

# EDITORIAL

## Fitting Civic Effort

It has been some considerable time since Acton has marked a holiday with a round of activities such as presented on Civic Holiday. It was well received and we hope it drew sufficient encouragement to make it attractive to hold such events more frequently in the future. Acton and every other town needs these sports days and local participation features to keep it friendly and community spirited.

There is too often a tendency when a community passes the village status to lose that friendly co-operative way of doing things for just the fun of doing them. There is too often the loss of keeping acquainted and working together. While of course the ultimate goal of such events is to raise funds for community service we often feel that the greatest achievement is not the amount of money realized but rather the knitting together of the whole community in the effort. There is the satisfaction and joy too of having done something for ourselves and that amateur pride in accomplishment.

Such days are a lot of effort but in building a better Acton they have an important place that must compensate for the hours of effort that are entailed in their promotion of this and the younger generation. So we say congratulations to the Legion and Minor Sports in bringing back to Acton life such a program as presented on Civic Holiday.

## Don't Delay

If you contemplate a trip back to some spot in which you formerly resided or worked our advice is not to make the interval between visits over 25 years. We speak from very recent experience. We have just returned from a visit to Johnstown and Schenectady in New York State after an interval of 38 years.

What did we find? Most of the folks we tried to locate had either passed away or retired. Highways in that period have so changed places that it is difficult to locate once familiar surroundings. For example when we lived in Schenectady a canal across the main business street was quite a landmark. It had a tow path along each side and had quite a lot of water in it. The canal was nowhere to be found so we asked a policeman where the canal had gone. It was now Erie Boulevard and was carrying a steady flow of motor traffic. That was the old canal. What Moses did with a wave of the wand and faith a few years in the present age had accomplished in another way and the folk of Schenectady rode on dry land where once a canal had been located.

Back to the newspaper office we went and we found a few of those we knew in earlier years. The plant was in the same location but what a change in the personnel. In one office the plant superintendent was a man who had given us our first introduction to a Linotype machine. He went to a bottom drawer in his desk and pulled out a yellowed card on which were a list of the employees of the composing room. A stroke was opposite a number indicating they had passed on. One of the machine operators on duty was an apprentice at the time of our working on the paper. No wonder they captioned a story in one of the papers about our return. "Printer returns to find the canal a street." Anything beyond a quarter century is liable to be likened to Rip Van Winkle.

## Unchangeable Things

Things that remain unchanged with the passing of years are friendships. Many of those whom we visited had not been seen in years. No correspondence with them had been maintained. However, when located, their friendship and their greetings were just as cordial as if the years had not passed.

In all likelihood if we had met on the street the recognition by physical resemblances would have passed but visited in the homes and business places these friendships were there throughout the years. Many things change with the passing of years but among the things which endure are friends.

## Attitudes Change Too

Citizens of the United States we found during our recent visit are more keenly appreciative and interested in the Canada of today than they were nearly 40 years ago. Perhaps there is a reason for this in the heavily populated state of New York. In those earlier years there was great optimism and wide horizons for the growth of this section. The years have justified that optimistic outlook and there has been good growth and expansion. There was then little or no need to think of anything beyond the immediate district and certainly not beyond the borders of the United States. Young people were going from Canada to these immediate opportunities that then seemed to be so abundant south of the border. There was no time or inclination to enquire about Canada.

Today it would appear the young men and the adventurous folk of the United States are analyzing and appraising Canada and its future. The developing that is going on today in Canada is being very critically observed by those who live in the United States. They are more familiar with the natural resources which are being developed here. This is no longer just a land for fishing and hunting. It is regarded as the country of the future and wherever we went there was enquiry and talk of the growth that was taking place in Canada today.

This same feeling comes to all Canadians today in reading the magazines and feature articles published in the United States. Canada has been discovered in a new light by Americans. We don't know how it came about. But the fact impressed us as we returned to these American centres and we recollected in earlier years and the changed understanding of Canada today. That understanding of today is all for the betterment of both countries.

## Uninterrupted Routes

After knowing for some time how through highways such as the Queen Elizabeth Highway can do so much to expedite rapid motor travel it was interesting to try out New York State's latest "Thruway." When completed this highway will run from the Canadian border direct to New York City. It is a toll road which collects 11.4 cents for passenger cars and amounts up to five cents per mile on trucks and buses. Few of the service stations and restaurants have yet been completed. It is not the first toll road to be built in the United States but it is the largest.

