

EDITORIAL

A Common Task

This is education week. In communities such as ours which are expanding rapidly we do not need a week in which to call attention particularly to the financial demands of the question. New schools at both public and high school levels are items of which everyone is well aware and, also, in the funds necessary to meet the constantly rising costs.

But there is a need for education week in bringing home and school into closer cooperation. There is a need for attention to be focussed on the relationship of parents and teachers. There is a need for closer cooperation and better understanding of the problems which are coming in supplying the needs for good school education that will fit the young people of today to take their places in the world of tomorrow.

More elaborate buildings and equipment, more attractions and ease for young people to continue their education, lowering of standards, raising of salaries, frictions between teachers and parents and criticism of those who administer school affairs are not alone the things that will make for better education and better citizens of Canada.

In this education week we perhaps need better examples and closer cooperation in our homes. If the product of better citizens is to be prepared for the future that faces a greater Canada. Perhaps in this education week we should get the realization that we just cannot toss in our dollars and pay others to do the job that is our own. Parents' responsibilities are more than just paying the tax levied for educational purposes.

We need education week even if for only a part of the seven days of that week we give some thoughtful consideration on the responsibilities and example that is our and cannot be purchased by money.

In Time of Need

Every month in the year the Red Cross stands ready to meet any disaster, any emergency, or any cause of mercy. In this month of March you have your opportunity to maintain this great organization by your donation. The need this year is for \$1 million dollars.

No one questions the need for defence expenditures and no one needs to question the need to keep the Red Cross strong that it may meet the needs of peacetime and wartime. Maybe it's an accident victim of our own town or district. It may be a citizen burned out of home, or flooded out who needs food, clothing and help. The Red Cross is always helping people across the street—across the nation—across the world.

This is our opportunity to keep this great organization at the ready to meet all emergency. Hurricanes strike suddenly. "Give generously" this month to the Red Cross.

Early Optimism

Perhaps in early March is a dangerous time to mention the fact of the very fine winter which we have experienced in this part of Ontario. March, as we well know, and even early April can dump a lot of snow on the countryside and change any complimentary comment about our winters—in spite of the fact that the calendar gives assurance that spring will arrive on the 21st of this month.

Conversing with folk in the eastern part of the province and a recent visit in eastern Ontario shows that our fortunate position in snowfall was not general in the province. We heard of one town that had been forced by this year's snow to buy extra equipment for snow removal. When every penny counts in the tax rate the lack of snow is an item that has been very helpful to municipal councils in towns and townships. Snow removal estimates for the year should be down considerably from other years. Like members of municipal bodies we'll hope until mid-April that nothing occurs to spoil this pleasant winter with lack of snow.

Keeping Pace

The other day when we noted the many hours clipped off the transcontinental run of Canada's great railways, and we saw in the station yards in Toronto the fine new steel cars with the scenic domes and luxurious comfort for travel, we wondered if in this day of air and highway travel we gave due credit to the part the railways have played in the development of a country such as Canada which stretches from ocean to ocean.

Many of us can recall the days when the harvesters' excursions to Western Canada moved the workers for the fields and the railways, as now, brought the harvest to the market. The railways have carried the early settlers to the new homes in the new frontiers in the west and north long before highway or air travel were dreamed of. Those were not the days of luxurious travel and the time was slower. Many of us can recall the loaded trains that carried the week-end and holiday travellers in quantity if not in comfort.

It doesn't require a long memory to recall the heavy traffic that the railways carried during the war years when armed forces and war materials had to be transported from ocean to ocean.

Now the railways seem to be coming into another era. The slick new diesels are eliminating the coal burning locomotives. Luxury cars are luring travellers to use railways that have all the comforts of a home on wheels. The new equipment is not so noisy and the new diesels pull without the terrific starts and stops of the steam locomotives.

It certainly appears that the railways and the ribbons of steel will continue to compete satisfactorily for many years with the transportation systems that have developed in recent years. They are certainly not taking a back seat to any other travel in the present day.

Dollar Value

There is no need to lose any sleep over the drop in the premium of the Canadian dollar, declares The Financial Post. Our national vanity may suffer a little but not our pocketbooks.

For both the exporter and the importer it will be good news for it strengthens their competitive position. For those interested in the tourist trade, too, a headache has been eased. The enforcement of the discount on U.S. funds may have brought in some small financial return, but insisting on the extra pennies, often injured good will, which is so vital in this type of business.

On a very large proportion of our export trade, regardless of the ultimate destination, the price is set in U.S. dollars which, meant that exporters received fewer Canadian dollars for the same amount of goods.

For the importer there was also a painful squeeze. The higher the Canadian dollar, the more the exporter in West Germany, Britain or the United States, received in his own money for the goods he sold to us and the better position he was in to cut the prices of those goods.

