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Looking Ahead Or Behind

We don't recall a nomination meeting in Acton that had as large an attendance as the one last Friday. Of course, with the growth of Acton, it is to be expected that all events will have more people in attendance. There was keen interest, too, in the meeting following nominations. The list of nominees was evidence that the municipal affairs of Acton command the attention of more people in the town. This varied interest is shown in the fact that an election is necessary in all three municipal bodies to decide who will serve in 1956.

It was a fine and well-deserved tribute to Mayor Tvier and Reeve Hargrave that both were accorded acclamations. They are veterans in their service to Acton and the return to office again after several terms was a tribute to their record and ability.

Monday is the day on which citizens are expected to make a choice of members of Council, Public Utilities Commission and School Board. It behooves every citizen entitled to vote to go to the polls and vote. If you don't vote don't complain about the slate that is returned to office. It's your one chance in the year and there won't likely be another until 1956.

Ratepayers will also have the opportunity of voting on the proposed \$200,000 civic centre and the return of the half mill to maintain Acton Band. It appears that interest has waned in the civic centre largely owing to the fact that the amount involved is too large. On the other hand, the fixed grant to the band appears to find favor in most quarters. It is conceded by most folks that, in this case, the amount involved is so small and the services received so great, that the proposal has little argument for objection. But its importance to the future of Acton Band is highly important.

Apparently, both these items are so well understood by the public that a minimum of discussion was held on them at the Friday night meeting. Topics over 40 years old seemed to have more prominence than the issues of 1956. History is important but the years ahead are of more importance.

Shifting Responsibilities

There are two schools of thought regarding the teaching of high school boys and girls to drive a motor car. We side with the Minister of Education in his opposition to adding this course to the school curriculum. We have already added so many extras to our school courses that there isn't time to teach the students the common essentials of reading, writing and arithmetic.

Present high costs of our educational program are burdening the taxpayer now. Just why further funds should be used to buy automobiles and teachers qualified to give this training is beyond comprehension. The modern motor car is not a thing that is complex in its operation. If young people want to drive one or learn, they should know something of the value of the machine and the only way this will be acquired is when by their own efforts they work for money to acquire one. If parents want their children to learn to operate the family car it is their responsibility but certainly not the responsibility of the public to provide this luxury. In the case of high school students a car is luxury and not an essential.

True, the boys and girls of today are the drivers of tomorrow. They should know the rules of the road and be safe drivers. That responsibility is with the Department of Highways who issue the permits and set the conditions under which they are sold. Let us keep responsibilities in the department in which they belong.

The Open Season

A story of the week in this section where there was an open season for deer hunting. Noting that one of the farmers had a herd of cattle out in his field during the days of hunting, a caller at a farm home asked, "Don't you think it's risky to have your cattle out in the field these days."

"Maybe," said the farmer, "but not half as risky as for me to go out and bring them in."

Another Yardstick

While statistical information and municipal services are of importance when industrial enterprises decide to locate in a town it might be well to remember that such information is not the sole basis and other things go to make the decision.

If anyone is still disposed to sneer at this, he might note that, in a fact-packed survey of what U.S. cities are doing to get new industry, the magazine Time says, "Employers are also increasingly concerned with the kind of communities into which they are moving." Then it quotes the example of Sylvania Electric Products, a leading firm in its field. Sylvania when scouting for new locations, surveys "the potential intelligence" of a community as well as its ability to provide for expanded schools, libraries, roads and sewage plants.

The "intelligence" of a community, in so far as it can be surveyed, is expressed in its civic vision and drive. And this or its lack can be seen in whether it plans essential improvements such as a new city hall, well in advance, or dithers till the problem creeps up and kicks it in the pants. A community that allows its Parks Board, and City Council to neglect the asset of a fine open space must not be surprised if a stranger questions its intelligence, and decides, that his factory shall go elsewhere.

Firms on the look-out for new locations are applying a different kind of yardstick than they once did. Those communities that wake up to this fact and take steps accordingly are the ones that will pull ahead in the race for more pay packets, more prosperity and better living conditions.

