

EDITORIAL

Friday or Saturday Opening?

Acton Council last week gave first reading to a by-law which would allow some downtown businessmen to stay open Friday night and permit those same merchants to close on Saturday night. Eighteen businessmen petitioned for this new opening hours by-law.

But what of the remainder of downtown Acton's nearly 40 places of business? Will they stay open Saturday night, or will they string along with Friday night opening should the by-law finally pass?

Acton shoppers, whose week-end commercial habits stand most to be affected, are wondering these same questions. In the past two years there have been stirrings to change the evening hours of business from Saturday to Friday, but apparent indecision or disagreement within the merchants' ranks has repeatedly brought the movement to nothing.

Now a petition having the endorsement of roughly half the downtown section's retail and service establishments, has instrumented first reading of a new store hours by-law. How much farther the by-law will get depends a good deal on Council, which reportedly isn't quite satisfied over the way the petition was drawn up.

Perhaps the slow course the Friday night opening movement in Acton is taking is a fortunate thing. Many like-sized municipalities, some not too far from here, who hopped quickly on to the Friday night opening bandwagon ran hard into a lot of ill-will—not only between merchants and shoppers, but between merchants and other merchants.

The average person who spends his money in Acton, we'd wager, would much sooner come downtown on an evening when all the stores are open, not come down two nights in a row to shop at half the stores one night and the other half the next night. If he had to do that, he might just want to go somewhere else to shop.

Nominations Soon

Have you been following the activities of your appointed representatives in the various civic posts? Because the time soon arrives when citizens will be called on to consider the appointments for civic positions next year.

The annual season of nomination meetings is not too distant and those unsatisfied with public administration may be called on to accept positions of importance.

Complacency and apathy about the conduct of municipal affairs is no criterion of a good citizen. The democratic form of government by which this town and the surrounding municipalities are governed is a direct outgrowth of the attitude of responsible pioneers.

When the night for the annual nomination meeting is announced it is to be hoped attendance will be large and citizens will indicate their interest in the reports that elected representatives give on their year's activities.

There is little consolation for a council in a small attendance at nomination meetings. What confidence can blank faces and empty chairs inspire for another year's hard work?

There is time, too, to consider the addition of new faces to local boards and groups since some will be ending their terms of office. Qualifications must certainly be a citizen devoted to service to the municipality for the demands on the time of an elected representative are heavy.

Will you be represented at the nomination meeting by an empty chair?

The Lasting Value

According to all the advance publicity Toronto and this area will be treated to a modern day, event significant in religious circles for the effect it has on those who may hear Billy Graham.

As feature stories and recent magazine articles have pointed out there appears to be a sincerity of purpose attached to this event not always common to previous evangelistic crusades.

Of course, there is opposition to it as there is to all things. But the type of revived religious interest is an important product of the crusades

that have been held elsewhere under Billy Graham.

Reports of the value of the effects of the crusades have been encouraging since they emphasize the lasting value. Obviously crusades are not a new thing but the importance attached to the lasting value of the work done was not always emphasized.

In these days when the main topics of conversation are developments, new industries and other symbols of progress it is a welcome relief that somewhere along the line at least an awareness of Christianity and faith should be injected.

Reports of the valuable effects of Billy Graham crusades, it is hoped, will be repeated in Toronto and this area. The revival of interest in religion and the Christian teachings will be welcomed by the established churches where the interest and effects of the crusade will be felt most strongly.

September Song

September, somebody once reflected, is no season for youth.

That must have been awhile ago though, before September became identified annually with crowded school classrooms, overcrowded classrooms, insufficient classrooms, too many pupils, not enough teachers, not enough grants—all this worry and more over youth.

That September must have been before the need for new shoes and togs to fit the summer-stretched youth of the house returned like a perennial weed to plague the provident parents. Too, that September likely predated the season of Junior miss and mister taking hold of social, recreational and religious activities like veteran race horses to charge their personalities into the life of every community.

What the September singer likely meant was that at this time of year, when skies are greying like hair around the temples and when the crisp air enlivens the maturer mind, there is time for men and women of experience to reach a pleasant and knowing enjoyment with the world about them, as that world in its natural state adapts its colors and moderates its temperatures.

If he did have some half-romantic idea like that about September, that must have been a few Septembers ago, too. Before the time, for instance, of screens coming down and storm windows lugged up, of leaf-raking and garden scrub clearing, of thoughts about wrestling with the furnace and, later, fuel bills, of realities with a paint bucket in one hand and a brush in the other.

