

BACK IN 1909

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, February 25, 1909.

Last Wednesday the Elm hockey team came to Acton to play a return game. The home team expected they would have a hard game. A number of having defeated nearly all the teams they have played against this season.

BACK IN 1939

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Last Monday night, Acton and Fergus tangled in the intermediate final in one of the roughest and hottest games since Klorn played Acton and 21 penalties were dished out. In the game Monday, 17 penalties were given with each team sharing almost equal time in the box.



A Step to Conserve

According to the Audubon Magazine, a periodical devoted to the conservation of wildlife, insect eradication programs are wiping out birdlife remorselessly.

The prediction is that by 1969 there may be no more robins to see as a herald of Spring. The cause apparently is the widespread use of DDT in efforts to control such things as Dutch Elm disease and in other pesticide programs.

With this thought in mind we were pleased to read that officials are considering the establishment of a Canada Goose sanctuary near Morrisburg.

With such a sanctuary added to the allure of the Crystal Memorial Park and Museum and Upper Canada Village, a typical pioneer village containing historic buildings, furnishings and other relics of early pioneer, Loyalist and military life and activities, the Cornwall-Morrisburg area will become one of North America's most outstanding tourist mecca.

Preserves of this kind are all important as this section of Canada looks forward to continued development. It is imperative that preserves and historical centres are established before the development ahead runs over the past.

The bird sanctuary of 1000 acres will be largely open field terrain, fronting a reasonably well protected water area.

To have a 1000 acre waterfowl sanctuary in Ontario will be a priceless asset, not just from the tourist angle but from the standpoint of increased wildlife appreciation by our young people and new Canadians, and of conservation education generally.

"Out to Make a Profit"

After 75 years of heavy punning, businessmen are far too timid to proclaiming or even admitting, the basic facts of economic life.

That was the theme of a recent speech we liked by the boss of Sun Oil. His name is Robert Dunlop.

He said bluntly that business is: "out to make a profit."

Dunlop said, "If we can demonstrate that business actually is out to make a profit - and why it must do so if it is to survive - I believe we accomplish a good deal. We cannot do these things as long as we are defensive about profits as long as we act as though we are almost ashamed of earning them."

"It is high time that we took the offensive on the subject of profits to get before the public the true story of what profits we make and where they go," he said.

Canadian manufacturers in 1957 made an average profit after taxes of 5.2 cents on the sales dollar.

Of this profit, an average of 2.3 cents was paid in dividends and 2.9 cents retained. The main average of profits in relation to sales over the last 10 years in Canada was 5.2 cents. The highest and lowest were seven cents in 1950 and five in 1952.

These profits were used, as Mr. Dunlop suggests, to provide plant and tools and jobs. Without an understanding of the function of profit, all sorts of nonsense gets attention.

This is Refreshing

Notion that today's youth is soft and security minded is dispelled by a letter written to Massachusetts Institute of Technology by a prospective candidate for admission who hopes to enter that great institution of higher learning in 1963. Text of letter, released by B. Alden Thresher, MIT dean of admissions, comes from a youngster at Tenants Harbour, Maine, and reads as follows:

"MIT is my big aim in '63. Besides achieving A's in Algebra, reading everything I can get my eyes on in the field of phases of space and science, and going without shoes to save money - I need additional information. Tuition, Scholarships, Careers in Space Exploration, and Rocket Engineering.

"I am third in line in a family of five expensive, hungry children, and my father is a lobster fisherman. This adds up to the fact that what becomes of me will depend on me mostly. Have you any special advice so every minute will count in the next three and a half years?"

"I am coming to M.I.T. somehow and you will be glad to see me."

Canada and U.S. could do with more young people like this - young people who believe that what becomes of them depends mostly on them, and not on what they can get by way of security, real or imagined from that benevolent despotism, the State.

The Letter Review

The Dilemma Here

The question mark that Prime Minister Diefenbaker hung over this area last fall is now taking visible form in the delays over construction of the new public school addition.

The uncertainty in the area was established over questions on the continuation of Arrow production at Malton. This, we are led to believe, will not be resolved until March. In the meantime the uncertainty of 250 Acton residents is affecting the anticipated school population and the necessary accommodation.

A number of weeks ago we suggested editorially that a decision by the federal government should be given earlier. We're no expert on defense even though there appear to be many such experts since the Arrow production has been placed under consideration. We don't honestly know whether it should be continued or not. The number of conflicting opinions is continually adding to our confusion.

We do know, though, what affect the decision either way is to have on this town. If production is discontinued it is quite possible a new public school addition will not be necessary should all Malton employees evaporate to other centres before September. It is hardly likely of course that many residents will suddenly find new jobs and new homes.

In the meantime the Public School Board, which is charged with the responsibility of providing the necessary accommodation for students, is anxious to fulfill its responsibilities.

This, then is the dilemma that the announcement of last fall by the Prime Minister has created in Acton. While March is only a few days off, the end of March is still over a month away. In providing school accommodation for September a month is an important amount of time. Can the cabinet not reach a decision before the end of March or is the gamble up to Acton taxpayers?

Brief Comment

There is one piece of advice, in a life of study, which I think no one will object to, and that is every now and then to be completely idle to do nothing at all. Sydney Smith.

If you enjoy a game in which they keep changing the rules, then you'll be crazy about international diplomacy and basketball. Stafford Bearon Herald.

Reckless speeding can result in anything from a broken fender, which can be mended, to a broken neck, which cannot Ottawa Citizen.

An announcement by scientists that the crust of the earth is buckling and that huge new mountains are due to appear through the waters off the West Indies and the East Indies is not a cause for alarm. The forecast is that the mountains will not show themselves for another 10 million years. St. Catharines Standard.

