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## Your Opinion is Important

Maybe we should repeat again what we have often told our readers that we welcome "Letters to the Editor" in our columns. We haven't published many of them lately because we didn't receive any for publication. We wish there was more expressions from readers of their opinions on matters of public interest. Each week we make our own thoughts known to the public. Maybe you agree with them and maybe you don't. We believe others should have the same right to comment on matters of public interest.

Letters to the editor must be signed. You may use a pen name for publication and we will withhold your real name. We think it best that writers should have courage to stand back of expressed opinions. Whether we agree with the opinions expressed has no bearing on inclusion in our columns. The Free Press welcomes your letters at any time. Be brief and be courteous are the words of caution we would advance on any matter of general interest.

## The Greener Side

The world's best and most usable wisdom by and by gets itself into a story. Then and only then it seems to become a help to mankind.

A farmer has become tired of his farm. He lived on the place all his life. He was born there. When a boy he drove the cows in the field, hoed the turnips, swam in the creek, and carried his book through the field to the box of a school down the road.

As a young man he plowed and harrowed in the spring, made hay and harvested his wheat and hauled fodder to the cattle in the winter.

He had brought his wife to the old place and three children were born there. Now he was sick of the place. Entirely sick of it. He dreamed of a restful spot where he could spend the rest of his days in comfort.

So he went to a real estate agent in town and listed his farm for sale. The agent drove out and looked the place over. The property was in very good condition and the agent said he would have no difficulty in selling it.

When the farmer got his next week's edition of his country newspaper, he read the real estate advertisements. It stated that his farm was for sale. It was all fertile, there were 40 acres of fine pasture, a fine house, barn and other buildings. It was close to town and had a telephone. It was well stocked with pigs, horses, cattle and chickens. In fact it was an ideal farm and was an excellent buy for anyone.

The next day the farmer called at the agent's office and said: "Say, I read your advertisement and as near as I can figure, that is exactly the kind of a farm I have been looking for all my life. I'll keep it myself." (Stetler Independent)

## Farms More Productive

Life is often said to follow a pattern and this can almost be taken as fact providing one were content to accept as general some statistics contained in an article appearing in "The Rural Scene". The writer points out that in 1840 an average man on a farm could produce enough to feed himself and four others. By 1940, the figures changed so that he could feed himself and nine others and by 1957, a further change showed that he could feed himself and twenty others.

In 1840, sixty-five per cent of the population lived on farms. By 1940, this percentage had fallen to twenty-five; and by 1957 only twelve per cent of the people were so domiciled. For centuries points out "Rural Scene," people have been leaving the farms and moving to cities as new opportunities arose for making a living there.

The ingenuity that enabled men to increase their productivity on the land also enabled them to devise many new things that could be produced in the towns and exchanged for needed farm products. As

other industries developed in towns, more and more people left the farms and found employment in those new industries.

The great upsurge of industrial activity during the last quarter century accelerated the movement from the farms to the cities. And the same industrial activity has produced new tools and equipment, which have enabled farmers to increase their productivity with fewer hired men than they formerly needed. Thus fewer men are needed on the farms than formerly. Indications are that farm production can be sufficiently maintained in the future with fewer hands and more machines than are now being used. And this no doubt is a major contributing factor in the disappearance of the small farm.

## Old Bonds for New

During the war, many people bought Victory Bonds. They did so partly to help the war effort and partly, too, because it seemed a sound way of investing savings at a reasonable rate of interest.

Down through the years, millions of Canadians have kept their Victory Bonds, clipping the coupons every so often and feeling secure in the knowledge that a modest nest-egg lay in reserve, to be used in case of emergency, to help pay for the children's education, or to help them enjoy their own retirement.

Last week, the government issued an invitation to exchange old bonds for new ones of the Canada Conversion Loan. The reason it did so was that five of the old Victory Loans will mature over the next few years. Rather than wait for each, in its turn, to fall due, it seemed more sensible to refund all five at the same time, by means of a single new issue.

