Editorial Page

What Lies Ahead?

It is encouraging to see that the Acton Public Utilities Commission is wondering about its future.

As the result of a municipal vote last December, the Public Utilities Commission was voted out of business at the end of this December.

The hydro section of the Commission will revert to a Hydro Electric Commission and the sewerage and waterworks sections will come under council jurisdiction.

What co-ordination or supervision that will be established to achieve the benefits of this change is as yet unknown.

With a superintendent of waterworks and a superintendent of the sewerage system the only new position that might be possible is a town manager. While we have heard the usual rumors of this move there has been no indication of it from the council table.

With the town nearing its final quarter the citizens as well as the present P.U.C. should be advised of the plan. If there is no plan Acton citizens bought a "pig in a poke" last December.

Like most citizens we would be interested in knowing council's plans for the co-ordination of its works, sewerage and waterworks departments.

A Closer Link

Thousands of Halton pupils went back to school on Tuesday. It's an annual event but this year its significance is impressed by the increasing concern that is evident in our educational system.

It is as complex a problem as the number of individuals it affects. It is harassed by the pressures of sputniks and flights to outer space. It is tremendously important because the developments of this generation and the achievements of the next will be in the hands of those who are educated today.

Our system of education has been in transition for centuries. Keeping pace with today's swelling population is a formidable task in itself but the addition of new facilities does not automatically provide the education.

Today we have been impressed with the ring of "easy terms" with the sugar coating and unfortunately this has, to a certain extent, found its way into our methods of obtaining education. But this is not the only problem.

It is difficult to generalize without error but there is, it seems, a strong need for a more intimate relationship between the parent-teacher-pupil chain. Here, indeed, the chain is only as strong as its weakest link.

A suitable home atmosphere for study is one requisite but besides that there is a strong need for encouragement that the pupil will seek new achievements and not be content with the "average" or the "pass". All this is difficult without a goal and so often the aimless efforts of obtaining an "education" become discouraging.

While the home atmosphere is important so is that of the school. If the smart remark prevails in a classroom it is an intrusion on the study of others. The school is challenged to provide the know-how on intelligent studying, the desire for knowledge, and treatment becoming those who act their age. Facilities are important but the desire to learn is paramount.

As in industry, the workman without sufficient qualifications is doomed, so is the case in education. But here the problem can be either that of a teacher who has not been sufficiently qualified or that of a pupil whose interests lie in fields other than those achieved through education.

Education is a complex subject. We make our comments with some misgivings when we read of the inability of experts to reach conclusions. There is little doubt, however, that university entrance is becoming more difficult with the increasing competition for the limited accommodation. With the increasing need for education though, it is imperative that we achieve even higher standards of scholarship.

Increasing interest of parents in high school education is a welcome trend. Only through better communication between parent, teacher, pupil and school board will there be improvements.

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 at 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 boards since certain economic factors are bound to play a part.

Extending municipal services over long stretches is beyond a minimum number of [illegible] expensive. The price [illegible] since every effort should be made to get a most of possible [illegible] development. There are [illegible] the [illegible] of the country.

[illegible] we are being [illegible] a generational degree and [illegible] Italy.

A [illegible] 1851 [illegible] the [illegible] capital, provided a [illegible] with eight [illegible] streets leading off it, each 96 feet wide. This plan, which would have given Toronto streets as wide as those enjoyed by most American towns, disappeared to be replaced by a dismal rectangular cluttering. It was considered too ambitious.

In 1852, a plan was made for a "Road or Esplanade" 100 feet wide along Toronto's harbour front. This design seems too ornamental [illegible] the face of the city.

In these days of planning, local municipal [illegible] appear to be caught up in the [illegible] of [illegible] they must mentally [illegible] whether [illegible] big or too small [illegible] anything.

[illegible] the [illegible] the [illegible] of planning [illegible] and their time [illegible] or enhancement or [illegible] by [illegible] There is a time for [illegible] the economic trend of a community [illegible] problems or its price for future development.

There should be some dreamers on local planning boards.

