

EDITORIAL

Towns Keep Pace

The importance of the Acton, Milton, Georgetown area is evidently realized by those with service to supply these three expanding communities. Recently application was made to all of them for the rights to supply gas by two companies. Undoubtedly with the rising costs of electric power, especially where used in heating processes, the use of gas can fill many needs in these communities in industry as well as in home use.

The problem will of course be to bring gas heating into competitive pricing with other forms. It however seems inevitable that the field will be opened in this section and make this part an even more desirable location for industry and homes. Whether the gas we use will come from across Canada or be developed right in our own district in sufficient quantities to serve the needs has yet to be determined. Of only one thing are we sure—that in this day many discoveries of our natural resources are being unearthed which a few years back were deemed impossible.

There used to be talk of city conveniences making every day life more pleasant. These conveniences are no longer confined to the cities as towns have water services, sewers, garbage collection, paved roadways and with the addition of gas every convenience that is available for modern living. Truly, the last 30 years have seen towns make great strides and the end is not yet in sight.

Beware the Stranger

These spring days bring to the towns the usual crop of door-to-door solicitors for subscriptions to a great variety of publications. There's also the group who want to be reimbursed for a winter in the south by a quick return profit for slick schemes. It's a time to investigate before you invest and to deal with those whom you know to be reliable.

There are no bargains offered you in any deal that cannot be duplicated or bettered right in your own community. These fast deals are like grass fires in spring—too plentiful and much too costly. Every merchant, every businessman and every householder will need to be on the alert for the springtime invasion of the local field. You can get satisfaction and a guarantee that sticks when you deal with folks that you know. Give the stranger that goes from door to door the brush-off before he starts his sales talk.

Well-Informed Citizens

If citizens of Acton remain in ignorance of the financial and other affairs of this town it is certainly no fault of Acton's mayor and town council. When the mill rate for 1955 was struck a full page announcement in the Free Press gave complete details of not only the current year's requirements but showed comparisons of the rate and increases for several years back.

Anyone who desired to make an analysis could pinpoint any feature of municipal finances. In addition every year as long as we can recall, the auditor's report for the past year has been available for all ratepayers on request. The report for 1954 is now in the hands of the printers and will be available shortly.

Another feature carried out for the first time last week was a panel discussion or civic night at the meeting of Acton Chamber of Commerce. It gives promise of becoming an annual event on the Chamber's program and gave information that is not shown in any set of finances. Participating in the discussion were not only Mayor Tyler, but also Councillors Hargrave and Lindsay, Clerk J. McCasbie and Planning Board Chairman, Frank Crump.

Of course, there has always been Nomination Night every year in which Acton's position could be thoroughly discussed. But our municipal interest should be a year-round concern of all and we commend council and all other bodies who are making this extra sacrifice to maintain a well-informed electorate here. There is no excuse for idle rumor or any conjecture when so much trouble is taken to dispel ignorance and set forth the facts.

Out of Control

Down in Houston, Texas, when council refused to raise the municipal tax rate, the mayor laid off 70 street employees and public services are to be curtailed unless the money is forthcoming to meet the costs of services. In Chicago the city fathers are considering a sales tax to augment the municipal levy. We quote these instances merely to show that the problem of municipal levies knows no boundary limits. There are plenty more instances that could be given on both sides of the border.

One of the largest uncontrollable expenditures in municipalities in Ontario appears to be the levy for education. A report of a survey by the Canadian Teachers' Federation recently issued is most interesting.

According to the report estimates indicate that the proportion of provincial tax dollars allocated to education has shown virtually no change since 1946, but that the proportion of municipal expenditures on education has jumped to 35 per cent. from 29.

George C. Croskery, Secretary of the Teachers' Federation, said in commenting on the report: "It becomes increasingly clear that education costs on the municipal levy are reaching a point where greater assistance must be obtained from the senior administrations, the provincial and federal governments."

