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Holiday Jaunt

We've been intrigued by the recent advertising of the Department of Travel and Publicity for Ontario which is characterized by the slogan "Know Ontario Better" or commonly by the letters "K.O.B." As a native of this province we wondered how well we did know Ontario. Sure we've been north and east and west and visited many of the cities and famed spots. But we felt there were many places similar to Acton and Milton that were just not in our usual travelled part. So for three days of our yearly vacation, the three members of the company went on a trip and called on 17 towns and the newspaper office in each town.

We know Ontario better as a result of that jaunt but there are many other sections and towns which would occupy many more days and may be the goal of another summer trip. The towns we chose for this trip were selected because they had some similarity to Acton or Milton or because we particularly wanted to see at first hand newspaper plants in towns larger than ours. In some of the towns visited we found the newspapers taking a holiday just as we were doing that week. We found it most interesting and many of the things we found out in the printing plants will be most helpful in serving Milton and Acton with a better newspaper and printing service now and in the years ahead.

We have visions of these towns taking a prominent place in the general expansion of Ontario. To serve these needs adequately one must look ahead and prepare for the expansion that is taking place at the present time.

What Did We Find

If you think the problems of your town or your business are entirely different or peculiar to your locality you are wrong. Sure it may be the hay crop or wheat or tobacco crop in one town. Or it might be the summer tourist trade that's been affected by the weather. The weather is always a factor which registers on the business barometer in every town and you get the readings at the local newspaper office.

Want to know about the trade on Main Street and what kind of merchants you have in general, the summary can usually be deduced after a visit with the weekly editors. It's rarely you'll find a pessimist among them. What are the features of their town? The weekly editor has them at his fingertips. Want to find someone you knew some place and if the town isn't too large it doesn't matter if there are dozens of Mackenzies in the town you'll get the right one if you give a sketchy description.

But we have strayed a bit from our heading. Common problems are shopping hours with a steady trend to Friday open nights; the costs of keeping pace with the town's needs; and higher and higher education costs and taxes and more parking space downtown. Printers invariably need more help and cheaper newsprint and more of it. It doesn't matter the size of the town or the printing plant, these are common problems.

The Itinerary

Perhaps we should tell you the towns in which we stopped but we'll not make any particular analysis. Our first visit was to Sprouffville and thence to Barrie and Midland where the newspapers are published three times or twice weekly. We made Collingwood for the night but newspaper inspection had to be deferred until the following morning.

Meaford, Owen Sound, Southampton, Port Elgin, Kincardine and Goderich came on the itinerary of our second day. We found that Goderich farm land has had a lure for several folks in newspaper connection and that evening visited with one of these good friends. They had just arrived to spend the month at their farm home. Reforestation and trees are to be the specialty on these acres with, of course, a trout pond.

Clinton, Exeter, St. Catharines, Ingersoll, Tillsonburg, Delhi and Simcoe were crowded into the third day and this was, of course, possible because the front windows gave the information that three of the plants were having their holiday

week. We found newspaper offices that had from two to 35 employees. Some of them were located by the sound of a metal cutting saw and some had buildings that you just couldn't miss.

Wednesday evening we headed home because every weekly editor knows that publication day is no day to visit a weekly newspaper plant. Earlier in the week we were told by one editor he wished he could have more visits from other editors and on Monday we had an editor who said he would like to join us on the trip. By Wednesday the tempo had changed and Thursday we knew better than to stroll into the back shop of a weekly newspaper.

The Simple Tower

Canadian business is in danger of having to carry an increasing proportion of the tax burden from now on, writes the Ottawa Correspondent of The Financial Post. Increasing concentration on business taxes is foreseen as a result of the new Federal-provincial tax plan now being debated in the House of Commons.

The new legislation may, in addition, have these effects, according to some close observers: To put a floor under corporation income taxes at their present level, eliminating the possibility of reduction at least until 1962.

To establish a strong probability of higher taxes on company incomes, by encouraging provinces to get additional revenue from this source. To stimulate a search for new ways of taxing business assets.

The day may soon come when the average man will find being in business for the sake of providing unbusinesslike legislators with funds is not attractive.

1957 Prediction

Cars of 1957, says The Financial Post, will be longer, lower and flashier and may be more difficult to fit closer in the old garage. The variety of color, chrome treatment and body style will be even greater than in the past. The long, low look is more in vogue than ever.

Prices probably will be a little higher. The buyer trend to more extras and slightly more expensive cars will continue. So will the boom in four-door hardtops.

