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Co-operation Now or Never

Probably few pieces of local legislation have ever been so thoroughly debated and discussed as the one providing funds for the local band or bands. It has received its share of investigation, study, committee meetings and heated discussion and the solution seems still rather doubtful.

Actually the band grant was first given when the Acton Junior Boys' and Girls' Band captured first prize honors in the Canadian National Exhibition and also at the Waterloo Music Festival. At that time the municipality was thinking of some way to fittingly honor the achievement when Bandmaster Charlie Mason suggested providing for the future with a band tax.

The tax of half a mill was approved by ratepayers and later as the amount grew the town fathers held another vote to make it an annual \$500. The last vote thus approved the half mill basis again.

Bands in Acton from the late 1800's were never the subject of town grants and when the grant was given it was really in recognition of accomplishment. The Junior Band of that time developed into the Citizens' Band of today as the members grew older. Older members also returned to the band and that is what constitutes today's Citizens' Band.

Bands have played a significant part in the culture of Acton as they have in any small town. They assist in local parades, provide concerts and add music to many occasions.

We find it disheartening to find two bands now engaged in a battle over the grant. We have been told that earlier efforts to make some financial arrangements for another year have bogged down in a lack of co-operation. It is not our responsibility to assess where the co-operation is lacking because those citizens involved will be well aware of more problems on the subject than we are.

We do feel it is important to note though, that bands in Acton have operated without public funds before and the present funds, no matter what the wording of the by-law, were originally given in the light of accomplishment.

Let's get the air cleared and remove the stumbling blocks to complete co-operation. Acton will be proud to have any number of bands if they can co-operate.

Threshold of 100 Years

When the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association meets next week in Toronto for its 30th annual convention, delegates will have in mind that association of weekly editors and publishers as a group is almost 100 years old. Next September, 1959, will see the 100th birthday of the founding of the Canadian Press Association which included weeklies as well as daily newspapers.

There are in Canada today, more than a dozen weekly newspapers that were charter members of the Canadian Press Association when it was formed in 1859. A number of years ago the dailies and weeklies separated to form their own associations, and thus the C.W.N.A. and the Canadian Daily Newspapers Association were born. Both groups of course, still retain membership in the century-old Canadian Press Association.

To put it another way, Canadian weeklies have stood together as a fraternity since long before Confederation, enlarging their membership as the various provinces came into being. Today the C.W.N.A. has 517 members from coast to coast representing every province and virtually every community.

Delegates to next week's convention will come from far away Newfoundland and from Vancouver Island. They will meet to discuss common problems in publishing Canada's well read weeklies. As always, too, many wives and children will be present for they are part of the C.W.N.A. family. Indeed many of them, as our res-

ders know, are active workers on the family newspaper.

It can be truly said that there are men and women on the staffs of daily newspapers, in radio and TV work and in the advertising world, and for that matter, in all walks of life, who can take more than a passing interest in the C.W.N.A. annual get-together, for many of them got their start on the hometown weekly. Because of this they are strong boosters, conscious of the importance of the weekly in many small communities.

To these people and, we trust, to our subscribers, many of the problems to be discussed next week will have real meaning, problems such as the rising costs of materials and equipment and the shortage of experienced workers and our constant fight to keep advertising and subscription rates from rising. To this can be added, of course, the rapid growth in Canada of communities which often means that weeklies must expand their plants and buy new equipment.

These are some of the problems that will confront delegates next week and in attempting to find solutions delegates will be giving real service to the industry, not only to C.W.N.A. members but non-members alike. From convention deliberations will come much that will benefit the subscriber and the public.

Like all conventions the C.W.N.A. get-together will have its social side when delegates will greet old friends and make new ones. But over and through these pleasures will run the serious thread of discussion in the interests of members and the public.

And lest we be thought ungrateful, may we say as we have before that the faithful subscriber is still the keystone of a newspaper's being.

Labor Day Monday

On Monday the nation will observe Labor Day in compliance with the federal statute setting the holiday in 1894.

Labor Day is observed in the autumn rather than in May, as is the European practice, since the September date was established in the United States. Organized labor proposed the date partly because it was not too near other public holidays.

Of Canada's estimated 1957 civilian labor force of 5,914,000 about 23 per cent were members of labor unions.

The new Canadian Labour Congress is now firmly established. Its growing pains and problems are diminishing, craft and industrial unions are learning to live together and are united under the one banner, Larry Sefton, director of district 6 Union Steel workers of America pointed out in a labor day message.

Labor Day provides an opportunity to reflect on the progress that has been achieved in modern industry not only through the technological advances but through the advance in the standing of labor, that forms a substantial foundation for today's industry.

It is to be hoped the true significance of the day will be observed and the fact that it is another holiday, close the cottage weekend, or a do-it-yourself project time will not be the only reason for the day off. The day is intended as a day to honor labor and its accomplishments.

The Back-to-School Trek

Almost 25 per cent of Halton's population will be on the back-to-school trail Tuesday after the usual summer vacation.

An estimated 20,000 elementary and high school students will be returning to classrooms, some new and some old, throughout this rapidly developing county. That phrase "rapidly-developing" is not a platitude either for Halton, we're told, has the largest assessment in Ontario excluding those with a city or separated town. The county's assessment has now reached \$153,972, 116 with a population of 85,722.

