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Civic Holiday

Monday is Civic Holiday. It is the holiday in the year over which the municipalities have complete control.

In later years the trend has been to designate public holidays for a Monday and for a uniform date in all municipalities.

Monday is your own local holiday. It is fitting that its observance be of a local nature and of benefit to your town and fellow townsmen even if it has lost its individuality.

In Acton the Minor Sports committee has lined up a three day celebration that will include soap box derby, bands, parades, a community outdoor church service, sports events and other attractions.

It's good to see a local event for holiday and the cause is worthy of your support

To Attract Attention

Teen age drivers are coming in for considerable criticism according to the Owen Sound Sun Times. A nationally known writer came out the other day in a weekly publication with widespread circulation making a strong appeal to have teen agers denied the privilege of driving.

And the reason for the attitude is not long sought. It rests with some members of the group referred to as "teen agers."

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"What Does It Cost?"

The usual question regarding employment is "what does a job pay?" rather than "what does a job cost?"

Factors' Association in its annual survey. It should be emphasized that this is an average figure since obviously job costs in heavy industry tend to be higher than in a small operation with less expensive plant and equipment.

It might also be noted that with the expansion of manufacturing in Canada the investment per worker has been steadily rising. In 1948, the year the Association's annual study was begun, the figure was \$6,433.

In these days of advancing technology, machinery and equipment is becoming more complicated and more expensive and this of course requires more investment money to provide more jobs.

It is a sign of confidence in Canada's future that there are still investors interested in creating new jobs through their investment of dollars.

Not Government's Fault

Hopes for a chartered plane trip to Wales dissolved for a group, who were planning a visit to the U.K. this summer, when they learned the trip had been cancelled because money collected for fares had disappeared.

A news report tells us that 64 members of the group had pinned their fading hopes for the trip on a police search and an appeal to the federal government.

The airline company said it had received only \$6,500 of the nearly \$20,000 the society had given to a private agent for arranging the charter.

This is the deplorable and regrettable kind of thing that seems to be becoming an annual event. People in good faith give their money to an "agent" who doesn't turn the money over or disappears conveniently.

Our sympathy goes to those who find themselves in such a predicament. But in all sincerity we can't see how the federal government can be expected to arrange alternative passage for those who have been victimized.

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A Place for Dreamers

In this great big country of Canada there should be ample room to stretch things out so that towns don't develop all cramped together and their expansion isn't similarly cramped into as little space as possible.

There isn't any doubt that this is one of the great challenges for local planning. Leaders since certain economic factors are bound to play a part.