Black will continue its comeback as a popular color. More cars will have gold grilles. Most '57's will have 14-in. tires instead of 15. The new tires will be slightly wider, take lower air pressure. They'll lower a car's centre of gravity, adding to safety and lending themselves to the low look.

At least one car is expected to offer a fuel injection system involving direct delivery of fuel into the cylinder, eliminating the carburetor.

Brief Comment

The week after a holiday seems more difficult to get back in the groove than any other period of the year.

Next month the rural fairs will be the centre of community interest in Ontario and judging by the crops in the fields there should be some fine agricultural exhibits on display.

It's good to have money and the things money can buy. But it is good, too, to check up once in a while and make sure you haven't lost the things money cannot buy.—Canadaink.

Magistrates, be they amateur or professional, will never be perfect. There is no reason to believe that administration of justice would be better served if, as lawyers suggest, they should all be professionals.—Kelowna (B.C.) Courier.

After centuries of expressed sympathy or condemnation for people who are known as chronic worriers, psychologists have come up with the verdict that it is normal to worry. Just think how much comfort it would be to the worriers to have had this information years ago.—Estevan (Sask.) Mercury.

It's strange how some motorists, who wouldn't think of violating other laws, will wantonly disregard the highway traffic act. Those qualities that characterize men and women as ladies and gentlemen are often tossed aside when they place themselves behind the steering wheel of a motor vehicle.—Markdale (Ont.) Standard.

We need more people and we need them quickly, argues the Vancouver Sun. "Too few people are trying to do too much. Nearly \$8 billion will be invested in the country this year according to Mr. Howe. But it's doubtful if it all can get spent in 1956 because too few hands are available to do the work it represents."

Three cheers are due Ontario's Minister of Education, declares the Ottawa Journal, for flatly rejecting the proposal to teach car driving in the schools. "For if we begin taking the advice of some among us the first thing we know we shall have our schools trying to teach so many things they will end up by teaching nothing—reaching the point they have come to in some areas of the U.S., where one university a few years ago was giving credit marks for papers on 'dating'."



THE HORSE LAUGH, whoever is unfortunate enough to be at the receiving end of one, is an embarrassing experience at any time but in this case the laugh was on dobbie as the photographer got the better of the moment and snapped the picture while the mare was in a melancholy mood.

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

The first Bible Sunday to be observed in Borneo was held a few weeks ago. A special service in the Murut Church at Lawas marked the occasion.

A feature of the service was the reading of John 3:16 in various languages. When the passage was read in French no one understood anything; a gleam of understanding came over the faces of a few advanced students when it was read in English. A reading in Iban, a neighboring language, followed and only a few showed any understanding of the meaning. When Malay was used more men and a few women recognized the text.

A glow of appreciation on the part of most people present was apparent only when the Murut manuscript was used. Then the Word of God in the language of the natives was recognized.

The preacher of the day pointed out from this experiment the necessity of any people having the Bible in a form they could understand in their mother tongue. "This," he continued, "is the basic work and requirement of missionary endeavors."

A member of the Borneo Evangelical Mission commenting on the observance wrote: "None of the Muruts has very much money, but that day they gave the whole of their small collection to the Bible Society in Singapore to help provide some Bibleless tribes with some part of the Bible in their language." This spirit of sharing is noteworthy, especially when it is realized that the Muruts have only nine books of the Bible in their own language so far. Until recently even these were circulated only in mimeographed form.

Suggested readings for the week: Sunday, Mark 15: 1-28; Monday, Mark 15: 29-47; Tuesday, Mark 16: 1-20; Wednesday, Rom. 1: 1-32; Thursday, Rom. 2: 1-29; Friday, Rom. 5: 1-21; Saturday, Rom. 6: 1-23.

If it is 625 miles by boat from Halifax, N.S. to St. John's, Nfld. The man who released this information says they had to figure it out by boat, as they didn't know any crows who could fly that far.