As the back-to-school trek begins teachers will be taking their places in rooms from kindergartens to upper school and parents all over the county and province will find education playing an increasingly important part in the day to day conversations.

When it comes to real national security, all the guided missiles, DEW lines and atomic submarines we can build in the next ten years aren't worth a fraction of the value of one classroom full of clear-thinking well-trained minds. But clear-thinking minds are one defence material that can't be mass-produced in time of crisis.

The only way to ensure a good supply of this precious commodity is to keep our schools and universities full. Parents and friends can do this by urging young people to work and pursue their abilities for higher education. It's in everyone's interest to increase greatly the number of young Canadians who seek higher education.

The back-to-school trek is a sign of the times. It's important that 20,000 young Haltonians will be filling schools from border to border. Education will be more important than ever for the decades ahead.



Photo by Esther Taylor

"Just a Memory"

Jim's Jottings...

Replacement is Temporary

It's with a good measure of reluctance that I find myself in this column following the interesting G.A.D. Absatz over the past number of weeks. I can only promise that the replacement is temporary and hope that no damage of just about anything prove interesting. The content of the column ranges from the personal to new products entering the market and the occasional joke that seems to appeal.

G.A.D. is making a fine recovery and in due course he'll be penning some more of his G.A.D. Absatz.

Spent a few hours at the Exhibition last week and enjoyed the trip seeing a few of the hundreds of displays. The grounds are in superb condition with the addition of the new Princess Margaret fountain and some special improvements beyond the ground-level. The area where cars used to park along the highway has now been levelled and a beautiful grass slope complete with benches gives an excellent view of the lake front.

The evening grandstand performance didn't particularly impress me but the critics' reviews have certainly been favorable. I'm not too keen on Danny Kaye and since he constitutes the second half of the show that's pretty significant. It did seem that on the 80th Ex some terrific numbers could have been developed on the "through the decades" idea instead of some "Nativity in Paris" number that interrupted the idea.

Thinking about the fall reminds us that winter can't be too far ahead. Opinions vary but an article I was reading suggested the possibility of record unemployment this winter. Instead of belaboring the government with suggestions when unemployment is high it might be wise to plan for municipal

water projects that could be a little helpful if they went into action soon enough. It seemed last year that the plans were all too little too late and were well-shelved in red tape.

The dog problem is different things to different people but a recently established insurance company that sells canine insurance looks with favor on the country's four to six million dog population of which about half a million are well bred dogs.

Merchants who have not been quite so wary lately on cashing cheques might be interested to know that during recent weeks merchants in both Wingham and Walkerton have been victimized. The cheques bore the names of well-known firms which do business on a country-wide scale and had every appearance of authenticity. The process of verification with drawers' licenses and other cards.

Britain recently ended rationing, coal being the last item dropped. What other country voluntarily denied itself so many pleasures and conveniences so long?

Just in case you're interested, information revealed at county council last week showed that the Warden of the county receives a total of four counties and not in all a town in 10 counties and not in 2 and a chair of office in eight, and not in 2. Here in Halton the Warden wears a gown as symbol of his office while presiding at council meetings. Right here at home the Mayor has no official indication of his position. A chair of office has become increasingly popular and it might be considered for official occasions.

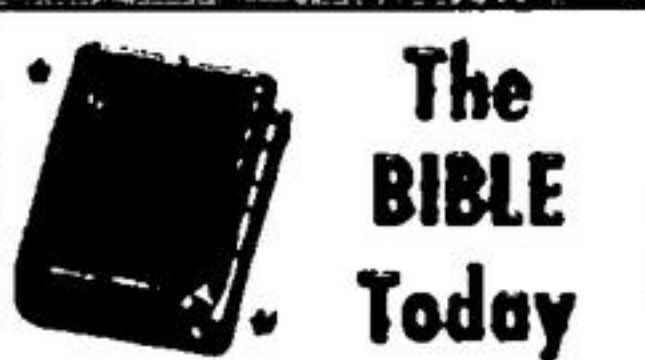
The weather may not have set

too many records but in July Canadians consumed \$1,648,000 worth of ice cream establishing an all-time record high for any previous month.

Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip may well be in our country next year to open the Seaway and enjoy a tour of the Great Lakes on board the Royal yacht "Britannia". At least that seems to be the tentative plan right now. I hope the powers that be go along with it. In the first and most important place we feel the royal couple and their family, for surely the young folk would enjoy the trip too, would have a chance to see the country.

I've never felt that the royal visitors have seen any of Canada except mobs of cheering brownies, great crowds of expressoes, sergeants, bands of grinning veterans and small boys battered down into solemn little forms without courage even to run after the royal entourage. On our lakes and rivers they could find great expanses where they might easily see a Canadian duck, a moose, some of our fish, our birds, maybe a horse or two, a farm family going busily at work at harvest or seeding the fishermen at his dock - all of these folk which make up the real Canada.

Some men were born to be good fishermen - others just good storytellers. The funny thing is - most storytellers turn out attempting to be fishermen.



