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Opposition on 'Phone Rates

Opposition appears to be growing against the application of the Bell Telephone Co. for an increase in its rates.

We can't seem to conscientiously join the throng of protests.

The last general rate increase was in 1952 and if the Mayors who are so vocal in their opposition had been able to survive on a tax rate established in that year, there wouldn't be so much opposition to this increase proposed by the Bell.

Now the telephone company has not been without its growing pains just as have all the municipalities. There have been new stations, new lines and undoubtedly increased operating costs.

Of course, most of the opposition comes when someone reads off something of the profits. It goes up into multiple figures and it's pretty hard to think that it's spread over thousands of people who lend their money to the firm that it may carry out its expansion program.

But don't get us wrong. We hate to see costs go up on the telephone just as much as we do on newsprint. They're all business expenses just as they are personal expenses and undoubtedly when they're all lumped together we'll have to increase something too.

It does seem though, that the telephone is still a pretty economical service. If the Bell can prove the need for an increase, as they'll certainly have to before the Board of Transport Commissioners, we certainly can't prove they don't deserve it even if Mayor Phillips thinks he can.

And we don't have any stock in the Bell Telephone Co. either.

Sportsmanship Prevails

Ducks and other waterfowl will still have a sporting chance when the hunting season rolls around again in Canada.

The federal government has outlawed the use of electronic calling devices which now apparently are in wide use in the United States, and which are described as devastatingly effective in luring hundreds of birds to the hunter's guns.

The electronic devices — actually high-fidelity recordings of various waterfowl calls that can be heard over considerable distances — first came to Canadian attention at the recent federal-provincial wildlife conference in Ottawa. And it was an American who did it. A demonstration of one of the devices by Robert H. Johnson of Washington so shocked the delegates that they promptly endorsed a resolution that they be banned in Canada.

The government acted by inserting an outlawing clause in the federal migratory birds regulations. It has teeth, too: a fine of $10 to $300 or six months in jail, or both, for anyone caught using the callers.

Federal and provincial wildlife authorities are happy over the development. They say that though the callers had not come into use in Canada, it is known that at least one U.S. manufacurer wanted to put them on the Canadian market. The banning has nipped a potential bird slaughter in the bud.

And so Canadian hunters when they go out this fall will just have to continue using the natural attributes of a good sportsman — patience and a good shooting eye — instead of falsely luring hundreds of birds within easy shooting range.

There is another electronic device being marketed for fishermen in the United States. Lowered into the water, it attracts fish by electric impulses and sound vibration. Although this isn't as devastating a contraption — since the fish still have to bite the fisherman's hook — Canadian wildlife people are keeping an eye on it.

It hasn't shown in Canada yet so far as is known. Federal officials say that if and when it does, it probably could be ruled illegal under provincial regulations which now prohibit use of lights and other artificial means to attract fish.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Weekly Newspapermen Meet

On September 9, 10 and 11 the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association will hold its 38th annual convention in Banff, Alberta.

Representatives of member newspapers from Newfoundland to Vancouver Island will meet to discuss the salient problems facing the industry, and to greet old friends, and make new ones, in this unique fraternity of weekly newspaper publishers and editors. As has always been the case, many of the wives and children will also be present, for they are a part of "Canada's Biggest Family Party", as the CWNA convention has come to be known, just as in so many instances they are active workers in the family newspaper.

There are serious problems facing the weekly newspaper industry today. High wage levels, constantly rising cost of materials and equipment, and a shortage of experienced workers are placing a very heavy demand on the productive and management skills of publishers, who seek to hold down costs as the alternative to increasing advertising and subscription rates. Their problem becomes even more acute when, because of rapid growth of the communities they serve, they must enlarge their plant and equipment, placing a great strain on limited reserves.

Such are the problems with which the CWNA conventions and the meetings of the provincial divisions of the association must deal. In forums and general meetings, delegates will attempt to find solutions and reach decisions which it is hoped will work for the good of the entire industry, CWNA members and non-members alike.

