

# EDITORIAL

## Who is Pushing?

Acton has had not only the publicity of daily newspapers the past week, but also the advice of city editorial writers. We suppose we ought to be grateful for this guidance but unfortunately the city editorial rooms are not perhaps the best place to get a viewpoint of the small towns of Ontario.

The present is not the first time Acton town hall has been barred for the use of outside groups by council prior to 1955. Acton, like numerous other towns, has the transient traders' by-law which prohibits transient traders without a \$100 license fee to operate in Acton. If groups from out of town want a hall they might well be expected to provide it and maintain it or contribute to the rate. There appears sufficient "hawking and peddling" in the present dispute for the matter to qualify under this by-law.

Acton town hall was built and is maintained by the people who reside in Acton. The United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, 5 Douglas Street, Guelph, has no local in Acton. It does not represent the employees of any industry here. The union came to Acton without invitation and came before the new industry had moved in its full equipment or production started.

The decision of council and Mayor Tyler was made after a careful consideration of the background and record of this particular union and after weeks of pamphlet insult on the record of a new industry here. The industry had been encouraged to come to Acton to purchase a building in which no employment was available. Judging by the number of applications there were plenty of people in town and district who required employment, too.

If there is anything silly in the whole situation it is the publicity and editorial advice Acton has secured from the city press about something which is only excusable by their ignorance of the whole affair. Acton citizens are quite capable of dealing with their own municipal affairs, and abiding by the decision of its duly elected representatives.

We might add that every other union established in Acton has been granted use of the town hall and park when requested. Only this past week an Acton union held a meeting in the town hall without a word of comment. There are all kinds of unions and we are confident Actonians when made aware of the facts will choose wisely if left to consider the matter without pressure from outside interests. Surely the trivial matter of renting the town hall in Ontario municipalities is not going to be dictated from Toronto, too.

If such is the case the municipal councils might as well be abolished since this function and that of setting the tax rate are about the only items free from outside interference.

## More Underground

This age might well be termed the pipe laying age. Oil is being piped across the country. Of course, most municipalities are piped for water supply and sewers. Indications are that more lines will serve this area supplying natural gas, either from local wells or from Texas, Alberta, or some place else.

These haven't come into being yet and the Premier of Ontario announces more pipe lines to convey water from the great lakes for municipalities situated as far as 60 miles from the lakes. It's a vision of the future which may look good to places such as our town where officials are finding the ever increasing water demands of present supplies a matter of concern.

We are truly a generation of finger-tip control. Flip a tap or a button and we have service like waving a magic wand. Most of this magic service has been developed in the last 30 years and we of the generation who knew the days before these conveniences marvel much more than a younger generation who have always known these services.

Some of us, too, who recall the constant confusion of burrowing along the streets do find the digging a bit monotonous. One consolation, however, out in the towns and countryside, we have not yet started to put transportation underground.

## Paddy's Pig

Ontario hog producers have established a co-operative which will act as a selling agency for their hogs. The action was taken, it is said, "because some members were critical of the fact that United Livestock Sales, which has acted as selling agent for the producers for the past two years, was a private company and had made substantial profits."

It's rather interesting to note that this new selling arrangement only effects persons who sell hogs for slaughter. If you want to keep pigs for pets you are not forced to become a member of the co-operative. The pet pig field apparently is still left open for lovers of animals and private companies.

## Take Another Look

Now that Oakville and Burlington have grown to be big towns the Oakville Record Star raises again the argument to have these towns withdraw from the county and thereby eliminate their levy to maintenance of county institutions. We believe when the city incorporation is made by a community provision is made for such a step.

The Oakville paper says that town for this year has a levy of \$68,738 and maintains that for \$5,800 a month, nearly \$200 a day, they get use of a registry office, a county judge and occasional use of the county. "The other services it gets in return for this healthy payment could be put in your eye without noticeable discomfort."

Let's look at some of these services. Half the hospital bills of indigent patients comes from county funds; the Halton Centennial Manor is maintained through the county; there are the services of the County Health Unit; the Children's Aid Society; the money returned on county connecting roads. These are just a few of the county services that come to mind at the moment. There are more of them that Oakville would find comforting to the eye if everyone would take a real look at the situation.

We imagine the rest of Halton could get along without Oakville's contribution, but could Oakville get all the services it requires for the money it contributes to county maintenance. With the decision yet pending on Oakville on annexation bid for a big chunk of Trafalgar it seems an inopportune time to raise the question of withdrawal from the county. We believe the opinion expressed by the Oakville paper is not indicative of Oakville people generally.

## Brief Comment

The residents of new subdivisions these days have feelings akin to the pioneers in the matter of roads and access to properties.

The first week of getting accustomed to daylight-saving is always the worst. Train schedules are the most confusing item in the changeover.

This is the week when the deadline for filing of income tax returns comes on Saturday. It's one of the payments that has to be met whether you have the cash on hand or not.

If the weather is good the week-end will see the streams of the district a favorite spot for fishermen. Of course, even the weather won't deter the fellows who really want to fish.

