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Too Close to Home

Headlines and main stories on the frequent bank robberies in the city are pretty cold things until they've been given some reality in this district. The robbery at the Bank in Campbellville last Thursday is getting pretty close to home.

Obviously some of those who are back of such events in the city may get out into the surrounding country and try the smaller centres. Bank robbers, being an unpredictable group, are not the kind of people to be defied with bravado or heroism. That can be too short lived.

Our sympathy goes to the manager and employees at the bank in Campbellville for the experience they underwent. Watching the same type of event on television or in the movies is very different indeed from being involved with real ropes, real guns and real robbers.

Citizens can play a very helpful part though, in just developing their powers of observation. This was the case in Campbellville where the remembering of a license number and the description of a car all proved extremely helpful in providing some clues for police to work on.

We wish the police every success in apprehending those who were responsible for the events of last Thursday, in the meantime of course we hope there won't be any repetition of the situation.

Attracting and Keeping

Industry and how to get it is the biggest task that most Ontario municipalities are concerning themselves with. Obviously with mounting education and service costs and the higher taxes paid by industry, the industry is preferred in the towns and cities of the province.

It's time for looking at the established industry in the communities too. A recent issue of the Fergus News-Record announces that Beatty Bros. is closing its woodworking factory in that community. The property to be vacated had been in operation since 1911 turning out ladders and crates.

The plant is moving to Lucknow. Some of the details regarding the move, as reported in the Fergus paper, were that the woodworking business lost money last year. Wages in Fergus for this work are much higher than in woodworking and furniture plants north of Fergus. Four plants in the Walkerton, Hanover, Chesley and Lucknow district were for sale. Taxes were another consideration. Lucknow council passed a by-law to have a vote on a low fixed assessment for a term of years.

In December it was announced that Tilbury would be losing the plant of Canadian Canners Limited. The explanation was that the plant was relocated so it could expand. Another factor was sewage disposal. The plant established more than 50 years ago employed up to 300 during the seasonal workings.

In December ratepayers of Smiths Falls were voting on a fixed assessment for the Tinsley Instruments, manufacturers of precision electrical measuring devices. The report explains that "Aimed at encouraging industrial expansion by offering tax relief in the early stages of operation of plants, fixed assessments have been granted all new industries which have located here in the past decade."

Fixed assessments in this section of Ontario are a thing of the past. It was found in many instances firms moved on when the period of fixed assessment was completed and this left some unpleasant situations too.

Attracting—and keeping—industry today requires a lot of work and some analysis on what the district has to offer. Generalities in industrial promotion have gone out the window to be replaced by cold hard facts on what is and what is not available.

Industrial committees in this town or any other town have a big job cut out for them and deserve credit for results that may show.

It Involves Us All

There is a crisis in Canada today as serious as any heretofore faced by this young country. It is the current crisis in education which involves us all. The fact that this severe situation is now being faced up to by all intelligent men and women across the length and breadth of the land is amply demonstrated in the preparations, now almost completed, for the largest peacetime conference ever held in Canada.

Industry and labor, the teaching profession and parents are revealing clearly that they can co-operate ably, with determination and imagination when the cause is just and urgent. The cause of education in Canada today could not be more just, nor more desperately urgent.

Chairman of the Canadian Conference on Education, which is to be held in Ottawa, February 17-20, is one of Canada's most outstanding men. Renowned the world over for his remarkable research into the human brain, Dr. Wilder Penfield is noted for his wide interests and his concern for the educational status of Canada's young people.

He will preside over an exceedingly impressive and enlightening gathering of leading Canadian men and women in the educational, industrial, labor and artistic fields whose sole aim will be to excavate deep into the primary causes of the present crisis. They will be marshalling all their forces for a fresh, large and long scale attack upon every facet of the educational problem in this country.