Because of the very large two-way flow of goods, people and capital across the U.S.-Canada border it is in the best interests of both countries when our respective dollars are about equal.

Other Papers Say

If Canada gets few immigrants from West Germany we will have to get more from other countries. Next to the United Kingdom and France, whose citizens show little inclination to emigrate, our best bet for new citizens seem to be from Italy, where Canadian immigration officials are swamped with applications. — Pincher Creek (Alta.) Echo.

Every time a school has to be enlarged or a new one built, there is the usual amount of controversy, especially if it is going to touch our pocketbooks. The trouble is that most of us are much more sensitive about our pocketbooks when it comes to taxes, school or otherwise, than we are about a new car or television set. — Stanstead (Que.) Journal. We've even heard the argument put forth that purchase of television was for the benefit of the education of the children.



WINTER IS WANING but there's still plenty of snow to be found in this part of Ontario. In Halton's Nassagaweya, at the north-west corner of the county, more snow fall is recorded each winter in this section than any other part of Halton. This farm scene under a blanket of white is taken from the Blue Springs Line in Nassagaweya Township.



Pinned After Accident

In Erin the three-year-old son of a local couple narrowly escaped serious injury in an accident last week when he was pinned between the front seat and door of the family car after it turned over in a ditch on the Belfontaine Road while the family were out for a drive. Both parents and an infant daughter were unhurt in the mishap.

Fire Chief Steps Down
In Burlington veteran fire chief James "Red" Waumsley, head of the town's volunteer Fire Department for 13 years and a member of the department for 30 years, has resigned his office but will continue as a member. It was reported with pleasure of business the reason for the resignation. Deputy chief Jack Lay is carrying on at present.

Water For Trafalgar
In Bronte it was announced the local P.U.C. will sell some 15,000 gallons of water daily to Trafalgar township for about 40 cents per gallon. A master meter will be used to record the water used. It was pointed out that the Bronte plant won't have to be expanded to supply Trafalgar with 15,000 daily gallons.

Goat, Mrs. Ghosh
In Oakville the wife of a Bengalese nuclear physicist, Mrs. S. K. Ghosh, is a lucky woman. At a food chain store cooking school recently she walked off with first prize. The next day she did the same thing again. "Goat, she's lucky," punned another woman. The prizes: an orange rum cake and enough potato salad to last a week.

Charter Night for Rotary
In Georgetown plans were finalized for the charter night of the town's new Rotary Club on Monday night in the Legion Hall. Basil Tippet, District Governor, was present, as was Joe Caulder, Past Governor and outstanding Canadian Rotarian who was the guest speaker. Several guests were on hand from district Rotary Clubs.

Communiters Try Again
In Oakville the Commuters' Association has called a general meeting for March 10 to map the next move in its battle to bring down higher fares. An appeal from this town's newly elected Council by the federal cabinet's Discrimination and political pressure have been charged over a decision from the Transport Commission in the matter of the Oakville rate hikes.

Moved by Municipality
In Georgetown Clarence Benham, township clerk, the personnel department of Acton's Boardman Co. Ltd., was hired by the town council last week from among five or more

applications for the position of assistant clerk of Georgetown and assistant commissioner. Mr. Benham is a life-long resident who managed the brewers' retail store at one time.

Arena Still Closed Up
In Milton it was reported no definite plans for repairs to the local arena have been made following the mysterious fire which damaged the building to an estimated \$25,000. Meanwhile, police have made no further report on their investigations. Play-offs in the minor hockey league will be held in Georgetown.

Let George Do It
In Erin Education Week urges the local paper to further urge some young man of the village to "step up and do his bit" by filling the vacancy on the local school board. The Advocate uses strong references to bring home the "uselessness of need for another trustee and to put down the "Let George Do It" attitude characterizing the situation.

All Over a Spade
In Milton last week there was one evening when town talk was reduced notably. A telephone cable was damaged in digging operations near Milton arena and services were disrupted for an estimated 500 telephone homes in that area by the trunk break. Service was not completely restored until the next day.

Bronte Industry Gets New Owner

In Bronte the Ontario Metal Specialties has changed hands. Mrs. R. Cleland recently disclosed that the property and business have been purchased by Mr. W. G. Hamilton of Hamilton. It is understood that the organization will remain much as at present with expansion of operations contemplated for the near future. The old mill as it has long been known has had a varied life. Built in 1856 it was once a land mark for the sailor who sailed out of Bronte and was operated as a grist mill and chopping mill. In 1927 Mr. G. Collins opened the present location as a chapel and stamping factory and in 1931 formed a partnership with the late J. Rogers Sr. to form Ontario Specialties. The company was purchased by Mr. R. Cleland in 1945 and operated until destroyed by fire in 1952. Rebuilt at as present with business still available the company now specializes in T.V. serials and other stampings. The future of the Ontario Metal Specialties now lies with the new owner.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1935

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 14, 1935
Hughes Cleaver, ex-mayor of Burlington, was chosen Liberal candidate for the coming federal election at the convention of the Halton County Liberal-Progressive Association in the town hall at Milton on Saturday night. The hall was crowded to the doors, 277 out of 280 accredited delegates were present and voted. There were 15 nominees and 10 withdrew, leaving five to be balloted for. It was midnight before the meeting was over.

