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Credit or Censure

Rather interesting was the discussion carried on last week at council meeting of who or what deserved the credit for a reduction of nine mills in Acton's tax rate. Last year when the rate went up 11 mills over the previous year, no one appeared to assume the credit for the change. In fact, the position of a member of council was not an enviable one. We heard from no group or any individual who wanted to take credit but, of course, members of council were expected to give all the explanations and assume all the blame, and they did it with good grace as we recall.

Looking on from the outside we could give a lengthy review of the factors which make a high or low tax rate. But it would be just as involved as that old argument of which came first, the hen or the egg. It might be just as well to say, however, that if council gets the blame for raising the tax rate, they might in all fairness get credit for any reduction. Actually it is public demand for municipal expenditure and services, and rising costs divided over the number of taxpayers which govern the tax amount levied each year.

Incidentally we might point out that next year there is every likelihood that there should be a further drop in the mill rate in Acton. But it does not necessarily follow that there will be a decrease in the amount of tax money required to carry on municipal services. In line with the equalized assessment of the county, Acton is due for an increased assessment on its entire assessable properties.

But no council can go on providing more money for educational purposes, better services, and needed improvements with higher costs on less tax money. Tax monies are not in the field of the magician but sometimes the quickness of the hand or tongue may confuse the audience.

The Biggest, the Smallest

The biggest business in the United States is small business, says the Cincinnati Inquirer. Ninety-eight per cent. of all retail firms in the U.S. employ less than 20 persons each. Ninety-three per cent. of all wholesale firms in the nation employ less than 20 persons each. Ninety-seven per cent. of all service businesses employ less than 20 persons each. Indeed, the vast majority of the businesses in all three categories employ less than four persons. There are some morals to be drawn from the statistics. The first one, we think, is that the health and welfare of the small business is of foremost concern to the entire nation's economy suggests the Inquirer.

Just Spring Promise?

Maybe it's just the usual spring break-up but there appears to be more than the usual interest and action in County Council over the Halton County road system. Latest move at the last meeting of County Council gives the towns an additional 15 per cent. of the county levy to use on their own roads which it is claimed are not getting proper attention.

That change means, of course, that there will be 15 per cent. less available for township roads. There were prior to this rumblings from the townships that county roads were not up to the standard desired.

There was rather a wide statement made at last County Council meeting that in the opinion of one member we are not getting value for the money we spend. Nomination meetings and resolutions from various council have indicated a desired trend for a change and better service.

Members of County Council seem fully aware of the general feeling throughout the county judging by the reports of county council proceedings. In these days of super highways running all over Halton County, the county roads have stiff competition for comparative purposes.

It is not likely that the change in the urban rate will be the final settlement of Halton County road changes. Haltonians will watch with keen interest the next approach by county council to this matter which is today of most vital concern. It is to be hoped the good resolutions of early spring will not fade away as the days of summer approach.

Now You Do and Don't

There's keen competition among towns to secure new industries these days and the recent experience of Durham is a story that points up the fact that new industries are rather elusive. An English firm planned to open a factory to make airplane parts in Durham. Materials had been ordered for a new building and stationery had been secured giving Durham as the address of the firm. Machines for the plant were on order from England and the United States.

And then let us quote from the Durham Chronicle the sad story of the one that got away: "Last Friday afternoon, Mr. Martin and Mr. Holt, who were staying at the Seaway Hotel in Toronto, went out for a drive. On Highway 401 they stopped at a restaurant. Another person in the restaurant heard their English accent and joined them. When they spoke of worries about delivery date, the stranger invited them to a factory that was vacant in Collingwood. The plant was inspected. It was exactly what they wanted. Saturday morning they signed the papers and bought it and then telephoned the news to call off all operations at Durham. That evening a group from Durham met Mr. Martin and Mr. Holt and all had dinner together in the Seaway dining room. The four from Durham didn't have much appetite and sparred with knife and fork trying to salvage something out of the deal. Mr. Martin and Mr. Holt weren't exactly happy about the meeting. They didn't order anything to eat, just sat for an hour drinking tea."

Spare Those Trees

Anyone who has glanced under a clump of trees in recent weeks will understand what basic steps must be taken in most of Canada if spring floods are to be brought under control, says The Financial Post.

Out in the open where the sun can blaze on it, the winter snow disappears fast, often in a matter of hours. And with the ground frozen hard, there is only one way for the water from that melting snow to go, down the nearest stream in a flood carrying away valuable top soil and any other real estate that gets in the way.

In the shade under the trees, on the other hand, the snow lingers deep for days sometimes for weeks after the open fields are bare. Melting slowly water from it has a chance to soak into the ground where it is badly needed both by farmers and water-short municipalities, or at least makes its way down stream gradually with little risk to the towns and cities below.

Bush land and marsh act as a sponge for surplus spring water. When this natural protection has been cleared away wholesale, as is the case in too many areas of Canada, we are simply asking for trouble every spring.

