The Skies Above

CLOUDY SKIES over this unique photo of the gates at Kelso Conservation Area Dam, were captured by photographer W. Merle Gunby. Photo by W. Merle Gunby

A Big Success . . .

Acton's 50th Fall Fair was a resounding success and despite unfavorable weather predictions, the sun shone beautifully.

It was good to see the record crowd and to know that the enthusiasm and vigor with which plans were laid for the anniversary, were reflected in excellent results.

To the Directors, Officers, exhibitors and entertainers, three cheers for a job well done. No doubt this will herald new growth and initiative that will continue to reflect in future successes.

What's a Customer? . . .

A leading manufacturing concern offers its employees the following definition of a customer.

It is one which might with advantage be read and digested by all of us, since we are all essentially concerned with customers whether in industry or retailing.

A customer is a person who brings us his wants. Our job is to fill them profitably—to him and to ourselves.

A customer is never too far away to affect our jobs, no matter how remote from him our work may seem. One small slip or flaw in any department can lessen the value of our product or service in the customer's eyes.

A customer's good opinion of our company is the most valuable asset in the world. Whatever we can do to build that good opinion will eventually be to our own advantage.

A customer's good opinion cannot be bought or stolen. However, it can be freely given in response to our gift of value.

A customer expects value in what he buys from us. If we do not give him value, he will go elsewhere to find it.

A customer is the boss behind our boss. By serving him well, we serve ourselves well.

What's in a Name? . . .

The question of whether planning boards ever do any planning — though they do other useful work — came up during a workshop session of the 51st annual meeting of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce not too long ago.

Delegates applauded when A. H. LeMasurier of the regional co-ordination division of the Ontario Government's Department of Economics and Development said, "I've been a member of several planning boards in my day and quite frankly I don't believe that planning boards are doing much planning."

But, he continued "'planning' is an unfortunate choice of words. 'Programming' is much better. People seem to associate 'planning' with dozens of don'ts and antis. 'Programming' implies scheduling and unification of services which is more in line with what we are trying to do."

If a change of name will give those groups a better chance at doing some important work, one wonders why such a change has not been implemented long ago.

With Unusual Despatch . . .

A civil service "pay inquiry" has been started in Ottawa, headed by Mr. A. D. P. Heeney, a career diplomat and former chief of the Civil Service Commission. Although it will be some months before a report will be ready, the government has acted with unusual despatch in naming the committee members, providing offices and hiring a staff. It was only a month ago the Prime Minister Pearson set up the committee in keeping with a promise to introduce an appropriate form of collective bargaining for government employees. Earlier civil servants agreed to renounce the strike weapon in return for a formal system of binding arbitration of disputes.

The other main purpose of the inquiry reports the Canadian Press will be to find out how to streamline the jungle of technicalities surrounding the 1,827 grades of civil servants and their related pay scales. This will be quite a job since there are about 185,000 civil servants and their payroll this year amounts to $875 million.

Having acted with such admirable despatch in this instance, it might be suggested to Mr. Pearson that the public would greatly appreciate hearing that a committee had been created to implement the many recommendations regarding the civil service and the government's operations that were contained in the Glassco Report. It will be remembered, though it sometimes seems the government is hoping the public will forget, that these recommendations promised the taxpayers annual savings running into the hundreds of millions of dollars.

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THE GOOD OLD DAYS

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Sept. 23, 1943.

Favored with an ideal September day on Saturday, a near record attendance of 5,000 thronged Acton Fair Ground where one of the finest exhibits of livestock was shown and a splendid program presented.

Fire which was first noticed about four o'clock on Thursday afternoon destroyed the section of the house on Victoria Ave. where Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dodds reside. The whole structure was threatened with destruction for a short time. Two lines of hose were laid and the fire brigade soon had the blaze under control.

Miss June Gowland had a narrow escape from serious injury at Acton Fair on Saturday afternoon when the horse she was riding missed the high jump and stumbled. She was thrown to the ground and narrowly missed being stepped on by the horse as he recovered.