The Part-Time Job

"I feel that providing more part-time job opportunities for school children is something that should be studied very seriously by industry and commerce in co-operation with all three levels of government," Hon. James N. Allan, Ontario Minister of Highways, declared in lauding what daily and weekly newspapers are already doing in that regard.

"Our Ontario daily and weekly newspapers are setting a fine example," he said, "in helping to provide boys and girls, too, with character-building part-time jobs. They earn pocket money and, at the same time, take some of the financial pressure off their parents."

Hon. Mr. Allan pointed out that democracy in Ontario is based on Freedom of the Press which helps to bulwark such values as tolerance, concern for the unfortunate, and partnership in carrying out of the duties of citizenship.

He warned, however, that such blessings can be lost through taking them too much for granted, and he urged more appreciation of community newspapers and the splendid service they continually render as a matter of duty. The high standards of journalism in Ontario, he declared, are due to newspaper people operating under self-imposed codes of ethics which put the golden rule into daily practice.

Brief Comment

These are the days when the winter ravages are in evidence on every roadway and the road graders are much in demand on the sideroads.

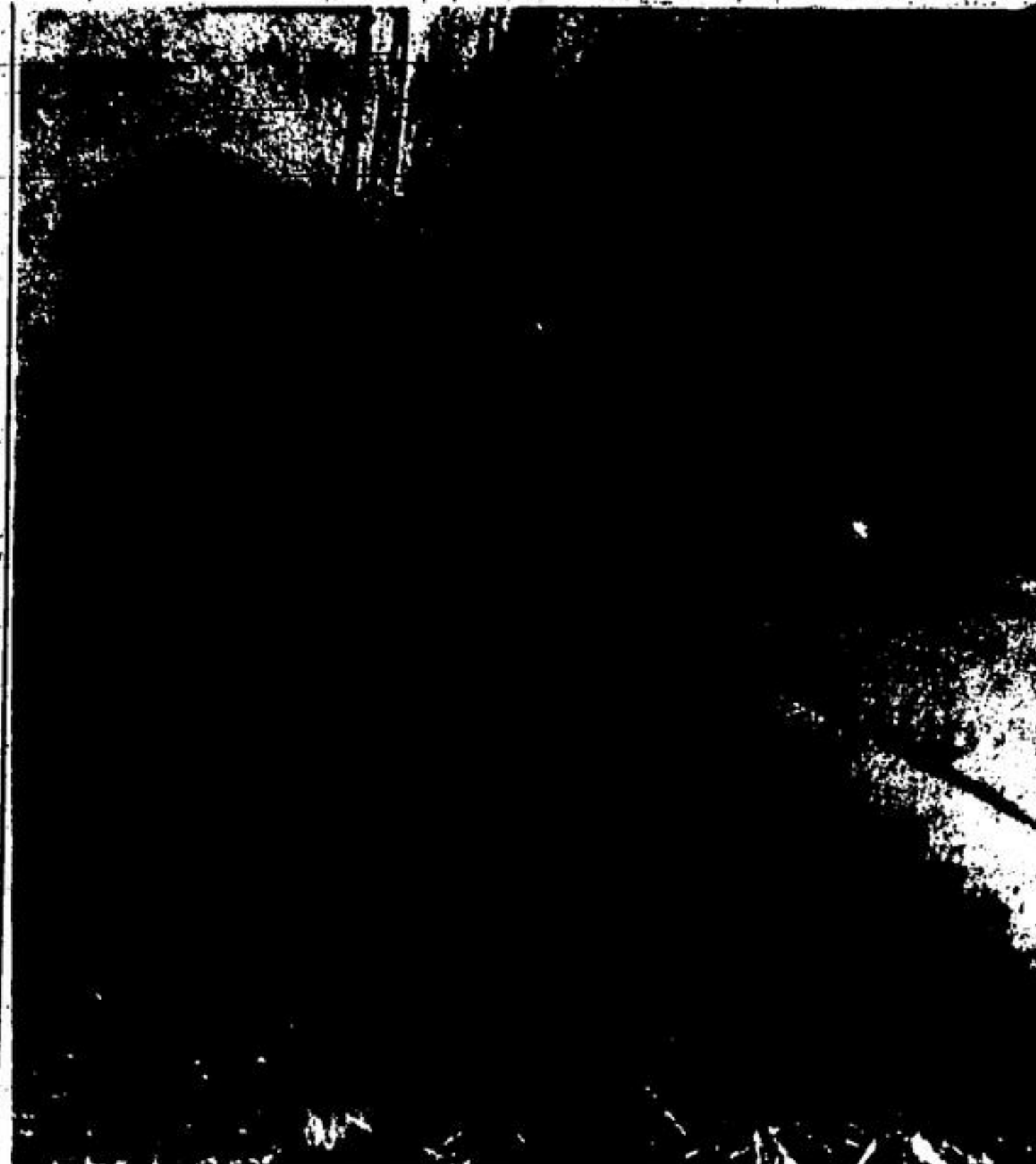
There is evidence of some very dirty tricks when piles of trash put indiscriminately on the roads come into evidence since the snow has gone.

