

EDITORIAL

Easter -- Spring Festival

As we gather in the church on Easter morning and listen to His teachings, it is fitting that we resolve to follow Him, not only on the Easter holiday, but every day, for paying heed to His words offers true hope for a world awakened to a new era of lasting peace.

Easter's solemnities are supposed to usher in gaiety. Easter is the climax to 40 days of Lent and the beautiful flower of the season is the pure white Easter lily.

The English name for Easter comes from the Anglo-Saxon "Eostri", goddess of light or spring, whose festival was celebrated in April. There was, apparently, a great amount of controversy in setting the date for the Easter festival, but this was settled by the Council of Nice in 325. Easter was established on the first Sunday after the full moon.

The habit of presenting Easter eggs is a custom thought to have been derived from the Persian magi, the egg being the symbol of creation.

Christians look on the Easter season as one of rebirth, spiritually, as well as in the surrounding nature. It is the festival that welcomes spring in all its freshness and newness of life.

Good Friday that precedes Easter Sunday is one of darkness for on this day Christ was crucified on a wooden cross and laid in a cold-stone tomb. Then follows the glorious resurrection and the spread of the news to all Jesus' followers.

Christians will gather in churches across the world to pay their tribute and express their joy in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Plan to attend the church services of the Easter festival in your own church, worship in your way, in the freedom of your land.

Take it Easy?

A news item appearing in the daily press last week intimated that the provincial government was giving some more consideration to its announcement that the services of provincial police would be withdrawn from all municipalities over 2000 population. The item placed the population figure at 3500 which locally would be helpful in the situation and would give Acton an opportunity to arrange for the change well in advance when the figures were getting close to this stipulation.

The close co-ordination required for effective police work throughout the province, however, needs some alternate plan if the present set-up in Ontario municipalities is to be effective. Criminals and lawbreakers do not confine themselves to one town. It takes only a few minutes to transfer activities from one municipality to another. Will the network of police communication throughout the province be available for use of municipalities in which local police operate solely for the town?

Having chased a lawbreaker past the town's borders, will local police have any means to alert provincial detachments? We hope the intimation of reconsideration by the provincial government is correct. The whole problem is a bit too involved to dump right in the laps of all towns in the province. Perhaps it could be solved over a period of years but certainly not in one big consignment such as was given in the letter to municipalities over 2,000 population.

More Sugar Coating

There ought to be a new method devised in announcing the municipal tax rate. There are taxes on every side every day in the week and they never stir anything like the controversy that the municipal mill rate seems to cause. Folks often forget all about the total amount involved, the assessment and a lot of other relevant items and just hold the mill rate as the big deciding factor in the multitude of taxes levied at all sources.

There's the sales tax that everyone knows is 10 per cent, but few realize just where it is concealed in the taxes. If you drive a gasoline propelled vehicle there's the levy of ten cents on every gallon that doesn't show as a separate item. There are a couple more levies deducted from every pay envelope every pay day. If you go to the horse races and wager money there's a systematic way of putting on a levy and the taxes collected on all alcoholic beverages are levied according to your capacity and tastes, but there is no fuss or quibbling about the amount that goes in taxes with every swallow.

Most of these are taxes that come with such regularity that they go unnoticed in most cases. Perhaps they come so often that they are not realized. At any rate they seem to be less painful than those mill rates and municipal taxes that are announced once a year.

On the other hand, there are no tax moneys collected for which we see as direct benefit as we do from municipal levy. We all benefit directly from the services we see everyday. Perhaps the reason may be that the municipal levy--both in benefits and in means of collection--is so open that it is often a target for criticism. Certainly other branches of governments have been much more successful at camouflaging the amount extracted than municipalities have with the mill rate system. We suggest some study be given by some expert to make the mill rate more palatable and taken into our system as easily as the other forms of taxes which seem to be taken for granted.

What Makes High Standards

A survey of 1,100 office and factory workers, conducted by Opinion-Research Corporation of Princeton University, and reported in March issue of Fortune, found that they rate businessmen more "intelligent, forward-looking, fair-minded, capable, hard-working, energetic, trustworthy, honest and truthful" than government leaders or union officials.

But when asked which group had done most to improve living standards, 47 per cent. said union officials. Government leaders and businessmen got just 18 per cent. each.

Best comment on this may be found in the February issue of The Canadian Unionist, official publication of the Canadian Congress of Labor, which contains a report by Mr. Gower Markle, director of education and welfare for United Steel Workers, on his recent visit to the Tata iron and steel industry at Jamshedpur, India.

Mr. Markle found Tata workers mainly unionized. But laborers among them were making only 40 cents a day, and the highest-paid production workers \$4. At the iron mines in nearby Gorumahisani, Mr. Markle found men and women workers (also unionized) removing iron ore with pick, shovel and basket for an average of 25 cents a day.

If unions improve living standards in U.S., why don't they improve them in India? Reason is that unionization doesn't determine living standards anywhere. What determines living standards among any country's workers is the amount of machinery they have at their disposal. Our workers are paid well because they are well supplied with machines; Indian workers are paid badly because they are not.

Real credit for high living standards belongs neither with union officials nor government leaders. It belongs with the investors who furnished the capital to buy the machines that make our workers the world's most productive. Until Asia understands and accepts this, it will remain poor, no matter how highly unionized. And when we forget it, we will be well on the road to poverty.

Brief Comment

There is still time to make your Easter complete by giving a hand to crippled children through the Rotary Easter Seal campaign.

There are still men we know who are counting the days until the end of the month. Some because it's the opening of the trout fishing season and others because it's the last day for income tax returns.

Prepared for distribution at the Trade Fair next month is a brochure outlining the advantages of the North Halton District for location of industry and homes. A map of the district, towns, location and much information is given in three color presentation.



