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Back to Almanac

Last Thursday morning the paper predicted the weather as "Sunny, Colder". We remember that because there had been a heavy snow the night before and it was snowing then. Perhaps you'll remember it too, because it snowed all day and we had the heaviest fall of this winter. We recall, too, that the fellow on T.V. who draws the weather each night and tells what pressure has pushed which front what way from British Columbia to the Atlantic, hadn't said anything about the snowfall in the part of the country in which we were interested.

A week before we were browsing around in a book store when a chap came in and wanted to know if they had one of "them" almanacs. Said he wanted to have some fun. It was a day when we felt we could stand some fun so we bought one of these almanacs. We've had some fun, too, in the days since.

It seems this particular almanac has been published every year for the past 165 years. Besides the weather it tells a host of things. It claims over a million copies are sold each year. We didn't buy it to get the anecdotes, pleasantries, photographs and wood cuts it contained but to find out what the weather was likely to be. It intimated that the forecasts were based on Boston, Mass., but we considered that Boston might be just as good a guesser as Toronto.

Not just a day ahead but for the whole year the almanac forecast the weather. For the week of February 14-21 storms and or very cold were forecast, for 13-21 rain was predicted. Well, we considered Boston and this section were hitting it off pretty well together. For next week 22 to 25, cold and snow are due.

But, about this time when the seed catalogues are arriving everyone is wondering about next spring's weather. Well, the book says "cold and late". Come spring we'll look for the prospects for next summer's weather. By the end of the year we can perhaps decide whether Boston or Toronto is weatherwise. We certainly don't know. But as the fellow says, you can always have some fun with the weather.

Rotary is 52

The local Rotary Club will be joining 9,237 other clubs in 99 countries this week, as they mark the 52nd anniversary of the formation of the first Rotary Club in Chicago.

Rotary is described as a world fellowship of business and professional executives who accept the "Ideal of Service" as the basis for success and happiness in business and community life.

The first club in Chicago was organized by a young lawyer, Paul P. Harris. He wanted to organize a club which would band together a group of representative business and professional men, a club where the members might recapture the friendliness of the small-town life many of them had known.

It was named the Rotary club because originally the members met in rotation at their various places of business. As numbers increased and it became too large for this accommodation the weekly meetings were held around the luncheon table.

The first Rotary Club organized outside the U.S.A. was in Winnipeg in 1910. Indicative of the growth of the organization is the fact that during the last 10 years new clubs have been organized at the rate of more than six new Clubs every week.

The activities of the Rotary Club go beyond the weekly meeting into service to the community. The local club, like the other service clubs of the community, does much in various ways to improve and expand facilities and standards for local youth.

As they join their international organization in celebrating its 52nd anniversary we wish them continued success and support in the work they carry on for their community.

Facts are in

The facts on Canada are "out". They come by way of the Canada Year Book and more complete information could hardly be desired.

Including nearly 1300 pages the "compendium of information on the institutions and the economic and social development of the nation" covers Canada quite completely. While it covers the year 1956 some of the figures go back to 1953 as the latest available.

Figures that affect the North Halton area from 1953 show Acton with 20 manufacturing establishments, Georgetown 17 and Milton 14. Georgetown has 1,164 employees, Acton 1,023 and Milton 716. The average wage appeared highest in Georgetown at \$3,010 with Milton at \$2,636 and Acton at \$2,589. Of course, these figures cover all employees, male and female.

Gross postal revenue received at the area post offices shows increases in all three for 1955 over 1954. Georgetown leads with \$78,001 followed by Acton at \$35,409 and Acton at \$25,054.

One other interesting thing we noted was that Ontario's weekly newspapers almost equalled the circulation of the province's daily newspapers. The only difference was that there were 40 dailies and 256 weeklies.

The facts are there, too, on personal expenditure on consumer goods and services. Expenditure on food has gone from (and these figures represent millions of dollars) 919 in 1939 to 3,875 in 1954. Tobacco and alcoholic beverages have gone from 281 to \$1,340.