Certainly there are the pleasures of the social side of conventions, and the CWNA convention is rated high in this respect. But there is much serious discussion, too, because the member newspapers of the association are constantly seeking to improve themselves, not only on the inside, but in the public interest as well. It is never forgotten that the faithful subscriber is, in the final analysis, the keystone of a newspaper's being.

Another Look at Water

It's always interesting to reflect on just how many people read these editorial comments weekly or weekly. But last week if you had difficulty following our line of reasoning under the title of "water, water everywhere" we can this week sympathize with you.

Every newspaper office seems to be peopled with a certain race of gremlins that periodically appear to foul up the works. Last week an editorial title "Water, Water Everywhere" was written to appear in the Milton paper that just happens to be printed in the local plant. Those imaginative gremlins transferred it to the Acton paper and it was only when the editor in chief questioned us on it that the whole dark truth appeared.

It was a most embarrassing position because the imaginative person might think the rather critical piece applied to local officials. Just to wipe out doubts as best as we could, we contacted the chairman of council's water committee and the superintendent of waterworks to explain the situation so they might be prepared if some irate citizen accosted them for an explanation.

This, of course, brings us back to our reflection on just how many people do read the editorials. Our office didn't receive any queries on it, for which let me hasten to add, we're mighty thankful.

But then it was a holiday week-end.

Just a Little Time

Changes always bring their share of problems and the recent change brought about by installation of a new newspaper press has not been without some headaches.

You've perhaps noted or perhaps commented that the pictures don't seem quite as clear as they used to in this paper. Perhaps we should point out the other press had been in operation for about 25 years and there weren't too many things unknown about it. A special ink had been mixed and prepared for the type of paper used to suit the type of press used.

With the new press two sides of the sheet are printed in one operation and a completely different type of ink is required. This, of course, is just one of the problems we're fighting in keeping the standard of picture reproduction at a high level.

We don't like to use editorial space talking about our problems but it does seem wise to keep readers up to date on some of the things we're working on.

These problems that involve running this new press, for instance, kept a crew in the plant until after 1.30 a.m. last Wednesday evening so there would be a minimum delay in delivering your home-town paper. We may have been a few minutes late in the weekly delivery. But not much more.

The press will undoubtedly be faster but the kinks we're ironing out are gradually leading to better picture and newspaper reproduction. We hope you'll be patient while we go through this period of transition. We still plan to keep the local paper on top.

