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homes should be exempt from school taxes, was one of the chief resolutions put at the final session of the First Ontario Conference on Aging...

"We have been of the opinion that many senior citizens who have planned well for retirement and own their homes, have suffered hardships caused by increasing school taxes," suggests the Era and Express editorially.

Many Go Hungry

The connection between low incomes and inadequate diet is strikingly illustrated in a new report by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

One table in this comprehensive FAO report issued in Rome shows the cost of a representative diet of 3,000 calories, for one person for one day, represented 4 1/2 hours' work by an average factory worker in India.

The same one-day food supply represented 3 1/2 hours of work in Japan, 3 1/2 hours in Italy. By contrast, the figure is 0.5 hour in Canada, 0.4 in the United States.

Three different diets were used for this compilation, the 3,000 calorie one being the highest. Others had 2,500 and 2,100 calories.

"It is apparent that in the poorer countries," says the report, "the more nutritious and expensive diet would be utterly beyond the means of the average factory worker, unless he were a single man without dependents."

"Even for the meager diets usually consumed in these countries, the number of hours to be worked is greater than is necessary in economically developed countries for the much superior diets which they enjoy."

Even an elementary knowledge of nutrition could go far to overcome the handicap of poverty, says the report. Greater emphasis on home economics and consumer education could have important effects on health.

Where average incomes are too low for a fully balanced diet for everyone, there is much to be said for channelling a large share of the "protective foods" to the most vulnerable groups, including children and mothers.

The report calls the spread of school meals and other welfare schemes for such purposes one of the most encouraging developments since the Second World War, and one of the most striking results of the growing knowledge of nutritional principles.

But, it finds, large sections of the neediest of the world's people are still untouched by these developments, and what remains to be done is much greater than has been accomplished.

Life Getting Longer

About 20 years have been added to the average lifetime of American people since the turn of the century, according to a report by the Health League.

Figures from the National Office of Vital Statistics indicate that the chances for a white man of age 20 surviving to age 65 increased from 514 to 686 per 1,000 between 1900-02 and 1955.

At the same time, more than three-fourths of the men aged 50 may now expect to reach the normal retirement age of 65. The expected lifetime of those reaching 65 also has been extended somewhat.

The prospects of survival for females have improved so much that women now have better than four chances in five of living to see all their children reach maturity, the statisticians point out.

Enforced retirement for capable men at 65 will certainly decrease in popularity as lives become longer, or there will have to be a heavy increase in hobbies to keep people happy.



G.A.D. About...

Auctioneers and Boy Scouts

It is not often that I attend Auction Sales but some way or other I was attracted to the sale of machinery and equipment at the plant of the Wood Combining Corporation in Acton last week.

As a printer, I used to have quite a lot to do with the auctioneers. Most of the bills were written out on the back of an old calendar and when the lists of horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and implements had to be set by hand, it was quite a chore getting out a half sheet sale bill.

Now the auctioneers around this district are Roy Hindley, Jack Elliott, Frank Petch and Wm. Gibson. Of course there are sometimes others who have sales but I think they group pretty well under the name of Roy Hindley.

From auctions to Boy Scouts may seem without connection but as a father of two King Scouts who are still boys and are still helping in the task that I am told they have been largely overcome.

This year they undertook to add a basement under their scout hall. They met twice last week and they met in the task that I am told they have been largely overcome.

Now, however, they find they are in debt quite a bit more than they anticipated. The Scouts have many friends who have always helped them and are still doing so.

I've often wondered what makes groups of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Guides grow and get along. I've wondered often why boys in Scout work and serve with a pay and spend time and effort in supplying leadership. What makes them do it?

First auctioneer I can remember in Acton was William Hemstreet and the first sale I ever attended was the dispersal of household effects when my Uncle Tom went to make a new home in Saginaw, Mich.

There's something about an auction sale, its buyers and its onlookers that is sometimes a bit depressing and leaves many questions unanswered. What someone else has built up and made productive by many folks is scattered to the four winds by changed circumstances.

THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

- BAPTIST CHURCH: Rev. Ray H. Colesius, Pastor. Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave. Phone 206-W.
UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA: Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., B.D. Minister. Parsonage - 28 Bower Avenue. Phone 60.
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA: 112th Anniversary Services. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd, 1957.
W.I. Meeting Held in School: The October meeting of the Hantsburg W.I. was held at the school, October 27th, with the president in the chair.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

BACK IN 1907

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, October 31, 1907. On the 20th August, an information was laid against James Marchmont by George Herbert Hawthorne, charging him with the theft of an overcoat and the article in the pocket was a watch which was issued to Marchmont's arrest at Glen Williams where he was at the time sojourning.

He was arrested and taken to the cells but as the constable was unlocking the cell door, he made his escape. He evaded arrest for over two months but while in Georgetown on Saturday, Chief McDonald nabbed him and he was taken to jail.

One of the well placed farmers this year is M. Black who purchased the David Williamson farm last spring. He has a large stock of an excellent sample of grain and all has the price for which owing to the short crop throughout the country will no doubt bring very satisfactory returns.

The thoughtfulness of Mr. A. Wood in sprinkling the streets during the dry and dusty weather last week was appreciated by interested citizens.

Thanksgiving and Halloween have joined hands for the first time. Citizens in general will be thankful if their prosperity is found to be unimpaired tomorrow morning.

Alex. Walker Esq. was first asked to judge on sheep at the Fair at Acton in 1877 and he is well known and expert in the judgments that his services have been regularly sought.

The friends of Mr. Joseph Hill are pleased to see he is able to be about again.

Messrs. William Donald and Stuart Mackie returned from Vancouver, B.C. on Saturday and will remain in Acton. They say there are too many Hindus and too few white agents in B.C. for them.

The past week has been busy for the members of the Model Railroad Club. The members of the club have been busy with the showing of colored slides by H. Ottoborn.

M. Ottoborn, an ardent camera fan whose interest runs mainly to film pictures, showed a series of colored slides taken by him while on a trip through the United States.

The Model Railroad Club is presently busy at a project of building a model complete with bridges, tunnels, scenery and landscaping.

John Jennings, a former resident of Acton for 40 years, passed away suddenly at the General Hospital on Wednesday, October 16, 1957, after a week's illness.

He was a veteran of World War I, having served in the 122nd Battalion from 1916 to 1919. He was a member of Walker Lodge and of the Anglican church.

He is survived by Ruth (Mrs. Frank) Walter, Bellefontaine and Frances (Mrs. Lloyd) Robertson, Joseph and three granddaughters, Alan Robertson, Barbara and Frank Wade Jr.

Funeral services were held on Friday, October 18, from the Rev. E. J. Jones officiating. Interment was in Evergreen cemetery. The brethren of Walker Lodge paid their respects at a service on Thursday evening.

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