AT THE CHURCHES

- UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**
Acton, Ontario
Rev. Gordon Adams M.A. B.D. Minister
Parsonage—29 Bower Avenue Phone 60
Mr. George Elliott, Organist and Choir Leader, 76 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 6
- SUNDAY, AUGUST 12th, 1956**
10:00 a.m.—Junior Church and Church School.
11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship
- THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA**
St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont.
Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th. Rector
SUNDAY, AUGUST 12th, 1956
(Trinity XI)
11:00 a.m.—Matins and Sermon
- NEW BUILDING**
ALMA, Que. (C.P.)—The Federal Government will build a \$300,000 post office in this north-eastern Quebec centre next year. Land has already been acquired and work is expected to start next spring.
- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Minister: Dr. David H. Marshall
SUNDAY, AUGUST 12th, 1956
9:45 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
A warm welcome awaits you.
- BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON**
Rev. Ray H. Costerus, Pastor
Parsonage 115 Bower Ave Phone 206
SUNDAY, AUGUST 12th, 1956
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
- ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY**
Meeting in L.O.L. Hall, Crewson's Corner
Pastor: Rev. K. J. Reid, 81 Cook St., Telephone 649w.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 12th, 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
From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 13, 1936

Mr. E. J. Hassard and Mr. F. S. Blow spent a day fishing at Meaford and Mr. Hassard landed the biggest lake trout we have ever seen and the longest captured there this year. It measured 40 inches and tipped the scale at 21 lbs. 10 oz. Mr. G. W. Masales has completed a splendid new dairy building on his premises on Main Street North and now is occupying the building. It is modern in every respect. Thousands of visitors are watching the Quints in their pool at Calderland.

King Edward has unveiled the memorial at Vimy Ridge. When the government of Spain decided to issue arms to the loyal citizens it was the youth who responded. Shop girls and young workers rushed to the defence of the People's government against the Fascist rebellion. Girls joined the government army which attacked rebel troops.

A friend enquired recently if the garbage proposal plan for Acton had gone on a summer vacation. The annual picnic of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. H. McCutcheon on Thursday afternoon.

Knox church, Acton, was the scene of a charming wedding on Saturday afternoon when Isabel Christine, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Lantz, Acton, became the bride of Raymond Austin Gordon of Toronto. The bride was lovely in a white satin and Chantilly lace gown. She was attended by her sister, Miss Grace Lantz, Shirley Suterliffe, Detroit, niece of the bride, was a charming little flower girl frocked with a Dutch bonnet.

In the All Star Benefit Game last week in Georgetown, Flint Terry, Bus and Norm Morton and Minute Walkers of Acton were on the line-up against the Guelph Maple Leafs. The all-stars won by 7-5. Acton Juveniles were eliminated on Saturday when they dropped a game to Oakville by the score of 8-2.

Sir Malcolm Campbell's Bluebird, the mammoth racing car that attained a speed of 208 miles per hour on the salt flats of Utah, will be seen in the automotive buildings at the Canadian National Exhibition. Osprings Women's Institute held a picnic Wednesday afternoon at the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. George Cooke, second lane. Over 90 enjoyed the program of races, sports, etc.

Nothing has begun but yields do not seem to be promising.

BACK IN 1906
From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 9, 1906

William Howard, Nassagaweya, unloaded a very fine threshing outfit at the G.T.R. station here Monday, purchased from the American-Abell Co. in Toronto, through William Hemstead, the agent here. It is a traction engine with separator, cyclone blower and stacker combined and is a very fine outfit.

A number of local anglers are investigating the feasibility of stocking Fairy Lake with bass. A few thousand fry deposited now would assure good fishing in four or five years.

The threshers have commenced their activity. The first to thresh in the vicinity was Robert Sproul of the third line. Fred Maund did his threshing Tuesday of last week. His wheat turned out well and will average 25 bushels to the acre. R. N. Brown threshed a fine crop on Tuesday and had a splendid yield. Joel Leslie has one of the best crops in this section. One field will average 40 bushels to the acre.

The open-air concert given by Acton Cornet Band from their new stand at the town hall last Friday evening was one of the best of the season. The delightful moonlight evening was taken advantage of and crowds of citizens and visitors were there to enjoy the music and incidentally to promenade Bower Avenue and Willow Street pavements in the vicinity.

The bowling semi-finals and final games were played off on Monday evening and were favored with a large gallery. The greens were in prime condition and the players entered the contest in fine fettle. The keenest competition in the semi-finals was between W. J. Gould and A. A. Secord who have been acknowledged as among the best players of the club. However, the final was between Gould and W. McNabb and McNabb won out. He was presented with a pair of Scotch bowls with inscriptions in silver.

Rev. T. Albert Moore writes the Free Press from Bruce Mines to say "I think there is no part of Canada that is developing more rapidly than Algoma. On every hand there are evidences of prosperity and wealth. The growth and development through the whole country is wonderful."

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