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Encouraging News

Last week's announcement of sale of a large industrial acreage in Acton is indeed the most encouraging development on the industrial front for some months.

While little could be told at the time it should still provide some encouragement for those who prefer to paint the dark picture for Acton's future. And among the worst offenders of that picture painting are some of Acton's citizens. To many, every other town appears to be way ahead in reality their position is very equal.

The stories of progress in other centres come from people who live there and who have some kind of faith in their municipality. In Acton, the town has to count on that same type of advertising to keep the municipality's name in proper perspective.

Industrial deals don't develop over night or just for the price of wishing. Limited contact is quite essential to negotiations. In St. Mary's within the past few weeks announcement was made that a plant of Hinde and Dauch was to locate there employing about 80 people. The negotiations had been carried on for months.

In this latest announcement a similar pattern of negotiations is reflected in the work of the Mayor. We know for certain of at least one holiday week-end that was spent waiting for a telephone call and undoubtedly there have been many others. Only a small percentage of the industrial leads that appear ever develop but none can be ignored when the town is put in competition with many other Ontario municipalities for a new industry.

We can imagine that one of the most discouraging aspects of industrial promotion for any committee or individual must be the constant grumbling of a few citizens for immediate results while their contribution to the cause is one of poor advertising.

Last week's news was encouraging and we hope all citizens will adopt the mantle of booster rather than buster.

Another First for Halton

Halton seems continually able to take credit for firsts despite its being Ontario's second smallest county.

In fire fighting Halton developed the Mutual Aid program that has served as a pattern for many other areas where similar plans have been developed.

Now announcement of a joint effort on Fire Prevention seems to round out the picture and add another first for Halton.

In previous years individual efforts have been made by Halton fire fighters to educate and inform the public on the importance of fire prevention. Results have been a very apathetic public and the direct result of that has been a very discouraged fire brigade.

This year with the establishment of a county-wide program better results are looked for and perhaps a more interested public will appear, somewhat as speedily as they do when the fire siren sounds.

We are constantly reminded of the need for fire prevention education as the toll from licking flames climbs higher to include more and more property damage and more and more lives.

Halton firefighters deserve credit for assuming the additional roll of fire prevention on a county scale while still maintaining their duties as firefighters.

It's another first for Halton and undoubtedly its results will be watched with marked interest by other counties. Will Halton citizens do their part in making the move successful?

Paper Litter a Personal Problem

At this time of year the amount of trash and litter that blows around the streets is astounding and becomes more than an irritation to those responsible for efforts to keep the thoroughfares of the town in some degree of tidiness. Goodness knows the dust problem is bad enough without having the eyesore of fluttering papers and scattered bits of card and boxes everywhere.

A question as to where all this stuff comes from is a fair and logical one and one to which there is only one answer. People are just careless. Actually there is no reason at all for even one bit of paper being blown around. Every piece in some manner must have been released outside, either when thrown out with garbage or tossed into the street in such forms as cigarette or candy boxes.

If everyone were truly tidy-conscious there would be no paper litter.

Maybe those who throw cigarette boxes on the street (for example) act in the same way at home by throwing them on the floor, but we doubt it. We cannot imagine anyone like that just the same as we cannot imagine anyone thinkingly throwing paper of any kind away outside, yet it is done regularly and prolifically.

It is said that there are now too many laws and regulations overriding the peoples of the world.

Laws are only necessary when people neglect to carry out their responsibilities fairly and honestly. They are necessary to force people to live up to their responsibilities in relationship with others and their communities.

It is disregard of the elementary need for tidiness that has produced laws providing penalties for throwing litter on highways.

Such laws can be quite irritating yet they would not be necessary if everyone acted as they should.

There is a challenge in connection with this litter business within this town—a challenge to everyone whether a homeowner or only temporary resident occupying only a room. A continuation of this paper-discarding habit could well call for the enforcement of fines.

But that is all so unnecessary, unpleasant and unfriendly. The cure is entirely in the hands of the people themselves who could quickly correct the presence of untidiness by refraining to throw away or place papers where winds can reach them.

On a Statistical Level

It is always interesting to follow polls and compare their results with some of their predictions.

In scanning district papers this week we noted an Oakville paper had quizzed some residents for their opinion on locating a bandshell in a park there.

All the opinions favored such a move for various reasons and one considered the financing of such a project. The comment went like this "It would be wonderful. And even if only a silver collection were taken, contributors would soon pay for any such a bandshell."

Now we realize how hastily these comments were probably given and we attack no looks of scorn but it does seem that silver collections at band concerts would be a long time paying for any bandshell.

Our point, though, is the opinion of many people about how little things should cost and how easily they can be paid for. This seems to be one of the problems not only in personal financing but also in business and municipal financing.

Citizens often promote their favorite project on the basis of how little it will cost and how easily it can be paid for, forgetting about the end cost of a multitude of little projects all lumped together.

We've been noting lately some of the difficulties Georgetown is having, chiefly with figures. Last week the Herald commented "A few years ago optimists were talking about a town of 10, 20 or 30 thousand people growing up over night. Subsequent developments have shown that growth does not come that rapidly. And yet past statistics and geographical location give every indication that Georgetown will have an upward growth each year."