The highway between Milton and Acton certainly needs attention. We hope it isn't one of the forgotten points with the new government.

AC 2 C. W. Willard of the Wireless School in Guelph sustained injuries in an accident on the highway just east of Acton on Saturday that resulted in his death a short time after being admitted to Christie Street Hospital, Toronto. Hitch hiking, he was running alongside a truck which was stopping to give him a lift when he somehow slipped and fell beneath the wheels and was dragged a few feet along the highway. The truck wheels did not pass over his body, but his body was pinched beneath the wheel and the pavement as the truck stopped.

The draw sponsored by the Acton branch of the Navy League was held at the Fair night dance in the Town Hall. Winner of the half ton of coal was AC 2 G. W. McKenzie. Mrs. H. Lasby won the quilt and Mrs. Alex Mann was the winner of the lamp. The proceeds are to assist the Acton branch of the Navy League.

Officers have been announced for the Fifth Victory Loan: honorary chairman, Reeve, J. M. McDonald; Deputy Reeve, G. W. Murray, chairman, A. Masson, vice chairman, H. R. Force, publicity, G. A. Dills, E. S. Force, W. J. O. Oakes salesmen, C. F. Leatherland, F. L. Wright, W. Linham.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Sept. 25, 1913.

Those who have walked in the country or parks or through the suburbs the last few days have noticed many signs of the approach of fall — fields plow with golden rod, dead leaves scattered over the ground—and the woods about to burst into the autumn glory of reds and yellows and other autumnal tints.

Work has been resumed on the residence under construction on the Fyfe property, which has been lying dormant the past two summers. It is the intention to complete the exterior as far as possible this fall, enclose it and proceed with the interior during the winter. Mr. Walter D. Beardmore will move thereto from his Toronto residence when the new one is completed. Mr. Beardmore was a resident of Acton for several years back in the eighties. He will be cordially welcomed back again.

Milton Board of Education has limited the age of admission of beginners to school to seven years. None under seven will be registered.

It is reported that the Keely Mine, which had such a large part in causing the wrecking of the Farmers' Bank may yet prove a dividend player. A number of people in this section will rejoice if such proves to be true.

Empty cisterns have been replenished and roots have picked up very noticably since the rains of the past week.

W. Whale, a Grand Trunk brakeman, had the great misfortune while his train was shunting in the G.T.R. yards here one day last week, to lose his right arm. He missed his footing and fell, a car wheel running over his arm below the elbow and near the shoulder.

Corn cutting and silo filling are the busy occupations of the farmers just now between the visit to the fall shows of the neighborhood.

The annual convention of Guelph District Epworth League convened in the Methodist Church, Rockwood, last Thursday and Friday. Nearly all the leagues of the district were represented and the program was fulfilled almost without exception. Rev. C. D. Draper of Acton, the president, presided at all sessions.

The brick work on the new addition at the school is nearing completion. The building presents a fine appearance.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

INGLEWOOD — R.R. 1 farmer Chris Metcalfe has a freak calf with three distinct noses, two tongues, and two separate gullets. Veterinarians expected the calf to die shortly after birth but it seems to be in perfect health.

BURLINGTON — Remember the hula hoop craze? They're back in style, at Mayfield School for Retarded Children. Teachers at the school tried to buy some for the children's games, but local stores are sold out, so they appealed to residents to hand in their old ones.

BRAMPTON — There are too many experts on parking in Brampton, Mayor Russel Prouse feels. "All of a sudden everyone is an expert on parking," he told council as they discussed a month old municipal parking lot that everyone — except the town — seems to know how to operate.

GEORGETOWN — A plebiscite on a two-year council term will probably be voted on at December's election but there is a move afoot to have it approved by council without a public referendum. It is felt a two-year term would cut election costs by $2,000.

OAKVILLE — A testimonial dinner is planned November 14 for William Anderson who has been Mayor since 1956. Mayor Anderson was deputy Halton Sheriff from 1934 to 1945 and has spent many years serving Oakville through the Legion, the council and the church.

