

# EDITORIAL

## Lucky Or Unlucky

Thursday may be a favorite day with Premier Frost for an election but from the standpoint of a weekly newspaper, it's more objectionable than a mid-week holiday. Of necessity, the editorial comment must be written early in the week. News items and advertising must be arranged on Wednesday at the latest.

Any advertising of election is therefore of little use to the candidates since it only appears on the date of the voting. Any editorial comment on the last minute phases of the campaign has no bearing. Finally news of the results is not available before Friday, the day after the paper is printed and consequently held over for a week.

We suppose it will have no bearing on any political leader what the troubles of a weekly newspaper editor involve. We wouldn't for the world place any more grief on any leader in any field. But Thursday elections are just a pain in the neck in any newspaper in the weekly field. We hope somebody will find a day that is more lucky.

## Toot-Toot

The police chief of Long Branch has issued a warning to wedding celebrants that those who follow a car carrying a bride and groom tooting the horns on their cars will find themselves in jail charged under the village's anti-noise by-law.

We agree with the police chief of that community that these horn tooting processions are a nuisance and do not pay tribute in any way to the sanctity of marriage. Matrimony is a sacred ceremony blessed by God. It is a solemn contract between two people to join forces until death parts them. Matrimony is the most sacred thing in the lives of any couple. It doesn't rate as a cheap parade or side show with noise just for the sake of noise and to attract attention.

We do not know whether there is an anti-noise by-law here or not but there are many folks who would welcome such a by-law if it would stop this cheap demonstration that has become part of the wedding proceedings of today.

## The Real Highway Menace

According to Prof. Joslyn Rogers, analytical chemist and consultant to the attorney general's department, alcohol is involved in approximately 85 per cent. of the traffic accidents in this province.

The same authority expresses the belief that it was to blame for between 200 and 400 of last year's 1,000 traffic highway fatalities.

Professor Rogers discusses the matter, not as a temperance advocate, but as an analytical chemist, when he explains the effect of alcohol on the motorist.

"Alcohol produces a sense of euphoria," says the professor. "That means you think you can drive deeper, swim farther and come out dryer than anyone else. Or you think you can pass a car going at 50 miles an hour. But you may meet someone coming from the opposite direction who is also suffering from euphoria."

A lack of discretion, an unjustified confidence in one's ability as a driver—these are alcohol's fatal gifts to the motorist who, to already heavy libations, adds "one for the road."

## Pre-Vacation Dreaming

This is the time of year when most Canadians enjoy what may be the best part of summer holidays—the anticipation.

In an idle hour they can relax and dream about the pleasure soon to come or plan a vacation even more idyllic than the one they intend to take. This dreaming and planning can extend over several weeks and it doesn't cost a cent.

Even if a man's wife wants to go to the mountains and the man himself favors going to the seaside, he can dream anyway—about the seaside, of course.

The nicest thing about this pre-holiday anticipating is that in it everything works out perfectly. The fisherman fills his creels. The golfer shoots his hole-in-one. The motorist rolls merrily along with never a traffic jam or a flat tire. The bashful youth finds a sweetheart or the shy Miss lands a husband.

## More and More Favor

Again this year Acton organizations carried out a most successful Decoration Day on Sunday. The weather was co-operative for a function out-of-doors and the district groups gave splendid co-operation in supplying bands and participating in the parade. On behalf of citizens both present and former residents, a word of appreciation is due to all who worked to make the event so impressive.

In June the cemeteries present their best and it is a grand time in which to pay tribute to those who have gone on before. Flowers, too, are in profusion and all the graves in their row on row were a tribute with the bright floral decorations.

It is an appropriate time of year for an outdoor service such as Decoration Day can provide. We used to have more of them in Acton in the summer months than we have in these later years. We hope that Decoration Day will continue to be an annual event to perpetuate these services.

A suggestion that was passed on to us and which we have relayed to members of the committee was that a floral tribute and some place in the program should be given in recognition of the Pioneers' Cemetery just off Knox Avenue where the remains of the early settlers of this section are interred. We feel that this oversight will be corrected and that Decoration Day in Acton will continue to find a place in the hearts and lives of those of us who remain.

## Not Always Price

The other day we noted that in New Toronto a tender had been let for certain work at a bid of \$20,467. The engineer's estimate of the cost of the work had been \$32,362. A difference in the two estimates of approximately \$10,000. One sometimes wonders at the wide variance when bids are opened on building and construction jobs whether they are estimates or pure guesses. It is quite easy to reconcile moderate differences in prices submitted by tender of a few dollars but when a third of the total amount involved in the whole creates the difference many of us who prepare estimates on smaller items and are criticized for differences in cost are a bit flabbergasted at the wide spread in construction bids.