Lower Meat Prices

Lamb-in-a-basket, 21c lb.; pork roast, 30c; T-bone steak, 59c. Meat prices recently have been plumbing levels as low as these.

Now—with lent and the Easter season over—consumers' hopes for continued rock-bottom meat prices rest with developments in the upcoming spring marketing season.

Some factors have appeared which lend firmness to the meat price picture. But, says The Financial Post, currently it seems they will be no more than sufficient to balance the depressing effect of heavy supplies.

In fact, there's still no assurance that heavy hog marketings in the near future won't push prices below the federal floor of \$23 cwt. in Toronto and Montreal. It's been hovering at or close to the floor for months.

Brief Comment

Make two grins grow where there was only a frown before.—Hubbard.

Evidence of the approach of the summer season is the intimation that daylight saving time will become effective a week from next Sunday, April 29th.

Every time a member of the provincial legislature makes a speech he brags about the amount of money the province is spending.—Napanee (Ont.) Post-Express.

Television programs sometimes take the place of light fiction, but they do not often take the place of non-fiction reading, the Barrie Public Library has discovered.—Barrie (Ont.) Examiner.

A recent apple test showed that a blindfolded person chose the apples that tasted the sweetest. And when his blinkers were removed he found he had picked fruit with green skin. On the other hand persons choosing by sight bought the apples with the reddest skins, ignoring the sweeter, but greener fruit.—Sackville (N.B.) Tribune-Post.

The fact that prominent men in the field of education are expressing concern is a healthy sign, for however good the educational system, or any system, may be, there is always room for improvement and few things are so important to Canada's future and the lives of its people as education.—Pembroke (Ont.) Observer.



Photo by Esther Taylor

PLAYBON PODIUM seems to label the gist of this picture which catches an embryonic conductor in the act of holding his unseasoned orchestra on a hanging crescendo before the crashing finale. Dignity has suffered a bit where the shirt front seems to have started to roll up—or maybe something else is slipping down.

The Bible

REV. G. P. PARSON, District Secretary

Today

Upper Canada Bible Society

The Bible is becoming "common ground" for Roman Catholics and Protestants in France. This fact was stressed by M. le pasteur Dr. Marc Boegner, formerly President of the Protestant Churches of France, at a United Bible Societies Conference at Hayward Heath, England in his report of Bible distribution and use in France. Dr. Boegner claimed no difficulty is encountered from the side of the church or state there. For over 50 years there has been true and complete freedom of religion, he stated. He admitted that in the provinces of Alsace and Lorraine, priests, pastors, presidents of churches and ecclesiastical officers are appointed by the state. Nevertheless even here there is closer relationship between church and state than ever before.

Many priests and members of the Roman Catholic Church in France are using Protestant Bibles published by the British and Foreign Bible Society today because Roman Catholic translators are sometimes out of print and very expensive. This use is not only permitted but encouraged by the Roman Catholic Church. During the past five or six years, three new Roman Catholic translations of the Bible have appeared in French. One translation is that made by the monks at Maréssous in Belgium, another is by Lienart, Bishop of Lille. This is the cheapest Roman Catholic translation in French and has had over 200,000 copies put into circulation. A third is a very good new translation produced by the Dominican Fathers of a school at Jerusalem. Thus today many thousands of Roman Catholics have the Bible in their hands in France. A Protestant radio broadcast service is aired each Sunday morning between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. Increasing Bible readings and meditations from this broadcast are used by Roman Catholics. Priests often write their appreciation of this service. Some priests have added in their letters that they have changed the hour of Mass in their churches in order to hear this broadcast.

The only difficulty encountered in Bible distribution today, according to Dr. Boegner, is through lack of Bible colporteurs, men who go from door to door selling them. He sees a tragic irony in the fact that in France, the country of the Huguenots, many of whom gave their lives for the sake of the Bible, the church of the Huguenots (Protestants) seems to be falling behind the Roman Catholic Church in stressing the Bible's importance and circulation.

Suggested readings for the week: Sunday, Hebrews 12: 1-29; Monday, Hebrews 13: 1-25; Tuesday, Acts 13: 1-25; Wednesday, Acts 13: 26-52; Thursday, Acts 15: 1-12; Friday, Acts 15: 13-41; Saturday, Acts 16: 1-24.

Egg Within an Egg Found in Hen's Pen

An egg within an egg, and both perfectly formed, was the discovery made by chicken hatchery owner Allan Hall, Dundas highway.

"It's the most bizarre thing I've ever seen in 20 years in the business," said Mr. Hall. "I've only heard of one other such instance, and that was in Riley's 'Believe It or Not' column."

An average egg was located within an overly-large egg, and the discovery was made in the same pen that Al has found two other extraordinarily large eggs. He's not sure whether it's the same hen laying the large and freak eggs or not, but one thing for certain, he never knows what to look for next when he steps into the pen in the morning.