MILTON — A fox suspected to be rabid was hunted by mountain area residents after it was noticed chasing a fox. In another separate incident, a man reported a fox approached him as he sat by the side of the road. No animals have yet been located but health authorities issued a warning to beware of animals appearing sick or acting strangely.

Our Readers Write

EXPLAINS VIEW

51 Meadvale Rd.,
Acton, Ont.
Sept. 16, 1963

The Editor,
Acton Free Press.

Dear Sir,

Today a large section of our newspapers and political rivals are busy branding the members of the New Democratic Party as socialists and referring to this party's programme as socialism. They do this not with the intention of associating us with a courageous new pattern of government for the common good but rather to associate us with the 19th century socialism or what is commonly known as true socialism.

They brand every form of social welfare or social progress as socialism in the hope of confusing the majority of our Canadian people and thereby retain the Status Quo (government for the selected few). It is also true that a large number of our people do not know the meaning of the word socialism, and just recognize it as a dirty word connected in some way with totalitarian Communism. Under this word socialism they also group the socialism of the New Democratic Party (Democratic Socialism) Socialization of any kind Medicare and economic planning without realizing the gulf which separates them from true socialism.

I have never said that socialism was achieved by individualism and these two ideologies were also called the twin rocks of shipwreck. Socialism true socialism has adopted the materialistic philosophy of individualism and made it the basis of its own doctrine. True Socialism holds that society exists exclusively for material goods men must subordinate themselves to it. It asserts that the state and must be prepared to abandon all goods of a higher order including freedom.

Socialism denies the private and individual character of property and asserts that all means of production and distribution be owned and operated by the state. To achieve its ends this kind of socialism advocates class war and the abolition of private property.

Even if socialism were to dis

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Sugar and Spice . . .

BY BILL BAILEY

What qualities do young people want in a father? You'd be surprised. And then again, you might not. I found out the other day when I asked about 35 teenagers to list the traits which they considered would make up The Ideal Father.

They don't want much, really. The modesty of their demands was almost pitiable. All they want is someone with the looks and build of Rock Hudson, the morals of Sir Galahad, the loving kindness of St. Francis, the sense of humor of Stephen Leacock, and the bankroll of E. P. Taylor, to name only a few of the required attributes.

As I wrote down their suggestions, checking them one by one against my own characteristics, the hearty smile with which I had begun to write the list turned into a sick simper.

My wife has been telling me for years that I'm a lousy father, and I've been sputtering "I am not. I may be a lousy husband, but I'm a perfectly good father. Ask the kids."

And they, depending on whose side the treacherous young devils feel like throwing their weight, would answer "He's not so bad, Mom, there must be lots worse fathers than Dad!" Or "She's right, Dad; you're not much of a father."

But here was proof, from outside the family. I had only about four of the 39 qualities required by those teen-agers in The Ideal Father. It hurt. I won't deny it. For a moment I loved, bitterly, with the notion of turning in my 16-year old union card in that great society of BOOBS — the Benevolent Order of Bewildered Slaves — whose membership is made up of the country's finest, it's fathers.

Fortunately, as an old BOOB, I have great resilience. We come back faster than a cheque marked N.S.F. Just as I reached the bottom point in my disillusion, I remembered that we were discussing, not me, or any ordinary BOOB, but The Ideal Father.

Immediately, I brightened. As I looked back over my life, I realized that I had never been an Ideal child, student, fighter pilot, prisoner of war, weekly editor, columnist or school teacher.

I admitted to myself that I had been a disappointing child, a lazy student, a frightened fighter pilot, a happy prisoner of war, a slapdash weekly editor, a columnist by sheer accident and a school teacher because there was a shortage of same.

And as I pondered the matter further, I remembered that most of the people whom I had considered Ideal in these various capacities, over the years, had been a sharp pain in the arm, and, moreover, hadn't had one quarter of the fun I'd had.

