

EDITORIAL

Not a Cure-all

Many of us can remember when folks who were treated in hospitals had to be critically ill. There was no pre-payment hospital plans and it was less costly—even if more inconvenient—to have home treatment. Matter of fact it was quite an undertaking to get a patient transported to the hospitals which were all in the cities. That was before the motor age and the screeching sirens of course.

But hospital beds and nursing care were in those days readily available for sick folk. You didn't need to wait weeks for a hospital bed, it was almost as prompt as "next" in the barber shops. We were intrigued by reading in Napier Moore's Scratch Pad column this week of some of the things he has been learning about the Health Service in England. For those who consider a National Health Service the answer to all the ills to which human beings are prone, we quote a couple of paragraphs:

"We had a chat with an English working man about the British Health Service. His wife is suffering from a leg so badly ulcerated that last October amputation was recommended. Other medical advisers said that with proper hospital care the limb might be saved. In November application was made for a hospital bed. Up to June 6 no bed had been obtained.

"We talked with a hardworking country-town doctor about the Health Service. He said a woman patient of his was desperately in need of an operation requiring great skill. In November he approached a surgeon friend of his, a specialist in such operations, who as a personal favor, promised to do the job as soon as a hospital bed could be found. After seven months, a bed was found, but up to now the surgeon hasn't fulfilled his promise. The doctor tackled him the other day. The surgeon said, 'Look, I've spent the whole morning fitting 10 fat women with free corsets. I have to do it under the Health Scheme regulations. I'm away behind on operations.' The doctor asked how long he thought it would be before he could do the job he had promised to do. The surgeon said, 'At this rate, two years from now.'

There were more observations made by Mr. Moore in his Financial Post column that were worthy of thought. They might well be read by those who believe a state controlled National Health Service is the answer to all our ills. Humans are not like machines to be assembly line repaired and serviced. Their need can best be judged by doctors and trained assistants rather than dictated by inflexible rules laid down by governments.

Two is Sufficient

It seems to be generally conceded that Ontario would have been better off during the next four years if a stronger Liberal opposition group had been returned to the legislature. Mr. Frost has more strength than he requires or can use and with eight to one it would seem that many duly elected representatives will not find it necessary to give very strict attention to the duties for which they have been chosen by the people.

For the weakness of the opposition in the Legislature it would seem third parties and particularly the CCF are to blame. Many of these candidates were put in the field without a chance of winning. One thing has been demonstrated that third parties are on the wane in Ontario. The CCF has been slipping steadily in percentage of popular vote, down from 27 in 1948 to 17 in 1955, but more significantly it has dropped in total vote too. In the 1948 election in Ontario almost half a million votes went to CCF candidates. In 1951, the total was less than 350,000 and in this year's voting it was down to well under 300,000. That would surely be sufficient enough evidence at any time. But this decline has taken place at a period when the total population of the province was forging ahead, and particularly in urban and industrial areas where the CCF is supposed to have a hold.

The sooner we get back to two parties in our political affairs the better government we can expect. There is room for all people and all opinions in either the Conservative or Liberal ranks. This is applicable not only in provincial affairs but in our Dominion parliament as well.

Those complaints about the cold weather are now being replaced by comments about the heat. One thing about Canada: we can always criticize the weather with such a variety.

Privileges for All

Newcomers to Acton and many from out-of-town have found that the natural facilities offered at Acton Park and the privately owned Breezes across the water compare most favorably with those that require a great deal of travel to reach on a week-end. Every holiday and week-end these spots are crowded with picnickers or folks out for a short trip from the cities.

If they are to be kept enticing to the public, the task of keeping them in good condition is largely up to those who use these facilities. The scattering of bottles and litter do not make any spot attractive. The abuse or misuse of equipment put there for the enjoyment of all cannot be tolerated. These spots are appreciated and used rightly by most folks and it is only a thoughtless minority who make them objectionable. There is only one course to pursue. Those who cannot conduct themselves properly in public must be denied the privileges that are available around Acton and its Fairy Lake.

For the Love of it

If one likes to do home gardening as a hobby—just for the pleasure of planting, combating of weeds and bugs, and digging for fish worms and turning them under—we think it's a very old and noble pastime. But the home garden as a source of replenishment for the family table went out when the movies came in to occupy the evenings and have been followed by a multitude of other distractions.