Spring this year brings a new rush to building activity not only in town but out on the highways and roads-between towns.

Of course, you'll remember that for promptitude you will need to advance all clocks and time pieces an hour on this week-end.

There are at least two things which the end of April brings to the fore—the opening of the trout fishing season and the close of the period for remission of income tax forms.

In Ontario the provincial election preparations seem to be taking on acceleration—even if official announcement of the exact day is lacking.



CURIOUS CALVES get a kick out of the camera but not enough to joggle their calm as they gaze balefully toward the photographer who snapped the two youngsters as they were quietly minding their own business.



Village Father in Fracas
In Bronte a charge of assault brought by a local council member against the chairman of the Public Utilities Commission boomeranged in court when the magistrate ordered the councillor to pay \$20 court costs and found the P.U.C. man innocent. The charge arose out of a fracas in the P.U.C. office after the councillor was reportedly accused of giving false information to newspapers.

Polecat in the Post Office
In Oakville last week a skunk tried to enter the Post Office via a back window, fell into the window well and expressed resentment in odoriferous terms. Humane society workers failed to release the animal left a ladder for the polecat and left. Shortly after the skunk did likewise but his intangible calling card hung around for several days.

Smelt on the Run
In Bronte around this season of the year local and district fishermen are congregating on the piers to get in on the smelt run. In this sport most fishermen use a net strung from a pole and moveable on a pulley on the end of the pole. It takes long hours of the night to get a good catch of the wriggling delicacies which usually average about six inches in length.

Baby Beats Thieves
In Georgetown one night last week a baby started to cry about 4 a.m.; the mother got up, switched on a light and below the apartment, in a local garage, thieves bent on stealing a truck took to their heels and away. The intruder had broken a lock to enter, found the truck battery dead but took some odds and ends before the baby scared them off.

Toy Rocket Explodes
In Burlington a 16-year-old boy who had ambitions to be a chemist was seriously injured when a homemade rocket exploded and a steel splinter shattered his vocal chords. Doctors feared the boy may never talk again after the larynx was operated on. It is also feared the esophagus may be damaged.

BETTER TASTE
Just as movie-makers have found that they need not play down to public taste and have discovered large audiences for good quality films, so we are sure a good market will be found for better reading material. The home is, of course, the best place to nurture this taste for better literature.

Blue Goose on Top
In Milton the Blue Goose Flyers won the Ontario rural hockey league championship (senior) last week with a 15-3 victory over West Lorne in the last game in a best-of-five series. It was 13 years ago that a team from Milton last coped this cup. Next the team will play off with the O.R.H.A. intermediate winners for an all-Ontario pennant.

A Long, Long Job
In Georgetown last week members of town council spent an hour and a half reading applications for an advertised opening in town, then decided to leave the rest until the meeting this week. Only 60 letters were waded through the first night and there's 29 to go. The town had received 89 applications for the position of police chief.