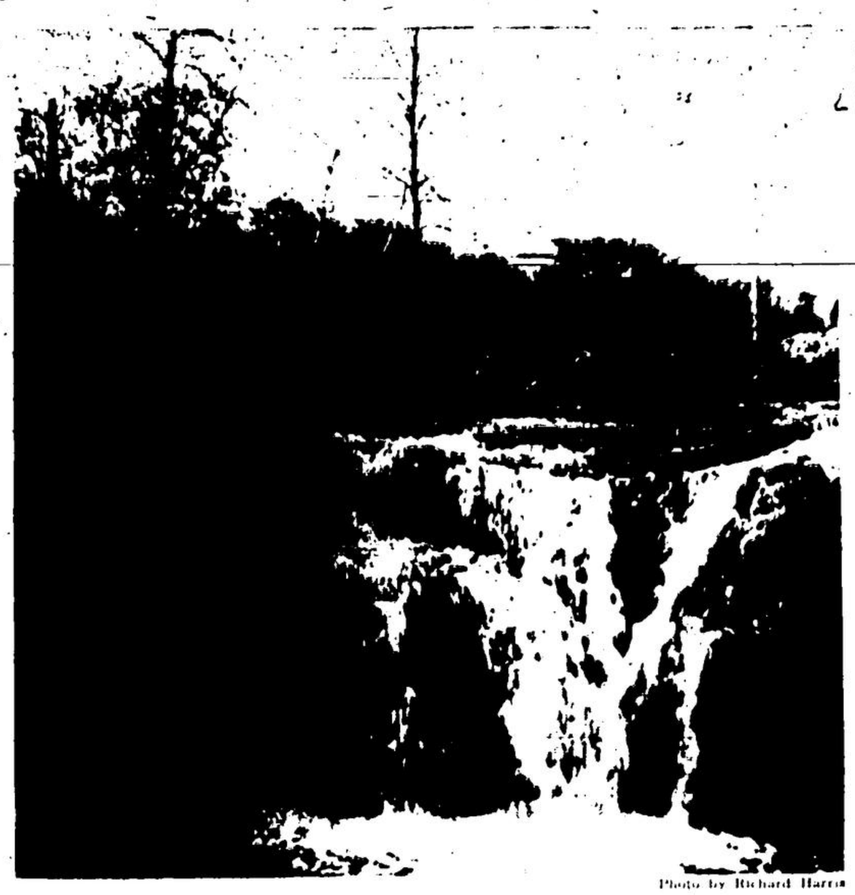

Photo by Richard Harris

"Falling Waters"

G.A.D. About

Filter-Tips and Other Tips

Not having gone through the horrors of ever having to break the habit of cigarette smoking or being a connoisseur of good or bad tobacco, we can view calmly the battle of filters and their effect on one's health and review over the year the growth of the use of cigarettes.

Seems to me I recall as a youngster there were more pipe and cigar smokers and quite a few chewers of the weed. Nearest approach in the prepared line for a boy who wanted to be adventurous was a Quebah which were supposed to relieve catarrh and make breathing easier. They were the first filter-tips I can recall. Of course, one could always get bark and roll their own but from such fuel there was always danger of a conflagration and a burned mouth and tongue.

I never got the cigarette habit but for years I got some sort of pleasure or something from smoking tobacco in cigars or a pipe mostly cigars. Never was too successful with a pipe and tried many recommended brands. The last pipe tobacco I recall was called Presbyterian mixture. The fellow who secured it for me said it had an odor like the bottom of an old silo. Never having farmed, I took his word for it, but it was my last attempt at pipe smoking tobacco.

Cigar smoking was different. You can both smoke and chew tobacco in that form — we did just that. Never used one of those cigar holders in my life. Might still be smoking cigars yet but for the fact several doctors told me that the habit wasn't good for ulcers. Like as not I would not have taken their advice if I had not, after many starts and stops, convinced myself that there might be something to their suggestion.

Cigars used to be a standard Christmas gift suggestion for me but I never did see much difference in the various brands except one that had an odor similar to a fumigated horse stable similar to the Exhibition. I only smoked one and then chanced the brand and also a once popular brand in the low priced field known as Webster. Don't see it any more and small wonder.

If I had developed the cigarette habit there is no doubt I would have been interested in the controversy over filter tips. I've tried cigarettes but I would never acquire the knack of holding them right. That fine tobacco always got in my mouth and between my teeth and like raspberry seeds, it is a bother.

But I am concerned about the turmoil that is going on among my friends and the filter-tip discussion. It just seems to pop up at every turn of the dial. Even if one were to quit smoking, the subject would meet you at every turn.

Can well remember when cigarettes were only available in the old barrooms. Of course, only men could get them then — no small boys or women were allowed in a barroom. Then they became available in drug stores under a license that cost $100. Now they are sold everywhere seemingly without restriction and under hundreds of brand names. Both men and women and often young boys and girls can get them without question almost anywhere.

And so the battle of the filter-tips and medical research on the cause and effect of lung cancer goes on. Even the folks who are non-smokers are taken in on the discussion every half hour we view TV. No one has ever to our recollection argued on the beneficial effect of any kind of smoking. No medical man we have ever heard has advised a patient to develop the habit as a cure for any disease or as an aid to longevity.