The salary of one of the teachers at Acton public school was raised to \$1,000 when the board met on Tuesday evening. It was recommended that a ladder or stairway be built to the attic at the school and this was approved by the board. Trustees Dr. A. J. Buchanan, Dr. P. W. Pearson, H. T. G. Payer and P. E. McHenry were present.

The World Day of Prayer was observed by the ladies of the Anglican, Presbyterian, United and Baptist church on Friday afternoon. The theme throughout was Bear Ye One Another's Burdens. A special order of prayer was given by Mrs. Rennie on the Day of Prayer which is observed in 48 countries.

Sap has started to run. A new bank opened in Canada on Monday and very shortly the new smaller bank will make their appearance.

Everyone regardless of political following regrets the illness of Premier Bennett. During the spring months, and when water accumulates in many places where it is inconvenient to walk around or through, there is a general feeling that such nuisances should be repaired before another spring. But usually another spring rains around and finds these places in exactly the same condition.

Evidence that a covered skating arena and a hockey team capable of getting into play-off games are a good attraction to any community was to be had on Monday evening. In spite of the fact that the playing of the game was in doubt owing to the weather it estimated that 1,800 people witnessed the game between Acton and Durham. Streets within three blocks of the arena were filled with automobiles. Acton has lost two games to Durham and is out of the running.

Between periods a fracas by spectators was ended when several were ejected by police.

BACK IN 1905

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 9, 1905
A week or two ago Acton Hockey Team played in Erin when Erin won in a rough game by two goals. Last Friday night the return match was played in King Edward rink here and resulted in a complete whitewash for the visitors. The ice was, however, in very poor condition and the game was much below par. The Acton team is lauded in their praise of the cordial hospitality extended by the Erin team. Playing for Acton were G. McKinnon, P. Brown, W. Laird, N. Ryker, Homer C. Adams, W. Taylor, H. Fyfe.

A very enjoyable evening took place at the home of Mrs. Leonard on Tuesday night. A large number of friends gathered at the home of Mrs. Leonard to bid farewell to him and his household. They left on Tuesday for their new home at Grandville. Mrs. M. S. Z. Bennett read the address. Mr. Keith Kerr presented Mrs. Leonard with a four coat and Mrs. Kerr made the presentation to Mrs. Leonard of a handsome suitcase. Mr. Leonard was also presented with a fur coat.

The assembly given by the Acton Cornet Band last week was meagrely attended. The German Concert Co. has been appearing at the town hall and provided songs every night this week. They are a Medicine company.

The usual spring demand for houses is being made with little prospect of meeting it. There will be more doubling up of families than ever before here.

It is rumored that gambling is somewhat prevalent in town again, and that considerable money changes hands last week in a room not a mile from a certain hotel.

The plans are out and the contract let for a fine new residence for Councillor Lacey on Church St. The cost will be \$2,000. Contractor Mackenzie will be the builder. Church St. will in time be Acton's finest residential street.

At the meeting of the Women's Institute Miss Holland gave a talk on The New Fashions This Spring and Miss Annie Smith demonstrated how to make bows—not beauty—put military and other fancy ribbon bows.

Eagle-eyed citizens have been reporting the presence of robins all winter, mistaking the red-breasted grouse for the spring robin.

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Westbound
10:27 a.m., 1:52 p.m., 2:57 p.m.,
5:27 p.m., 7:27 p.m., 8:12 p.m.,
11:32 p.m., 1:12 a.m. (Sun. to Kin-
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town 10:11 p.m.

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6:55 p.m. (flagstop); 7:40 p.m.;
Saturday only 1:27 p.m.; Sunday
only 9:20 a.m. (flagstop); Sunday
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SUNDAY, MARCH 13th, 1955
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School. Vitality important for sound citizenship.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. A service of consecration to the task for all the office holders of our church.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship.
"Come ye yourselves apart and rest awhile."
"It is not the dying for a faith that is the living up to it that is difficult." (Thackeray.)

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SUNDAY, MARCH 13th, 1955
9:45 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.

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10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.
8:15 p.m.—S.Y.P.U.
Wednesday—4:00. Mission Band; 8:00. Prayer meeting.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 13th, 1955
(Third in Lent)
8:00 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10:00 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.
Wednesday, March 16, 8 p.m.—The Litany and brief address.
A Warm Welcome Awaits You