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Ideal for 1957

Newspaper man of the year was named recently by the Ontario Weekly Newspaper Association and no more fitting representative could have been chosen than E. W. Johnston, editor of the Fort Erie Times Review. His paper is a model of every weekly for excellence. It has won the award for best editorial page so often that the trophy was given permanently to the Times Review this year.

We've known Eddie Johnston for many years. He served part of his apprenticeship on the old Hillsburg Beaver which many years ago ceased publication. In conversation with him at various gatherings he has told us of those early days. He is a printer of the old school who has kept not only abreast of the present but been a leader in the newspaper and printing field.

Many a time we have sought his counsel when we quietly talked to friends at conventions. His advice was always good and freely given. Unfortunately, Mr. Johnston was unable to be present to receive the award so richly deserved this year. Friends all over Canada wish him a prompt return to good health.

Mr. Newspaperman of 1957 in the person of E. W. Johnston is a man who has proven by years of labor and leadership to be an ideal for inspiration to every publisher young and old in 1957.

Other Sunday Papers

Rumor has it that anywhere from one to three Toronto papers are planning Sunday editions. Perhaps some of you old-timers will remember 30 or 40 years ago when the "bad boys" of the day used to go up to the Sunday morning train to get their copy of "The Sunday World". The news boy must not step on the platform to sell the paper but he could sell it from the train steps.

Don't know what happened to stop publication of The Sunday World or the Morning World which was at one time the leading morning paper for Torontonians, but they disappeared many years ago.

In these days of radio, TV and week-end issues of papers that in distribution are sometimes two or three weeks ahead of the Saturday date lines the same fate would likely befall a Sunday edition as befell the Old Sunday World.

As we remember the old Toronto Sunday paper its big attraction was the colored funnies. We have a lot of reading for six days now. Folks do like some leisure and Sunday is even crowded now. Better let the presses stop for one day a week. Some days they have trouble enough now finding anything worthwhile for the public.

Brief Comment

Mr. R. B. Coulter, Coulterville, informs the Banner that he has a 200-watt bulb in his barn that has been used continuously for 24 years. The bulb, which still burns brightly, was put into the socket in 1933. Quite a record for a light bulb!—Orangeville (Ont.) Banner.

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.

Sunday or Sunday? Is it Lord's Day or Lost Day? This heading appeared in a recent issue of the Yorkton (Sask.) Enterprise. Such conditions are not confined to Yorkton, but have become common practice across the Dominion—people building houses and doing other manual work, as well as sports activities, which if carried on in years gone by would have been considered a downright sin.—Campbellton (N.B.) Tribune.

Taxpayers must bear the cost of government, but surely should not be asked as well to shoulder the burdens for dozens of bodies which seek to maintain artificial prosperity at the cost of citizens of this country. The whole policy needs reviewing, and government support limited to truly essential services.—Trenton (Ont.) Courier-Advocate.

No Spring Hold Back

Spring is going to reveal many things that are new and pleasant for Actonians this year. Last fall saw the completion of the job of paving all the roads in town and then the snow came. This spring when the snow goes we'll have hard surfaces that will make all roads in good passable condition. There won't be that long break-up period that creates holes and puddles.

Then, too, there has always been that long period of dust nuisance until roads were prepared and the oil tanks could come in and settle the dust. Housewives may start as early as they wish in the annual spring clean up plans.

But there are other things that may present problems to finish the job and that only spring will reveal. While roads were graded before asphalt was laid there are likely to be many cases where street drainage will have to be rectified to accommodate the new levels. The easiest way to find the proper drainage will, of course, be this spring and summer. This may cause some inconvenience to both motorists and pedestrians. The program will have to be continued this spring and summer from where it left off last fall.

Later the new subdivisions should have the same topping as in the older sections of town but here the drainage problem can likely get attention before the surface is laid.

Construction Needed Too

Those who enjoy trees along streets and highways have become accustomed to their removal in many sections of town. It gives a changed appearance which is not always appreciated but the bald look has become accepted as a necessity. Of course, the trees cut down are rarely ever replaced and in towns in many instances this is sometimes excusable in spite of the fact that there are fewer overhead wires than there were a quarter century ago.

The removing of trees out along the highways without replacement is something, however, that is not so readily overlooked. We note that this winter a number of fine maples along the highway between Milton and Acton have been removed. Some of them may have been a hazard and were due for removal. The point is that there will not likely be any program of replacement and this road which has always been a lovely scenic drive will become a thing of mere utility and no beauty. It's very easy to tear down but more difficult to be constructive. For every tree removed a new one could at least be planted.

