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Opinion and Idea Exchange

A little self analysis is often the greatest cure for troubles. Such was the type of meeting held when Acton, Milton and Georgetown councils met in Georgetown last week to examine the future of the North Halton Urban Board.

Acton's decision to withdraw from the group this year, led to the meeting and members didn't pull any punches on what was wrong with the group. Originally the board, that has no legal status under the Municipal Act, was formed to co-operatively hire an engineer for the three towns from this it developed into other avenues of mutual interest.

As members discovered in their examination on Wednesday evening, the Board served quite well until it sought to make decisions binding the respective councils. At no time was the board intended as more than an advisory group to the three councils. When it left this field it suffered disappointment.

At this writing the decisions of the three councils, on whether to continue the board or drop it are not known. It is to be hoped that group will continue with a renewed understanding of their position and with a new procedure on establishing agendas that would lead to more fruitful discussion.

Municipal officials in the three towns are not endowed with all the answers to municipal problems and the exchange of ideas can often lead to greater accomplishment.

Those Hardy Anglers

Time is running short for the happy breed of warriors known as ice-fishermen. The warming sun and the winds of March will soon take their toll on the lakes and rivers, honey-combing the ice and breaking it up into dangerous floes.

Ice-fishermen have been much in the news since early winter when a half-dozen huts from the tommycod waters 50 miles up stream were seen floating past Quebec on the St. Lawrence River. The huts were empty but they were evidence of the part the weather plays on ice-fishing.

The summer angler worries about his tackle and his bait, the horse-power of his motor and, sometimes, black flies and mosquitoes. In winter, all these worries are secondary to the elements and their effects. Some of the most exciting stories every winter concern fishermen. First it is those who try to force the season and lose their cars, and maybe their lives, by driving across ice too thin.

Then come the scores of men and women marooned on lakes by blizzards that trap them in their huts when they ignore the warnings and stay for "just one more hour" of fishing. Some of the rescue stories do justice to Antarctic expeditions.

And finally there are the spring fishermen who brave the softening ice in one last bid to catch elusive lakers that weren't biting during the winter. Hours, even days, later they are taken off in boats from drifting floes, possibly sadder but certainly not wiser. These, of course, are the exceptions and for every fisherman in the news there are hundreds of others who sit quietly beside sputtering, smoky oil stoves, regularly bringing in their quota of "petits poissons", or whitefish, or pig, or whatever the waters have to offer.

Except for the hardy ones who spurn stoves and cabins and crouch beside a hole on the open ice, there is little to exhilarate an ice fisherman, but neither is there much excitement fishing for perch on a hot summer day.

It's just that fishermen are fishermen, be it spring, summer, autumn or winter. And once that's said what more is there to say?

March and the Red Cross

This is Red Cross Month—a time of the year when we focus attention on a great international organization. The importance of the 1958 Canadian Red Cross campaign for funds should be appar-

ent to every citizen of this community and the nation. The budget of the Red Cross for 1958 is a large one and there is only one source for the money to allow the Canadian Red Cross Society to meet its humanitarian obligations for another year. That money must be provided through the generosity of the people of Canada.

The Canadian Red Cross means many things to many people. In most provinces, the Red Cross means free blood transfusions for everyone. When disaster strikes at home or in any part of the world we know the Red Cross will be on the job doing the things we would like to do if we had the opportunity. In remote areas of our vast land a string of Red Cross Outpost Hospitals and Nursing Stations provide care and treatment.

Through our Red Cross we are assured that our veterans are not forgotten men and women. They receive regular visits, see current movies, enjoy the pleasant atmosphere of Red Cross Lodges and spend hours that would normally hang heavy over their heads in the pleasant pursuit of the Arts and Crafts programme.

Through the Junior Red Cross our school children are learning to become better citizens and gaining an understanding of their counterparts throughout the world.

Here in our community the Red Cross means many more acts of kindness and help for our citizens.

This year the Canadian Red Cross will again have increased obligations. An increasing population always presents a challenge for more extensive activities.

One of these days a volunteer canvasser will call on you to request your financial support. Answer that visit with a generous donation and you will have the inner satisfaction of doing your share to help others.

On Keeping Fit

It was rather surprising to learn that in a recent physical fitness survey of 300 children in Don Mills 55 per cent could not pass the minimum tests and 85 per cent failed the maximum. More than half the boys were unable to do a single pushup.