Hospital Plans Progress
In Milton first membership meeting of the local hospital drive committee was held last week. A directorate was named to supervise fund raising. It's rumored some \$500,000 is needed and to call in an architect and conduct other plans toward the hospital building. Representatives of local organizations were present at Thursday night's meeting.

Girls Discover Cache
In Oakville two teenage sisters discovered a secreted arsenal on the lakeshore near the town and reported their find to local police. The cache behind rocks produced 350 rounds of nine millimeter cartridges and three boxes of 22 calibre ammunition. Last November ammunition fitting this description was reported stolen from the armories.

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THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1905
From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 20, 1905.

Mr. Wm. V. Gray of Crewsons Corners is the first to complete feeding in the neighborhood. He finished on Friday, the 14th inst. Thomas E. Price was chosen by council as municipal officer to succeed R. D. Graham. He has been a resident of Acton for several years. The salary is \$450.

The annual meeting of Acton branch of the Lord's Day Alliance was held in the town hall last Thursday evening. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, W. H. Stewart; Vice-Pres., the local ministers; Sec. Treas., Fred Plank; Rev. J. C. Wilson made an appeal to all not to violate the Sabbath by making it a day of festivity. Rev. T. Albert Moore delivered a powerful address and held the attention of all with his splendid message.

Owing to contingent having been made to the police that a car was being used for playing cards and other unlawful purposes on Tuesday afternoon, Sergeant Wilkey was detailed to investigate. The car was found in the back of the garage but in a trap near it, which was his leg.

Mr. X. has been mentioned in the early Easter letters will be numerous. The number of letters received in Acton is a record. It is gratifying to see the number of letters received in Acton. It is gratifying to see the number of letters received in Acton.

The Acton Chamber of Commerce was organized last week under the following officers: Hon. Pres. A. O. Beardsmore, Pres. J. Francis, Vice-Pres. A. A. White and Vice-Pres. Henry Sherman. Sec. Treas. W. S. Chisholm. Management Committee—N. McNair, P. Brown, H. C. Adams, Manager, Geo. Hynds, Treasurer, O. Brown, Park Committee, P. Wilson, O. Cook.

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- COACHES LEAVE ACTON**
 - Eastbound: 6:30 a.m.; 8:58 a.m.; 11:23 a.m.; 2:08 p.m.; 5:06 p.m.; 6:33 p.m.; 8:29 p.m.; 10:13 p.m.
 - Westbound: 10:27 a.m.; 12:52 p.m.; 2:57 p.m.; 5:27 p.m.; 7:27 p.m.; 9:12 p.m.; 11:32 p.m.; 1:12 a.m. (Sun. to Kitchener only).
 - Daily except Sunday and holidays. Saturday, Sunday and holidays.
- CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS**
 - Standard Time Eastbound: Daily 6:40 a.m.; Daily except Sunday 10:00 a.m.; 7:15 p.m.; Sunday only 8:01 p.m.; Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown 9:05 a.m.; 6:37 p.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown 10:11 p.m.
 - Westbound: Daily except Sun. and Mon. 1:30 a.m. Sun. and Mon. only 12:30 a.m.; Daily except Sunday 4:40 a.m.; 6:55 p.m. (except 7:45 p.m.); Saturday only 2:17 p.m.; Sunday only 9:40 p.m. (except 10:11 p.m.); Daily Flyer at Georgetown 10:11 p.m.; Daily except Sun. and Mon. stop Acton 1:10 p.m.

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76 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 6

SUNDAY, APRIL 24th, 1955
9:55 a.m.—Sunday School, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."
11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
"No cloud can overshadow a true Christian, but his faith will discern a rainbow in it." — Bishop Horne.

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ACTON
Ray H. Costerus, Pastor
Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave., Phone 306

SUNDAY, APRIL 24th, 1955
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.

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 24th, 1955
9:45 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship and Cub church parade.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship.
"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."
A Warm Welcome Awaits You

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 24th, 1955
(Second Sunday after Easter)
10:00 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Scout and Cub church parade.
4:15 p.m.—Holy Baptism.
7:00 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
ALL TIMES DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME