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Progress at the Parks

The Board of Parks Management is only a few months old, but already it has justified its formation with worthwhile projects to maintain and extend the natural and man-made facilities of the local park.

Working with only the residue of a budget—left over from Council's parks committee which gave full reins to the Parks Board after its creation—members have made a creditable start and are in sight of formidable accomplishments. Here are a few projects done or undertaken.

Metal signs have been erected warning of fines or imprisonment for those convicted of damaging park property, missing facilities or polluting the water; the park gates are now closed every night at 10 p.m., a most effective step in controlling vandalism; irresponsible speeding has been reduced on Fairy Lake and the swimming area off-limits to boats; the decrepit old grandstand has been torn down and plans laid to erect a new, modern structure; plans are also in ferment to drag and clear Fairy Lake of hazardous stumps and logs, some lying treacherously below the water's surface by inches.

Acton can congratulate itself for this summer's overwhelming mandate to create a Parks Board. Concrete value is being recognized. But many assents at a special vote is no place to stop. The members of the Parks Board are energetic and capable, but they need the help of every Actonian.

Other town organizations—the Fair board, Y's Men's Club, local Legion and Rotary Club—have co-operated actively to assist the Parks Board. Some of these groups have given work, others donated equipment to improve the park.

We're not asking citizens to band together for organized bees at the park. But on behalf of those organizations, led by the Parks Board, that are working so hard to better one of this town's most valuable assets, the least individual citizens can do is appreciate the efforts and the most they could do is co-operate and help when expected to or asked.

What Giveaways Next?

Ten or 15 years ago, when listening to the radio was still a popular pastime, programs in Canada like Share the Wealth or Double or Nothing could create quite a bit of excitement. True, these "giveaways" were comparatively small in cash or merchandise, but the participants and listening audience managed to build up a healthy state of interest.

Now we have TV and the big giveaways piped in from U.S. networks. Multi-million dollar corporations as sponsors of such programs as The \$4,000 Question, The \$64,000 Challenge, The \$100,000 Surprise and so on, have no compunction about ladling out the cash to cute or clever contestants when millions of viewers are supposed to be looking on.

Even the fact that the government takes about \$40,000 of every \$64,000 won doesn't seem to dull the edge off the sponsors' promotional philanthropy.

Cut with the pots getting bigger, the peaks of suspense or excitement becoming harder to reach, we find producers and participants in these shows becoming harder to please. Where the dollars-centred entertainment bandwagon will roll next is hard to guess.

One TV writer has a cynical idea. He suggests a program where the contestant faces a double-barrelled shotgun. Press one trigger and out shoots a \$1,000,000 wad of bills; press the other trigger and out comes a fatal round of buckshot. He calls this last word in giveaways: A Million or Your Life.

No country ever can teach its people thrift and industry by a national (bond) lottery such as adopted in Britain. The lesson the British government should be impressing on the people is that money saved and invested can be made to add to the wealth of the whole country and the prosperity of all people, something that gambling can never do.—Kings County (N.B.) Record.

World Progress

It doesn't seem that long ago but on Monday of this week, September 10, 17 years have passed since Canada officially declared war on Germany and one of the Great Wars was underway.

It took from 1939 to 1945 to wind up that great session of sorrow, suffering and sacrifice on the part of thousands. Those who came out of it realized man was on the verge of completely annihilating himself unless he started settling his differences around the conference table rather than outside.

But that was all 17 years ago. Ever since 1945 we have been going through an "I-dare-you state" termed a cold war. There have been many smaller conflicts from which the world has managed to emerge and for this we should be thankful there is a stronger guiding hand than that of man.

Perhaps it's time, however, as we reach this anniversary, that we realize Man's progress can no longer be measured with the thermometer of technological progress. The weight of the world's future will rest on the spiritual and moral development of the individual. When its effect reaches the world's conference tables the wars will end and settlements will be more amicable.

The Uncommon Vote

Perhaps it's just something we haven't gotten over from childhood days but we always enjoy reading the "funnies" in the daily papers. It is possible to learn from almost everything, however, and the "funnies" are certainly no exception.

Al Capp, the creator of Li'l Abner, has long been famous for his satire and although we can't always agree with its intent, the one currently being carried in this American election year seems particularly apt.