New potatoes that were so welcome in July in 1900 have been available in the stores for weeks in 1955. The radishes you buy have a reasonable assurance of being not half worm-eaten. Nearly everything that used to be so welcome from the home garden in June has been available in the fruit stores all winter long. With the home freezers now available, if one wished every product of the home garden would be now found right in the home.

There are still many folks who like to "grow their own" but we wonder if that group is not diminishing. We do have longer daylight hours, short work weeks and more leisure, but the trend is not to spend it in the home garden. We will not debate whether the trend is good or bad, but it does seem that like everything else gardening is being done by the specialists rather than the amateurs. Just as in sports our amateurs are disappearing.

You Take the Chance

These days as motorists drive along highways to and from summer cottages or on vacation or business there will be the usual lot of fellows thumbing a ride. Perhaps you have plenty of room and without any inconvenience could offer the hitchhiker a ride. There's a great temptation to give a helping hand—but the record shows that in the interests of your own well-being it is much better to keep on your way alone.

The Reader's Digest recently published a very grim warning against the practice, giving a few of the long list of brutal murders which have been perpetrated by hitchhikers on those who befriend them. The article does not make good reading. But it is reading which carries with it a grim warning which all those who travel will do well to heed.

There is absolutely no sure way of knowing whether the hitchhiker is worthy of a lift or whether he is an inmate escaped from some institution, or a person who would commit murder to get whatever you might have of value. If you give him a lift you are taking the big chance: There is only one safe rule to follow. Make it yours and do not deviate from it. Don't give a lift to the hitchhiker along any highway. You have nothing to gain for your kindness and you may lose your life for the chance you take.

Conditions are such that all business is leveling off to where the storekeeper must really do a job of selling to the customer. Business demands that the big businessman be really on his toes if he is to secure his full share of the business in his community.—Huntingdon (Que.) Gleaner.



—Photo by Esther Taylor

SUMMERTIME SUNSHINE is just fine for youngsters, and that goes for youngsters of this kind too. This kid, who has a lamb-like disposition, goes along with every other youngster, this week in welcoming summer which made its debut Monday. The curious gaze on this kid's face is directed at the camera—which naturally isn't shown.

NORTH WEST EAST SOUTH

Land Use Map Done
In Milton the Planning Board last week accepted the proposed official land use map and recommended council give it formal approval. Before the plan is finally approved, it must go to the Minister of Planning and Development, then be put before a public hearing. Many meetings with town planner P. A. Deacon preceded the plan's completion.

Rest One Offend
In Georgetown last week council took an uncomfortable view about allowing a 220-lot subdivision to go through on a farm within the town limits because there seemed to be no "compensating industry" in the offing with this deal. Besides, one councillor observed, a quick go-ahead on this might annoy Mr. Heslop who has big expansion plans for Georgetown with a balanced residential-industrial development.

A "Sudden" Dress Up
In Burlington it's reported that Nelson township council made a "sudden" move to dress up the municipality by putting the veto on such indecorative establishments as salvage yards which might deal in such assorted junk as waste paper, rags, bones, bottles, bicycle tires, old metal and such second-hand goods.

In Georgetown Too
In Georgetown apparently there's trouble—just as Acton has—with keeping young motorists, whose common sense is about as lacking as their civil sense, off the park track. The culprits take to tearing around the track raising dust and endangering playing children, cutting over newly-seeded lawn areas and generally making a foolhardy nuisance of themselves.

Settlement in View
In Burlington it's reported that some kind of settlement following the schism between the town's Recreational Committee and former recreation director, Ted Lambert, is nearing settlement in an action against the town. Lambert was dismissed some time ago with few reasons given, and a big howl of protest rose from a citizens' committee who couldn't go along with the reasons—or lack of them—of dismissal.

A House Divided
In Bronte, amid accusations of "stalling" and "outside influence," the Reeve extended the date for the village's crucial sewer vote on July 11. Whether there would be an overall vote or voting by sections separately, won't be decided until a special council meeting is held. Council has been divided on the matter.

Plan for Clarkson
In Oakville it's reported that a huge roofing concern, the Barrett Company Limited, said to be the world's largest manufacturer of roofing materials and insulating boards in the parent company, is establishing a branch factory near near-by Clarkson on No. 2 Highway. It is said to have bought part of a 310-acre industrial tract.

A Big Hike This
In Milton, a big hike in building permits for houses was approved at the last meeting of council when members decided on a \$100 increase to rates hitherto comparable with surrounding municipalities. Anyone wanting to build a house valued at around \$12,000 will have to fork over \$110 to the town for a permit.

