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Monday is X Day

Monday is election day here. That day means a lot to you because it's the only day you have to choose those who represent you in the various municipal positions.

In Acton there is no sign of any acclamations and with the political pot at the boil it will be well to choose wisely those who will speak and act on your behalf.

A good many citizens have offered their services to the town and assured electors they will all act in the best interests of the municipality. Undoubtedly they will not all agree on the industrial sewage treatment plant or any other single issue. The strength of any democracy is the variance of opinion with the underlying understanding that the majority rule.

This newspaper is not usurping the obligations of the voters to suggest a list of worthy candidates. It has never been our policy to publish a slate. In a town this size we would indeed appear to be belittling the thinking of the electors. For similar reasons we can not hold with the formation of any pressure groups that argue for election of a recommended slate of officials.

Monday is not a day of responsibility only for some voters. It is a day of responsibility for all voters.

Acton's nomination meeting Friday was opportunity to receive not only the nominations but also the report from the present council of their stewardship of the municipal year.

While it is unfortunate that candidates had to be limited to three minutes it was necessary in fairness to those who would speak last, since audiences have a habit of melting when they lose interest.

This week's issue contains the pictures of the candidates in an effort to make them as familiar as possible that your vote on Monday will be one made intelligently through understanding of the town's needs.

Brighten Christmas Mail

Christmas seals have again been distributed in the area this year and this year marks the 50th anniversary of the Canadian TB Christmas Seal Campaign.

In 1908, when the first seals were sold, TB was easily the first cause of death even though there were frightful epidemics of small pox, diphtheria and typhoid fever. Today because of controls such as x-rays, and miracle drugs paid for by Christmas seals, TB has been held at 13th place.

There's nothing particularly new about TB. It was known in China before the Great Wall was built and even in those early days the Chinese realized there was some relationship between soiled hands on food and disease. That's why they invented chop sticks.

Doctors explain TB is caused by extremely hardy germs. They can remain alive in your body for years without causing disease until the conditions are right for it. This explains why one person out of every five in Ontario is found to have TB germs but no active disease and how others seem to get TB for no good reason at all.

TB costs Canada \$40,000,000 annually not including lost wages. The cost of sanatorium care to effect one single cure may run as high as \$6,000.

One never really knows the problems of tuberculosis until it strikes in the family. Help for the families, patients, and x-rays to locate other cases in their earliest possible stages, are just some of the things your contribution to the Christmas Seal campaign can make possible.

Brighten your Christmas mail with seals and strengthen the fight against tuberculosis by getting your contribution off in the mail today.

Reducing Restrictions

According to a recent news report several lawyers in Toronto and Hamilton have suggested the legal age for consumption of liquor should be lowered.

The suggestion is that the legal age should be lowered to 18 from the present 21.

"We must be very careful that we do not encourage drinking. But I feel that by lowering the limit we will not be doing that. Anything that is prohibited automatically becomes more attractive to people. The thing becomes a matter of education," one official is quoted.

We find it difficult to believe the solution is as simple as that. Undoubtedly the fact that some education on the subject is necessary, is well known. There have been those 16 year olds and minors who have been found in intoxicated conditions but the suggestion that the age limit be lowered under 18 has not been made yet. This same group would still have the temptation of something prohibited.

It seems reasonable to assume that 18 is no more magic age that 21 and while the age limit remains at 21 there is still an area of control in those days when controls on consumption of intoxicants seem to be getting tighter.

At a time when alcoholism is increasing with distressing rapidity, the Ontario government has seen fit to abolish what slight vestige of liquor control remains. Hereafter its policy will be frankly one of liquor sale rather than of liquor control. As it now, all any purchaser will have to do is write his order, show his permit to the cashier, slip down his money, and depart to the music of rumbling cash register bells with all the liquor he can buy.

When the Liquor Control Act came into effect in 1927 the liquor permits represented a definite attempt to control. No one could buy liquor more than once a week, or more than a carton of beer at a time. D. B. Hanna, first commissioner, instructed vendors that the purpose of the permits was to limit purchases to "a reasonable amount." Permits, he instructed, were to be cancelled if their use was "abused" and hundreds were. Police were authorized to lift a permit if it showed excessive purchases.

