

EDITORIAL

St. Patrick's Day--All Day

Today is the day on which all Irishmen honor St. Patrick and on which all the rest of us who aren't Irish or cannot trace any of our ancestry to the Emerald Isle pay due respect to the Irish. We are glad to wear the green, sing the Irish songs, hear of the glory of Ireland and pay tribute to the memory of St. Patrick, but we refuse to admit that Irish stew is a culinary dish that should be lauded or commended.

St. Patrick's Day is when the patron saint of old Ireland and the Irish people deserve tribute. We like to hear the Irish greetings of the day and see the symbol of the Shamrock very much in evidence. The patron saint and the people of Ireland and their descendants have made a real contribution to the world. Without even visiting the Emerald Isle it's easy to admire the Irish people and the Irish traditions. But the glory of St. Patrick and the Irish lies in things which have no connection whatever with that mixture called Irish stew.

Share the Wealth

Last week we perused rather hurriedly the budget speech of Premier Frost. We say hurriedly because in each section where we hoped to find something that would be of particular benefit to our town or locality we were unable to pinpoint anything which would raise a cheer let alone three cheers.

The news that there would be no new taxes levied could be taken for granted since there was a reported surplus on ordinary account of \$704,000 and governing bodies as a rule are not expected to create large funds in the treasury. There is always the danger of lack of vigilance over public funds if more are on hand than needed to meet immediate needs. It is encouraging to note that Ontario is prosperous.

Like those who live in the small communities we had hoped there would have been indication of more help to municipalities in their fight against ever increasing tax amounts to be raised. Perhaps the small towns and townships are not vociferous enough in making known their plight. It may be that they are more modest and thrifty than our cities. We note that Toronto is not at all hesitant in its cry to help unemployment and seek aid to build more subways.

Perhaps we need to tell Mr. Frost more about the roads, bridges and sidewalks we need and cannot finance out of municipal levies. Perhaps the voice out here in the wilderness of rural Ontario is not loud enough to reach above the noise of the city and up past College St. in Toronto. We wish we could have found something to cheer about in that budget for Ontario. We'll be waiting to see if we overlooked something in those pages. Something that means aid in municipal financing and perhaps a share in the surplus of the past year and the anticipated surplus of the year ahead.

Below the Snow Belt?

We haven't been travelling the highways so much in a motor car the past winters as we used to when hockey games made up a great deal of our winter travel and are more dependent on reports from weekly newspapers which reach our desk from other points in Ontario.

The editor of the Dundalk Herald says he travelled roads recently in which the snowbanks were in places nine feet high. The Chesley Enterprise reports the March storm of a week ago plugged the roads and a dozen cars were stuck in drifts between Chesley and Tara. An edition from Arnprior told us that the new snow removal equipment purchased this year had paid off in the first year in the work it had been called upon to perform.

Living in this district it seems hard to realize that within a few miles the snowfall has been so heavy. We'll be quite content if the snowbelt for the rest of this winter and for winters to come stays elsewhere and those snow tires continue to wear down and sing on the dry pavements that have prevailed hereabouts.

Fact Finding

Recently the Free Press issued a little vest pocket book giving some concise information about Acton. The demand for these little folders was such that a second printing was necessary and some corrections were made which were brought to our attention by citizens who read the booklet.

The surprise was that not only did our request for copies come from persons out of town but from many citizens who were not conversant with our own town. We believed when we issued the booklet that many folks wanted facts but just had no handy source to get them. In most instances having acquired the facts we found that our own citizens became enthused and better boosters for this town. Matter of fact, we were a bit surprised ourselves with some of the items we unearthed in searching out this information for publication.

We are glad that we were able to serve Acton in another small way. May we suggest that you use this information not only when talking to visitors but in talking right at home and become an enthusiast for your own community. Copies are available for adults at our office. Speak well of our town at all times and it's surprising how contagious the booster spirit really becomes.

The Glory to Come?