LOW WATER
CACHE BAY, ONT. (CPI)—A matter of 12 inches in the water level sidelined 200 men in this lumbering town. Lake Nipissing water level dropped so low that logs could not be floated to the saw mill, this town's only industry.

AT THE Churches

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Acton, Ontario
Rev. E. A. Curry, B.A., B.D.
Parsonage—29 Bower Avenue
Phone 80

Mr. George Elliott,
Organist and Choir Leader
76 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 8

SUNDAY, JUNE 26th, 1955
9.55 a.m.—Sunday School, No. 100
11.15 a.m.—Morning Worship, Reception into membership. Farewell service.

7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship, Joint service of all Protestant churches.

PERSONALITY
"Men have yet to learn the value of human personality. The fact that a person is white, or black, or yellow, or of one race or another, of this religion or that—these things are not all-important. It is the human personality that should come first."

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 26th, 1955
8.30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
Church School closed for summer vacation, will re-open on Sunday, September 11.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
4.15 p.m.—Holy Baptism.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Service in the United Church, Farewell for the Rev. E. A. Curry.

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 26th, 1955
9.45 a.m.—Church School.
11.00 a.m.—Mr. William Bell.
7.00 p.m.—Rev. E. A. Curry's farewell service in the United Church.

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."
A Warm Welcome Awaits You

BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON
Ray H. Costerus, Pastor
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Phone 200

SUNDAY, JUNE 26th, 1955
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
Sunday evening service at United Church.
8.15 p.m.—B.Y.P.U.

ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY
Meeting in L.O.L. Hall, Crewson's Corners.
Pastor: Rev. K. J. Reid,
81 Cook St., Telephone 640

SUNDAY, JUNE 26th, 1955
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

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1935

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 27, 1935.

Sessions of the council of the Baptist church are being held in Acton today. This evening a service which is of interest to all and open for all to attend will take place. Mr. G. R. Easter will be ordained into the ministry of the Baptist church. Mr. Easter has been the pastor of Acton church for the past two years and has now completed his studies and graduated from college.

Mr. McDougall has made some notable improvements at Edgewood Park this season. Now the facilities can accommodate from 500 to 600 picnickers at one time.

Rev. C. L. Poole will preach his farewell sermon at the United church on Sunday. He will remove shortly to his new pastorate at Ridgeway.

Last Thursday evening the choir of the church held a picnic supper and social time to honor Mrs. C. L. Poole and Mr. George Poole prior to their leaving. Both have been valued members of the choir during their residence here, and Mrs. Poole since her girlhood. This severing of the long connection of Mrs. Poole with the home church and especially in her faithful service in the choir, is keenly felt by all the members and congregation and the addresses paid tribute to her and her work.

Last evening a meeting was held in Acton town hall of the farmers and milk producers in the plan to make Halton one of the counties in the proposed restricted tuberculosis area. All but about half a dozen attending the meeting approved the plan of having Halton take this forward step. It was a pleasure to note that Halton farmers were well aware of the situation, and while many have had accredited herds for some time, others were ready to join in this progressive move.

Mason Knitting Co. are building another extension to their plant on Willow St.

BACK IN 1905

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 22, 1905.

The revolving wheel of the itinerant system in connection with the Methodist church has reached the time when farewells must be said to Rev. A. E. Smith and family, and in a few days welcome will be extended to Rev. George Barker and his family.

In an article in the London Standard this week, Sir Charles Dilke says that the recent changes in the dockyards of Canada were based on policy rather than on strategy. The government must be of the opinion that all further disputes between Great Britain and the United States will be settled by arbitration.

Complaints have been made of the very unightly and disagreeable habit some people have of expectorating tobacco juice on the sidewalk.

The czar of Russia has at last come down from his absolutely monarchial position and allowed elected representatives to be admitted to the operations of the state.

The civic holiday excursion to Bracebridge last Wednesday under the auspices of the Sons of Scotland was in all respects successful. About 200 excursionists left Acton, accompanied by Acton Cornet Band and Piper Ross, so there was music galore en route. The Caledonian games formed an attractive feature of the program in this pretty Muskoka town.

The surroundings of the new G. T.R. station have certainly been radically changed. A well-known ex-councillor who had been at Toronto the other day, stepped off the train and was so bewildered, he had to ask where he was.

The septic tank system—the new modern method of treating sewage—is being tried at the new station. License Inspector Reynolds was here on a stilt hunt a couple of days last week.

W. J. Kee has put a telephone in his livery stable.

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