No one, of course, is compelled to accept the government's offer. It is a matter for each person owning a bond to decide for himself. But because a rate of interest higher than on the old Victories is offered, and because the other basic attractions of government bonds remain unchanged, it seems likely that most people will accept. Within three days of the announcement over \$1 billion of the bonds had been converted.

Experts in money matters say that besides refunding the old debt, the new Canada Conversion Loan will also stabilize many factors affecting the borrowing of funds and clear up many uncertainties which now add to the difficulties of bond financing. This should make it easier for municipalities and other borrowers to obtain the new money they must have in order to pay for the growth of essential services.

This will come as welcome news to cities, towns and villages, many of whom have found it difficult in recent months to sell their own bonds.

## Blueprint for Education

Prime Minister Diefenbaker and his cabinet have been handed food for thought and action in the brief recently submitted by the Canadian Conference on Education.

Containing eleven resolutions dealing with federal aid to education, the brief is an outcome of the Canadian Conference on Education attended by 850 delegates in Ottawa last February. The largest and most representative gathering of laymen and educators ever held in Canada, the conference showed surprising unity in the resolutions it passed.

In effect the eleven resolutions dealing with federal aid provide a blueprint for Canadian education backed by a considerable body of public opinion. To avoid clashing with jealousy-guarded provincial rights in education, the brief stresses "cooperation" between provincial and federal governments, and points out that the federal government is already in the educational field with university grants, the Canada Council, post-graduate scholarships, and sharing arrangements with the provinces in vocational training.

As the brief points out, these measures all are good but inadequate. Something more must be done to wipe out the great inequalities in educational opportunity across the nation. The initiative for setting up a nation-wide and united attack on education problems must come from the federal government, according to the brief.

Canadians have already shown considerable ingenuity in tackling national problems which are technically provincial matters. They have come up with devices such as the dominion-provincial tax agreements, hospital grants and medical care. With these measures already working, there is no reason why the same kind of cooperation cannot be applied to overcoming educational problems on a national scale.

As the Canadian Conference on Education suggests this is a field where the federal government can show "courageous leadership" to help provide better educational opportunities for all young Canadians, no matter where they live, from coast to coast.



"Summer Revue"

## G.A.D. About...

# Are We Holding or Losing?

Went down to the Park on Saturday afternoon to see the ball game. It wasn't baseball weather and the small group of fans huddled against the new building for shelter from the wind or else sat in their cars.

It reminded me of a first of July just forty years ago. Overcasts were popular and fires in the homes made them chilly and uncomfortable. There were no cars to sit in as automobiles weren't in common use. We did have a grandstand for shelter from the north-west wind in those days and the ball club had more supporters.

The Acton fans on Saturday didn't get much to cheer about until the last inning and then, after trailing for the whole game, Acton came from behind to take their first win of the current year.

Guess I should have started earlier in the season, to lend my support by attending. The team made what we used to call a grandstand finish but not having a grandstand these days, we don't know the appropriate terminology for Saturday's finish.

Can't help it if my mind wandered back a bit to the days when the grandstand stood on the south side of the track and as a barefoot boy I watched the games for the first few innings from over the fence at Henry Bell's garden.

Around about the fourth inning, we slipped over the fence one at a time to join in the excitement. The grandstand and the base lines were crowded with excited fans and a kid or two was never not-iced.

As I remember it, in those days the opposing teams used to come from Galt, Guelph and Berlin. Acton always had an imported battery but the rest of the boys were strictly Acton residents, playing through every week of the summer.

Tommy Dart was one of the catchers I recall and then a battery named Tripp and Organ moved in from the west before game time. The rest of the home team was Murray McDonald on first, Eddie

Ryder on second, Frank Hearty at shortstop and Fred Wiles or Wally Wallace on third base.

Out in the right field would be Sid Oran, in left field Frank McIntosh and in centre field, you'll have to ask Frank McIntosh because I can't recall the player for that position.

They were all very important persons to me in those days and as I watched and yelled with delight at their conquests, they were much more important than any international, national or any league in the world. That game on Saturday was probably just as big only some of the fans looked at it from a different place in our lives.