This occurs on most every construction job called for tender and is not peculiar to New Toronto or any other municipality. Adding to the confusion is the fact that the estimates are prepared from identical specifications and the engineers who prepare the plans are very liable to be at wide variance with the offer of some company to undertake the work.

After all, as in most things, we suppose the prime factor for consideration is reliability of the firm for successful completion of such work as well as the price consideration. Many a municipality and individual have found that price is not always the prime factor in getting work done.

## Brief Comment

Time is at hand when school pupils are being put to the test regarding the studies which have been assigned them over the past year.

June, the month of strawberries and green peas and the start of the crop of home-grown vegetables. Roses also bloom this month to add beauty to out-of-doors.

Most taxpayers would be greatly shocked if comparisons were made in the amount of value received for tax dollars, these days as compared with that of 25 years ago. More and more people are obtaining an easy ride on the shoulders of the taxpaying public.—Langley (B.C.) Advance.

We are making education in high schools too easy, says the Nanton (Alta.) News. "The watering down of courses in order to encourage and attract students is unrealistic in the extreme. Here is the twentieth century making more extensive demands every year, yet school courses are consistently spread thinner. Instead of being intensified to meet the needs of the times courses are diluted again and again."



—Photo by Esther Taylor

JUNE IN THE COUNTRY is a time of growth and green, when warm weather brings forth crops and gardens, fully leafs the trees and puts grass and pasture land in a rich verdant garb. The scorching heat of July and August, the drier months, has yet to tarnish the green sheen that coats the countryside.



**Money for Hospital**  
In Oakville it's reported the Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial hospital building campaign has yielded a total of \$360,000 to date. There is still some \$78,000 to be raised before the objective is reached. Proceeds of the general canvass have reached \$82,000, while \$130,000 has been raised in special gifts and \$125,000 in grants from industry and commerce.

**Sewers or Schools?**  
In Bronte a gathering of citizens last week demanded a referendum before the end of June to decide whether or not the village should install a \$289,000 sewer system. While the attendance at this meeting was largely unanimous, some opposition, led by those concerned over the building of a new school, was voiced.

**No Election by Wards**  
In Burlington last week, council approved a re-division of the town into six instead of four wards, but in the next breath voted against a move to elect councillors by wards. The councillor who sponsored the motion announced he would attempt to line up voters' support on the idea and bring a petition before council.

**New Look Long Overdue**  
In Georgetown a proposal for a drastic "new look" to the town's downtown section was outlined last week when it was announced the main thoroughfare through town may get a complete repaving and in spots, a widening. "Citizens will feel a lot prouder of the roadway than they do at the present time," the Herald comments.

**Rock-Throwers in Court**  
In Oakville three boys, all under 10, were put on probation for a year by a juvenile court magistrate for using a local woman with stones. The woman is said to have suffered injuries to the head, and legs after the youngsters fired rocks at her while she was walking in a new subdivision.

**In the Industry Race**  
In Bronte establishment of "controlled industries" in the commercial area may be permitted if the council allows itself to be guided by results of a poll in the district. Only councillor declared the poll improper but another countered the village had been losing industry long enough and needed to take steps to get more assessment.

**Private to Public**  
In Burlington, a launching ramp at the foot of Spencer Park for the use of small boat owners was approved by council last week, on an unanimous vote, but none of the names of the 30 boat owners was revealed. The ramp will be built privately, but supervised by the town engineer and then will become public property.

**Control Proposal Lambasted**  
In Trafalgar township last week ratepayers meeting in a Sixth Line school, had a hectic time of it as they gathered to boo, criticize, jeer and generally knock the stuffing out of a proposal by the council to put an industrial zone tab, for "future" development on a northern stretch of the township, now used as farmland.

**Township Cuts Connection**  
In Milton it looks as if Trafalgar township has severed connections as far as planning is concerned. Trafalgar has pointed out it will not sit in on any more meetings of the Milton-North Trafalgar Planning Board unless specifically invited. At one time it was hoped a working joint board could be established.

**DIESEL PURCHASES**  
Why all the panic in the purchase of more diesels for Eastern Canada? The new equipment is being bought at a time when excellent progress is reported in the perfection of the new coal-fired gas turbine which will continue to use our coal, and which will give the railroads more efficiency than the present-day diesels. — Springhill (N.S.) Record.