Grey Cup Fever

Once upon a time East and West got together for an annual football game.

Some of the more rabid Western fans travelled East to cheer their team. Usually they didn't have much to cheer about but they put on a brave show and condescendingly extolled their own excellence as something to be respected of the uneducated West.

Then one frosty November day in 1945 the Calgary Stampedes arrived in Toronto accompanied by an organized cheering section, cowboys in early colored, ornate rodeo horses through the city streets, men and women whooped and hollered and waved their cowboy hats.

The first Grey Cup parade came into being and the East, especially Toronto, heard been the same since.

Year by year since 1943 Grey Cup fever has infected more and more Canadians. Two years ago it spread to Vancouver when the Canadian football final was played in the West for the first time. There is no excitement against it and it is doubtful anyone is seeking a cure.

Grey Cup time has come around again, to be climaxed in Toronto Saturday. By what promises to be the biggest and most gay parade yet for the game between the professional football champions of East and West.

The fact that most of the stars on both teams are Americans won't make much difference. The Grey Cup game has become a Canadian institution, a far more national event than the bowl games that end the football season in the United States.

There will be receptions and dinners and a festival dance at which a queen will be crowned. Prime Minister Diefenbaker will head the list of dignitaries and will kick off the ball to start the game.

Many thousands of dollars will be spent on floats and bands for the parade. Vancouver alone, with more than 20 floats, has budgeted \$26,000 to finance the biggest display from any city.

Life will seem a little dull when it's all over, for that's the way the fever leaves you. But no one will deny it's worth it, that in some way it brings Canadians a little closer together, and that next year, in Vancouver, it will be bigger and better than ever.

Brief Comment

Sweepstakes tickets will continue to be sold as long as such glowing stories are printed as those that appeared in papers across the nation last week. . . A good, serious look should be taken at this situation.—Cariboo Observer, Quesnel, B.C.

It often is very difficult to get suitable candidates to run for office, next to impossible to hold pre-election campaign meetings, and a matter of luck or the weather to get a high percentage of voters out on balloting day.—Courmay (B.C.) Argus.



"November Hill"

G. A. D. About

Minding My Own Business

The title of the proposed industrial sewage treatment plant has caused a great deal of discussion in the community. I am glad to see that the committee investigating the matter has a Mayor and Council who are willing to put a plan in that direction. The Centre of Progress, I'm glad to see, is not a slogan only and it is not hollow either but one that has a real meaning. I'm pleased to have the question so thoroughly explained and I agree wholeheartedly with council's decision.

I can also envision what it will mean to Acton and district. Frederick Street won't again become a dead end street. Many farmers in the district will have a ready market for their products and Acton will become a greater market town. A sewage disposal plant, for industrial waste will help economy in some other ways. Some of the best offices which have been built in the town are of this type. A hospital and City people will be glad to live and work in Acton and enjoy the benefits of modern town life. Sure it's going to mean some capital outlay, but hasn't that always been the price for progress? Schools and a market money box, as well as good streets and various municipal services, but who would curtail their expansion as necessary.

Thank you, Mr. Mayor and Councilors for your progressive attitude and your full explanation. Take a recent letter we wrote to the Free Press which signed by the "A. P. Council." I'm glad to see in the centre of progress rather than on a dead end street. Hanson Street is a dead end street and it is a pity that it is not being used for anything but a parking lot. It is a pity that it is not being used for anything but a parking lot.

THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

- BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON**
Rev. Ray H. Casterus, Pastor
Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave.
Phone 265-W
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1st, 1957**
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. - Evening Service
Worship by radio at 9:15 a.m.
- UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA Acton, Ontario**
Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., B.D., Minister
Parsonage, 29 Bower Avenue
Phone 60
- Mr. George Elliott**
Organist and Choir Leader
75 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 6
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1st, 1957**
9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. - Church and
11:15 a.m. - Morning Worship
- THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA**
St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont.
Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., E.Th.
Rectory, 185 Jeffrey St., Tel. 265
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1st, 1957**
8:30 a.m. - Advent Corporate Communion and Breakfast for all men and boys of the Diocese of Niagara. The Bishop will speak by radio at 9:15 a.m.
- 9:45 a.m. - Church School and Bible Class
11:00 a.m. - Beginners' Classes
11:00 a.m. - Choral Communion
4:15 p.m. - Holy Baptism

My chief interest in securing the industry and being cooperative is that I want to see Acton able to offer employment to our young and older folk and make it possible for them to stay in Acton and enjoy all the benefits of living and working in a town like Acton just as I have been able to have and enjoy through Acton's progress.