The Georgetown editorial continues: "A brief submitted recently to council by the Delrex firm has statistics which show that a certain amount of residential building will more than carry itself in taxes and provide a substantial surplus to help pay off sewer costs."

This is just one of the statistical problems that affects every Ontario municipality. No one knows just how much any town will grow and it is extremely embarrassing to be accused later of not thinking big enough or of having thought too big.

While it is fine for any municipality to progress it seems important to get away from the anaesthetic term of easy payments.



"Ballet of The Popies"

From Halfway House

Sunday Work Becomes Common

By Geraldine F. Clarke

Partner is one of those lucky men who has a very fair, very slow growth of beard. On the farm, a shave twice a week was his average—and he looked quite respectable at that. Here he conceded that every other day might be necessary. But he reckoned without our young neighbors.

Yesterday, little David, who lives next door, came to visit us and almost at once, he said to Partner, "You need a shave, don't you?" David is a little fellow about five and a half who jumps but loves to use big words. One day he was chattering away telling me a big story and finished by saying, "It is all very confounding, isn't it? I quite agreed—it was very 'confounding'."

It will be still more "confounding" when our grandson comes to stay and we have two Davids to contend with. Neighbor David and his little friend Lily called, one day "selling" paper, bank deposit slips, one cent apiece. "If you haven't got the money now, you can pay tomorrow," said Lily. How soon they learn, these young ones.

Last night our Toronto family was here, so my sister could see the boys before she left us. Eddie was in great shape, very proud of the fact that he can now walk. In fact, he is so taken up with walking that he almost forgets to get into mischief. If he does, Big Brother is generally on hand to keep him from getting hurt.

Normal, healthy children are a great joy, but I am afraid it is only when we run across handicapped or retarded children that we realize how thankful we should be. Friends of ours have an only child handicapped by being blind and diabetic.

And now again, I have come across a similar case. Only this time the child is obviously retarded. On our first visit to her home, we found a girl in her early twenties sitting in a rocking chair hugging a big Teddy-bear. And not far from Ginger Farm there is another afflicted child—a deaf-mute.

However, we have this much to be thankful for society at large is finally waking up to the fact that these children can often be helped to live more normal lives if given proper training. Training that is not always possible in the homes of the parents.

Neighbors too can often help by offering to take charge of such a child or an hour or two, or sometimes a day or so, so that parents from their burden of responsibility. It is little enough for a neighbor to do but it can mean a great deal to the mother.

We had a lovely rain again last night. Lovely, that is for the lawns and gardens, but not so lovely for haying farmers. Last Thursday I was back to our old home district to an Institute meeting, and saw plenty of hay out in the fields. Two neighbors told me they were haying last Sunday and, because the weather had been so "catchy", they did not feel the least bit guilty.

But oh my, how times have changed! A few years ago, field work on a Sunday was absolutely unthinkable. It just wasn't done. Mercy, what would the neighbors think! That, I believe, is the crux of the whole situation—what the neighbors think!

The difference between right and wrong is unchanged, the difference lies in our conception of what is right and what is wrong.

THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON
Rev. Ray H. Costerus, Pastor
Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave.
Phone 308w

SUNDAY, JULY 21st, 1937
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Community open air service in Acton park.

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

SUNDAY, JULY 21st, 1937
8:45 a.m.—Church School and Baptisms
10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and Service in Acton park. Music by Acton Citizens' Band.

ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY
Meeting in the Y.M.C.A.
Pastor: Rev. K. J. Reid.
81 Cook St., Telephone 649w.

SUNDAY, JULY 21st, 1937
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.

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

Mr. George Elliott,
Organist and Choir Leader
76 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 8

SUNDAY, JULY 21st, 1937
9:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
10:00 a.m.—Junior Church and Church School.
11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Community open air service in Acton park.

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

SUNDAY, JULY 21st, 1937
(TRINITY VI)

8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
9:30 a.m.—Matins (St. John's, Rockwood).
11:00 a.m.—Choral Communion.
2:00 p.m.—Holy Baptism of infants.

And in this we are influenced by what people do or don't do.

If the neighbors bale on Sunday how can it be right for them and wrong for us? By this method of arguing it is a simple matter to lose our conscience. And far be it from me to say who is right or who is wrong.

But I will remember that many times during our farming years, Partner would threaten to finish clearing that field tomorrow, even though it is Sunday. But somehow he never did. The only work we did on Sundays was behind closed barn doors—straightening the new or taking a load of the wagon as it sat on the barn floor. We never did take the horses to the field. This needed their rest.

To be argument, I put up against Partner working I always got the answer. In the war when I was with the railway troops in France, we had to work on Sundays. The main teams had every Sunday off but the men only one in four.

So, if a field must be baled on a Sunday, it rests between the farmer, the baler and the conscience of each. It applies to other work too and boils down to the same thing—"Everyone does it so why shouldn't I?" But yet most of us are conscious of a little nagging voice within ourselves which says "that isn't what you were taught as a child."