In posture 58 per cent of the girls and 61 per cent of the boys showed defects.

A Hamilton Y.M.C.A. physical director found that on the six basic tests 54.7 per cent of the participants failed in that city. One of the tests asked the boys to touch the floor with their hands while keeping their knees straight. Half of the 402 trying failed.

Comparative figures at the time of the Hamilton test showed that in the United States 57.9 per cent of those trying the tests failed, in Italy, Austria and Switzerland, only 8.7 per cent failed.

Progress and development in this western world is regarded, on the basis of material things, as the greatest in the earth. Yet the Russians have launched a satellite, which seems to be regarded as a weakness in our educational system, and the other countries have now proven our physical incapacities through standard tests.

But the Hamilton associate Y director who conducted the experiments points out that ironically, children who are enrolled in Y classes, ostensibly to keep them fit, are often driven to the Y by parents, instead of taking the walk to and from the building.

The measure of physical fitness of succeeding generations has always been regarded with alarm but perhaps before we pass completely into the push button era we should look at our own methods of keeping fit. And perhaps we'll walk the next time rather than drive.

Brief Comment

SERIOUS SYMPTOM
Outbreaks of (school) vandalism are symptomatic of serious trouble. It might be wise to see if there is any relationship between it and the current policy of using anything short of outright coercion to keep unwilling and uninterested students in schools. —Ladysmith (B.C.) Chronicle.

ENCOURAGING METHOD

Calgary's methods of dealing with students who refuse to work at their studies (they're dropped from school) is still in the experimental stage. But early results are encouraging.—Grande Prairie (Alta.) Herald-Tribune.

YOUTH FITNESS

We must halt this trend toward physical unfitness if we hope to take a position as one of the leading nations of the world, and the first place to start is with our youth. A little more compulsion might do a lot of good.—Melfort (Sask.) Journal.

COLD SPELL

Where have all those people gone so suddenly who were complaining that "we certainly don't get winters like we used to. Why, we used to get snowbanks so high that . . ." and so on. We haven't heard a peep out of one of them in days.—Tronton (Ont.) Trenchonian.



"March Etching"

G.A.D. About...

A Few Days at Nation's Centre

Before I launch into the subject want to give voice to my deep appreciation of the many kind, congratulatory words from friends about town and elsewhere and the letters and cards I have received from associates whom I have not heard from in many years, and some whom I have not met but have told me of their interest in the part of Halton I have served these past weeks.

Then too, there are kind words in other weekly papers which add to the pleasure of being named Weekly Editor of 1958. I've heard from school-day friends whose paths I have not crossed since those days when I went to school, from co-workers with whom I served apprenticeship days and business men with whom I earned the odd dollar on Saturdays to make the weekly earnings go a bit further.

They all brought back many pleasant memories which have made the past week a most enjoyable one. If I cannot answer them all, I hope you may get my appreciation through this column. Thank you all so much!

My wife and I didn't come straight home from the Toronto Convention last week but left the day after for a newspaper gathering in Ottawa. This group comprised editors from across Canada. The president comes from Liverpool, N.S. The first vice-president hails from Montreal and the following week was taking off for a trip to Japan, and the second vice-president comes from Chilliwack, British Columbia.

I am not going to burden you with the details or problems that weekly newspapermen discuss at such gatherings. But Ottawa is always an interesting place to spend a week. For instance, the late Laurier has some nationally known figures fitting about its corridors whether parliament is in session or not.

On Monday noon our group was scheduled to meet the Prime Minister and his Cabinet at his office. Everybody knows the busy schedule these days of Hon. Mr. DeLoach. He was not surprised when I asked to defer his appointment to later in the afternoon and he agreed to meet us at the Board meeting.

He faithfully kept his engagement and rushed over direct from the television studios and apologized for not having time to remove the make-up from his face. He listened to the brief message our president had to convey to him and he made a brief but very fitting reply and hurried off to keep a speaking engagement in Cornwall in spite of a snowstorm in the Ottawa district that night. He also kept his speaking date.

For some hours that night, the Ottawa airport was shut down and I know of one passenger who flew from Montreal, had to circle Ottawa and then was taken to Toronto, where he phoned his wife about midnight and was able to get to Ottawa about three o'clock the next morning. Campaigning in an election in March has its trials and tribulations.