Wearproof cloth is not much of a threat, thinks the Fort William Times-Journal. "Most men and women are wearied by monotony. They are forever wanting a change. Even though it be woven to last a lifetime, wearers are going to seek changes in style and color year after year."

We can remember when children went to bed at the hour set by their parents, says the Peterborough Examiner. "What is wrong with modern parents, that they cannot get their children into bed if there is TV to be seen? The solution to the difficulty is not to limit the hours of telecasting, but to put some backbone into the parents. And the parent who has not asserted authority about bedtime is not maintaining a home; he is keeping a lodging house, and a very poor one."



GOIN' FISHIN' are young and old in this part of the country this week-end as the 1955 season opens to beckon hundreds to Halton's streams and creeks in quest of the fasty trout. This young lad, line and pole slung over one shoulder, is off to answer the sparkling water call to sport and enjoyment.



**Builds Voyage Means**  
In Bronte a native of England is planning a return visit to his home-land next year via the province of his own labor — a 32-foot motor cruiser which he is now building in his back yard. When completed it will cost about \$3,000, including diesel engine. The builder's previous experience in building has been his home and a house trailer in England.

**Ford Hands Over \$50,000**  
In Oakville it's reported the Ford Motor Company of Canada Ltd. has donated \$50,000 toward construction of the addition to the Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. The company previously donated \$5,000 toward X-ray equipment. The \$50,000 figure represents an average of \$71.43 for each of the 700 Ford families residing in the primary area served by the hospital.

**Georgetown Sifts Applicants**  
In Georgetown council is well engaged in reviewing applications of one sort or another. At Monday night's meeting 14 of the 89 men who applied for the post of local police chief were scheduled to appear before members. Last week, council learned the engineer selected had reconsidered and was turning the job down. Two more engineering applicants have been asked to sit in this week.

**Some Go, More Come**  
In Burlington, it's reported that while Lakeshore residents are hollering that the trailers must go, more are arriving. Despite the training of an inspector, fighting two operators of trailer camps, residents charged before Nelson township council that "at least one new trailer has been moved into one of the camps." Police have been called to act but the residents are unhappy.

**Out of the Dark**  
In Bronte the local reeve predicted the village would be the best lighted in Canada when 26 street lights are installed before the end of June at a cost of \$1,700. "No other place will be able to compete," boasted the reeve. The new to old were compared as differently as coal oil lanterns to Aladdin's Lamp.

## AT THE Churches

**UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**  
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**SUNDAY, MAY 1st, 1955**  
9:55 a.m.—Sunday School. Endorsed by the highest authorities as one of the soundest of character-building agencies.  
11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship. A warm welcome awaits you.  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Hymns of your choice. Tape-recorded music. Brief message. A restful, helpful hour.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**  
"He is a good time-server that improves the present for God's glory and has his own savior."  
Thomas Fuller.

**BAPTIST CHURCH**  
ACTON  
Ray H. Costerus, Pastor  
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**SUNDAY, MAY 1st, 1955**  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7:00 p.m.—Convent Service of Witness Varsity Arena, Toronto.  
Speaker, J. W. Storer, President of Southern Baptist Convention, U.S.A.  
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer meeting.

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 1st, 1955**  
9:45 a.m.—Church School.  
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship.  
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, MAY 1st, 1955**  
(St. Philip and St. James)  
8:30 a.m.—Corporate Communion and Breakfast, Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen.  
10:00 a.m.—Church School.  
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class.  
11:00 a.m.—Choral Communion and Sermon.  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

**BACK IN 1905**  
From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 4, 1905.

From the Georgetown Herald—we wish to say emphatically that Georgetown has no ill-feeling toward Milton on account of it having been decided that one of our public institutions is to be built at Georgetown: Milton and Georgetown are both too old to be childish. Let coolness and good judgment prevail.

The old plank sidewalks on a number of streets have become positively dangerous. The Toronto News of Friday reported: With a view of improving the streets the council gave a tentative order for a road grader. They will be doing the sensible thing in closing the deal for this useful piece of machinery.

Mr. Arthur White's assembly to be held in the town hall this evening as "a largely attended ball last night." The news is a trifle previous in its report of this popular social event.

Nearly everything is in readiness for this important event which has been exercising the minds of society people here for several weeks. The decorators from the T. Eaton Co. were busy all day yesterday in the work of transforming the town hall. Hundreds of yards of bunting are used for a background and over this are arranged flags, shield and horseshoe designs. There is a pretty rendezvous at each side of the stage, and two dainty marquees.

The effect of the decorations is very striking, especially by electric light.

**WANT FIVE-DAY WEEK**  
Edmonton (CP)—Four major milk distributing firms have made a joint application to the board of public utility commissioners for adoption of a five-day week delivery system in Edmonton. At present a 44-hour week is in effect.

**FAITHFUL PONY**  
Shepard, Alta. (CP)—When Babe died, the J. T. Anderson family mourned the loss of an old established method of transportation. Babe, a docile buckskin pony, had carried the entire Anderson family to and from school.

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