"I don't want to keep it, it disturbs me when I read it," said an African native as he returned a copy of a Bible he had purchased from a colporteur. He got his money back but it is doubtful if that transaction will erase from his mind all that he has read.

Effects Lives
The Bible, unlike any other book, disturbs, corrects, convicts, refreshes and rejoices the hearts of its readers. The attitude of approach to it and the devotion of the mind and heart when we have read its counsel will determine its effect upon our lives.

Suggested Readings
Sunday, Psalms 112: 1-10; Monday, Job 35: 1-16; Tuesday, Job 36: 1-33; Wednesday, Job 37: 1-24; Thursday, Job 38: 1-41; Friday, Job 39: 1-30; Saturday, Psalms 104: 1-35.

40th Anniversary

The Mimosa Women's Institute observed their 40th anniversary at the United Church manse on Wednesday afternoon, August 20.

Mrs. William Hallentine, Acton, one of the seven charter members, attended the gathering and brought greetings from the Provincial Board. She also gave readings on the program.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

BACK IN 1938

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, September 1, 1938.

Ronald Cripps, age seven, of Rockwood, is still in Guelph General Hospital with a fractured skull, a fractured leg and other injuries received when he was struck by an automobile while walking on Kings Highway Number 7, south of Rockwood.

The boy was walking on the road with another lad. They were on opposite sides of the road and young Cripps went to join his companion. Three cars were passing at about an equal distance apart and according to police the boy attempted to cross between the second and third vehicle.

The fire brigade had a call on Monday evening in the home of Mr. Glenn Ryder on Mill Street. A coal oil stove started a blaze which appeared to threaten the property. The fire was however extinguished while the firemen were answering the call. Damage was confined to the furnishings in one room and was not serious.

Last Thursday, the Mason Knitting plant in Acton made its largest daily shipment since starting the factory here about 15 years ago. On that day three carloads of children's underwear were shipped from the Acton plant to Toronto for all parts of Canada. The plant is one of Acton's greatest industries.

Milton will represent the Halton County Legion in the Inter-municipal championship playoffs by virtue of the 1954 victory over Oakville. Before an inter-municipal tournament at the Milton park last Saturday.

On Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. Louis McMillan quietly observed the 25th anniversary of their wedding but in the evening friends chose to mark the occasion and celebratory dinner.

New cobblestone pillars are being erected at the cemetery entrance and will greatly to the street front appearance of the ground. The stone wall along the Main Street front has been completed and the ground has been prepared for erecting Mr. C. G. Chaffin's structure the next phase.

The standpoint at the waterworks property has received a new coat of chrome aluminum paint and the old ramp removed.

Na Bends

Because ordinary curved glass is so costly, some of the best is being made of a new material.

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BACK IN 1908

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, August 27, 1908.

The Beardsmore house on Main Street, known as the McGrail residence, is being enlarged and improved. It will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. James Mackie and will provide accommodation for the Messrs. Beardsmore and their families while they are in town.

Rather an unseasonably warm occurred on Mill Street after the baseball match between an ex-chief of police of Brampton and an Acton veterinary surgeon. Both parties alleged the other to have been the aggressor.

Mr. John Costello gave his left hand between the thumb and forefinger an ugly gash while at work on the beam at the side leather tannery last Thursday.

Mr. Ernest Macklin, electrician, has created quite a beauty spot of the town in front of the power house this season. The lawn is well trimmed and the flower beds are full of bright blooming plants and attractive foliage.

Over 400 scholars, officers, teachers and friends attended the Methodist Sunday School day dress and picnic last Friday afternoon.

Three of Guelph's crack hockey teams, the Acton, Waterloo and Hamilton, met for the afternoon to discuss the arrangements for a series of inter-town games, were placed with Guelph leading in both years. The first game Guelph won by a 4-0 score and the second they only scraped ahead by three points.

The first grandstand came to the town on Friday afternoon on Friday afternoon by the payment of one of the school's hockey team. It was promptly made and the work continued on its way.

Henry Paddock, age 13, committed by H. P. Moore, J.P. of Acton on a charge of breaking into the Kenyon Bros. hardware store and stealing a pair of overalls and a pair of trousers. He was committed to the county jail on Friday. He pleaded guilty to all charges and was remanded until Monday. On Monday he was remanded a further remand for custody.

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Hols.) 8:58 a.m. 11:23 a.m. 2:08 p.m.
5:00 p.m. 6:33 p.m. 8:13 p.m.
10:00 p.m. (Sun and Hols.)

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. (Sun, Sat, Sun,
and Hols.)

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RAILWAYS

Standard Time

Eastbound
Daily 5:40 a.m. Daily except
Sundays 10:00 a.m.; 7:14 p.m.; Sun-
day only 8:01 p.m.; Daily except
Sunday Flyer at Georgetown 9:02
a.m.; 6:27 p.m.; Daily Flyer at
Georgetown 10:11 p.m.

Westbound

Daily 11:44 p.m. Daily except
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.; 6:53 p.m.; 7:49
p.m.; Saturday only 1:23 p.m.; Sun-
day only 9:03 a.m. (Hingtop); Sun-
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