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Wreckers And Builders

So Acton is going to have another open forum on the Maria Street bridge. The same platform that many an individual aspiring for municipal office in Acton has used in desperation when all other issues failed, to attain his election for the past 40 years.

Our only regret is that a previous engagement in Ottawa will not permit us to hear the final phase of a question which so few understand and many have no cause for concern. However, we've heard plenty over the years.

This gigantic (?) wooden structure carries traffic over a single line of railway track. It is built on a street allowance belonging to the town and serves several hundred ratepayers of Acton who pay taxes for all services here just as any other ratepayer.

It is quite true the structure was built in the first instance by what was then known as the Acton Tanning Co. and Beardmore Co. For those of us who have lived in Acton many years, this is not unusual.

If when we return after the hearing, we learn this local political football has been kicked out to Dolly Varden, we will be just as happy as we were when the last truckload of asphalt was dumped and rolled and No. 25 from Acton to Milton was a paved roadway.

Ontario Drinks More Too

There are many interesting statistics being given out these days as federal and provincial governments are in session.

Ontario's liquor sales during the year ending March 31, 1955, hit \$258,750,000, a \$603,000 increase over the previous year.

Drinkers consumed 82,000,000 gallons of beer compared to 4,315,000 gallons of spirits and 2,000,000 gallons of wine.

The figures, contained in the annual report of the Liquor Control Board of Ontario, showed 40 suspensions and 11 cancellations of liquor outlet licenses.

Twelve suspensions were for unsatisfactory operation, four for serving liquor without food in a dining lounge, and another for serving spirits in an unlicensed room.

There is apparently no record of the number of bootleggers caught and still at large or of the crime that followed in the wake of this consumption and expenditure on alcoholic beverages.

It would seem, however, that a traffic with an increase in the year of \$603,000 needed no assistance by advertising to spread its path of destruction.

Halton's Place In Industry

While the latest report on manufacturing industries in Canada gives the figures for 1952, it has always been found of interest to our readers, especially the figures in our own County of Halton. There are in those years between 1952 and 1956, many changes in Halton County as a manufacturing centre.

Total selling value of factory shipments was \$52,722,633. There are listed 148 establishments with 4913 salaried employees and wage earners earning \$12,975,502.

Acton had in that year 19 establishments, turning out shipments with a selling value of \$9,717,743. There were 902 on the payrolls, earning a total of \$2,082,617.

Milton listed 15 establishments with products of a selling value of \$6,403,769. There were 667 receiving salaries and wages amounting in total to \$1,765,479.

Georgetown had 16 establishments, with a selling value of products of \$8,691,236. There were 833 persons employed, receiving a total of \$2,522,729 in salaries and wages.

There has been a big change in the industrial aspect of Halton County, with the towns of Oakville and Burlington leading in growth in this phase. Oakville led the Halton municipalities with \$14,991,388 in value of factory shipments from 54 establishments. There were 1760 in industry earning a total of \$3,859,124.

Burlington had 24 establishments producing a total of \$10,986,447. There were 870 salaried employees and wage earners earning a total of \$2,389,527.

It will be interesting to watch the figures for succeeding years in this rapidly developing industrial county. The 1952 figures are the latest published. We find this booklet giving the industrial standing of most municipalities very informative and have had numerous enquiries from time to time seeking this information.

The Same Old Source

Last week was National Health Week and the problem that appears to be of vital interest to Canadians this week is what will emerge as the much heralded National Health Insurance Plan after it comes from the federal government and the many viewpoints of the provincial government. It's liable to be different in all ten provinces.

There is one thing that is sure. Whatever you get you will pay for. If the federal government makes grants, the one source of money is taxes. If Ontario contributes, it can only give from a levy extracted from its citizens.

Out in British Columbia, we found last fall that five per cent was added on retail purchases. In this way the visitor to the province paid but secured nothing in return. Down in Quebec for many years, all meals served in restaurants and hotels have had a hospital tax.

It's rather interesting to note that in Saskatchewan where the C.C.F. leads the way, the citizens were given a vote in two districts on an over-all insurance. Both districts voted overwhelmingly against the plan offered.

Mr. George Elliott, Organist and Choir Leader 76 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 6

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, 1956 9:50 a.m.—Junior Church. 9:55 a.m.—Church School. 11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship. 7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, 1956 (Quinquagesima Sunday) 9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion. 9:45 a.m.—Church School. 11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer Installation of Church Warden.

No Evening Service on second Sunday of the month. Wednesday, February 15th, 1956 Ash Wednesday. 9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion.

Brief Comment

Twenty-five years from now the Canadian automobile industry hopes to sell a million vehicles a year. "Hand me down my walking cane."

