

EDITORIAL

Unknown Power

Following a recent inquest in Ontario the jury brought in a recommendation which was long overdue and should have immediate attention. The jury recommended that an age should be established under which children were allowed to operate farm tractors.

The jury was making inquiry into the death of a three year-old child who had been run over and killed by a tractor. A five year-old was at the controls of the tractor at the time. There will be doubt in the minds of many that death could be termed accidental in this instance. We presume that tractors like cars have equipment for starting that can be locked. Perhaps we are wrong in assuming this since we have never examined one of these farm machines very closely. The fact remains, however, that a tractor is a very powerful piece of machinery. Too powerful to be available for any child five year old to have access to its operation.

Many of us are looking too lightly on the power that is packed into tractors and cars. Many are overestimating the ability of our children. It is to be hoped some thought will be given to the jury recommendation of a minimum age for the operation of farm tractors.

Better still and more effective than any law will be the recognition by parents of the danger that tractors can be to children. The controls are built and arranged for the use of adults. Putting children in the driver's seat is inviting disaster. A law embodying a minimum age for operators should be endorsed by every parent.

Last Issue For July

Next week there will be no issue of the Free Press as the entire staff enjoy a week's vacation. The office will be closed from tomorrow night until the day after Civic Holiday. We hope you will miss the regularity of your home town newspaper. For many years we tried to maintain issues every one of the 52 weeks of the year. We found, however, that always some members of the staff were without vacation in such a scheme.

More and more the custom has developed in industry to close down plants for a given period so that vacations can be had by all. It's a common trend in industry.

This will be the last issue for this month. Next issue will be August 4th when we'll be back again with a full budget of the local news for every week until next summer. Your editor plans to make a trip into New York state to revisit localities where he worked in newspaper and printing establishments over 35 years ago and has not visited since those days. We are not expecting to find many (if any) of those who worked with in those years and like those who revisit Acton after years of absence we anticipate seeing many changes in the cities which we knew quite well in other years.

Blue But Not Pink!

Down through the years it appeared that blue was the color for boys and pink for the girls. It started right at the cradle and was pretty rigidly adhered to right into the adult years. Something has happened. We don't know whether it is the urge of the male to be different or the influence of the female to switch colors. Perhaps it's the independence of man asserting that like women, he shall have perfect freedom in the choice of all colors.

At any rate pink has come into male attire with a crash that made it the accepted thing in such things as shirts, ties and socks. From a recognized color for bathrooms, pink has now become common on the highways in motor car color combinations and the one color car is the conspicuous one. Pink has not yet been used as the color for road or building machinery or trucks. But any day we may see the road graders and bulldozers shed their yellow coats for mauve or pink in the trend to the effeminate.

Christmas is still six months distant and father's day has been safely passed this year. With an eye to the future it might be well for the men to register very carefully their likes and dislikes for the common trend towards pink for men.

A Friendly Centre

In a news article last week attention was called to the acts which were foolish and dangerous to those who use the facilities at Acton Park. Broken glass is always a hazard in any spot. In the water it is a double hazard to hundreds.

Sunday we visited Acton park. Hundreds were enjoying the cooling waters in Fairy Lake and the small children had their own protected cooling place in the juvenile pool. Picnic tables were all taken and many more had picnic lunches spread out in shady spots. Fishermen lined the banks and across the water at the Breezes there was another crowd of equal proportions. It is indeed fortunate that the water seems to have been largely cleared from pollution in Fairy Lake and thus far this summer bathing here has been possible.

To top off the enjoyment here on Sunday afternoon Acton Citizens' Band provided a fine concert from the grandstand. Many of those enjoying the park facilities were from out-of-town. It was a friendly and enjoyable spot. There was no charge for the facilities, the music, the picnic tables and the bathing facilities. All that was asked was that folks who use them be thoughtful for others; that they keep the place clean and tidy; that they use it in such a way that it will be safe and clean for everyone.

Many of the visitors come from a distance where no such facilities are to be found. They know the value of having them in their community. Acton park and Acton people can do much to create a favorable impression of a friendly town to a wide circle. The park and its surroundings is an area we should all cherish and we liked that added touch on Sunday that in spite of the heat, the band boys provided music to add to the welcome to Acton.

Reform What?

Periodically we hear the argument set forth for Senate reform in Canada. In other circles occasionally there's the cry for abolition of county councils and provincial governments. Nobody however, does anything about any of them because there just doesn't seem anyone so proficient in the field in which he or she is serving who can give the necessary solution.

We suppose Senate reform would have to be instigated by the House of Commons. After an occasional perusal of the debates there and the filibuster of the past few weeks one would hardly hope to expect reform to start from this source. There's one thing about the Senate that's at least in its favor. The debates are brief and the reports of the proceedings are not nearly so voluminous as those of the House of Commons. Whatever they are or are not accomplishing in the Senate is at least done with a minimum of effort.

Sometime when you run short of reading matter get a copy of the daily debate in the House of Commons. You'll find it amusing even if irrelevant in many instances to the subject under discussion. You'll understand why many of the members are away from Ottawa so many days during the session.