Another yardstick that is often overlooked is the attitude of the citizens and business people of the community. You never know whether the stranger who makes inquiry about the town is a prospective industrialist. If you can't speak well about our town don't knock it. There are others who can perhaps make a better job of such wrecking than you can. Leave that chore for them and be a booster even if your ulcer is giving you a personal sour outlook.

If Not To-day Then To-morrow

Today is known as S-Day. There has been an intensive campaign both in Canada and the United States to endeavor to impress on every driver of a motor vehicle the importance of making that one day accident-free. Tomorrow's news will reflect the results in some measure of the effectiveness of the effort.

Of course, if it is possible to make one day accident-free or even reduce the usual number of accidents it's logical to expect the same thing can be done throughout the year.

Each day six Canadians lost their lives on Canadian streets and highways. Figures compiled by the Canadian Highway Safety Conference show that one Canadian dies every four hours as the result of a traffic accident. Every six minutes someone is injured. Property damage runs to roughly \$200 a minute all day long.

Of course, if you have been such a public menace as to have had an accident today on S-Day there may still be an opportunity for you to relieve yourself by keeping clear of accidents all the rest of the days of your life.

Protecting the Public

Establishment of standard labelling practices for textiles sold in Canada has been announced by the Department of Trade and Commerce.

After January 1st, according to the new regulations, any label attached to any textile material or article of clothing must give a full and accurate description of the fibre content, and must not describe as hand knitted or woven any material that is even partly knitted or woven by machine.

This is a progressive move which reflects credit on Canadian textile producers, garment manufacturers, retailers and consumers who cooperated with the federal government to develop a practical, and informative, labelling system.

Greatest gainer from the new regulations will be the Canadian consumer who will be able to shop more quickly and economically because she will know exactly what she is buying and what to expect from it.

Brief Comment

We are reminded again this week that the Christmas shopping is a must on the things to be done immediately.

Production of canned dog and cat food rose last year to 54,521 tons. This, of course, does not take into consideration the tons of stuff taken from garbage cans by Canadian dogs and cats. These pets do seem to like the canned stuff.

No matter what the federal government does in arranging loans to farmers based on wheat in storage there are many wiseacres who know of a better way. It seems that the more paternalistic governments practice to satisfy increasing demands there is always a cry going up for more. It is an age of "gimme."—Fort Macleod (Alta.) Gaz. etc.



TRACKS IN THE SNOW come in mighty handy for this careful canine who trots along in the depressions left by a two-legged traveller before him. The dog apparently isn't the only one who likes to hike in the winter which, judging by this week's snows and near zero temperatures, isn't far off now.

The Bible Today
REV. G. P. PARSON, District Secretary.
Upper Canada Bible Society

"I would be so glad to help in the translating of the Bible and so if you would send me a dictionary and a grammar of some of these primitive languages, I would be happy to dedicate my spare time to the work." The above is taken from a letter to the Bible Society by a well-wishing person who did not know that most of these languages have never been put into written form.

Nevertheless some such languages have grammars that practically defy description and words of almost interminable length. An example is the 32 letter Bolivian Quechua word, "ruwanamayaskisnyquechajamantaka." This word is composed of eight distinct grammatical parts, each of which must occur in the correct order and means "remembering your continually accomplishing your future work." In this language it is possible to take almost any verb root and add more than 50,000 combinations of at least 20 different sets of suffixes and particles, which combine to make up these complicated forms, according to Dr. Eugene Nida, Secretary for translation work of the American Bible Society.

The intricacies of 'pronunciation in most primitive languages is also very complicated.' We sometimes think the part manufacturers have reached the limit of names for the colors of their products, but in Malagasy the natives use over 200 strange sounding noises to make up over 100 strange sounding words and phrases to differentiate as many different colors.

It is no wonder in all the world of strange sounds, queer grammatical forms and myriad of new words that one poor missionary in Central Africa became confused and told the people to "get sit on a stick" rather than "enter into the Kingdom of God." Because of a very inadequate knowledge of the native idiom in one language of Liberia in the part of early missionaries, their success was found in the natives reciting the Lord's Prayer: "Do not catch us when we sin" rather than "Lead us not into temptation." This mistake was quickly corrected when discovered.