That must have been the time before one didn't have to look ahead hardly 50 weeks before next holidays. It also must have been the September which didn't seem, as a long winter's work stretched ahead, like Monday morning with a long week's work ahead.

If September is no season for youth, which season is? — or isn't?

Brief Comment

If you're looking for beauty spots this fall we hope you won't overlook the abundance of beautiful nature in Halton. Some of the roads in the surrounding townships will give you glimpses of beauty many would drive miles to see.

Now that we're into the fall fair season the next thing to look for is the change in time that will have darkness arriving earlier, indicating the approach of the winter season. Got your coal bins and oil-tanks filled up?

Towns, like Topsy in "Uncle Tom's Cabin", have for the most part "just grown," but the current emphasis on community planning springs from modern conditions and forces which magnify the evils of planless growth.—Cochrane (Ont.) Northland Post.

It is a curious paradox that at the very time when U.S. farmers themselves are growing increasingly skeptical about the support price system, farm organizations in Canada should be urging upon the government at Ottawa the adoption of even more comprehensive costly support schemes.—Elmwood (Man.) Herald.



FALL FAIR TIME, arriving with September's brisk days and cool nights, brings a tang to the season that is unmistakably autumn. Crops are harvested, pickling is underway, fruit is being canned, and altogether there's plenty of reason to prick up the ears, as this team of show Percherons is, in anticipation of autumn's freshness and bounty.

NORTH WEST EAST SOUTH

To Refine or Not to Refine?
In Oakville, one paper reports that a large chunk of nearby land has been optioned by the growing Petrofina Oil Company with the intent of building an oil refinery. The same week, however, another Oakville paper describes the report as a "guess" and quotes the area manager as saying there "is no truth in the report."

Bulletin on Bronte's Battle
In Bronte where the town fathers have taken to battling out their differences in the courts, the member who figured in the start of the uproar says he'll continue to sit in his elected chair despite the disfavor of other councillors. Unfortunately, there's more at stake than good relations between reeve and councillor.

Burlington Has Record Too
In Burlington the local Gazette reports the town's five schools opened their doors last week to 2,853 pupils, the largest enrolment in the town's history. In Nelson the township schools received 1,615 youngsters the first day. Apparently record enrolments are general trends, not only in the county, but in the province.

"Pay Up or Shut Off"
In Georgetown the mayor has issued a "pay up or shut off" decree to water users delinquent in their bill payments. The mayor added the town has the second lowest water rate in the province and couldn't understand why there was trouble over these bills when the larger hydro accounts are apparently paid on time.

Standing Room Only
In Oakville there is reported "standing room only" in the schools of Trafalgar, Bronte and the town. Some 4,700 pupils jammed the area classrooms on opening day and more are expected before much time has passed. Trafalgar township alone had to provide room for 400 more students than in September last year.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th, 1955
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Mid-week service.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th, 1955
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Cottar prayer meeting and Bible study.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1935
Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, September 19, 1935.

Marvin Nelson was the winner of the matched swimming race between him and George Young at the C.N.E. last week. The weatherman smiled kindly on Tuesday and Wednesday and Acton fair was again the mecca for its thousands of visitors. Beaming Old Sol was outshined only by the faces of fair president V. B. Rumley, secretary Wright and all the officers who have had their part in the making for the past year.

The fair was officially opened by Mr. George E. Foster, president of the Ontario Agricultural Societies. Reeve C. H. Harrison said that with town loyalty this event loomed bigger than the C.N.E.

The funeral orations for Huey Long little resembled the type of material in the newspapers that was current prior to his death.

The C.C.F. candidate, Mr. Shaw Keith, capitalized on the fair crowd by holding an open air meeting on the street last night.

The shower of rain caused quite a scattering of the crowd, but it was only momentary. Another scattering, even more hurried, was caused when one of the high jumping horses went into a crowd that had been repeatedly warned by constables to keep back. A kicking horse is far more effective in a crowd than even Chief McPherson with his new cap.

Election posters are adorning the fences and other places now. They urge all to vote for different parties and get something.

The house on Knox Avenue belonging to the estate of the late Mrs. M. R. Moore, has been sold to Rev. H. Caldwell. The sale was arranged by R. J. Kerr, Rev. and Mrs. Caldwell will later occupy this home and Acton will indeed welcome them to town.

Mr. Stewart Lowrie of Tokyo, Japan, is home for a visit with his father, Mr. R. W. Lowrie. Mr. Lowrie has been six years in the Orient and returned by way of England.

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