W. J. Fleuty, once publisher of the Oakville Record, died last week at his home in Wingham in his 91st year. Many Haltonians will remember this veteran publisher and learn with regret of his passing.



VALENTINE'S DAY, it is said, has no actual connection with St. Valentine, a Third Century Christian martyr. Whether it has or not, next Tuesday as February 14 will see all kinds of love letters, from mushy cards to blooming roses, exchanged between the sexes.

The Bible Today

REV. G. P. FARSON, District Secretary. Upper Canada Bible Society

The "Letters to Editors" column of weekly newspapers often offer interesting sidelights on life in rural communities. Problems of people are often presented.

To help solve this problem hand-to-hand distribution of Scriptures by 1,000 "Colporteurs" throughout the world is undertaken by the British and Foreign Bible Society of which the Upper Canada Bible Society is the local auxiliary.

From home to home, where Bibles are not readily available, "Colporteurs" call carrying the Book of Books. Thus people who need it and desire it may secure it.

Four "Colporteurs", Enrique Bazaiz in Bolivia, Raul Campos in Ecuador, Po Tun in Burma and Philip Wambua in Kenya, are supported by funds raised through the "Lamp Corner", a department in the Bible House, London.

One girl's school, "Bromley High", received 400,000 stamps to their department for colportage work. Suggested readings for the week:

EDMONTON (CP)—The fire department answered three false alarms on the same day. All three came from the same alarm box. Sunday, Psalms 95: 1-11; Monday, Psalms 115: 1-18; Tuesday, Jeremiah 1: 4-19; Wednesday, Jonah 1: 1-17; Thursday, Jonah 2: 1-10; Friday, Jonah 3: 1-10; Saturday, Jonah 4: 1-11.

AT THE Churches

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA Acton, Ontario Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., B.D., Minister Parsonage—29 Bower Avenue Phone 60

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

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

BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON Ray H. Costerus, Pastor Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave. Phone 266

SAFE SHOOTING MOOSE JAW, Sask. (CP)—A safe-shooting course for teen-age boys will be held here by the Saskatchewan Fish and Game League.



REMEMBER THOSE Good Old Days

BACK IN 1906

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, February 8, 1906

At a meeting of the Trustee Board of the Methodist Church last Friday evening a resolution was unanimously passed instructing the Treasurer to pay the mortgage in full on the church, \$528.69, and secure a discharge.

The bonds of holy wedlock were entered into in St. Alban's church by Miss Mary Abraham, oldest daughter of Mr. James Abraham, and Mr. Joseph B. Lake, foreman of the Free Press. The bride was prettily as a picture in her wedding gown of white organdie, trimmed with chiffon and ribbons.

The business at the G.T.R. depot here for the first month of 1906 broke all previous records. It is the largest in the history of the depot.

Beardmore and Co. have put on two new wide-tired wagons and will proceed at once to have eight or ten supplied with wide tires.

People generally have stopped fretting about their supply of ice for the summer and are now turning anxious glances at the coal bin.

The young gentlemen of Acton have sent out notices for an assembly to be held on St. Valentine's Night.

A little more snow would give much-needed sleighing.

R. B. Scott sale — ladies' tweed skirts, \$1.95, 4-string brooms, 20c. Men's tweed pants, 60c, long lace curtains 95c pair, bedrooms lengths of Japanese matting 10c. Our cellar is full of potatoes which you may now have for 70c per bag.

BACK IN 1936

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, February 13, 1936

Superintendent Wilson has informed the Public Utilities Commission that 90,000 gallons of water was pumped for the fire at the Kennedy Block on Wednesday night of last week.

At the time of going to press it would seem the roads are so blocked with the storm that the trip to the hockey game in Oakville tonight would be impossible.

When Keith Scott, star defense player of the Acton Intermediate hockey team, collided with another player on Saturday he suffered a fractured jaw and bad cut.

Damage estimated at over \$4000 resulted on Friday when fire broke out in the large frame house owned by Fred Packer near Limehouse.

Seven players were injured in the rural hockey game. Friday night was blood and thunder at Acton arena when three games were played.

The keeping of the lobby of the post office open until eight-thirty or later is appreciated by all.

Three more Acton scouts, Tom Watson, Gilbert Romph and Beverly Arnold have completed their second class tests.

A superb achievement in motion pictures, "Mutiny on the Bounty" comes to the Gregory Theatre on Monday. It stars Charles Laughton, Clark Gable and Franchot Tone and is incomparable.

The formal opening of Georgetown's splendid new Post Office and Customs building took place there last week.

PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY AND TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

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