When you've digested it you will perhaps wonder, as we have, who is going to reform the Senate or any other of our administrative bodies. We are a very talkative people and the subjects of debate may run the gamut from roads and bridges to world affairs of other nations and their mode of life—all of which is of course much inferior to the speaker's own conception of how things should be done. Freedom of speech and expression is a wonderful part of our land and one of the wonders of it is that so much of it can be used with such little effect.

Brief Comments

It is a good thing for some people, remarks the Sudbury Star "that the government doesn't make them pay income tax on what they think they're worth."

The weather this summer has been sufficiently torrid to drive the southern residents of Ontario to the more northern parts. In a few months the trend will be reversed.



PHOTOGRAPHERS' MODELS come in all shapes, ages, textures and colors in fact almost anything that might appeal to the picture taker's fancy as interesting or amusing. But still the all-time favorite, even outranking the much-touted "cheesecake", are babies as photographic subjects. Above is graphic evidence why this is so.

NORTH WEST EAST SOUTH

A Matter of Price
In Bronte the local school board is having trouble getting land for a new school, so much so that it foresees the need to set up a Board of Arbitration to obtain land on the west side of the village. The Board, it seems, hasn't been able to get the land at the price it's willing to pay and is getting desperate for a means of settlement.

Now Gas in Georgetown
In Georgetown it's reported the council has signed over franchise rights for natural gas in the town to the Halton Natural Gas Co., an offshoot of a large Toronto company. The Herald headlines the idea that gas could be in town in six months. The same paper also reports Milton to have gone and granted a franchise to the same company.

The Brighter Side
In Burlington, speaking before council on civil defense, the director of the Hamilton area warned that a third world war would be won or lost in 30 days. He later added, optimistically, that the area wouldn't likely be a primary target spot for "at least a week" should atomic or hydrogen warfare come to this land.

No Dishonest Dollars
In Erin the local paper is up in arms, understandably, over a faker who's travelling about offering reduced renewals—for cash—to the same local paper. The Advocate warns its subscribers to be wary of unauthorized strangers trying to make a shabby buck in this manner, and urges them to ask for proper identification.

Snafu in Ottawa?
In Ottawa the Record-Star charges that Ottawa has snafued the verbal agreement between the town and postal department over a swap to enable the town to put a public library in the old post office building. The Mayor is reported to have demanded the omission, as snafu is not a verb, and brought back into acceptable form.

There are more than 4,000 uses of wood today.

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THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1905

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 27, 1905
"Of one thing I am already satisfied, that Canada has enough pulp wood to supply the world forever," was the statement made one morning last week by Herr A. Schenk, a commissioner of the German government, who arrived at the King Edward Hotel that day. He expects wood will be shipped to Germany. "Rulers of the fatherland are looking for new sources of supply," he said.

Work will commence this week on 12 more houses for Messrs. Beard, more and Co. on their property south of Queen St. Mr. J. B. Mackenzie has secured the contract.

It is a question if any other country in this province has as fine bank barns as Halton. Mr. George Lasby lately raised a new barn on his farm, lot 18, Con. 1, Esquesing, and last week Mr. Jas. Scott of lot 22, Con. 33, raised another. Mr. W. W. Scott of the sixth line at Limehouse is also building a commodious new barn.

It is expected that Prince Louis of Battenburg, who will be at Halifax the latter part of the coming month, will visit the Canadian National Exhibition.

Expressman Harvey, not to be behind anyone, drove up to the new station on opening day with his dray resplendent in glowing colors, the entire outfit being in keeping with the new surroundings.

The hint given in the Free Press a month or so ago that the new station warranted a new bus has borne fruit. With the opening of the new depot, Mr. Williams drove up in a new omnibus which will seat eight inside and two with the driver. The vehicle is artistically painted, the gearing being buff, the body maroon and the window frames ash. The upholstery is brown leather. This is Acton's growing time.

BACK IN 1935

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 25, 1935
The lightning storm that passed over Acton and district on Tuesday left death in its stride and when it subsided John F. Robertson and his helper, Reg. Fenner, were found dead beneath a clump of cedars where they had sought shelter.

Thus Gibbons has constructed quite a creditable craft that is plying the waters of Fairy Lake these evenings.

A big black bear seems to be terrorizing the district about Fishers' Corners. The last such scare we recall was the famous bear at the old "gore".

Halton Junior Farmers, 400 strong held their annual picnic and field day at Stanley Park, Erin, on Wednesday last.

The extreme heat of the past week has been hard to bear. At Limehouse, the men in the quarries were obliged to quit work at noon for a few days. Farmers were obliged to use extreme care to protect both themselves and horses from overheating while harvesting and haying.

The Eden Mills ball team held a garden party at Edgewood Park on Friday evening. The local team played a lively game with Morrison and won by 4-3. The London Cow-boys furnished the program.

The holiday spirit seems to be taking hold for the big event in Acton next week which will occupy three days. Get out the welcome signs and let the home-comers know we're on the job.

In the sweetening heat, Acton nine won a decision from Brampton boys by the score of 7 to 1 there. It looked as if Acton had more supporters than the home team.

Last Thursday evening the frame home on the Esquesing-Erin line just three miles north of Acton was completely destroyed by fire along with the household effects of Mr. Crofts and those of Harry Gordon that had been stored there. The house has been unoccupied for some months.

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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)
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