The way for their herculean task has been paved to some extent by the prodigious work of eight program commissions that have been assembling fact and opinion from every corner of the land for the past twelve months. Each commission has dealt with but one phase of the vast problem: buildings, equipment, finance, higher education, the role of the home, quantity and quality of teachers, organizations and curricula, education for leisure, special needs.

Some 700 delegates from every province in the country, representing a wide variety of lay interests as well as all levels of education, will attend this major gathering.

The Canadian Conference on Education, of which George G. Croskery, Secretary of the Canadian Teachers' Federation, is Director, is being held because of a national crisis that involves us all.

If each of us feel and assume our own responsibility at this time, the Conference can be the start of a new march, a new focus in Canadian schools and universities, and new opportunities for the widest possible, imaginative use of our most valuable resource the wealth of young talent this country possesses.

Preserving What We Have

At this time of year when Councils and public bodies are endeavouring to keep tax rates at the lowest possible level it will be well to keep in mind that adequate allowances should be made to provide proper maintenance of more buildings and assets than we already have. The fire of one of the trucks recently in the park brought to the fore the waste that may occur and the loss that is being incurred at the park through lack of maintenance there.

The building in which the town's vehicles are stored is wide open, an invitation for all to go in and take whatever gas is desired. No one we presume knows exactly how much gas has been siphoned from these vehicles. The building is badly in need of repairs and properly fitted doors that will keep out all unauthorized persons. The arena, as is well known by everyone, has deteriorated through abuse. It will become a shambles unless repairs are made of wider extent than previously. The same goes for the ticket booth and band stand at the park entrance.

There comes a time when it is advisable to replace worn out buildings, but it is also well to remember that well maintained buildings are best especially when funds are not available to build anew. We've been living in an age of plenty that may be nearing an end. Better to preserve what we have and now is the time to do it.

Brief Comment

When urban people think of farmers, they too often think of the farmers with a large farm, prize stock and latest machinery. Not enough thought is given to the many farmers who have a real struggle to try and make a living. —Lindsay (Ont.) Watchman-Warder.

It is a truism that bad habits, once established are hard to eradicate. That's why it makes such good sense to "get 'em young" and teach driving correctly from the beginning. This is the theory that lies behind proposed driving courses in high schools. —Campbellton (N.B.) Tribune.

Photo by Esther Taylor

"Swamp Spectres"

G.A.D. About...

Warm Welcome if it's Cold Outside

Being a Printer - Editor, a sort of general practitioner all my life, I've possibly been a little bit partial to the needs of production rather than to the outside benefit of the business front of the enterprise. Conditions have changed as the years advance. There were times during war years when copy was set direct on the linotype from notes without writing. As a matter of fact I am today more familiar with a linotype keyboard than a typewriter arrangement.

But of course there is many times the amount of "new" and content in the Free Press and our other publication of today than there was back thirty years or more ago and it requires more people to compile it and put it into type. I spend more time on the business part and not so many hours on any other part as I did formerly. So it became imperative that more people had to share the business duties.

With the last addition to the building and the moving of newspaper press and other equipment to the rear and consequently taking the molding and other features away from the front there was an opportunity to have part of the news and administrative staff move closer to the scene of production. Our present building covers our entire land area.

What I am trying to tell you is at last after 40 years the editor has an office of his own. Friends who call to chat with me will not need to sit on a roll of paper or lean on the folder or some other piece of equipment. As soon as I get a couple of comfortable chairs friends can see me in my own corner and not be constantly interrupted.

I am told by fellow-publishers that my friend Cecil Day of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, who is this year President of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association, has a small office on his building, which has a sign on the door: "The Sanctum". He is a former school teacher, editor and at one time publisher and is likely one day, if more of a show than that of a clerk in packing, I may work up to his sanctum. I do not attempt to impose the "dirty tiger" on the "fellow on the wagon" across the Sackville. I don't like that title anyway. It never appealed as a very subtle or useful message about and part of the Republic.