Federal, provincial and municipal government expenditure (again in millions of dollars) has gone from 1,119 in 1939 to 6,589 in 1954.

Brotherhood Week

This week is Brotherhood Week. Perhaps during this week we might pause long enough to review our own personal belief in brotherhood. It's not something that can be legislated. It is rather an attitude, the coming to terms with reason and the voice of one's own conscience.

We should review our feelings toward those who speak a different language, have different customs and appearance. Many unfortunate people have left their home country unable to continue under the persecution and torment of a way of life they could not accept. A good percentage of these unfortunate people have found their way to Canada where they have been welcomed by many Canadians.

There have been difficulties in their arrival. For some there has been disappointment in not finding immediate employment or adequate housing. Others have perhaps had unfortunate experiences in the lack of a sincere welcome from present residents.

We recall that here all men are free to worship as they please; our laws protect the rights and lawful customs of minorities, the frontiers are open to those who wish to come and receive the privilege of citizenship. But we should not be too complacent of these things.

When we look over our personal views of brotherhood we may conclude that the source of brotherhood is humility and this we must have in our approach to all fellow humans, including those who do not speak our language and go to our church.

We're Frustrated

Being away from the hometown for a couple of weeks gave us a personal trial of what our readers out-of-town get as a steady diet every week in the matter of mail service in Canada and across the border. Ten years ago the local paper used to reach the same spot in two days. Now it takes a full week. A letter posted by regular mail beat an air mail letter in reaching its destination.

A small parcel sent from Toronto had 42 cents postage with an additional 15 cents postage due added. We enquired at the post office across the border and were informed that all parcels coming into the United States from foreign countries have postage due stamps added for collection at the destination. It would save Canadians having friends across the border some embarrassment if they could place the correct amount on the package when mailing here. It is not the usual thing when receiving packages in Canada mailed in the United States.

In these days of air mail and better equipment for handling mail, on this continent, what has been gained in speed over the old stage coach and the penny postage days? The improvement is not reflected on the customer's side.

When your local folks holiday in Florida or elsewhere we can fully appreciate your disappointment in slow delivery of the home paper and mail. We know just how you feel: whether it's Toronto or the sunny south, but we can't do a thing about it. It's frustrating after rushing around all week to get it out and in the mail on time every Thursday.



Out of Season for Picnics

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Quiet is Lull Before Storm

By Geraldine F. Clarke

Last week I ended my column with an unbelievably prophetic statement I said by next week we may be snowed in who knows? And we have been more or less snowed in for several days. Trucks and cars with chains or snow tires managed to get through to the houses but that's about all there is more snow in the lane now than we have had for several years.

There is also a big snowman on the front lawn. We have neither of us reached our second childhood—we hoped. The snowman was built by two little tots and their mother who were staying with us all last week. Nicole Betty and her children, Susan, age two and a half and Michael, 19 months old. Two of the nicest and happiest we've seen anyone could want to have around. Trust they made plenty of noise, got into mischief and had crying spells. But one can forgive all that if the children have nice dispositions.

Deliver me from youngsters who are spiteful, peevish and spoilt. There were times last week when this old place was really a mad house. One day two neighbour children came to visit and when the four of them got properly acquainted and started to play—shrieking, laughing and chasing each other through the rooms—it was really terrific. The same thing happened the Sunday before when Dave was out here.

The rest of us sit back and marvel at their energy. I generally manage to get the menfolk into a room by themselves so they can talk if they want to without too much interruption.

Niece Betty and her family were here for a last visit before heading north—to Sudbury—as her husband has been transferred to a hydro project in that region. I suppose it will be a long time before the children are back on a farm again—mark the pity, as they do love to see the heifers kick up their heels and the old bobby cackle and scratch. There certainly must be an affinity between children and animals. David is just as keen. If grandpa goes to the barn without him, there is really a howl.