General Bullmoose is seeking election as president on the deep-freeze ticket. Since he doesn't want to offend two other fellows who seem to have the same idea by defeating them, he has proposed that all those who don't want him for president write and tell him. Only a pitifully few letters are expected in and it is to be assumed those who don't write would be satisfied with him for president.

Of course, the satire Al Capp is drawing scores the apathy of the public in a democracy to exercise its franchise and choose its leaders.

Undoubtedly the subject is not a new one. Thousands of words have been dunned at the general public urging that they vote. In one trade magazine originating in the United States we noticed advertisements were being prepared for circulation during the election year urging voters to know their candidates and vote.

It seems the planners of the campaign have come to the realization that for voters to vote is not the only requisite; they should also know who and what they are voting for.

Undoubtedly the strength of democracy is that it assures the right of the individual to think for himself. Its weakness lies in the refusal of some individuals to exercise that right.

Canada's election year may be this year or it may be next year. Every town and township has elections yearly or every two years. From a list of cities across Canada, Quebec was the only one which polled over 60 per cent. of its electorate at the last municipal elections. Halifax, London and Vancouver each polled less than 40 per cent. Calgary polled 20 per cent. of its electorate and Edmonton 12.5 per cent.

While it might be as ridiculous as it sounds, perhaps some General Bullmoose on the deep freeze ticket could get elected if the apathy of the Canadian voting public penetrates any deeper into the mind of the individual who has never been deprived of his right to vote.

More People in Home Market

Up to only a few years ago, points out The Financial Post, Canada had to have a big export of beef cattle in order to keep the domestic market healthy.

Now we are producing more beef than ever before but we are eating all of it ourselves. Cattle are coming on the Canadian markets at the rate of around 33,000 a week and Canadians are consuming them all! Before the war whenever the weekly run approached the 20,000 mark, or less than two-thirds of today, prices began to sag.

There are two reasons why we are eating more beef—more prosperity and more people. With moderate prices people are eating beef freely and regularly not just occasionally. But more important is the fact that we have more people, almost 16 millions compared with less than 12 millions prewar and all that increase and more has been in urban population, in food consumers not food producers.

It is that growth in population, that growth in the domestic market that is solving many of our former farm marketing problems. And population growth will continue to solve these problems provided we are sensible and let prices and production follow their natural courses.

Aside from wheat, in which Canada is a major world producer, practically everything the farmer will be growing 25 years from now will be absorbed by the domestic market.



THIS SMILING LAD, his grin nearly as broad as the battered brim of the straw hat, certainly seems to have something under his hat besides his hair. No doubt he's getting a kick out of one or another of the countless curiosities that amuse a boy at the time of life when laughter comes easily.

The Bible Today

When 826 languages are printed between the covers of one book, it is certain to make the "News." When that book also contains samples of over 80 alphabets, it becomes exceptionally unique. Such a book is now off the press, published by The British and Foreign Bible Society.

In 1804 the Bible was available in only 72 languages. No more than 35 of these could be termed "living languages" at the time. Now 1,092 have at least one book of Holy Scripture in print. Translation work continues in hundreds more. All this illustrates the growth of a movement that began over 2,000 years ago when the Jews caused their version of the Scriptures to be translated into Greek. Suggested readings for the week: Sunday, Mark 10: 28-52; Monday, 1 Timothy 1: 1-20; Tuesday, 1 Timothy 2: 1-15; Wednesday, 1 Timothy 3: 16; Thursday, 1 Timothy 4: 1-16; Friday, 1 Timothy 5: 1-25; Saturday, 1 Timothy 6: 1-21.

Mayor Joins In "Long" Swim

History was made in Georgetown a week ago Sunday when, for the first time since the town was founded, a swimming meet was held.

The Lions Club sponsored the event at the new community swimming pool and there were a good number of entries, and a good attendance of spectators. Jim Jones, club president, explained details of the meet over a loud speaker system and results were announced during the afternoon.

Mayor Jack Armstrong and Dick Licata, one of the strongest supporters of the fund drive which made the pool possible, were the hit of the afternoon as they competed in a "long distance" swim across the pool. The mayor's costume was enhanced with a C.N.E. straw hat and a raincoat, while Mr. Licata, in white trunks with polka dots, also cut a striking figure.