Possibly many of the rising generation will never hear that voice because they are being brought up in a world that believes in open Sundays. In suburban lawns are cut, gardens weeded and watered and the car washed. Again it is a case of other people do it, why shouldn't we? I just hope that when we pass through the Pearly Gates, we shall not be confounded by Peter asking us sternly, "And what did you do on Sundays?"

OBITUARY

Mrs. Charles Roberts Passes in Hospital

After a lengthy illness, Rachel Gertrude McFarlane, wife of Chas. H. Roberts of Moffat, passed away at the Guelph General hospital Friday, July 5, 1937. Born in Eden Mills, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William McFarlane.

During her life, she lived in Arkell and more recently in Moffat. Mrs. Roberts is survived by her husband, one daughter, Edna of Guelph, two sons, Wilfred of Walnut Springs, Texas and Albert at home. Three sisters also survive, Effie McFarlane, Mrs. George Burrows (Jessie), both of Guelph, and Mrs. H. Parkinson (Margaret) of Galt. Three grandchildren, all of Texas, also survive.

The funeral was held Monday, July 8 from McLanaghan - Wall funeral home, Guelph. The service was conducted by Mr. Les Nansen of Knox Presbyterian church. The pallbearers were C. Donaven, C. Dunkie, T. Amos, W. Black, G. Pirie and G. Campbell. The flower bearers were M. Donaven, A. Parkinson, E. Parkinson, J. Moore and J. Sanderson.

Interment was in Eden Mills cemetery.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

BACK IN 1907

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, July 18, 1907.

The bad boys who smashed the window panes on the east side of Harnockburn school may well tremble with fear. They are liable to go to Milton jail for this malicious depredation.

Acton sent baseball teams to Brampton and Georgetown, last week. In both matches they were successful.

The results of the entrance examinations at Acton were certainly creditable to Acton Public School. Every one of the 28 pupils who wrote were successful, and a half dozen of them took honors. The fact that 100 per cent of the pupils passed is most gratifying to Principal Stewart and highly complimentary to Miss Annie L. Hudson, the teacher who had them in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Worden and Master Erbert arrived in Acton last Thursday from Portage la Prairie, after an absence of nearly three years.

A rink under skip Gould ventured to the Ontario Bowling tournament at Niagara-on-the-Lake last week and did a fine job of bowling and report a highly enjoyable outing.

Mr. John M. Warren and his mother and sister are removing to Toronto this week. Their line residence on Mill St. has been leased by D. A. Dickson of Guelph, who will move in with his family in a few days. Mr. Dickson, it is rumored, will go into the monument business here.

The return match with the Georgetown Bowling Club was played on the green of that club on Monday afternoon and evening. The result of the day's play was a victory for Acton both afternoon and evening matches.

The addition and improvements on William Cooper's residence are just about completed.

Fines amounting to \$220 were imposed on 30 young men for playing dice on Sunday.

The promoters of the independent telephone lines are still at work in this section and have good prospects of success. The farmers are beginning to realize the advantage farmers have in other localities and many are willing to support the proposal to put in lines for their convenience.

Mr. E. W. Grace was the first in this section to commence the grain harvest. He cut his barley on the Plank farm on Saturday. It was ripe but the straw was very short.

BACK IN 1937

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, July 22, 1937.

On Monday evening, the members of Knox Y.W.A. spent a very happy evening at The Mansie. The occasion was arranged as a farewell party for Miss Nellie Anderson, who will be leaving shortly to resume her mission work in Japan.

Knox Ladies' Aid held afternoon tea on the lawn of Mrs. G. W. Maasles on Wednesday afternoon. The lawn was beautifully decorated with flags and bunting, and a good program was provided, with numbers by Norman Wright, Kathleen Finlay, Inez McLellan and Mrs. C. Kirkness.

Mr. W. R. Laabrook had a narrow escape from serious injury when the light truck he was driving lost fire on the roadway last Tuesday and was badly burned. The car suddenly burst into flames and when brought to a stop, was well ablaze. Some of the tools, the seat cushions and equipment were burned before the fire could be extinguished.

Ideal weather and promise of a good evening drew a crowd to the lawn social last evening on the church grounds at St. Alban's and entertainments were fully realized.

The Acton nine defeated the Paper Towers last Thursday in Georgetown. 4-2. Bus Morton led off for the locals, turning in a good effort, holding the Paper Boys scoreless until the sixth inning.

The home town team scored their four runs in the first inning and were held scoreless for the balance of the game, but the lead was sufficient to hold.

Bill Waterhouse made a beautiful running catch and Mat Tyler had to travel a long way to pull down a shot hit Bas Morton realized his season's ambition when he defeated the Georgetown club.

Scout leaders from various parts of Ontario, friends of the Boy Scout movement in the province and many from this district attended the official opening yesterday of the Blue Spring Scout Reserve, about four miles west of Acton.

The opening and dedication of the grounds and the unveiling of a memorial cairn were simple, yet impressive. These new grounds, purchased last year by the Provincial Boy Scouts, will replace the camp near Brantford.

Hamilton defeated the local team by a score of 11-9 last week. The locals contribute the use to credit and had base running.

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