Suggested Bible readings for the week: Sunday, Matt. 5: 1-26; Monday, Matt. 5: 27-48; Tuesday, Matt. 6: 1-15; Wednesday, Matt. 6: 16-34; Thursday, Matt. 7: 1-29; Friday, Matt. 18: 1-14; Saturday, Matt. 18: 15-35.

AT THE Churches

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 1955
9:55 a.m.—Church School
9:55 a.m.—Junior Church
11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer
Thursday, December 8 at 8-W. A. meets at Mrs. Wes Beatty's.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA
St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont.
Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th. Rector

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 1955
9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class
11:00 a.m.—Choral Communion and Sermon
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 1955
9:45 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Miss Ellen Anderson
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
8:15 p.m.—Young People's Meeting

BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON
Rev. H. Costerus, Pastor
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Phone 206

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 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.

ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY
Meeting in L.O.L. Hall, Crewson's Corners.
Pastor: Rev. K. J. Reid,
81 Cook St., Telephone 649.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 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.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1905
Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, November 20, 1905.

A walk through town one of these fine frosty mornings would reveal to anyone's satisfaction a striking contrast between the stores and residences which are lighted by meter and those which are not. There's a profligacy with the current on the part of the flat rates which meter people conscientiously avoid.

The last spike of the Canadian Northern was driven at Edmonston on Thursday, Mr. D. D. Mann says he expects to reach the Pacific coast within a very short time.

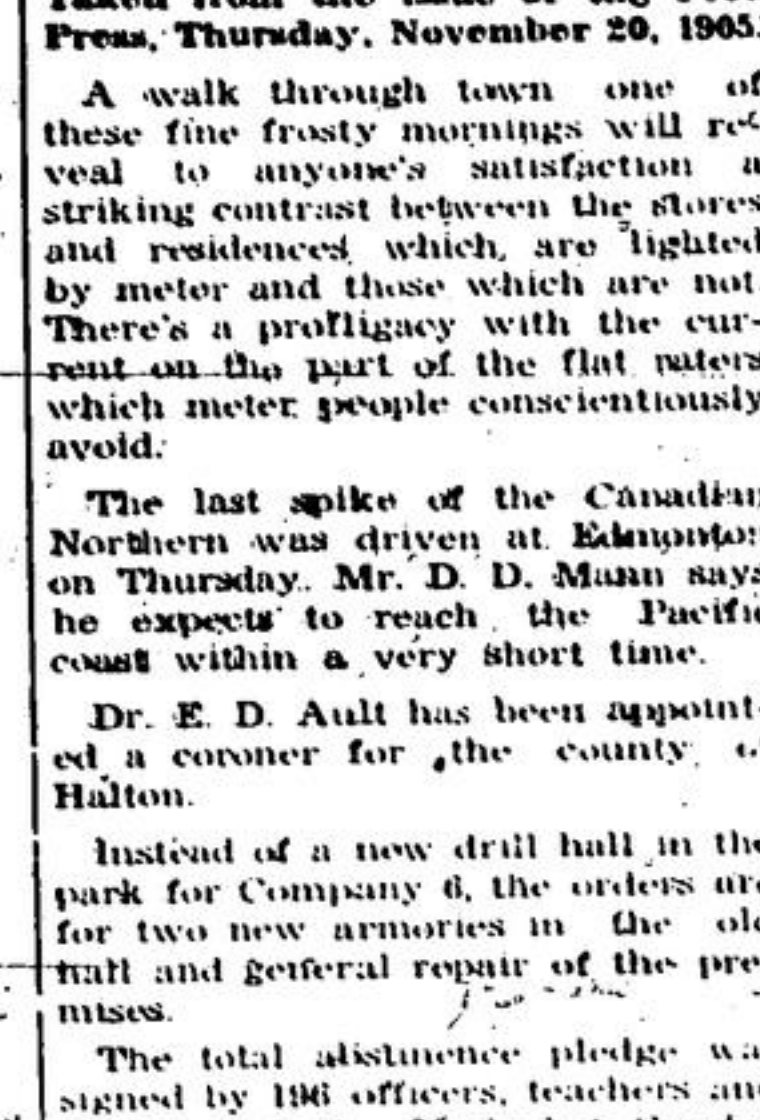
Dr. E. D. Ault has been appointed a coroner for the county of Halton.