While we are discussing this road, we wonder why it has so long been neglected in placing a few roadside benches in the shady spots left. Let's retain beauty as well as utility in Halton and use the shovels as well as the chain saws in retaining what beauty we still have.

Welcome Spring

Spring will come, sooner or later. The American writer Henry Van Dyke, born in 1852, noted that the first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another.

If you figure it's been a long winter, the fact is that spring this year begins when the sun enters Aries at 4:17 p.m., eastern standard time, on March 20.

The weather won't change at that minute, of course, and some parts of this broad country may be chilled in a wintry atmosphere while others are enjoying the new warmth.

But nothing is more sure than the change of seasons, and the birds are well aware of this, even if they don't read the weather forecasts.

The different flocks and species, following a schedule they have observed for centuries, have been preparing for the annual northward migration in places far to the south—in the open spaces of South America, the forests of Central America, the islands of the Caribbean and the warm-winter areas of the southern United States.

One of the first migrants to reach its summer breeding areas is the robin. A well-trained robin will go south for the winter and return north when the temperature reaches a steady 35 degrees or better.

It's not the temperature, however, that spurs the robins' return. The National Geographic Society says the robins time their arrival with the return of the earthworms. All winter the worms have hidden below the frost line, and as the ground thaws, they come to the surface. The robins are there to meet them.

Spectacular spring migrations—thousands of birds in a single flock—are haphazard occurrences, due to the changeable spring weather. They seize the chance of a bright warm day in the midst of cool or stormy periods.

But they all know where they're going, and they know the winter's over.



Photo by Esther Fayon

The Bush in Winter's Blanket

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Privilege to be Grandmother

By Genevieve P. Clarke

Things are happening again in the Clarke family. Yes, indeed last week we were presented with another grandson, this time by Joy and Bob. Third grandson for us but the first addition for them. We thought a little girl might have been the baby, but somehow we got it didn't seem to matter. How can anyone be other than happy and thankful of both the mother and baby are all right?

The baby weighed 7 1/2 pounds, has fuzzy hair a nose, head and back like his father. His every-day name will be "Boss," what his full name will be has not yet been decided.

Poor grandpa looks like you just don't count in the baby kingdom. But your turn will come. For instance, I know Partner had a great time last Sunday taking Dave and his tubagen to all the best slides on the farm. That, of course, was a week ago, now a grandfater would have to be a magician to find a snowslide at all. No white stuff left anywhere—just bare ground and a few patches of ice. Such drastic changes in the weather.

Well, our old farm is doing a little better every week. Yesterday Partner and I stayed up until 12:30, hoping to get a phone call. We didn't get it so we went to bed uneasy but quite certain that Bob would phone about six. It wasn't six but three o'clock when he phoned. And apparently, he woke our neighbors but not us. We must have been dead to the world.

We shall be a long while living that one down. Neither of us will ever dare to say again we can't sleep at night. At six o'clock the phone did ring and I was out of bed.

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THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON
Rev. Ray H. Coesterus, Pastor
Parsonage, 113 Bower Ave.
Phone 208A

SUNDAY, MARCH 10th, 1957
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service
8:15 p.m.—B.Y.P.U.

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

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

ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY
Meeting in the Y.M.C.A.
Pastor, Rev. J. Ken
81 Cook St., Telephone 540W.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10th, 1957
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:30 p.m.—Evangalistic Service
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Cottage Prayer-meeting and Bible study.

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 10th, 1957
LENT I
9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion
9:45 a.m.—Church School and Bible Class
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class
11:30 a.m.—Matins and Sermon
No evening service.
Wednesday, March 13: 8 p.m.—Lenten Service.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10th, 1957
9:45 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
8:30 p.m.—Senior High Fellowship at the Manse.
Ministers' Confirmation Class each Wednesday at 7 p.m.

80 See Color Film On Witness Work

Eighty persons from Acton and surrounding territory assembled at the town hall last Thursday night and saw the documentary film "The Happiness of the New World Society". This showing was sponsored by the local group of Jehovah's Witnesses. The film, in color, lasted one hour and showed great spirit in gathering now taking place world-wide.

Beginning at the Chicago Convention of Jehovah's Witnesses, June, 1955, and taking in the five North American gatherings ending at New York City, the film showed actual scenes of the tens of thousands assembled. The narrator stated that a total of 171,000 attended these Christian gatherings.