Only Leading Way

Sometimes it seems we need a Prime Minister to get a party without serving at [illegible]. But when Mr. Diefenbaker, who heads the Canadian Government, did this recently, it made headlines in Canadian papers. In fact, he has done it twice. Mr. Diefenbaker is reliably reported as hoping to set a style for official entertaining.

But it is a brave or defiant host who challenges economically and politically powerful influences that have historically sought to identify alcoholic drinks, not only with everyday life but with official hospitality and indeed with the national prestige.

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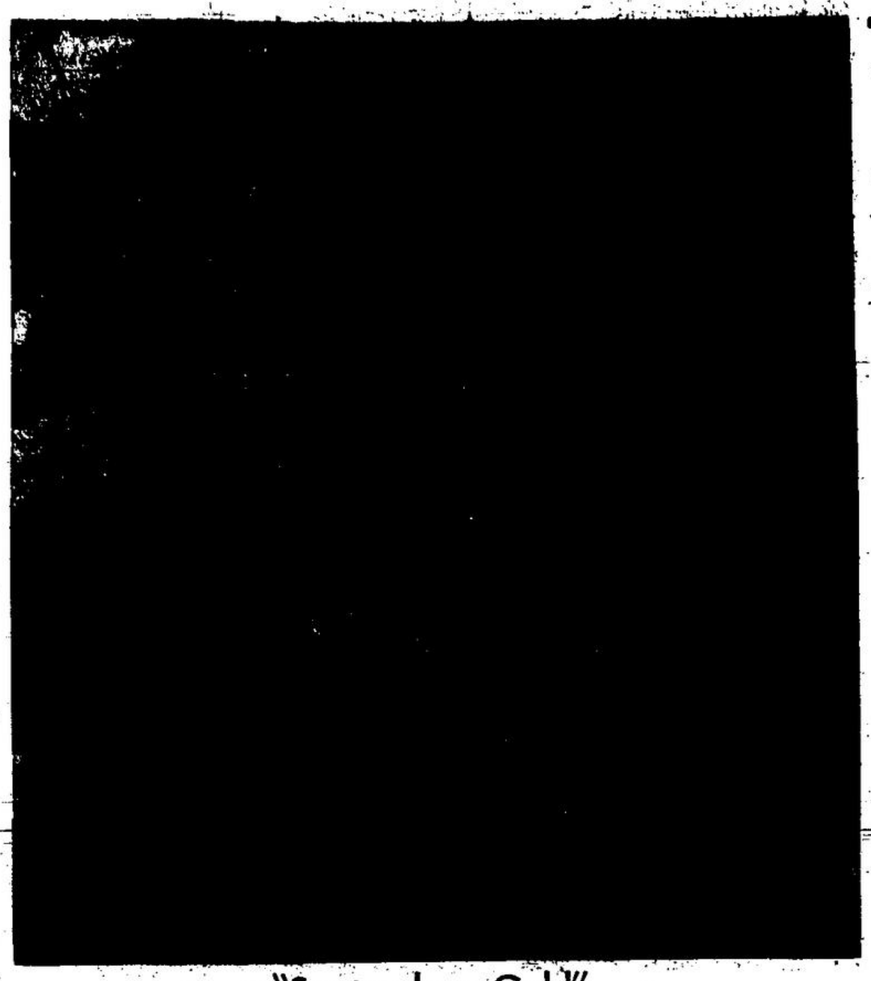

"September Gold"

Sugar and Spice ....

BY BILL SMILEY

I have just tried to wade through a novel, written by a woman, which contains 1085 pages of fine print. And I use the word "wade" advisedly. It was like lurching through a swamp, in a pair of hip waders, with a hundred pounds of wet fish in a sack on my back.

The only thing the novel conveyed to me, after hours of reading, was something of which I was already aware: that women talk too much.

Now, I am not trying to be offensive when I say that. I am merely making a scientific observation. It's easy to utter generalities, and I don't mean that all women talk too much. No more than a woman means all men, when she states flatly, and I've heard it a hundred times, "Men are selfish, utterly selfish." She just means about 98 per cent of all the males she has ever known.

I've made something of a study of this in moments of quiet desperation, and my conclusions are based on actual observations. My mother talked too much, my sisters talk too much, my wife talks too much, and my daughter is getting to be quite a yakker, if you pardon a reference to her.

