

A Possibility?

With the approach of winter, one's thoughts can't help but turn to the activity ahead at the arena.

It's with a measure of regret that we realize the town hasn't the artificial ice facilities that are already a reality in surrounding towns. In fact it's difficult to find a community the size of Acton in the area that hasn't got the winter facility.

There's little doubt that someday Acton may have it. The problem will of course be the necessary funds. Before anyone gets to talking about that though the degree of interest would have to be determined. There's always a lot of talk about artificial ice here

but no one seems to take the initiative in converting the talk into dollars.

Perhaps if it ever got that far a lot of the talk would stop and the dollar potential dry up but we have enough faith in the community to think that somewhere along the line the town could get artificial ice. And just before it gets too far let's remember that putting the bill on top of the present tax bill is a little unreasonable.

If we're to get artificial ice it will have to be a community effort and until that effort is extended we'll have to be content with the natural ice that has served for the past 20 or 30 years.

A Valuable Exchange

Each year with the advent of Farm Forum activity we can't help but admire the fact that farm people gather together weekly to exchange opinions, trade views and discuss subjects that vitally concern them.

From information concerning the season's activity it would appear the subjects will be just as stimulating, topical and controversial as could be hoped for. Herein lies the importance of the movement. Dry subjects could provoke little interest but increasingly, as views are thundered at us from the press, radio and television, we need to do some of our own thinking.

Take the subject of Vertical Integration, for instance. In the United States, where its growth has been charted, whole counties, and even States have gone into contract production, while the little farmer's living has

diminished. Men who got into the integrating early, as far back as 1932, now control millions of broilers, thousands of hogs and literally hundreds of thousands of laying hens.

What does this mean for Canadian Agriculture? Well, during January every Monday evening, National Farm Forums will try to find out.

This is one instance. Over the year more than a dozen subjects will be touched by Forums.

From the discussions can come one of the best ideas, reactions of opinion depending on the number of those who choose to participate in the program.

To our way of thinking such discussions should rank high in interest, attention and participation for the rural residents.

Vandalism by "Sportsmen"

Have you ever seen a "shot" mailbox? They're not as uncommon as one would care to think.

It seems that out around the Campbellville area some "sportsmen" and we use the term quite loosely have taken some pretty close range target practice on at least one year-old mailbox that the owner took pride in.

There wasn't just one hole in the mailbox. There were two good sized ones. It seems some of the neighbors happened to notice the car that contained the hunters a little earlier in the day, too. Let's not get the idea this was lady's stuff.

This kind of nonsense is pure vandalism of the worst degree. It cuts down the reputa-

tion of decent sportsmen that live by the rules of courtesy and it destroys another man's property that can only be replaced at some cost and a lot of inconvenience.

If this kind of thing keeps up and there are indications of "no hunting" signs being shot at as well as other posters, the people that own the land used by the hunters will be doing a little hunting of their own.

The problem is not a new one but surely the handling of quips should carry with it the degree of responsibility that one would expect for such a lethal weapon.

Target practice on a reckless basis can only bring serious problems and good hours and sportsmen just don't operate that way.

Those Long Meetings

At this time of year, and for several months ahead, it will be the season of meetings, relates the Owen Sound Sun Times. From now until another summer draws near, it continues, there will be meetings of all kinds, annual meetings of various organizations, meetings at which speakers will come long distances, to expound their ideas on various topics, and other kinds of gatherings.

At all there will be chairmen, or chair ladies, who will in a very real sense, be the key to the success of the gatherings. And one of their major duties will be to see that the program "keeps rolling," that the meeting does not become a long test of endurance. It has been very truthfully said that the mind can take in only what the seat can endure.

At most meetings there is a key speaker. His or her remarks are, in fact, the purpose of the gathering. Quite often that person comes a considerable distance, sacrificing

much time, as well as preparation, that he or she may not just entertain but impart certain ideas which he thinks worthwhile.

In not a few programs it is made to appear that the speaker, aside from on the program and in advance publicity, is an after-thought. He is crowded into the final phase of the meeting. Assured that he can take all the time he wants, he faces an audience which shows definite signs of restiveness under the long period of enforced inactivity as well as many vacant chairs previously occupied by those who could not last out the first part of the program.

If programs must be lengthy, why not put the speaker on first? Then he will be assured of a full audience, whose mental faculties are still alert. Then if those same people wish to hear with the remainder of the program, including the chairman's remarks, they can remain, accomplishing that for which they attended the meeting.

The Pattern of Simple Living

A proverb of ancient Greece asserted that "the gods sell all things at a fair price." What was meant was that Nature is bounteous.

Many things that are beautiful are not put up for sale at all but offered as a gift.

The birds sing for us without charge and without restrictions from the music makers. Nature decks the wilderness with flowers and grass for man's enjoyment and nurture.

We are allowed to watch the sun rise and set, the clouds sailing across the blue Alberta

sky, the prairies and the forests, the glorious sea and the rugged mountains.

There is no entrance fee to the staid Hall of the Night.

Simple food, to the hungry, tastes better than food served in the most expensive restaurants.

Contentment and peace of mind ought to be more prevalent in the quiet countryside than in the overcrowded cities.

The most expensive things are those that can be well done without. The Bulletin, Brooks, Alta.