If one can look lightly at all proposals that are put forth from various groups these days for spending mythical millions the very near future is as close to paradise as one could expect. One group headed by an imported leader from south of the border would raise the old age pensions from \$40 to \$75 per month and cut out the means test at 65 years of age.

Pressure is being brought to bear on Ottawa to grant complete exemption from income tax for all medical expenses. Out west the crusade is for crop insurance and in the manufacturing east the great hue and cry is for guaranteed annual wages. If you read the headlines every day you'll find many more schemes that are backed by strong groups dealing with every phase of life from all levels of government and big and small business.

It's nice to theorize and dream of things for other folks to do and the distribution of wealth that comes from some mysterious source that does not appear to touch our own pocketbook. Writing in The Financial Post, Bruce Hutchison aptly poses these questions for consideration:

"How many politicians, so articulate about some favorite detail of this process, have ever sat down quietly and tried to figure out what kind of a society they are aiming at as they take it more and more under their management?"

"How many businessmen, putting aside luncheon slogans, catchwords and balance sheets, have figured out their future place in a society which has given government a massive, increasing and permanent control over business?"

"How many labor leaders have seen that the same retreat under the state's expanding umbrella can menace labor as much as business? How many professional socialists have seen the end of their theory and the prospect of a very dead end? How many Social Crediters know what credit is?"

Brief Comment

Officially next Monday is the first day of spring but we make no prediction on such unpredictable things as the weather.

Any old time of year you'll find strangers at your door with a slick sales trick from chimneys to cut rate magazine prices. Better to do your buying with those you know and not be taken in with the door to door salesman.

There is a growing tendency to build homes outside settled communities just because the automobile has solved the transportation problem. It does not in itself, however, solve the problems of police and fire protection, of public health protection or sometimes of schooling. — Cochrane (Ont.) Northland Post.



PILES OF FIREWOOD, once as common in rural areas as TV aerials are now in urban areas, are vanishing sights even around farm homes. As modernization of home living brings the oil space heaters and electric ranges, the days of the crackling, homey wood stove are numbered. This pile of cordwood is in Nassagaweya township. — Staff Photo



Money Matters in Erin
In Erin money matters got full attention at a recent meeting of the village council where members decided on a tax rate for the year of 50 mills; also set water rates at \$1.11 per month for first two taps, \$2.22 for more than two taps, payable quarterly; also a \$5 charge for turn-out to tenants; commercial rates were set "the same as those in the City of London."

And a "Green Belt" Too
In Georgetown, where local planners are starting to think of the future in a big way, plans were examined by council for development of the huge Delrex subdivision. Among other items on the master plan: detailed development of 1034 of the 1754 acres, sites for three public schools, one high school and a spot for half of the township's population is vaguely called a "green belt."

Trepidation in Trafalgar
In Trafalgar township, of all places, councillors are crying for more industrial assessment. In fact, the situation is getting so acute, it's reported, the township seers are foreseeing a necessity to cut issuance of private building permits in 1955 down about half. As it is now, nearly half of the township's assessment is from industrial sources.

Let There Be Light
In Burlington the Public Utilities Commission voted a green light on the erection of street lights at least on main street, in the village this year. At the same time in generous mood, the P.U.C. okayed the installation of watermains on all existing streets; future streets will get watermains via local improvement financing.

This Rate Stays Flat
In Burlington the town's tax rate will stay this year at 38 mills. The mayor revealed that the stationary mill rate was due only to increased assessments since practically all budgets were up this year. There was no indication of the amount of paring on budgets although education budgets considerably above 1954, would not be reduced, it was noted.

Expropriation Result
In Milton, council last week was notified a judge had set a value of \$3,500 plus costs on the expropriation cost of a tenement house site on Main Street which the town is seeking as a new fire hall site. The town has six weeks to appeal the decision, made after action started when all offers and counter-offers were turned down.

70 Is Not Old
Seventy years is not old age any more—it is not a sign of senility. Sir Winston Churchill is 80, and while not as vigorous in body, he is if anything more vigorous in thought and speech. . . . Our own Canadian prime Minister now is over 70, and if there is a hailer, heartier man in the country we would like to hear of him. —Pembroke (Ont.) Standard-Observer.