We seem to live a life of contrasts these days. When Pauger and I are alone the house is 'unbelievably quiet' but it is usually the lull before a storm—a storm such as I have just mentioned, created by church exuberance and noise. However, this weekend will probably be uneventful, except that Joy and Bob may be up. Neither weather nor roads hinder them when they want to come, and they usually do if for no other reason than to get eggs. Sometimes we ask them if they come to see us or to get eggs?

Eggs—Doe and Joy both say they never get eggs from a store the size that our hens lay even though what they pay for are supposed to be Grade A Large. They wonder where the big eggs go. We are puzzled about that too. We rarely see eggs for sale as big as those we sell—and certainly they can't be as fresh.

But we are very well satisfied with the milk now that we have to buy. Homogenized milk is even more palatable than fresh milk straight from the cow, to say nothing of pasteurization. And the skim milk we buy for ourselves is very good indeed. We have also been experimenting with citrus fruits and juice. Besides our morning grapefruit, we like oranges some-

times. But good oranges are about the hardest thing to buy. You never know until you peel your orange how thick the skin is, or how dry and pithy the orange may be. So now we buy either concentrated orange juice in small cans or pure juice in cartons. But the question remains—where are the good oranges like we had when I was a child? No artificial coloring, thin skins and lots of juice. How can the quality of oranges change so much?

And then we come to potatoes. Potatoes that look fine on the outside but have great cavities on the inside. Some have dry rot or the beginning of ring rot and go black when they are boiled. The grating may not be intentionally dishonest, as many defectives do not show on the outside. Last week I bought a sack of potatoes that were really Grade A—but they were not. Our potato-planting was a lot of wet weather last year during the potato growing season, so we can hardly blame the potato grower for the poor quality. We should rather pity them for the loss they incurred.

As well, some things improve with the years, some don't. Potatoes and oranges may be inferior but we like the way children are dressed now—compared with years ago. Thick heavy clothing, gum rubbers and over-socks were the best we had to offer. Now children have padded nylon snow suits, furnished boots and they go out warm and unhampered. They roll around in the snow and remain warm and dry.

The only drawback is zipping them into the blessed things. Grandmas need a little education to perform that job successfully. I have finally reached the stage of getting the cocoon out of its covering but getting it back again is another story. Most generally has to come to the rescue.

Mrs. H. Mainprize, convener of the program, chose Love as the theme and the scripture reading by Mrs. Douglas Kennedy was the Love chapter, 1 Cor. 13, using Phillips' translation. Mrs. H. L. Bennie led in prayer.

Continuing the study of the church in south-east Asia, the topic for the day was the Philippines. Seven Thousand Islands in a tropical sea. Mrs. Robert Brayshaw, who had been invited to present the subject, did so in a most pleasing and convincing manner, showing how, within the islands, the struggle goes on to preserve religious and educational freedom and the democratic way of life.

Two-thirds of Canadian families still carry no installment debt and official statistics show that of 1,500,000 Canadians who are buying things on time, one-third have savings greater than the amount they owe.

THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 1957 (SEXTAGESIMA SUNDAY)
9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion.
9:45 a.m.—Church School and Bible Class.
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class.
11:00 a.m.—Service of Installation of Wardens, Sidesmen and Advisory Council.
7:00 p.m.—Evangelism.

ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY
Meeting in the Y.M.C.A.
Pastor: Rev. K. J. Reid.
81 Cook St. Telephone 640w.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 1957
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Wednesday 8 p.m.—Collage, Prayer and meeting and Bible study.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Acton, Ontario
Rev. Gordon Adams M.A., B.D.
Parsonage—29 Bower Avenue
Phone 80

Mr. George Elliott, Organist and Choral Leader
78 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 8

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 1957
9:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
10:00 a.m.—Junior Church and Church School.
11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship.

BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Ray H. Coster, Pastor
Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave.
Phone 208w
Saturday, February 23, 7 p.m.—Adult Fellowship.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 1957
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.
8:15 p.m.—Bible Study.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
ENOX CHURCH, ACTON
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 1957
9:45 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.
8:15 p.m.—Bible Study.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

BACK IN 1937

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, February 25, 1937.
Recently the Saskatchewan government purchased its first snow mobile officially recognizing this comparatively new innovation as a public vehicle. The snowmobile resembles an interplanetary rocket plane. The cruising speed on a level piece of snow is 20 miles per hour.

The poles for the extension of the Hydro Electric line down the Guelph road to Deseronto will soon all be up and the construction placed this week.

The choir of Rockwood United Church appeared in their new gowns last Sunday and presented quite a dignified appearance.

On Friday last, three teams played in the Acton Marshall League, the only important game being the Rockwood-Storey Game. The Rockwood team came out on top defeating Storey 2-1. By virtue of their win they gained a play off spot, putting Ballinacoy out. For the other two games, York Road beat Acton 3-1 and Parkington beat Lorne 3-1. The teams will be playing off for the Dundas Cup.

Last Friday evening the Halton Presbytery Young People's musical contest for the North Zone was held in Acton United church with Miss Jessie Hill of Guelph as adjudicator. Among the winners were Miss Ruth Gibson, Norman Gibson, Miss Margaret Gibson, Miss Hazel Wilson, Rev. Dr. Morrow.

Acton finished their hockey group on Tuesday and has drawn to play Paris. This should make a real series tomorrow night. The Acton Hockey Club have arranged for the "Goodbye" game in the inevitable league to play in Acton.

The Bannockburn Women's Institute held their regular meeting in the form of a social evening at Bannockburn school Wednesday evening of last week. The audit of the school gave a Major Bowes program. Also on the program were a piano duet by Mrs. W. Finlay and Miss Margaret Brown, reading by Mrs. H. McKenna, duet by Miss H. Hastings and Mr. N. Gibson.

The flu and various kinds of colds are altogether too prevalent. Big crowds are reported at the farm auction sales these days.

BACK IN 1907

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, February 25, 1907.
For two years Mr. T. E. Price has been municipal officer of the corporation. His duties were multifarious and he performed them to general satisfaction. He was always courteous and obliging and took very patiently the abuse so frequently tendered gratuitously by the numerous citizens who were annoyed with the feeling that they had a personal interest in the fulfilment of his duties in a manner to correspond with their individual and selfish views. His term of office expired last Thursday, he handed in the tax roll with every dollar of taxes available collected.
A very pretty wedding took place on Tuesday afternoon at the residence of Mr. John McKeown when his eldest daughter, Eliza Head, was joined in wedlock with Mr. John B. Mackenzie, contractor of this town. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. M. Glass. The bride was dressed in black and wore white curtains and carried a slender bouquet of white carnations. Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie left by the evening train for a honeymoon tour to Guelph, Detroit and other points west. They will take up residence at their new home at the corner of Main and Church Sts.
The first lady dress contest of the season was a marked success at the arena. Attendance of skaters and spectators was very large. Many of the costumes were skillfully and artistically conceived. Best lady skater, Miss Jean Cooper. Miss Ada Holmes, best gentleman skater, Mr. Nelson Gordon. C. H. McIntosh, 1st, and gentleman skater, Miss Jean Holmes, and Lassie and William. Latest lady skater, Mr. Lorne Macdonald. Latest gentleman skater, William Taylor. Best dressed lady, Miss Margaret Harvey, best dressed gentleman, Mr. Robert McKeown, best representative of notable, H. H. Crossworth, best job, Jimmie Moore, Irish costume, Miss Spruce, Champion, fastest skating couple, Miss Hazel Mason and Nelson Gordon, character costume, Miss Jean Cameron.
Hampton will spend \$200,000 on a sewage system.
A gambling mania is reported in Alaska. Cretak, Miller, Lally, a number of young fellows have been drawn into the fascinations of poker with fairly high stakes.

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