Tobacco and filter-tips are a real aid to TV and radio. Maybe without them our culture would suffer and our conversation lag. At any rate tobacco sale is big business and apparently a very profitable one. With so many people invested in it from the grower to the retailer it is not going to be easily removed from our way of life.

Curious it may be to the cost of some diseases of the lungs but so may gasoline fumes. We all have seen instances where folks have been heavy smokers and have lived to be well over 80 years old yet putting some percentage out of cigarette smoking whether it is just coincidence or just coincidence that has filtered smoke. Most folk still like the privilege of choosing their own enjoyment.

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Sometimes we think established industry in town does not get the credit it deserves when the industrial growth of Acton is considered. Sometimes the facts are lost sight of in the clamor for new industries. Most industries start small and with good management become big industries. Having become big, sometimes they are wrongly accused of using their influence to dominate other industry in the town.

Such may seem to be the case, but in our lifetime we have never found such to be the fact. Individuals and business men of this day are desirous of one thing: progress. It usually takes all their initiativeness to maintain leadership in their own line. They live in and are part of the town. They are anxious to see the town grow and the people who work content with their form of life.

A few weeks back, we told of our impressions of a company-owned town in northern Ontario. We could see little difference from most other towns we ever visited in the effect on the way of life of the people. But we would hesitate to advocate that all towns become company towns. We like the present status and little could be gained by having large companies dominate a town and provide the facilities for all the residents. It is well to share our problems and responsibilities.

We had a refutation in Acton last week of the accusation sometimes made that established industries here hamper the establishment of other industries. Twice within the last 40 years, Beardmore Co. has been the means of bringing new industry to Acton. Mason Knitting Co. was the means of bringing a new industry. When Storey Glove Co. closed its manufacturing here, it was most desirous to get a new industry and succeeded for a time. It was not any fault of such companies that the buildings are not have of industry.

Many citizens of present-day Acton do not know that the group of industries just east of the C.N.R. tracks had their beginnings, not in the present lines, but by men who were interested in manufacturing other lines. The Blow Press Co. building was built to manufacture ignition parts for cars. The A. P. Green Co. building was built by C. H. Harrison to distribute auto replacement parts and the Micro Plastics plant was started in Acton largely through the interest of Hartley Harrison in building up industry in Acton. There may be more but these are well within our recollection.

Frankly, we sometimes feel that industrialists are lax in one thing, in not telling their side and refuting so much pure gossip in the part

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THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 1957
9.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
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
Rectory, 188 Jeffrey St., Tel. 365

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 1957
(TRINITY XII)
8.30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
9.45 a.m.—Church School. Classes recommence after summer recess.
11.00 a.m.—Beginners' Class.
11.00 a.m.—Choral Communion.
2.00 p.m.—Holy Baptism.

BAPTIST CHURCH
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Rev. Ray H. Costerus, Pastor
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Phone 2064

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 1957
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Service.

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 1957
9.45 a.m.—Church School.
11.00 a.m.—Public Worship.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship.

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 1957
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.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

BACK IN 1907

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, September 5, 1907.

On Saturday afternoon, the senior baseball players of both Acton and Georgetown played a match in the park here, in which the victory rested with the home team, in a score of 10-5.

Owing to her approaching marriage, Miss Nellie Holmes has resigned her position as forelady at the Canada Glove Works. Miss Holmes fulfilled the duties of that position with the greatest satisfaction to W. H. Storey and Sons. She has been succeeded by Miss Effie Dills, who has been in Gloversville, N.Y. for some time and is a competent and expert glove maker.

A drunken Indian disturbed the peace and frightened a number of citizens by his conduct on the streets on Saturday. He was taken in tow to Office Carnahan and locked in the cells where he remained overnight. Upon promising to be good he was allowed his freedom.

William Anderson's dwelling was gone come to grief when a load of coal on Mill Street. The alarm motivated. One of the [illegible] gave way.