Speeds on this road are up to 60 miles per hour but plenty of vehicles pass you even if you maintain this speed. For travelling a long distance such roads are a great convenience. They are not cluttered with those simply out for a drive and dodging from one refreshment booth to the next. The greatest convenience we found was the elimination of watching for routes to get to your destination.

At present this Thruway is not heavily travelled. Whether it is the toll charge that deters its use or its newness we do not know. We found our own Queen Elizabeth Road had much more traffic than its counterpart in the United States. We liked it so well that on the return trip we traveled a route not so direct to use it. We found it much faster in time consumed on a shorter trip and less bothersome to keep direction. In spite of the high speeds allowed we found those using it were more considerate than the average motorist on other highways.

Fortunately, Ontario has not found it necessary to make our through highways toll roads. We wouldn't advocate such procedure here. But one does appreciate the trend to have through roads by-pass all populated areas.

## Brief Comment

August and the last month before schools re-open and the fall fair season begins.

There has been no complaint that the present summer hasn't been a real old fashioned scorching in this district.

One of the good things (after the first week) of getting back from a holiday is an appreciation of your own home community.

A COOL DRINK is enjoyed by this young lady, already dripping wet from a cooler dunk in the water, as she like her elders tries to find some relief from the five-week heat wave which has held temperatures in the 80's and 90's too long to suit the comfort of everyone. All the tricks and ideas in the book are being tried these days to beat the heat.

## NORTH WEST EAST SOUTH

**Vandals in the Park**  
In Georgetown, it's reported police are keeping a careful watch these days on the park where vandals are said to be damaging the new rest rooms installed by the Chamber of Commerce and the town a few years ago. A warning has been issued that anyone caught doing further damage will face court action.

**The Sweet and Sour**  
In Oakville, the Journal tells of the sorry plight of the gingerbread house at Santa's Fairyland. It seems a very big and odiferous stunk has taken up residence under the floor of the house and steps are being taken post haste to dislodge the polecat from his adopted home.

**New Brooms at Work**  
In Georgetown, the new police force, hired from the ground up after the O.P.P. pulled out earlier this year, is getting tough on speeding motorists in the town. According to the local paper, there were eight convictions on this count in the last court session and a number of other speeding charges are pending.

**The Battle Goes On**  
In Burlington, it is said that the battle of the trailer camps, their operators, unwelcome tenants and the courts still goes on, as repeated but seemingly futile attempts are made to oust the trailer residents from the Nelson camps. Although it's difficult to keep up with the number of court orders passed down, there's no clue that the latest one will be more effective than previous orders.

**Changeover at Ford**  
In Oakville, Ford workers were scheduled to be laid off this week for a three-day inventory period, followed by a three-week holiday period. It's expected when the sprawling plant opens again August 22, production of 1956 models will be underway. The plant will not likely be operating full blast until next October.

**Conservation in Bronte**  
In Bronte, apparently fed up with lack of control and amount of waste in the village's water supplies, the P.U.C. decided last week to install water meters in all homes this fall. As much as 40,000 gallons of water are being used between dusk and dawn and Commissioners are taking a dim view of this nighttime waste of increasingly precious water.

**For Want of a Fence**  
In Burlington, Council is doing some fancy foot work to keep out of a battle shipping up between the promoters of two new shopping plazas, which apparently are proposed to be built side by side. An eight-foot high fence is in the fore of the fray. The fence is purported to keep customers parking in the area where they're shopping, not traipsing over to one plaza after parking at another.

**New Plant for Milton**  
In Milton, it was announced recently that a new industry, employing about 25 male and female workers, will shortly open up in a building formerly operated by the Canadian Excelsior Co. It will be known as the Plyboard Company of Canada and, owned by a Toronto manufacturer, will produce wood-core plyboard used to make furniture and fixtures.

**Telephone Switchover**  
In Milton, in a matter of a few minutes' time, the town and area's telephone customers were switched to the dial system one evening with no hitches whatsoever. Milton's mayor made the first call on the new system, a long distance ring to Winona. It took some two years of planning and preparation to cut over the 2,000 phones served by the Milton exchange.