AT THE CHURCHES

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SUNDAY, APRIL 22nd, 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

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont.

Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th., Rector

SUNDAY, APRIL 22nd, 1956

(EASTER III)

8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion

9:45 a.m.—Church School

11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class

12:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer

St. John's Church, Rockwood, 9:30 a.m.—Morning Prayer

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

KNOX CHURCH, ACTON

REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG, M.A., B.D., Minister

SUNDAY, APRIL 22nd, 1956

9:45 a.m.—Church School

11:00 a.m.—Gideon Service

2:00 p.m.—Church School Teachers' Workshop

7:00 p.m.—Divine Worship

8:15 p.m.—Parent's Night

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

A warm welcome awaits you.

BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON

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Phone 208

SUNDAY, APRIL 22nd, 1956

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Rev. Freeman, guest speaker

7:00 p.m.—Divine Worship

8:15 p.m.—B.Y.P.U.

Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Mid-week Service.

ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY

Meeting in L.O.L. Hill Crews' Corner

Pastor: Rev. K. J. Reid, 81 Cook St., Telephone 649

SUNDAY, APRIL 22nd, 1956

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



REMEMBER THOSE Good Old Days

BACK IN 1936

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, April 23, 1936.

At 11:44 p.m. last night, Dr. D. E. Robertson was brought from the mine in Moose River, Nova Scotia, and 16 minutes later his companion, Alfred Scanning, was brought from the mine alive and in good condition, considering they had been entombed there since the night of April 12. The body of Herman McGill was brought to the surface shortly after by rescuers who had striven through rock and earth for 10 days.

Last week Mr. James Chalmers received two medals for services he had rendered the United States nearly 40 years ago. One was for service in the war with Spain in 1898, and the other was inscribed "Army of Occupation 1898-1902." Mr. Chalmers is also entitled to a pension.

At the annual meeting of the Halton Rural Young People's Association held in the Agricultural office, Milton, Walter Linham was elected president for the year.

At council meeting Monday it was decided to have the town adopt some system of garbage collection. During the discussion councillor F. J. McCutcheon stated there were 404 houses in Acton, just eight without electric light, and 89 commercial and business places. The clerk was to write to other centres to inquire about garbage collection there. Improvement and repairs to streets were also discussed.

There was a good turnout of prospective players at the meeting forming the 1936 ball club. A vote of thanks was moved to Mr. Ernie Coles for his untiring efforts in looking after the job of secretary-treasurer. The ball club will lose a great booster as Ernie moved to Brampton.

Variety and an insight into the varieties of local talent was provided when the Acton Minor ball club presented their all-local talent show in the town hall. Mr. E. E. Hare, the president of the club, was chairman and the orchestra was under the leadership of Mr. R. Spielvogel.

The last of the ice disappeared on Fairy Lake on April 13, which is a record for lateness.

BACK IN 1906

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, April 19, 1906.

The provincial government was given to understand last Wednesday that the people of Ontario are thoroughly in earnest in the matter of cheap electric power for the province. Premier Wilfrid Laurier declared he would not depart from his policy to consult engineers and appoint a commission.

Power can be supplied for Acton from between \$20 to \$25 per horse power. Acton is using about 750 horse power at present. The adoption of the power scheme asked for would mean the saving of over \$10,000 a year for Acton, a sum more than the aggregate of our taxes.

The congregation of Churchhill church were given an unusual treat last Thursday night, being favored with a visit by a real live missionary from Africa. Rev. Walter Currie, missionary pioneer and explorer in the dark continent, is in Canada after 20 years. He has witnessed the horrors of the slave trade which is not yet purged clean. He has witnessed the evils of fetish and witchcraft.

Street Commissioner Warren should proceed without delay to have the Mill and Church St. macadam scraped clean. If the winter accumulations are left to dry there, the dust will be unbearable in a week or so.

The concert in the town hall Monday evening under the auspices of the Cornet Band was a success as regards the program, and the large number of loyal citizens enjoyed the evening fully. President Francis presided and among those taking part in the program were Mrs. A. T. Brown, readings; the Misses Mason, solos; Mr. Jas. Coleman, dulcimer duets; Mr. Jas. Ewan, bagpipes.

The Spinners' Tea in the town hall this evening.

T. Statham and Sons sold 150 dozen Hot X buns Good Friday morning.

The big spring on the Arch McPherson farm is yielding the first open-air water cress, as usual. Picking and marketing cress in the vicinity of the hotels has been a favorite amusement lately. This form of gambling is as illegal as more pretentious methods and may get the players into trouble.

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LOW RENTAL HOMES

—KELLOWNA, B.C. (C.P.)—City council agreed to purchase 16 parcels of property for construction of low rental homes for pensioners. A service club (Rotary) is raising money for the plan.