Lily of Easter morning, Starry and pure and pale, With buds like fingers folded In prayer at the altar rail, Lol in your heart is treasured The dew and rare perfume From gardens planted by angels In lands of immortal bloom.

NORTH EAST WEST SOUTH

Outdated By-Laws

In Burlington the town fathers figured a review was due on some license by-laws well out of date. For instance, the only by-law covering used car lots is a junk dealer by-law. As well, another by-law requiring taxi drivers to wear caps at all times came in for fire as being outdated.

Who Gets the Job?

In Oakville there's a hold-up on town council of a street renaming project because it can't be figured out which committee should do the job. The Planning Board put the project to council in order to aid the postal authorities and to avoid duplication of names, but neither streets committee or justice administration committee can agree who should do the job.

More Money for Teachers

In Trafalgar township a newly-passed teachers' pay schedule effective next September sets the minimum salary at \$2,400 and a maximum of \$4,400. For principals the least yearly wage is \$3,000 while the top is \$5,400. The revised figures boost the minimum by \$200 and up the maximum by \$400.

Hospital in Progress

In Milton a full page ad in the local paper calls citizens to a mass meeting to deal with the question of a new hospital for the town. With a charter already granted, the working committee reports to date; fund raising plans ready; an architect's conception of the building on hand; an offer put forward to donate a 5-acre site.

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have crossed his desk with the deadline still some days away.

What's in the Wind?

In Erin the local editor does some guessing after testing the provincial political wind. Samples: "observers... agree the vote will be about like the end of the year; but 'little likelihood of an announcement before prorogation'; some observers expect the announcement to come after the April 21 federal provincial conference".

Dirty, Polluted, Cold

In Oakville the chairman of the local Red Cross swimming course committee uttered disgust over continuing conditions of Lake Ontario, which near Oakville is "dirty, polluted and cold" and reported that discouragement from these unhappy conditions was enough to finally put a halt to children's swim classes in the Lake.

Toward or Toward?

In Bronte when council members received a request from the Trafalgar-Oakville Water and Air Rescue Force (nicknamed 'Toward') for a grant members before consideration on how much they'd give proposed that maybe the name should be changed to Toward (the B for Bronte) since their money might be included toward operations. It was generally acknowledged that Toward or Toward does a good job.

The Presses Roll On

In Milton the local paper proudly points out that a circulation objective set some three years ago has been reached and passed as the presses rolled out 2,000 copies of this paper last week. Optimistic about continued growth and expansion of the Milton area, the Champion remarks that a new objective has been set for future circulation but doesn't say just what it is.

AT THE Churches

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Acton, Ontario
A FRIENDLY CHURCH
Rev. E. A. Curry, B.A., B.D.
Minister
Parsonage—29 Bower Avenue
Phone 60

Presbyterian Church in Canada
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Rev. Robert H. Armstrong
M.A., B.D., Minister
GOOD FRIDAY
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship
SUNDAY, APRIL 10th, 1955
EASTER SUNDAY
7:00 a.m.—Sunrise Service in the Baptist Church.
9:45 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
"I'm not ashamed to own my Lord Or to defend His cause. Maintain the glory of His Cross. And honor all His laws."

BAPTIST CHURCH
ACTON
Ray H. Coster, Pastor
Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave.
Phone 206

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7:00 a.m.—Sunrise Service.
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.
8:15 p.m.—B.Y.F.U.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer meeting.

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH
(Anglican)
Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th.
Rector
GOOD FRIDAY
10:00 a.m.—Ante-Communion and the Litany.
SUNDAY, APRIL 10th, 1955
EASTER DAY
8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11:00 a.m.—Choral Communion and Sermon.
2:30 p.m.—Children's Service. (Children will bring their pyramid boxes to this service.)
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

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THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1935
From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 11, 1935
Spot radio advertising on Sundays will be eliminated over all Canadian stations beginning May 3, the Canadian Radio-Broadcasting Commission announced on Tuesday. The ban will not apply to time signals and certain public services. The question of excluding sales talks on Sunday broadcasts will be given further consideration.

BACK IN 1905
From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 6, 1905
A year ago Acton Lawn Bowling Club was organized with only one or two members, with any experience of the game. The season developed a large number of players possessing more or less skill, but all with a keen zest for this enjoyable and leisurely recreation. The annual meeting held in the town hall on Monday when the officers were elected—patron D. Henderson, Esq; M.P. hon. pres. A. A. Second, president H. P. Moore, vice-president W. Stark, secretary-treasurer Homer Adams. A member in the decided majority, Dr. A. W. Nixon, made his maiden speech last Thursday. After giving the house some hot shot on the school book monopoly, he stated there was no occasion to make any changes among the officials appointed by the Legislative Government as they were all good, honest men. Dr. Nixon raised a laugh when he said that he thought he was not the only member in the legislature who had been approached to get a position for somebody.

The merchants in the town were favored with bright, spring-like weather for their military opening last week and hundreds of ladies inspected the beautiful displays.

R. B. Scott, the Busy Store, had decorations that were tasteful and appropriate. Mess Sweet and her staff created very favorable impressions and offers were numerous.

The following attracted special attention: a picturesque poke of pale green chaffin, furnished with pale green, rose-gold and blue novel high cardinals; least favored shaded green; the rose at the back and long streamers of soft green ribbon.

The poke shape made of nice green straw and pleated white ribbon trimmed with black velvet ribbon, with three decided bows caught with steel buckles on the outside, and on top is arranged black velvet ribbon and shaded flowers of black and green.

An effort should be made to have the Main St. pavement completed this season at least from Bower Ave. to Church St. and Mill St. from Main to Park Ave.

Councilor Wilson is having the store house at the corner of Main St. and Education Lane improved and put in first class repair.

PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY AND TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

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