What I wanted to say was that to know what progress of the office is that there are now one and all they want to see me. Press Club combo table chat and a reduction of dust acting to mar the conversation. Lots of time consumed with strangers wide morning and afternoon and well, welcome old and new friends. My favorite date is an Acton audience at Lodge's point. I hope to have the room to take visitors and expect to have soon but and cool weather a week or so. The place is off the beaten office.

Lapsing to the years of the conventions my friends have had the distraction of presses and personnel who have had to share cramped spectres.

Don't look for any changes in the office. We haven't redecorated or refurnished the place. Yuletid cards and the same to turn on the wall and the book ends are the same as with the same variety of them. Most of them are for technical items concerning the town and district.

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In getting out the welcome mat, I would also like to say that we are always glad to have small groups of individuals who are interested in seeing how a newspaper and printing plant operates. From time to time we have had visitors and all who have visited us have strangely enjoyed their visit and expressed some amazement at the endless variety of machines and the size and variety of the type faces. We are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. five days a week. Actual printing of the newspapers is usually confined to Wednesday and Thursday each week. Best to make advance enquiry if you are planning a trip over. But you are always welcome at any time. Children must be accompanied by adults.

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If you are feeling sorry for yourself as you walk around in the snow or grouch in the cool winter weather I had a letter this morning Monday from ex-Reeve Harry Jones in St. Petersburg, Florida and I quote direct from the "sunny south".

"We had two or three very lovely days with the temperature on the 50 foot above than that it has been cool. Today it is 68 and dull.

It rained all day Monday. Tuesday was real hot and sunny. Sunday it was certainly cool, but bright and sunny. There are a lot of vacancies here on account of it being so cool and I guess the recession has something to do with it.

That's enough for Florida weather. I am here and there are no trees blooming and the snow is six inches deep and the sun isn't too bright. I just can't afford to travel so far to get the same thing even in modern cars. Haven't heard of heavy snowfalls in Florida though.

After World War II a movement began in Bavaria called the House Bible Circle. Its purpose was to give helps to a wider study of the Bible in the home and the movement has now grown until some 20,000 homes now receive their lessons and helps in many parts of Germany.

What this has meant to the spiritual life of Germany can hardly be estimated. The disruption of normal life caused by the movement of refugees and internees and others brought a considerable rift away from the Church. Yet there was evident a real hunger for community life which is showing itself in an increased demand for the Word of God.

Through the Bible Society and its supply of Scriptures and the House Bible Circles with their encouragement to read and study this Word of God, thousands of weary sceptical people have found a new orientation in life.

Suggested readings for next week:

Sunday—Ephesians 4: 1-32
Monday—Philippians 2: 1-30
Tuesday—1 Thessalonians 5: 1-28
Wednesday—1 Timothy 6: 1-21
Thursday—2 Timothy 2: 1-26
Friday—2 Timothy 4: 1-22
Saturday—Hebrews 8: 1-13

THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont.
Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th.
Rectory, 185 Jeffrey St., Tel. 265

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd, 1958
(SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY)

8.30 a.m.—Holy Communion
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

ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE

33 Churchill Road
P.A.O.C.
Rev. Kenneth J. Reid, Pastor
75 Cook St., phone 649-W

Services for
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd, 1958
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Prayer and Bible Study.
Friday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.
A Friendly Welcome to All

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Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., B.D.
Minister
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Phone 60
Mr. George Elliott
Organist and Choir Leader
76 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 6

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd, 1958
9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer.
10.00 a.m. Junior Church and Church School
11.15 a.m. Morning Worship

BAPTIST CHURCH

ACTON
Rev. Ray H. Costerus, Pastor
Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave.
Phone 204-W

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd, 1958
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Service.
8.15 p.m.—BYPU
8.00 p.m.—Wednesday mid-week service

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd, 1958
9.45 a.m.—Church School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship.
8.20 p.m.—Senior-High Fellowship at manse.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

BACK IN 1908

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, January 30, 1908.