40 per cent. of Canada's population is in the under 14 years and over 65 years age group.

AT THE Churches

- UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**
Acton, Ontario
Rev. Gordon Adams M.A., B.D. Minister
Parsonage—29 Bower Avenue Phone 60
George Elliott, Organist and Choir Leader
76 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 6
- RESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1956
9:45 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
- BAPTIST CHURCH—ACTON**
Rev. Ray H. Costerus; Pastor
Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave
Phone 206W
- THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA**
St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont
Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th., Rector
- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1956**
8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion
9:45 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class
11:00 a.m.—Holy Communion
The new memorial prayer books will be dedicated at this service.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer
- ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY**
Meeting in L.O.L. Hall, Crewson's Corners
Pastor: Rev. K. J. Reid, 81 Cook St., Telephone 649W.
- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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 1906

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, September 13, 1906. The three faithful ones, Reeve Swackhamer and Councillors Lackey and Warren were in their places even before eight on Monday evening, ready to make a ferocious onslaught on the council business. They finished the large pile of accounts by 8:35, heard a deputation of skating enthusiasts asking the rink be closed for Monday evening, there and adjourned, the shortest session of the year at 9:15.

The long, black goose-necked metal lighting post which has stood so long at the G.T.R. station without emitting any cheering rays from its absent lighting fixture has at last been fixed up. A big incandescent was screwed in last week.

Toronto and other towns are suffering more or less from a milk famine. The prevailing dryness and a widespread scarcity of feed is playing havoc with the bovine supply.

Guelph Central Fair is in progress this week and is being attended by many from Acton and vicinity.

Mr. H. P. Moore left for Montreal on Monday to attend the quadrennial session of the General Conference of the Methodist church. (He wrote two and a half columns of description of his journey there by boat. In very small part, he said: We launched out in the early morn upon the silent bosom of the majestic St. Lawrence. Behind us was to be seen Kingston with its domes and pinnacles. Across the river we could see Ottawa City with its cluster of shipping and City View on Wolfe Island with its undulating groves. Before us was the entry to the sinuous channels of the archipelago of the Thousand Isles.

The bowling green continues to be a place of interest on afternoons and evenings and the electric lights are on occasionally until quite late.

Mr. J. W. Humphries, late local manager for R. Noble, who went west several weeks ago, is settled at Wingo, 175 miles west of Winnipeg. Wingo is a town of 300 with five elevators and a flour mill. It is in a fine section of the North-West.

A new fad is to have one's photograph on a handkerchief. The exchange of handkerchiefs is likely to become as popular as the collecting of postal cards.

BACK IN 1936

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, September 17, 1936. With banners of the various branches of Zone 13 of the Canadian Legion flying and Lorne Rifles (Scottish) Band and the Acton Citizens' Band playing, 500 Legionnaires from the zone and other centres paraded from the park in Acton on Sunday afternoon and attended the service at Knox church. It was one of the finest parades held here in some time. Sgt.-Major J. Alger lined up the various groups. At the monument the Last Post and Reveille were sounded by C. Landsborough and a wreath placed by zone commander J. M. McDonald.

The salute in front of the government building was taken by Zone Commander McDonald and Col. G. O. Brown. Rev. H. L. Bennie conducted the service in Knox church. We have been sadly behind the adoption by Acton of a plan for a systematic collection of garbage. The matter cannot be deferred much longer. We agree with council the only feasible way is to make a levy on taxes.

A pretty wedding was solemnized in St. Joseph's church on Saturday when Irene Catherine Dunn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dunn, became the bride of Neville Ernest, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Harrop. The bride was lovely in white satin made on princess lines, with the flared skirt extending into a train. Miss Ann Dunn, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. Ted Harrop, brother of the groom, acted as groomsmen. The groom is a veterinarian inspector for the government in a large Toronto packing plant. The bride taught school near Lindsay.

Acton Concert orchestra has been fortunate indeed in securing Jim Hunter, well known radio editor and talking reporter as master of ceremonies for their first concert of the season.

Council received a letter from the Department of Highways indicating the Department now assumes responsibility for the highway passing through Acton. Council signed the agreement feeling it was in the best interests of the municipality.

Mr. George Day returned home to Rockwood last week after spending two months at Elgin House, Saskoka, engaged in post office duties.

PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY AND TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

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