That day at noon, we had luncheon with officials of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and met such folks as the president, Herb H. Hamman, David Kirk and our elderly friend, Colin Giff. Rather than give a formal address, Mr. Hamman asked the group to hand in questions relating to agricultural matters and he or some of the officials would attempt to give answers.

That's an invitation that newspapermen really relish and rather than ask for them, we often want to know if farmers were

satisfied with the present proposals of the government. That one took some manipulation in the midst of an election campaign and the answer that was given was strictly off the record.

We didn't come across anyone in Ottawa who was making any predictions about the election outcome. Since last June it seems that most of the expert forecasters have folded their tents and stolen away.

That afternoon we listened to an address by Mr. M. M. Schmeckel, former president of the Canadian Advertising Advisory Board, a new group of advertising men who are doing a citizens' job of publicizing and securing Canadian projects which need such nationwide help. Their present work was the preparation and planning of the recent study on Education in Canada.

At dinner that evening we were guests of the Canadian National Bankers. The speeches of Jack Sablarsan and Tommy Lee, the representatives of this group, are noted for their brevity and sincerity. No momentous pronouncements were made on the money policy or interest rates, just good friendship and hospitality prevailed.

That afternoon, we were addressed by Mr. R. H. Kewler, C.B.E., L.S.M., president of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada and vice-chairman of the Executive Council, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. His remarks had nothing whatever to do with telephone rates or Bell Telephone stock, but rather on the work of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and the work and aims of this great organization, which is made up of groups in the cities, towns and villages across Canada.

That evening at the Directors' Dinner, the speaker was Hon. William Hamilton, Postmaster General of Canada. Even in the heat of an election campaign, it was no political speech. Rather, the cabinet minister had an address that traced the role journalism had played in the history of Canada and laying its broad foundation before and after Confederation.

Some of us, in discussing the address afterwards, thought that it snacked of Liberalism in its selection of examples of newspaper and editorial quotes. Last year it was Hon. Lester Pearson who spoke to us. Ottawa can be a very interesting place at any time or any year.

Between the events I have mentioned, there was a busy agenda of events peculiar to the guidance of over 500 weekly newspapers scattered across Canada in the towns, villages and hamlets. One of the biggest promotional plans for C.W.N.A. was sanctioned and has already started work.

Next week, we'll try to stay more at home, but we have been gadding about this past week, very literally.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

BACK IN 1938 **BACK IN 1908**

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, March 10, 1938

Early Wednesday morning a car, driven by Herbert Saunders of Rockwood, was rather badly damaged when struck by a truck driven by Orville Brown at the intersection of Church and Willow Streets.

The truck struck the rear end of the car crossing Church Street and threw it against a hydro pole on the corner. The occupants of either machine escaped without injury but damage is estimated to the car at \$100.

A couple of handfuls of hockey fans were on hand to see the post-season tilt between Acton and Georgetown for the Harris trophy in Acton arena Tuesday night. It was a test between "A" and "B" teams and the game came out tied.

The worst highway smash in the history of the district occurred last night about three miles west of Acton when a group of five persons from Ottawa were enroute to a hockey game in Galt and were in collision with another vehicle.

Two of the Ottawa car occupants were killed and the other three were badly injured when their car finally came to rest 270 feet from the point of impact.

Arrangements were completed during the past week between Mr. C. H. Harrison, owner of the Acton Machine Co. building in Acton, and the Canadian Government for the occupancy of the building in Acton and the conduct of their business here.

Only a handful of spectators was on hand last Thursday to see the wind-up of the Bush League hockey when the Army team came through in great strides to edge out the Millionaires in the round and win the trophy.

Although the crowd was small, at times there was sufficient noise to almost raise the roof as the play saw the puck being carried from end to end during the wild rushes.

Taken from a used car sales advertisement: 1926 Star, \$75.00, 1941 Plymouth, \$250.00, 1940 Whippet, \$75.00, 1927 Model T, \$25.00. All are in good condition.

ANGRY THIEVES
THAMESFORD, Ont. (CP)—Thieves who broke into the post office here and found the cash drawer empty scattered the officers' mail for a mile along the highway.

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