An estimated 2,419,000 families had children 24 years of age and under living at home at the start of June, 1954.

## AT THE Churches

<p><b>UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA</b> Acton, Ontario Rev. E. A. Curry, B.A., B.D., Minister Parsonage—29 Bower Avenue Phone 60</p> <p>Mr. George Elliott, Organist and Choir Leader 76 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 6</p> <p><b>SUNDAY, JUNE 12th, 1955</b> 9:55 a.m.—Sunday School. For every child, faith in God. 11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship. 7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. A quiet, relaxing hour of praise, prayer and fellowship.</p> <p><b>THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK</b> "There was never law, or sect, or opinion, did so much magnify goodness as the Christian religion doth." (Bacon)</p>	<p><b>PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA</b> <b>KNOX CHURCH, ACTON</b> REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG M.A., B.D., Minister</p> <p><b>SUNDAY, JUNE 12th, 1955</b> 9:45 a.m.—Church School. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. 7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." A Warm Welcome Awaits You</p>	<p><b>BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON</b> Ray H. Costerus, Pastor Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave. Phone 206w</p> <p><b>SUNDAY, JUNE 12th, 1955</b> 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. 7:00 p.m.—Evening Service. 8:15 p.m.—B.Y.P.U.</p>	<p><b>ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY</b> Meeting in L.O.L. Hall, Crewson's Corners. Pastor: Rev. K. J. Reid, 81 Cook St., Telephone 849w.</p> <p><b>SUNDAY, JUNE 12th, 1955</b> 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. 7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service. Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Cottage prayer meeting and Bible study. A Friendly Welcome to All</p>
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## THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

### BACK IN 1935

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 13, 1935

Fire! Just as going to press the Grain Warehouse at the station is being completely destroyed by fire, and flames are also destroying the elevator.

Announcement was made on Friday of the appointment of W. J. L. Hampshire, former reeve of Exeter township, as Sheriff and Surrogate Court clerk of Halton county, succeeding J. M. MacKenzie, Milton, County Clerk, and Col. G. O. Brown, Georgetown, who held the post of Sheriff. William Anderson, former deputy-reeve of the I.O.D.E. and Reeve and Council, School Board, representatives of the Girl Guides and Boy Scouts and press were guests on this occasion. Zone Commander Col. G. O. Brown was also present and the first president of Acton branch, W. J. Gould, who has been ill, was again able to attend and received a royal welcome.

The Legion Hall had undergone a transformation in its decoration and the appearance on this evening gave indication of hard work and careful planning on the part of the committee, under the leadership of Mr. E. E. Barr. A splendid banquet followed the program.

Repairs have been made to the Mill St. pavement and holes filled.

The tenth anniversary of Rockwood United Church took place on Sunday afternoon. On Monday the afternoon supper was partaken of, followed by a program.

### BACK IN 1905

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 8, 1905

Mr. J. K. Brown, Phm. B., who has been managing one of Mr. W. W. McKeague's drug stores in Winnipeg the past year, has just commenced business on his own account. On Tuesday he opened a new drug store in that city. Mr. Brown's many friends here wish him every success in business in America's most rapidly growing city.

In pursuance of their plan of mutual help and improvement in matters culinary and domestic, the members of Halton Women's Institute, to the number of about 40, drove to the home of Mrs. Wm. McDonald, fourth line, on Friday afternoon to hold their regular meeting. The feature of the program was a demonstration of the uses of a steam separator.

Our gallant flame-fighters were the hosts at an enjoyable open air function in the park on Friday evening. A dance in the drill shed after the program was well patronized.

Acton station is indeed a busy place at present. Gangs of navvies are raising and lowering, shifting, taking up and lowering track. The whole system of track is to be moved from 20 to 40 feet to the north. The new station now gives some idea of its future appearance.

The present unavailing condition of most of the roadways about town has put the watering cart practically out of commission. Mud holes are indeed evident.

The quarterly general meeting of the Board of Trade will be held next week. It is understood that a couple of industries are seeking to locate in Acton and the board must act at once.

Fairview cemetery was visited by crowds of citizens on Sunday afternoon to witness the unveiling of the monument to the late George Vincent of the Acton Society. Woodmen of the World. Proceeded by the band, members marched to the cemetery. There was a program, hymns and address.

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