I went back to the park on Sunday afternoon. The day was a perfect July summer day. The place was crowded right from the children's playground to the end of the ground. The main crowd was at the bathing beach and around a beautiful maple tree where the Acton Citizens' Band was giving a concert.

We used to have a bandstand which was new and quite attractive back thirty years ago. You could hear the band all over town when they played there. But we don't suppose it's been painted since 1925 and the repairs that have been made are no work of art.

The lighting has long since gone into history so the band concert was played under one of few remaining maple trees. We don't seem to have as many of these trees as we used to and we're not replacing the ones that come out either.

In case you are of an enquiring mind, I might tell you that that metal building was, twenty-eight years ago, Acton's ice arena. It cost \$15,000 to erect. It was the home of Acton Tanners from 1929 to 1950 it had some great crowds.

In 1938-1939, Acton won the championship of Ontario for Intermediate B clubs. Time and again, Acton teams won their groups. For four years the arena served in World War II as a storage for wool. Fall Fair time has seen the place packed for the arena show on the first night. That building alongside

the main structure houses the Fall Fair exhibits. There were rumors last year that some benefactor was going to install artificial ice and renovate the building. In the meantime, the renovating job gets bigger and the rumors are by the same artisan as the bandstand.

There's need for an inspection trip of the adjoining building that really belongs to the Fall Fair but is used most of the year by the town as a storage place.

Yes, we have fine bathing facilities and park and natural grounds and Fairy Lake. All credit is due but are we going backward or forward over the years?

As a start, may I propose some tree planting and cleaning up in the west end. It will take years to accomplish but now is the time to start. Maintenance of what we have is just as important as new projects.

A sign at the entrance, where the park gates close at 10 p.m. Do they? Many items are covered in maintenance and every citizen can help. Even keeping the place tidy is a problem in which all can assist. It's taken years to develop the facilities.

I grew up beside the park. I remember the days of the early planting of the fine trees. I recall all the effort that was put into the park development by many groups over the past half century. Let's be good custodians of the assets that were handed down over the years. Little things count as well as major projects.

## Honor Group Leaders Prior to Marriage

An outdoor party was held by the Rockwood United Church Explorers recently at the home of Mrs. T. Gellatly, in honor of Miss Ruth McLaren, who is giving up the leadership of the group. She plans to make her home in Arizona after her marriage on July 26.

Miss McLaren was presented with a useful cooler and jug set complete with a tray. Jean Day read a brief address expressing the regret of all the Explorers and their good wishes for the future.

## Games Enjoyed

Many games were enjoyed on the lawn under the direction of Miss McLaren who has spent much time with the girls during the past year. The hostess, Mrs. Gellatly assisted by Mrs. R. Howard, Mrs. C. Meek and Mrs. H. Laverty served a hearty lunch beside the outdoor fireplace.

Miss McLaren received a maple leaf pin from her Sunday School class of boys last Sunday. Carl Harris making the presentation and Charlie Joffe giving a short address.

## Showers Held

Recently, Miss McLaren was given a cup-and-saucer and linen shower at the home of Mrs. H. Laverty with Mrs. R. Leslie assisting her. Twenty-six guests attended coming from Toronto, Brampton, Acton and Guelph.

The game of lacrosse was played by Indians long before the white man arrived in Canada; sometimes whole villages opposed one another, with as many as 1,000 warriors per team and the goals a mile apart.

# THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

**THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA**  
St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont.  
Rev. Philip A. Sawyer, L.Th.

SUNDAY, JULY 27th, 1958  
(8th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)  
11:00 a.m.—Choral Communion.

**BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON**  
Interim Pastor  
Mr. Orville Getty  
Brampton, Ont.

SUNDAY, JULY 27th, 1958  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.

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

SUNDAY, JULY 27th, 1958  
9:45 a.m.—Church School.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.

**UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**  
Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., B.D.  
Minister  
Parsonage—39 Bower Avenue  
Phone 60

SUNDAY, JULY 27th, 1958  
10:00 a.m.—Junior Church and  
Church School  
11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship.

**ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE**  
33 Churchhill Road  
P.A.O.C.

SUNDAY, JULY 27th, 1958  
10:00 a.m.—Junior School.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.  
Monday, July 28, 8 p.m.—Rev. Harold Davis speaking.  
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study.  
Friday, 9 p.m.—Christ Ambassador.

# THE GOOD OLD DAYS

## BACK IN 1908

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, July 23, 1908.

Acton football team went to Guelph last Saturday evening to play one of the series of games between two Guelph teams, one of Rockwood and the local team. The game was clean and fast and a good exhibition of football. A shot by Webster of Acton in the second half scored the only goal of the game.

Mr. Lewis Atkinson of Cedarbrook farm, Equipping, met with a painful accident one day last week while unloading hay at his barn. The hoisting rope twisted and while he was straightening it, the horse was startled and the thumb and forefinger of his right hand were caught. He was pulled up bodily by the imprisoned fingers.

No bones were broken but the fingers were painfully lacerated. Mr. Atkinson suffered excruciating pain for a few days.

Mr. D. McMurely arrived home on Tuesday from a four weeks trip to Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. He says the crops are magnificent and the farmers are looking forward to the largest crop in history.

J. D. McGregor was nominated as a Liberal candidate in the coming Dominion elections at the convention of Liberals held at Milton last Friday. The nomination was made by W. J. L. Hampshire of Exeter.

On Wednesday evening of last week a reception was held in the Baptist Church to welcome Rev. Galt and Mrs. Galt. The quartet from the Presbyterian Church sang very acceptably, reflecting great credit upon themselves and their leader, Mr. A. T. Mann.

Are the municipal authorities powerless to stop the drunken orgies which have become notorious in the park? Surely not! Have they taken any steps to stop the outdoor beer? A little police supervision would put an end to the disorder and disgrace.

There are several cyclists in town who have been violating the law lately by riding on the pavement. On Monday evening a certain delivery clerk ran into a young lady at the corner of Mill Street and Park Avenue, knocking her down. The penalty for violation of the bicycle law is heavy. The truck work of Mr. W. White's new house on Lake Ave is completed and the roof is on.

## BACK IN 1938

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, July 22, 1938.

Between 60 and 70 Y.M.C.A. members and friends in Acton of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. MacRae honored this couple at a picnic gathering in the park on Monday evening. Secretary George Emery was in charge and made splendid arrangements.

On behalf of the gathering, Miss M. Z. Bennett, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y, presented them with a beautiful floor lamp. Mr. A. T. Brown, chairman of the Free Library Board, expressed the regret of the board in losing Mr. MacRae as secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. MacRae leave this week for the new home in Uxbridge where he will be principal of the local high school.

Yesterday marked the opening of a modern dairy plant in Acton by Mr. G. W. Mesates of the Jersey Dairy. The building was built two years ago and is of neat concrete type with built-in cooler room and stationary equipment for washing and sterilizing bottles and containers.

During the electrical storm on Tuesday lightning struck Mrs. Stahler, Morrison, and affected others who were in the barn at the time of the storm.

The netre at Landsay's mill was burned out when lightning struck the wires leading into the mill on Friday.

Fifty yards of sand were placed on the beach in the park on Fairy Lake this week and have greatly improved the conditions there.

The Acton team certainly got a lot of bad baseball out of their systems last night when Georgetown trounced them to the tune of 9-4. The boys just failed to field smartly and didn't make any impressive showing at bat.

A half hour's downpour of rain failed to take the glamour from the Band Tattler on Saturday night. Five bands accepted the invitation of Acton Citizens' Band to participate in the event. A parade down Main St. was held at eight o'clock, after which the program was presented at the park.

The Canadian Jersey and Cattle Clubs announced yesterday that Broadway Emment's Milk, Jersey cow owned by Ward Riddell and Sons, Georgetown, has received the gold and metal of merit certificates for milk production.

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