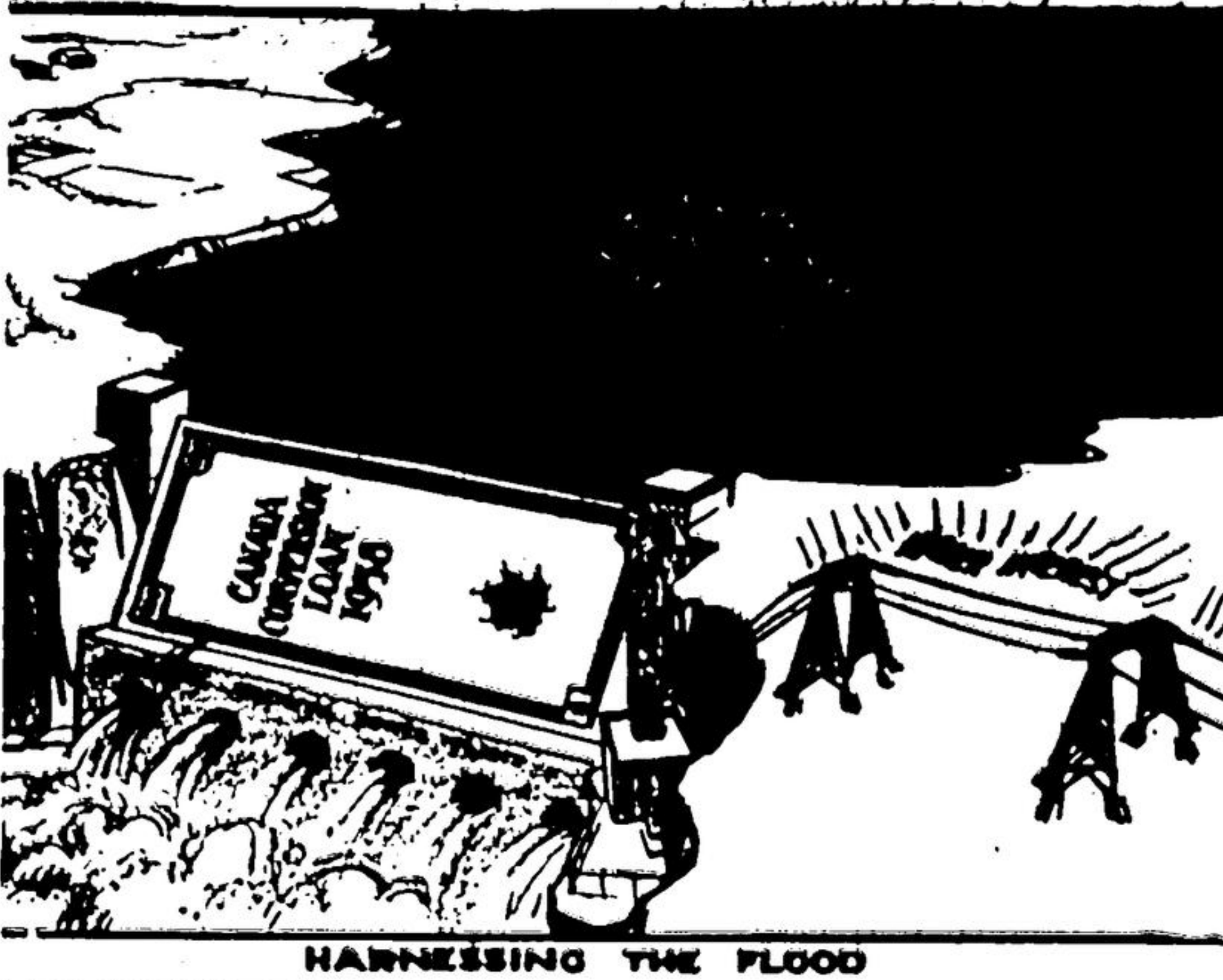
Extending municipal services over long stretches to serve a minimum number of consumers is, of course, expensive. The price of land is also a limiting factor since every investor attempts to get as much as possible from the land available.

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In these days of planning, local municipalities appear to be caught on the horns of a dilemma. Continually they must mentally face whether it will be too big or too small and the result is a fear to plan anything.

On top of this they are often given the job of policing zoning by-laws and their time is taken with debates on enforcement or relaxation of by-law restrictions.

There should be some dreamers on local planning boards.



G.A.D. About...

The Old Family Album

While the old family album may have long passed from many modern households, it still has a counterpart in most homes today.

Many of you will remember that fancy, plush covered, well bound volume that contained the photos of most of the members of the family, the grandparents and many of the aunts and uncle on both sides of the family and some of the cousins as well.

It was a fixture in every parlor before those rooms in the home became known as living rooms and was part of the fixtures for entertaining visitors along with the stereoscopic views. There wasn't any radio, television or records to relieve tension or even dull conversation in those days.

Well, the neatly maintained album is not under the table or on a corner stand readily available anymore. Following it is a snapshot album or later still the prospect with colored slides or maybe the home movies which store up family history and incidents and are popular for home leisure.

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THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

- THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA: St. Alban's Chapel, Acton, Ont. Rev. Philip H. L. Th... SUNDAY, AUGUST 3rd, 1958 (9th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY) 11:00 a.m. - Choral Communion

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Big 65-Ton Cargo of Bonds For Conversion Loan Program

With total conversions of Victory Loan bonds now well over the two billion dollar mark, a cargo of papers the equal of a thousand kiln's ransoms will begin moving out of Ottawa any day now.

Altogether, by the time the Canada Conversion Loan program concludes in mid-September, the new bond shipments from the capital will be sufficient to replace six billion dollars worth of Victory Bonds.

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THE GOOD OLD DAYS

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, July 28, 1908. A popular young townsmen narrowly escaped a watery grave while bathing in Fairy Lake on Monday afternoon.

The Acton baseball team defeated Milton in a Halton & Peel League game in the park here on Saturday, by a score of 2-1.

The home week of the first team bats to replace the one destroyed by lightning in June on the London farm will be called next week.

The legacy of \$1,000 willed by the late Mrs. James Sharp to the Methodist Church, toward securing a new parsonage, has been paid by the executors of the estate to the Parsonage Trustee Board.

Some of our Russian Jew fellow citizens will be required to observe Canada's Sunday laws more carefully in the future.

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Master Harold Reed had one of his feet painfully injured by slipping on a piece of hot iron at Heaton's mill, Feather, when he was carrying a load of iron on a car on Friday afternoon while on duty.

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