Instead of a new drill hall in the park for Company 6, the orders are for two new armories in the old hall and general repair of the premises.

The total absence pledge was signed by 100 officers, teachers and scholars of the Methodist Sunday School on Sunday afternoon in conjunction with the World's Temperance Sunday service.

The concert given in the town hall on Saturday evening by the Fifth-Eaton combination, under the auspices of the Ivanhoe camp, Sons of Scotland, was one of the finest musical and literary programs given in Acton this season. The attendance was not what the high class entertainment deserved.

R. B. Scott, the busy store, Mill St. The next four weeks will see some lively selling in our clothing department. Men's coat coats, all sizes. The biggest fur bargain in the country. Each only \$17.65. Saturated dog coats, bright, black and glossy, second only to our own coats, \$14. Ladies' black astrachan coats, three-quarter length driving coats or short jackets, bright glossy finish, beautifully lined, magnificent value, \$19.95. Men's Saskatchewan coats, rubber lined, sold everywhere for \$18, now Saturday \$12.50. An exceptional snip in mantles. Next week the knife goes in deep. Newest styles \$4.95.



BACK IN 1935
Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, December 1, 1935.

The regular weekly meeting of Knox Guild was held on Monday night with the vice-president, Mr. Harvey Bassard, in the chair. The main feature of the evening was an impromptu debate. "Resolved that the automobile is a benefit to the social and religious life of a community." Some very interesting points were discussed in which the whole Guild took part. The main speakers were Mr. R. N. Brown and Miss Beckett for the affirmative, and Mr. Jos. Hurst and Rev. H. L. Bennie for the negative. A vote was then taken and the negative side won by a small majority.

On Saturday next, Halton players are planning to hold their annual meeting in the Farmers' Building, Milton. According to president Stanley Hall the Association has enjoyed one of the best years in its history and judging by the enthusiasm of the members, a record attendance is expected. It has long been known as the home of good farmers and the Picket Bros., John Laster Jr., together with Stanley Fuller, Donald McNabb and Ray Blacklock, who comprised the inter-county team at the International, maintained that record during the current year.

The little jobs of sneak thieves that are reported from so many centres would seem to indicate that each community of light-fingered inhabitants.

The new discovery is reported of a desamizer that will eliminate pain from any tooth for 20 minutes to half an hour. That is the report of the doctor making the discovery. The patients are yet to be heard from.

Santa Claus' mail at the Free Press has been heavy.

The ponds have had some splendid skating surfaces lately.

Edwin Clive, a life-long and highly respected citizen of the district of Acton, passed away on Saturday. He would have been 90 on Tuesday.

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TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

GRAY COACH LINES

COACHES LEAVE ACTON

Eastbound
6:38 a.m., 8:58 a.m., 11:33 a.m.
2:08 p.m., 5:08 p.m., 6:33 p.m., 8:29 p.m., 10:13 p.m.

Westbound
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., 11:2 a.m. Sun to Kitchener only.
a-Daily except Sunday and holidays.
b-Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS
Standard Time

Eastbound
Daily 6:40 a.m.; Daily except Sundays 10:00 a.m.; 7:13 p.m.; Sunday only 8:01 p.m.; Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown 9:02 a.m.; 6:37 p.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown 10:11 p.m.

Westbound
Daily 11:44 p.m.; Daily except Sunday 1:44 a.m., 6:55 p.m. (Bag-stop); 7:49 p.m.; Saturday only 2:28 p.m.; Sunday only 9:43 a.m. (Bag-stop); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph 1:05 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. to detain passengers from West Toronto and beyond 6:10 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. Flyer at Guelph 6:36 p.m.