Before a large and enthusiastic crowd of spectators, Acton defeated the Guelph Bankers by a score of 7-4 on the rink here last Thursday night.

The Acton team lined up as follows: McCutcheon, goal; Brown, point; McIntosh, cover point; Hyde, rover; Malone, centre; Taylor, left wing and Hynds, right wing. Referee was Herb Fyfe.

At the meeting of the council on Monday night, the municipal officer was instructed to arrest all who are guilty of snow-balling or playing hockey on the streets.

The appointment of M. John Harvey as assessor of the municipality will give general satisfaction. Acton has no citizen better qualified for this important work.

Emptying coal ashes in the centre of the streets is a violation of the municipal by-laws. Officer Carnahan has been instructed to see that the practice is discontinued.

On Wednesday evening of last week, employees of Mr. Chapman Lannery were invited to the home of their employer for a social evening.

Games were played and choruses were sung and a dainty lunch was served before the guests scattered around midnight.

Miss Beatrice Thompson, a young girl of 19, while working at the carpet mills at Guelph, had the misfortune to get her hair caught in the machinery.

She went around to the back of the machine to adjust a part when her hair caught in a set screw on a revolving shaft. One of the men nearby heard her screams and had the machine promptly stopped but not before an ugly cut had been sustained and the girl's ear split open.

Hemlock bark continues to come in in large quantities. Messrs. Heacdmore and Company has 25 to 30 men at work unloading cars at the G.T.R. station.

A sharp hockey match was played between Georgetown and Acton on Tuesday night on the rink here. Both teams played much the same spirited individual games but very little combination. The score ended in a 2-2 tie.

BACK IN 1938

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, February 3, 1938.

Last Friday evening, a truck owned by J. H. Smith of Stewarttown slipped into a hole at Doty Lake and was partly submerged. It was being used to haul ice to Stewarttown from the lake here.

A cargo of ice was on the machine when the rear end went down and it took some hours of hard work before it was pulled out and the truck was able to return to Stewarttown.

The president of the A.C.S. Literary Society was in charge of the meeting at the school last Friday. Polly Forty presided while the following program was presented by Form 1: Vocal solo by Audrey McArthur; a play "Parking for One" by Ken Blow, Ruby Smith, Marie Clayton and Molly Cutts, directed by Dorothy Steele and Wilda McLaughlin; skit by Lorne Masters, Irwin McKrown and Howard McQueen; and a play by Audrey McArthur, Mabel Harris and John Chapman.

The hockey game last Thursday in the local arena was far from good hockey. The game became slow and ragged at times and the refereeing by Brooks of Milton didn't help it any.

Milton downed the Acton lads 8-5 in the tangle, refereed by R. Bush. It is seldom we complain of the refereeing but Brush's case is an exception as his knowledge must have been based on field hockey because he knew nothing about ice hockey.

Mr. Charles Waterhouse has returned from England after spending several months there. He crossed on the S.S. Brittanic and arrived in Halifax on Saturday.

Taken from an ad appearing in the Free Press: potatoes 2 peeks for 25c; 7 lb. bag flour 25c; shortening 2 lbs. for 25c.

Acton Intermediate hockey team journeyed to the city of parks on Friday and came home with a 5-2 win over the Intermediate aggregation there.

It was a hard fought battle all the way with Acton having a decided edge throughout and all players producing a good brand of hockey.

The house on the farm of Mrs. Herbert Black, near Rockwood, was completely destroyed by fire on Monday night. The barn on the same farm, along with its contents, was burned on January 15.

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GRAY COACH LINES
Standard Time
Eastbound
6.33 a.m. (Daily except Sun. and Hol.); 8.58 a.m.; 11.33 a.m.; 2.08 p.m.; 5.08 p.m.; 6.33 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 6.40 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.; 6.56 p.m.; 7.49 p.m.; Saturday only 3.23 p.m.; Sunday only, 9.43 a.m. (National); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph 7.05 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. 6.10 p.m.