[illegible] I am not having to be [illegible] about this. It is merely an interesting phenomenon, which I think has had an overwhelming impact on world history. Who, for example, started chewing the fat with that reptile in the Garden of Eden? Was it Adam?

Why do women talk so much? Is it because they're nervous? I doubt it. Is it because they feel insecure? I doubt that, too. Poor or rich, nervous or placid, fat or skinny, secure or insecure, they talk too much, and I hogestly believe they can't help it.

Now I'm not trying to suggest that men are strong, silent types, who never open their mouths unless they are about to emit some morsel of wisdom. A visit to one of those dainty palaces of refreshment known in Ontario as "beverage rooms", on a busy Saturday afternoon, would convince anyone that men are a cross between a howling monkey and a laughing hyena, with a dash of York-hate hog thrown in.

No, indeed. Men can talk with the best of them in short spurts. But few men can talk endlessly, without apparent effort. Most women can. And do.

I am not suggesting this is a bad thing necessarily. The cheerful babble of the ladies over teacups is a symbol that all is well with the world. The interminable telephone conversations about clothes and pickers and what Maisie said to Tootsie are reassuring sounds in a harsh, strident world.

It is not the talk of women that sends nations reeling into [illegible] wars. It is not the talk of women that introduces corruption into public affairs. It is not the talk of women that produces inflation, starvation and all the other ailments that beset society.

No, these delights of the modern world are produced by the talking of men. It is the talking of women that hushes the frightened child, that soothes the old person, that eases pain. It is the talking of women that keeps husbands [illegible] and a kindness for [illegible]. The talking of women [illegible] better schools and better [illegible].

No, there's no doubt about it. The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world. Like weather, taxes and death, we can look forward to the talking of women as [illegible] and while [illegible] the nerves [illegible] the world any [illegible].

Oh-oh. Here comes the old lady back. I am [illegible] while she've both been talking ceaselessly for two hours. I'd better hide. She'll want to tell me everything they said, while it is still fresh in her mind.

Tips on Touring

By Carol Lane

Women's Travel Authority

Aladdin had his magic lamp. Power Housman has his magic carpet and Tony Hope O'My Poumly [illegible] Yes and I envy our modern equivalent [illegible] automobile.

[illegible] more than ever your car can become your magic carpet to relaxation and adventure. If you know how to use it. Such common sense. Lots of the summertime motorist [illegible]

[illegible] keep your car cool inside on a hot sunny day even in Phoenix [illegible] Jackets filled with ice below the dashboard and [illegible]

[illegible] A week [illegible] will last two days. Put [illegible] keep [illegible]. And you can rout that old villain of summer driving, dust being blown into your nose and mouth, by keeping your car clean and dust free.

Extra Wax

You can protect your car from the sand and salt spray and salt air of the seashore by a few simple precautions. Just have your service station attendant coat the entire finish of your car, and especially the chrome, with an extra heavy layer of protective wax. Try to keep your car out of the direct rays of the sun whenever possible. Some plastic covers on the market give temporary over-all protection. Protect seats and upholstery from sand and wet clothes with a sheet of plastic film.

THIS SUNDAY'S

CHURCH CALENDAR

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Acton, Ontario
Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., B.D.
Minister
Mr. George Elliott
Organist and Choir Leader

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th, 1959
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Morning Worship

At both services children's and nursery classes meet in the nursery. Junior Congregation (children 6-9 years) [illegible]

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th, 1959
Ember Week

8:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m.—Church School opens for registration and organization into classes (Film "Jesus Teaches Forgiveness")
11:00 a.m.—Mattins and Sermon, the Rev. P. A. Sawyer

All Are Welcome!

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th, 1959
9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Bible Class (Ages 13 - 25 years)
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship. Sermon theme: "Enthusiasts and Fence Sitters." Participation called for at Manse living service.