**Rehanging Door Fix-up Problem**  
Careful arrangement of doors will make any home safer. Often the rehanging of a door from the opposite side of its frame will eliminate a serious hazard. Doors should not swing into normal traffic lanes, should not be located near stairways or on stair landings. It is especially important that a swinging door between kitchen and dining room have a small glass window at eye-level to avoid accidents.

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9.55 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11.15 a.m.—Morning Worship. Rev. Mr. Hayward of Oshingaen.  
Evening Service in Baptist church.
- ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH**  
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- SUNDAY, AUGUST 7th, 1955**  
TRINITY IX  
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11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7.30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.  
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Cottage prayer meeting and Bible study.
- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**  
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON  
REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG  
M.A., B.D., Minister
- 11.00 a.m.  
August 7—Rev. Alex Calder.  
August 14—Rev. T. G. M. Bryan.  
August 21—The Minister.
- 7.00 p.m.  
August 7, 14, 21—The Baptist Church.
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"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."
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## THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

**BACK IN 1935**  
From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 8, 1935

The weatherman was extra kind to the Acton Reunion and Celebration committee and the committee had attended to all the other details and result was one of the biggest and finest celebrations ever held in Acton. The town was in holiday attire. Evergreens lined the streets. Homes and business places were well decorated with flags and welcome signs. There were several ball games, and a parade and band in too on Saturday evening. Eight bands formed up at the grandstand and played under the direction of Prof. Thiele. The Georgetown band was under the direction of bandmaster Perrott. There was a splendid display of fireworks.

There were between two and three hundred in the Sunday evening parade. The church service was held in the park.

By nine o'clock Monday morning the Calthumpians were assembling from all over the countryside. And what a collection was in the park when Marshall MacQuarrie gave word to march off! It was the finest parade ever put on locally. There were races and games in the afternoon and a garden party in the evening.

Following were some of the prize winners—decorated car, A. H. Blish and Son, Mrs. Fisher; decorated float, Ritchie and Agar; decorated bicycle, Howard Norton; decorated pony outfit, George Lantz, Hal Harris; decorated doll buggy, Jean Wilds, Joan Coles; best clown, Jim Ford; comic attraction, H. Switzer; boys' costume, Warren Woods; girls' costume, Shirley Edwards; most original costume, Mary Papillon; oldest Acton resident on grounds, Mrs. Annie Smith, 91; oldest person on grounds, Mr. James Johnston, Nassagaweya, 92.

Rev. H. and Mrs. Caldwell celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Archie Kerr. A large party of friends and relatives gathered to enjoy the festivity.

In the first five months of this year, the Canadian automobile industry produced 206,817 vehicles for sale in Canada. In the period, sales and excise taxes remitted to the federal government totalled \$80,656,497 and payroll was \$48,552,716.

**BACK IN 1905**  
From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 3, 1905

The Herald thinks the Georgetown public school made a good showing at the recent high school entrance examinations when 16 candidates were successful. What does it think of Milton passing 27 candidates?—Milton Reformer. The Milton candidates did very well indeed. Twenty-seven out of 40 who wrote in a good record. But what does the Reformer think of the list of Acton pupils who wrote at the entrance? Twenty-two wrote; twenty-two passed.

The spectacle, the Fall of Port Arthur, that is to be presented at the Canadian National Exhibition nightly, will be on a scale of completeness and impressiveness that, it is confidently stated, has never previously been attempted; so close to reality it is proposed that it shall be that the attacking and defending force will not only be dressed in the uniforms respectively of the Japanese and Russians, but there will be at least one entire company of real Japanese and another of natives of Russia. A representative has actually been sent to Port Arthur to consult newspaper correspondents who were actually on the scene at the time of the siege.

Mr. Donald McCaig, inspector of Public Schools for Algoma, and former principal of the Rockwood Academy, died Friday.

Six of Acton's jolly young fellows have established their new King Edward Camp at the height of land between the Grand River and the Blue Spring, and are endeavoring to entertain their guests to the king's taste. The camp sustains its previous reputation.

Four curyllans and a number of rigs conveyed St. Alban's Sunday School picnicers, to Stanley Park, Erin.

Mrs. G. C. Clark has purchased from Councillor Henderson a lot on Bower Ave. next his residence and has let the contract for a fine new brick residence.

Emancipation Day was a daisy. "Turkey, England, has passed a by-law to prohibit people from using bad language even in their own houses.

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