Sewage disposal is not a problem particular to Acton alone. Georgetown is building an \$850,000 disposal plant and embarking on a \$10,000 search for water. Streetsville is building more accommodation for sewage disposal. Milton is enlarging their present plant. Ferus has to make a more adequate plant available. Hanover and numerous other towns I could mention all have the same problem and one of the main reasons for the clean-up is the action of the Ontario Water Resources Commission with wide powers to enforce the proper disposal of sewage no matter whether it comes from industry or domestic use. We might just as well face the problem fairly and square now and get on with the job.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

BACK IN 1907

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, November 28, 1907

Messrs. M. P. Barry and Co., the wholesale produce dealers who ship turkeys here, have already shipped 125 cars this fall. The most of these have been loaded at Acton and Rockwood. The turkeys are shipped to United States points.

Color - Sergeant Jim Lynd, of Company, 30th Lorne Rifles, has captured the best shot medal for the regiment for 1907 for his splendid shooting at Camp Niagara last June. Out of a possible 50 points, Jim scored 50. He has been recognized for years as one of the best shots in the Regiment.

A good many ladies would appreciate an order to the young fellows who crowd the pavements at the corner of Mill and Main Streets to move on. The practice is becoming a very real and objectionable nuisance.

Mr. W. C. Cole returned from his visit to friends in the old home in Somerset, England, last Thursday. Mr. Cole enjoyed his visit but says it rained nearly every day he was in England. He prefers Canada's sunshine and more vigorous climate.

Rev. Father Feeny attended the reopening services and banquet at the Church of Our Lady, Guelph, last Thursday. Father Feeny says the services were of a most impressive character.

The fine Johnstone block which has supplanted the old Hanson Adams residence at the corner of Mill and John Streets, is about completed. It is a commodious structure and adds much to the appearance of the street at this point. The block was built by J. H. Mackenzie, contractor. W. H. Walker and W. Warden did the painting.

There are several piles of brush on Church and Elgin Sts., the results of making way for the new property and a rooming establishment which should be removed without further delay. They have disfigured the otherwise tidy streets for a good many weeks.

BACK IN 1937

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, December 2, 1937

On Saturday, Frank Van Wyck found a big tarantula in a bunch of bananas at Carroll's. The big spider was alive and a dose of chloroform that would have put a human being to sleep failed to have any effect on it.

600 volts of electricity were applied before it ceased to wiggle its many tentacles. It measured 8 1/2 inches across and had a body 2 1/4 inches long.

Neil McNair took the specimen to Toronto during the week for examination at the University of Toronto and it was found to be larger than any specimen there.

About the only thing of any value left after the disastrous fire at Patterson's station last week was a motor, in the refrigerator machine in some way it had escaped serious damage. Monday night someone went prepared with wrench and removed the motor from its case and stole it. The police are investigating and when the culprit is found, it is hoped the presiding magistrate will put a penalty that will be corrective to the mean streak in his make-up.

The Toronto Male Chorus, under the leadership of E. H. Howles, visited Acton during the week for Monday and provided an interesting and varied program.

Acton Junior Hockey Club held a successful bingo party in the Legion Hall last Thursday evening. Proceeds are to go towards supplying equipment for the newly formed players.

Acton and Guelph badminton clubs held a social evening at the Acton Y.M.C.A. here and after the end of the evening's play and the points were tallied up, Acton was found to be the champion. After a full evening of badminton, the Acton club served a delightful lunch.

The Mary H. Moore Girls' Guild of Knox church met at the home of the leader, Mrs. Charles Kirkness, last evening and spent an enjoyable time. The meeting was in charge of the president, Miss M. Howell.

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Westbound
10:37 a.m. 12:37 p.m. 2:37 p.m. 5:27 p.m. 7:27 p.m. 9:13 p.m. 11:23 p.m. 1:12 a.m. (Fri., Sat., Sun. and Hols.)
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