So cheer up, fellow BOOBS. It doesn't really matter whether you are kind, considerate, thoughtful, loving, generous, rich or well groomed.

Be honest, Dads. Do you really care whether you wear the pants, whether you are industrious, ambitious, intelligent, and brave? Does it pain you that you are not good looking, sports loving, steady, reliable, a pillar of the community, and "full of fun"?

Don't give it another thought. Those teenagers are just like us — dreamers. We'd like our children to be Ideal—polite, obedient, clever, handsome, quiet, thoughtful, kind, decent, thrifty and so on.

We'll have to accept our kids just as they are. And a good thing, too. Who, after all, wants to be an Ideal anything?

A. Gardhouse Tops Sheep Exhibitors

Entries in the sheep exhibits were large this year and judges had a hard time choosing winners. A. Gardhouse topped exhibitors in the Leicester, Cotswold Lincoln section while R. Comfort walked off with top honors in the Suffolk class. Listed are the winners.

LEICESTER, COTSWOLD LINCOLN

Ram—Arnold J. Gardhouse; J. A. Kelly. A. Gardhouse. Shearling ram. A. Gardhouse. J. Kelly. J. Kelly. Ram lamb. J. Kelly. A. Gardhouse. J. Kelly. Ewe 2 years and over. J. Kelly. A. Gardhouse. A. Gardhouse. Shearling ewe. A. Gardhouse. J. Kelly. A. Gardhouse. Ewe lamb. A. Gardhouse. A. Gardhouse. J. Kelly. Pen of long wool sheep—A. Gardhouse. J. Kelly. Best ram. A. Gardhouse. Best ewe—J. Kelly.

SOUTHDOWNS

Ram 2 years and over. J. Kelly. Carolyn Hoey. Ramb lamb. J. Kelly. Ewe 2 years and over. J. Kelly. Shearling ewe. J. Kelly. Ewe lamb. J. Kelly. J. Kelly. Pen. J. Kelly.

SUFFOLK

Ram 2 years and over — Raymond Comfort. R. Comfort. Shearling ram—W. P. Baker. R. Comfort. W. Baker. Ram lamb — R. Comfort. R. Comfort. W. Baker. Ewe 2 years and over. R. Comfort. R. Comfort. W. Baker. Shearling ewe. R. Comfort. R. Comfort. W. Baker. Ewe lamb — R. Comfort. R. Comfort. Ben Hitchcock. Pen. R. Comfort. W. Baker. Champion ram. W. Baker. Champion ewe. R. Comfort.

SHROPSHIRE

Ram 2 years and over. R. Comfort. R. Comfort. Shearling ram. R. Comfort. R. Comfort. Ram lamb. R. Comfort. R. Comfort. Ewe 2 years and over. R. Comfort. R. Comfort. Shearling ewe. R. Comfort. R. Comfort. Ewe lamb. R. Comfort. R. Comfort. Pen. R. Comfort. Champion ram. R. Comfort. Champion ewe. R. Comfort.

SHORTWOOLED, ANY OTHER BREED

Ram 2 years and over — R. Comfort. R. Comfort. Carolyn Hoey. Shearling ram. R. Comfort. R. Comfort. Ram lamb. R. Comfort. R. Comfort. Ewe 2 years and over. R. Comfort. R. Comfort. Shearling ewe. R. Comfort. R. Comfort. Ewe lamb. R. Comfort. R. Comfort. Pen. R. Comfort. R. Comfort. Champion ram. R. Comfort. R. Comfort. Champion ewe. R. Comfort. R. Comfort.

SPECIALS

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4-H Clubs End Series of Meets

[illegible] 4-H Beef Club, Halton West Club [illegible] Wednesday, September 11. [illegible] 4-H club members [illegible] and crop management. The [illegible] were answered orally and scored by 4-H club leaders.

The meeting marked the conclusion of a series of meetings held by each [illegible] 4-H clubs. The 4-H club program [illegible] Halton

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