The regular meeting of the Women's Institute will be held on the lawn of Miss Minnie McCuaig Friday afternoon.

The new club house at Lake [illegible] of about completed and presents quite an attractive appearance. The interior of the second story will be quite cozy. It is supplied with a fireplace and other comfortable appointments.

It is probable that the Rhu-ana will shortly arrange for Yiddish service in one of the public halls. A Rabbi from Toronto was expected to meet members of this faith in Acton but owing to personal illness the visit has been cancelled.

A new pavement has been put down on Georgia Street from Church to Acton St.

Edward Wandsbrough of Toronto Junction, a brother-in-law of Mr. Thomas J. Price of Acton, was killed last night in a C.P.R. accident near Milgrove, about 20 miles east of Toronto.

The work of promoting a telephone system has been carried on from Acton and covering a radius of five or six miles of the adjacent territory, to be completed in two weeks by a specialized telephone organizer. The proposed company is to be known as the Acton Telephone Company.

BACK IN 1937

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, September 9, 1937.

With two bands in attendance, Acton I.O.L. and visiting brethren, and Acton True Blue Lodge paraded from the Lodge Hall on Willow St. to Fairview cemetery, where their decoration day was held. Acton Citizens' Band and Campbellville Fife and Drum Band supplied the music.

Boys smoking in a haystack in a field just east of the town finally were held responsible for a fire on Sunday afternoon. Two stacks of hay were destroyed but a third one nearby was saved by the hard work. Chief McPherson is carrying on investigations in connection with the fire.

Acton and Georgetown junior players enjoyed a series of games last week. Several girls were placed in Georgetown for the night's entertainment, winning [illegible] 101 to 90.

Robert Ivey and [illegible] were the winners of the [illegible] prizes at the [illegible] Saturday.

Motion Information [illegible] Acton [illegible] Saturday by the [illegible] of the Mississauga Parks [illegible] and were both accepted [illegible] supplied by the [illegible] Motion requested [illegible] the meeting [illegible] to [illegible] for [illegible].

President J. M. McIntosh [illegible] the regular meeting of the Acton Board of Trade [illegible] Dominion Day [illegible] regular meeting of the Acton Legion [illegible].

The monthly meeting of the Ladies Aid was held at the home of Mrs. J. H. Denny on Tuesday with Mrs. J. Simms presiding. The lady [illegible] an excellent [illegible] after. Plans regarding [illegible] were made.

T. A. Blakelock [illegible] the unanimous choice of the Halton Liberal Progressive Conservatives to contest the Provincial election.

The meeting was held in Milton Town Hall on Tuesday and the hall was crowded to capacity.

Plans have been completed for a second Leadership Training Night School to be held in Rockwood District church. The school is sponsored by the Guelph Presbytery Young People's Union.

Mrs. F. Gamble was personally surprised at the regular meeting of the Acton Women Institute last Thursday afternoon when she was presented with a gift by the ladies.

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TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

GRAY COACH LINES
COACHES LEAVE ACTON
Daylight Saving 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., 6.33 p.m., 9.23 p.m., 10.08 p.m. (Sun. and Hol.).
Westbound
10.27 a.m., 12.37 p.m., 2.37 p.m., 5.27 p.m., 7.27 p.m., 8.12 p.m., 11.32 p.m., 1.12 a.m. (Fri., Sat., Sun. and Hol.)

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS
Standard Time
Eastbound
Daily 5.40 a.m.; Daily except Sundays 10.00 a.m.; 7.13 p.m.; Sunday only 8.01 p.m.; Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown 9.02 a.m.; 6.37 p.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown 10.11 p.m.
Westbound
Daily 11.44 p.m.; Daily except Sunday, 8.30 a.m.; 6.55 p.m. (flag-stop); 7.49 p.m.; Saturday only 1.22 p.m.; Sunday only 9.03 a.m. (flag-stop); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph 7.00 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. 5.31 p.m.