The film then went abroad to the assemblies held in Europe that year. They were held at London, Paris, Rome, Nuremberg, Germany, Berlin, The Hague, Netherlands, and finally Stockholm, Sweden.

This film showed the effects of the world-wide preaching work of Jehovah's Witnesses.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

BACK IN 1907

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, March 6, 1907

Farmers are preparing for the spring work and wood lots are the order of the day.

At the request of the men of a New York congregation who not only want to hear but see the preacher as well, the minister has requested that the women in the congregation remove their hats before services begin.

A box social will be held in St. James church tomorrow evening. The farmers have been bustling in town in large quantities this week.

Somebody blundered and a cat astrapher was narrowly averted on the G.T.R. on Monday evening. A train going east and a train going west were ordered to cross at Acton instead of Lockwood. The cat drivers were not notified. Luckily they met on a straight stretch of track and saw each others' head lights.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held on the council chamber last Friday evening. Spring Sewing was the subject for discussion. A lively interest was manifested in all suggestions presented. There were many specimens of modern and useful needlework and useful hints for wives, mothers and maidens.

During the past month, improvements have been in progress at St. James bakery and grocery on Main St. which have quite transformed the premises. Good accommodations have been arranged at the rear of the store for their ice cream and oyster parlors.

The Young People's Dramatic club will present the laughable and entertaining comedy, "Diamonds and Hearts" at the town hall next Tuesday. In addition to this the Stalker sisters will give an exhibition of Highland dancing. Mr. Alex Munro and Paper Ross will also take part.

Milton has been in correspondence with the result that the town can secure \$5,000 from the Carnegie fund for the erection of a library if it agrees to provide the site and to provide funds to maintain it.

BACK IN 1937

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, March 11, 1937

Tom Reynuck, Acton business man, was injured in a motor accident about midnight Saturday when the steering gear locked and he failed to make the curve as he came out of Georgetown. The car plunged down the deep ravine. Mr. Reynuck sustained a throat cut and a nasty cut on the right eye and forehead but no bones broken.

Last Friday evening about 100 neighbors of Mr. Joseph Williams and Mrs. Josephine McKeown, who are to be married shortly, gathered together in the town hall to honor one of the invited couple. The happy couple were the recipients of many beautiful gifts. The presentation was unique and came in a prettily decorated car, driven by Mr. Williams. This was followed by a very tasty and grown dinner given by the Williams family and Miltonville Hotel.

The speed limits on the highway are at present quite a point of controversy. There is no doubt that the new velocity of today allows of great speed with a marked degree of safety.

The Franklin Road from Acton to Georgetown is being taken over by the Provincial Highway Department and will have some work done on it this year. No official announcement has yet been made of the connecting strip from Milton to Acton to join No. 25 and No. 7 highways.

First Acton Scout Boy Scouts had an outstanding honor in connection with their first three King's Scouts Tom Watson, Dirk and Jack Van Gezen. They were the first to receive the special Coronation scout certificates.

At a special meeting of the council on Monday evening, Col. A. T. Headman discussed with council their plans for consolidating their plant.

Are you a hunter for your own home town? It is citizens that make a town. The only way a town can be kept up is by the action of those who dwell in it. If they do not love their town, no one else will.

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TELEPHONE 19 - ACTON

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PECULIAR EGG
KINGSTON, Ont. (CP)—A bullet on the farm of Fred Campbell laid an egg shaped like a bowling pin.

MISCELLANEOUS

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TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

GRAY COACH LINES
COACHEN LEAVE ACTON

Standard Time
Eastbound
6:33 a.m. (Daily except Sun. and Hol.); 8:38 a.m.; 11:33 a.m.; 2:08 p.m.; 5:08 p.m.; 8:33 p.m.; 10:08 p.m. (Sun. and Hol.).

Westbound
10:27 a.m.; 12:57 p.m.; 2:57 p.m.; 5:27 p.m.; 7:27 p.m.; 9:12 p.m.; 11:32 p.m.; 1:12 a.m. (Fri., Sat., Sun. and Hol.).

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS
Standard Time
Eastbound
Daily 8:40 a.m.; Daily except Sundays 10:40 a.m.; 7:15 p.m. (City stop); 7:40 p.m.; Saturday only 2:25 p.m.; Sunday only 9:45 a.m. (2 1/2 stop); Sunday only 7:15 p.m. (City stop); Sunday only 7:05 p.m. (Daily except Sat. and Sun. 6:10 p.m.)