Jim's JOTTINGS BY JIM DILLS

THE USUAL abundance of appeals for a "same" Royal Tour in June are making their appearance. "See the little people," they argue in theory. Well, I'd like to shake the hand of the Queen, but if all the little people were in on it I think I might get mobbed in the rush. I'd be just as happy if I see her go by in a car with the hundreds of others lining the street. It's too bad her schedule won't get her in town for a visit, though.

EVERY ONCE in a while, like everyone else I'm sure, I get the urge to go travelling. I usually end up as the arm chair variety but this time I jotted down some of the places I'd like to see. It's surprising how close some of them are. There's the Edgely pioneer village in North York Township, Old Fort York and the Oakville Post Office Museum. But of course, there's also the St. Lawrence Seaway construction, the city of Quebec, the Rockies, the Tower of London, the Eiffel Tower, Hong Kong and Williamsburg, Virginia, the republic of the Colonial past. No magic carpets, though.

AS MOST people know in north Halton, the beaver located in the "Trib" river... it can be in the wrong place, he can be a troublesome fellow. The Reader's Digest quotes a sample from the report by a railroad section foreman: "The beaver here are awful. Every morning we spend hours breaking their dams before we can get to work. If we don't they flood the tracks. I made a water wheel and tied tin cans to it to scare the beaver away. They shoved a pole into the wheel and stopped it. I left a lantern burning all night and they covered it with a blanket under their dam and they plugged it up. I built a wire fence to keep them away, and they cut down my poles and used the wire on their dams. What do you suggest?"

FREEZE AND thaw, freeze and thaw... that plays havoc with a flat roof. Hence the necessary shovelling off at our office in a hope the water will run away instead of run in.

AN EIGHT year old lad was asked by his mother what he had learned at Sunday school. "Well," he said, "our teacher told us all about when God sent Moses behind the enemy lines to rescue the Israelites from the Egyptians. When they came to the Red Sea, Moses called for the engineers to build a pontoon bridge. After they had crossed, they looked back and saw the Egyptians' tanks coming. Moses ordered bombardiers on his walkie-talkie to send bombs to blow up the bridge and saved the Israelites."

DEVOTIONS HELD by Mrs. G. Johnson and her group on race prejudice. Mrs. G. Adams gave a reading and the Lord's Prayer was said in unison. Mrs. B. Velthuis gave the scripture reading. The study book was read by Mrs. Ford on Concerns of a Continent.

EVERYONE IS anticipating a provincial election this year. So far I've heard of about six that will seek the appointment as Conservative candidate. Stan Hall has announced his intention to seek the position again, too. The Liberals have made many announcements yet but an annual meeting on Friday night may show some progress. The CCF candidate, Jack Henry, was named long ago.

THE CANTANKEROUS and foolish traits of human beings serve to make life interesting. If everyone was perfect and wise, living in this world would be about as exciting as a hermit's lonely Sunday afternoon. Woodstock Sentinel Review.

Mrs. C. L. Poole and Mrs. E. Cleve were appointed auditors. The meeting closed with a hymn and prayer by Mrs. Adams.

I ALWAYS thought most towns that were big enough already had a weekly newspaper. Reading a trade publication on the weekend, though, I discovered that a progressive Saskatchewan community was interested in having a publisher establish a weekly newspaper locally. The inducements were there, too. "Local business men's support would afford profitable opportunity through guaranteed advertising contracts."

Several of the ladies attended the World's Day of Prayer service in the Pentecostal church. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Ford and her group and a social time was spent together.

THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE 34 Church Road P.A.O.C. Rev. Kenneth J. Reid, Pastor 75 Cook St., phone 649-W SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, 1959 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 7:30 p.m. - Evangelistic Tuesday 8 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study Thursday 8 p.m. Christ Ambassador's 'Christ is Your Answer' A Friendly Welcome To All

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA Acton, Ontario Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., B.D. Mr. George Elliott Organist and Choir Leader SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, 1959 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m. Junior Church and Church School 11:15 a.m. Morning Worship Children under 5 will be cared for at all services

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN Rector: The Rev. H. B. Stokreef, 185 Jeffrey St., phone 265 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, 1959 THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT 9:30 a.m. - Church School 9:45 a.m. - Beginners' Class 11:00 a.m. - Mattins MID-WEEK CELEBRATIONS Tuesday, 24 February, 1959, Saint Matthew's Day - 10 p.m., Holy Eucharist Wednesday, 25 February, 1959 - 8 p.m., Lenten Evensong

BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON Pastor: Rev. Gordon M. Holmes, B.A. B.Th. 115 Bower Avenue SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, 1959 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School 11:00 a.m. - 'Love Rejected' 7:00 p.m. - Song Service Night of Remembrance A Cordial Welcome to All PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH, ACTON Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, 1959 9:45 a.m. - Church School 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship 7:00 p.m. - Evening Worship

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Leslies Report Lovely Weather. Acton, Ontario. Just a little note of something we thought might sound good to the folks at home. Yesterday afternoon (Sunday, February 8) we attended a ball game at Waterfront Park between the half century men's club and the west coast title girls. It was a beautiful day and we were very happy. All the men were in short sleeve shirts. A lot of people were lying on the ground sleeping and some were reading. There were over 5000 people in the grandstands besides some with chairs and some standing. It was very hot but wonderful. We had it a little cool when we first came in the middle of January, but only a week or so. It's lovely weather. Here's the news from Toronto each morning by Dave Price. Sounds really well. Sincerely, A. G. Leslie, (Mrs. Dean Leslie)