the money, and the men of the Legion do nothing to help themselves."

Big Burlington Battle
In Burlington, the battle over the dismissed recreation director goes on and on with few signs of letting up. Charges and counter-charges between the Recreation Board, which dismissed the man and the citizens' committee, which is pawing the air for public re-

sponses on why the man was given a walking ticket, seem to be becoming the issue itself rather than characteristics of a disagreement.

Mystery Cleared Up
In Erin the disappearance of a district man two months ago was cleared up when a frozen body was found in the hay loft of a barn near Alton. Cause of death is not known, the Advocate reports, but police do not suspect foul play. The man disappeared Halloween night after parking his pickup truck on Alton's main street.

"Ah Dean See Nobody"
In Oakville, as in Acton, until Tuesday of this week, citizens were anxiously awaiting the pleasure of the Municipal Board for an annexation decision. Parodies the Record-Star: "Sister Anne, Sister Anne, do you see anyone coming? Peering carefully over the parapets of the Municipal Board, Sister Anne replied: "If it's that ole annexation decision yo's pining for honey child, Ah grieves to tell you that—'Ah dean see nobody.'"

Town to Handle Garbage
In Milton this March the town will take over its own garbage collection business after getting some disturbing proposals, including a hike in contract price of \$480, from the present private collector who's paid \$6,000 yearly for the job. A committee was named by council to investigate purchase of necessary equipment.

Water and Mud Debate
In Milton a marathon session engaged the public school board when the body met to thrash out arrangements for the opening of the new J. M. Denyes school, "as soon as possible." Temporary roads and barricades are to be provided to keep students from the water and mud fronting the school, the board agreed.

OIL INDUSTRY
Edmonton, (CP)—Current expansion of Edmonton's refinery area will increase capacity of oil refineries to 45,000 barrels a day.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1905

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, January 19, 1905
The annual meeting of the Agricultural Society was held Wednesday in the town hall, Georgetown. Councillor Cook, the president, occupied the chair and in his address spoke of the gratifying success of the annual fair at Acton last year. A resolution was carried almost unanimously recommending the Board of Directors to hold the show of 1905 in Acton.

The election of officers resulted as follows: president, W. W. Brownridge; first vice-president, John Hardy; second vice-president, E. J. Baker; directors, C. P. Preston, Hugh Clark, Allan Devereaux, Henry Wilson, Joe Flynn, Neil Gillies, John M. Warren, Wm. Wilson, A. H. Devitt, Wm. Johnstone.
The public library board met Friday evening. Present were T. T. Moore, John Cameron, Reeve Hynds, Rev. A. E. Smith and H. P. Moore. The report of the librarian showed that membership at the 31st Dec. was 252. Of the 3588 books issued, 847 were fiction, 886 history and 1076 general literature, miscellaneous 360, voyages and travels 174, science and art 76, religious 58 and poetry 27. A catalogue is to be prepared.

Hockey is booming in Acton. A Town League was formed on Monday composed of teams from the town, Storey and Son's employees and Beaufort's employees. A. H. Devitt is president. A nice silver cup is to be given the winners by Thomas Morton, barber.
"When Miss MacLachlan sang 'We a Hundred Pipers' the audience went wild. Men jumped on their chairs and waved their arms, shouting like mad. For seven or eight minutes the applause was absolutely terrific."—Boston Journal. Miss MacLachlan will sing the same number in Acton town hall Tuesday, 7th February.

A fancy dress carnival will be held in the rink tonight. Each year shows marked increase in the business of Acton Post Office. The revenue from the sale of post cards and postage stamps last year amounted to \$2,374.51. Twelve hundred money orders were issued and \$37 paid.

BACK IN 1935

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, January 17, 1935
One of the best annual meetings of Acton Fall Fair was held yesterday in the council chamber with J. F. Robertson presiding. The auditor's report, presented by A. T. Brown and E. Beawick, showed the fair to be in splendid financial condition with a good surplus on hand.

Reports from various departments of the fair were good and special mention was made of the work of Mr. R. J. Kerr, Superintendent of the Field, whose report has been a big factor in the success of the fair. Mr. J. E. Whitlock gave a brief address.

Officers were elected as follows: president, V. B. Ruffley; first vice-president, G. W. Murray; second vice-president, G. A. Dills; directors, W. K. Graham, W. J. Patterson, J. A. Mann, L. O. Johnston, J. E. Pearson, J. M. McDonald, D. McDougall, J. J. Stewart, Geo. Somerville, R. L. Davidson, M. Symon, A. Kerr, C. McKeown, D. D. Waldie, C. Woodhall, B. Johnston, R. J. Kerr, T. J. Rumschaw, H. J. G. Fraser, Art Swackhammer, J. F. Robertson, George Gordon.

Flooring of the gymnasium, public utilities office and second storey, with all the wood trimming, is almost completed in the new Y.M.C.A. building.

Reeve E. Theoford has resigned. It is unusual to have two elections judging by street reports.

In Milton, the Daylight Saving vote was carried by a majority of 100.

A number of Mrs. Wm. Gowdy's music pupils are busy preparing for the Toronto Conservatory examinations. Limehouse community is indeed fortunate in having such an excellent teacher.
Acton is well in the lead in the local O.H.A. group, having won everyone of four games. They whitewashed their old rivals from Georgetown last Thursday night 6-0. "Hot Time in the Old Town" and "The Gang's All Here" seemed to catch the fancy of the crowd and when the band played they hooted and hollered to their heart's content.

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Organist and Choir Leader

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23rd, 1935
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School. That every child may know God in Christ Jesus.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Stressing Y.M.C.A. week in Canada.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Joint Service (Speaker from Toronto St. Clair Y.M.C.A.)
Mass Choir.

Thought: "For The Week
"What men need today in this time of trouble is not a way out so much as a way of high and manly living within." (Wilmont Lewis)

BAPTIST CHURCH
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 23rd, 1935
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service.
7:00 p.m.—Y.M.C.A. Service in the United Church.
8:15 p.m.—B.Y.P.U.
Wednesday—4:00, Mission Band; 8:00, Prayer meeting.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG
M.A., B.D., Minister

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23rd, 1935
9:45 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Y.M.C.A. Service in the United Church.
"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."
A Warm Welcome Awaits You

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Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th.
Rector

Theological Education, Sunday
An appeal will be made for the support of the Colleges training men for the Anglican Priesthood.
10:00 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
4:15 p.m.—Holy Baptism.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service will be in the United Church commemorating Y.M.C.A. week, January, 23-30.

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