"Hill in Autumn"



SOMEbody is always predicting the early demise of royalty but it looks to me as if we have more royalty now than ever. Even the word seems to see the coming of another queen but of course, this is nothing new. Recently though, they have started naming kings. Now there is a group king or something and just a week or so ago, at Farm Forum they named a king and queen. Who says royalty is on the way out.

COULDN'T HELP noticing a wedding picture in one of the papers. I was scanning recently. The groom had a real little mountain of a wave in the front of his hair. In 20 years there's going to be some laughs about that style. I'll wager.

SOMETIMES I wish I had no connection with advertising when I hear one of those absurd little slogans that some creative brain has whipped up and sold for pure gold. Sunday as on many previous occasions I heard a filler described as a "thinking man's filler." Just what the connection is on the reasoning behind it, I fail to see. Perhaps I'm just not a very good advertiser just now.

OCTOBER is certainly the month for the new car showings. Almost any issue of this paper is carrying announcements of some new model and readers can't go far wrong if they notice that the local dealer is prepared to offer the latest just as soon as any city operator. It's a good idea to try the local dealer, too. He can offer the equal of the out-of-towner.

I'VE OFTEN heard of the mountaineers who enjoy "great climbing." It's always been the butt of a joke. I should touch wood but since fire prevention work there hasn't been a fire call in Acton or district despite the recent abundance of bonfires. A continuing caution towards the important yet dangerous element of fire is the only way to keep the fire calls down.

THE BOY SCOUTS and Cubs made their annual rounds last week with their shiny apples and pleasant smiles. That's one big day when the customer really gets his money's worth and does a lot of good at the same time. They are cheap but they don't have the Masov of a juicy apple.

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THE GOOD OLD DAYS

BACK IN 1938

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, October 27, 1938.

Known interest was manifest on Sunday at the formal unveiling and dedication of the entrance at Fairview cemetery, when four to five hundred residents joined in the brief service. Arrangements were in the hands of the Acton Women's Institute.

Councillor A. Mason was chairman. The unveiling of the bronze tablet that is set in the left pillar was performed by Mrs. J. E. Gamble, Acton, Halton County President of Women's Institutes.

Acton Boy Scout Troop were quite gratified by their efforts and the response of citizens on Apple Day last Saturday. Not returns to the troop of over \$40 were realized.

On Sunday five fine wild raspberries were picked from bushes in the lane of Mr. James Nickel's farm on the sixth line in Espersong.

The flower bed at the Soldiers Memorial which has been a beauty spot all summer, has been planted with 150 pink and white Tulip Cutaway Officers. Wm. Middleton takes special delight in keeping the bed lovely.

A reader has informed us that it was through the practical interest of Mr. Hughes' (Haver) Mill that the new hand truck was installed at Acton post office steps and that family everyone appreciates the improvement.

The autumn bazaar of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.O.F. was held in the recreation room of the Y.M.C.A. under the joint convener-ship of Mrs. Schroeder and Mrs. McLean. The draw on the blanket was won by Mrs. Dwyer.

Officers of the Friendly Circle of the United Church closed on Wednesday at the home of Valmor Murray were: honorary president Mrs. Bennett, president Mrs. Adamson, vice-president Velma Murray secretary Frances Dally, treasurer Betty Watts.

A special meeting of Acton Y.M.C.A. Board was held last evening when the resignation of Mr. George D. Emery as general secretary was accepted and accepted by the board. Mr. Emery has been secretary for the past two years and under his direction the Y. has made good progress.

The Methodist Sunday School orchestra was out in full force and their recitations were all enjoyed. Mr. H. P. Moore presided at the meeting.

The temperature on Sunday was 70 degrees, 15 degrees higher than October's usual average.

During the past six years, the Canadian Pacific has spent on an average more than six million dollars per year on equipment. Develop the resources in the interior as well as the coast and at the present moment every available engine and car is working to the limit of its power.

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THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Acton, Ontario
ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY
Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., B.D., Minister.
Mr. George Elliott, Organist and Choir Leader.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26th, 1958
9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer - The Minister.
11:45 a.m. - Morning Worship - Rev. D. Amos.
10:00 a.m. - Junior Church and Church School.
6:00-6:30 - Organ Recital - Mr. G. Elliott.
7:00 p.m. - Rev. M. Waters.
8:15 p.m. - V.P.C. Fellowship.
Children under 5 minded at all services.

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN
THE MARYR
Rector: Rev. H. B. Stokreef, L. Th.
185 Jeffery St., phone 265.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26th, 1958
21st SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Laymen's Sunday
8:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist.
9:45 a.m. - Church School.
11:00 a.m. - Beginners' Class
11:00 a.m. - Mattins and Address.
Mr. W. Barratt, Prof. Eng.
Others participating in the service are Mr. L. Duby, Mr. V. Briglow, Mr. W. H. Denny, Mr. J. Ranney.
All Are Welcomed

BAPTIST CHURCH
ACTON
Pastor: Rev. Gordon M. Holmes, B.A., B.Th.
115 Bower Avenue

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26th, 1958
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Worship - Sermon subject - "My Portion"
The Evening Service is cancelled in favour of the United Church Anniversary.
Women, Men and Young People Welcome

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

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10:00 a.m. - Sunday School.
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship.
7:30 p.m. - Evangelistic.
Wednesday, 8 p.m. - Prayer and Bible Study.
Friday, 8 p.m. - Christ Ambassador.

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