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P.A.O.C.
Rev. Kenneth J. Reid, Pastor
75 Cook St., phone 649-W

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th, 1959
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
7:30 p.m. Evangelistic
Tuesday, 8 p.m. Prayer and Bible study
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors "Christ is Your Answer"

A Friendly Welcome To All

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th, 1959
9:45 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Public Worship "If There Be No God—"
7:00 p.m.—"N.B."—in series on "Abbreviations That Suggest the Gospel." Others to follow. NSF, RSVP, SOS, DV, OHW.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Bible Study: Witness and Prayer
All Are Welcome!

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Back in 1939

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Sept. 14, 1939.

Acton intermediates were ousted from ball for this season when the Galt Pickards whipped them 10-2 in the final game of the playoffs last Saturday. Norm Morton started on the mound for Acton and pitched good ball but the fielding behind him was erratic.

Canada has joined the British Empire and entered the second world war with only three dissenting votes out of 245 votes at Parliament this week. The Duke of Devonshire Chapter and Lakeside Chapters of the I.O.D.E. have sent out an appeal for new blankets and clothes or money to buy same for children age 6-14 years of age who have been evacuated from their homes in Great Britain.

The fine large barn of Mrs Ernest Robson, on the highway west of Rockwood, was complete destroyed by fire on Friday night. The reflection and blaze could be seen for miles and attracted many from here. The season's crop and live stock were destroyed making the loss a serious one.

Acton council passed a by-law regulating the store closing hours for Acton merchants which will become effective the first of the month. In part the by-law reads that all shops in Acton will close Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at seven o'clock but are allowed to remain open until 10 p.m. on Friday.

Halton juniors were again well to the fore in inter-club contests held at Brampton Fair and the Canadian National Exhibition. At the former show which was open to [illegible] Halton girls repeated their triumph of a year ago, winning first honors in the Junior Club competition. The Halton group also won several ribbons at the Canadian National Exhibition.

[illegible]

Back in 1909

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Sept. 16, 1909.

Mr. James R. Anderson has purchased from Mr. Henry Arnold his local wood business and takes immediate possession. Mr. Anderson also takes over the street sprinkler business, which Mr. Anderson has conducted the past two years, at the end of the season.

The waters at Fairy Lake are lower than they have been for years. The present time would be an excellent one to remove or cut off many of the stumps which interfere with safe and comfortable boating in many sections of the lake. A movement might be inaugurated for this purpose by the Acton Aquatic Club. It would receive generous support from a number of citizens and the result would be gratifying.

On Monday afternoon as Morris Cohn, son of Mr and Mrs L. Cohn, a Russian Jew, living on Church Street, was playing with companions after school, he ran into the yard of Mrs Frank Sensner, an Austrian, for a stick, which he alleged Mrs Sensner's son had taken away from him. The woman ran out and grasped the lad hurling him against a tree with the results that his nose was broken in the [illegible] of assault may be laid against Mrs. Sensner from all reports.

Skip Gunner Gould and his players brought honors to town last Thursday evening when they defeated all the out-of-town teams in the annual bowling tournament to win the Smith Trophy Cup. Toward the close of the days play the only two teams left were the Acton entry and the experienced and former championship team from Hampton. All the skills of the game were displayed by all players as they vied valiantly to win the coveted award. Skip Gould had his opponent [illegible] the jacks perfectly and in the [illegible] to close it [illegible] the Acton team were [illegible]

[illegible] Mrs [illegible] was [illegible] mother-in-law Mrs [illegible] Jackson, assisting at the [illegible] was at [illegible] and in the act of walking [illegible] the slats broke and [illegible] about [illegible] Although no injuries [illegible] were received [illegible] making [illegible] returned to his [illegible]

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Daylight Time
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6.33 a.m. (Daily except Sun. and Hol.), 8.58 a.m., 11.33 a.m., 2.08 p.m., 5.08 p.m., 6.33 p.m., 8.33 p.m., 10.08 p.m. (Sun. and Hol.)
Westbound
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. (Fri., Sat., Sun. and Hol.)

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS
Standard Time
Eastbound
Daily 5.40 a.m.; Daily except Sundays 9.12 a.m. (flagstop), 7.14 p.m.; Sunday only 8.01 p.m.; Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown 9.21 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.; 6.33 p.m., Saturday only 1.22 p.m.; Sunday only 8.00 a.m. (flagstop); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph 7.05 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. 8.31 p.m.