More than 14,000 patients in veterans' hospitals participated in the Arts and Crafts program of the Canadian Red-Cross in 1954.

AT THE Churches

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SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 1955
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship

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SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 1955
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service
8:15 p.m.—B.Y.P.U.
Wednesday—4:00, Mission Band;
8:00, Prayer meeting.

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9:45 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 1955
(Fourth in Lent)
10:00 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class
11:00 a.m.—Choral Communion and
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer and
Sermon.
Wednesday, March 23, 8 p.m.—
Communion Service and Sermonette.
A Warm Welcome Awaits You

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1935

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 21, 1935.

The new Murray Memorial Y.M.C.A. building now has all the tenants occupying the various portions of the building. The Masonic Lodge has moved into the new premises and while the furnishings are not all completely installed, the monthly meeting was held there on Monday.

The Free Library Board has commenced the onerous task of getting established in the new premises. The library will be closed for two months. Part of the shelving has been completed but the rearranging will take some time.

It is not anticipated the Y.M.C.A. program and activities will commence before fall.

At the fortnightly session of council Mr. B. G. Arnold, on behalf of the Canadian Legion, addressed the council regarding a fitting celebration for the jubilee of the accession to the throne of King George V. A Legion committee was authorized to proceed with plans.

It was decided that owners of dogs will now be required to purchase a tag and pay the tax.

Council considered the suggestion of the Welfare Inspector to make a smaller committee to carry on the welfare work in Acton as the present committee was unwieldy and unable to secure a quorum.

The Canada-Skate Company plant in Kitchener was destroyed by fire on Monday. The plant is owned by Messrs. Roy and Gordon Bauer, former residents of Acton. The plant will be rebuilt immediately.

Charles Plank, the seven-foot Belgian who was seen in Acton since last fall, fled out with his baggage and baggage car last week and has now located himself in Georgetown.

The Robins and Spring buds are getting quite numerous these days. There has been the largest number of auction sales this year that have been held for some years past. Auctioneer Kerr has been experiencing a busy time since the fall and winter season and still has quite a list of these events. At the sale of Russell Glennie in Eramosa yesterday, grade calves, eight months old and under, brought from \$35 to \$48 each. Auctioneer Kerr says this is a new high mark.

BACK IN 1905

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 16, 1905.

Acton's Good Roads are Coming! Work is to proceed without delay! A special session of council was held last Wednesday afternoon to confer with Mr. A. W. Campbell, Commissioner of Highways of Ontario, relative to the construction of the new road beds on Mill and Church Sts., the by-laws for which were passed by the ratepayers last fall. He prepared estimates as to cost allowing liberal sums for expert oversight, and for the hiring and operating of rock crushers and steam road roller. Every phase of the work was debated.

The death of Mr. G. C. Clark, proprietor of the Clark House, occurred on Saturday with a suddenness which caused quite a shock to the community.

Guelph Collegiate Institute has been condemned by the inspector. Unless needed improvements are made at once the government grant will be withheld.

After three months of continuous sleighing places on the roads are getting very thin. The snow-bank are rapidly diminishing.

The King Edward rink is closed for the season.

The school question in connection with the autonomy bill for the new provinces in the Northwest continues to be the biggest topic before the Canadian public throughout the Dominion. From all points of strong opposition is shown but Premier Laurier maintains his strong position in support of the bill. A national school with equal favours to all is what Canada wants.

The Globe, referring to President Roosevelt's inaugural speech, says he appears to have got some what mixed up in his ideas of political geography, when he said, "Never before have man-landed so vast and formidable an experiment as the administering of the affairs of a continent under the form of a democratic republic." We are aware that Washington Government ever aspires, much less undertake, to administer the affairs of Canada and Mexico. Both are as independent of the United States control as Patagonia or Chinese.

Fourteen hundred people left Toronto on the homeseekers excursion to the west.

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