

"Soaring Mountains"



ACTON'S MOUNTAINS actually are piles of gravel ready for shipment at Acton's Limestone Quarries. There are six soaring stockpiles of various grades. Conveyor belts carry the desired grade or grades through a massive tunnel to the loading chute. The product is shipped either by rail or truck. A special railway siding has been installed for shipping purposes.

Are You a Booster?...

Whenever industrial promotion is mentioned and programs are designed to attract new industry to an area there is talk of brochures, preparation of exhaustive data and winning and dining of executives. Too little thought is given to the role of the individual.

Two little stories come to our attention that perhaps emphasize the importance of the individual as well as the more talked of municipal co-operation, planning, and exhaustive data.

A nondescript couple showed up at the office of the president of Harvard University years ago. "You will have to be brief," the president said, tartly. "I'm a very busy man and can give you only a few moments." Not wishing to impose on such an important person and such important time, the man and wife got up and left immediately.

Their mission was to give Harvard millions of dollars, but they gave it instead to start a new university in the West. It was named for the donor, Leland Stanford.

Just the other day an elderly man was seen wandering the corridors of Chase Manhattan Bank's giant headquarters building in

Look to the Individual...

How often have you stood in a city line-up for a show, a bus, a play or what-have-you, and felt something disturbing?

It wasn't the crowd, nor the strangers... but the expressions on the faces of the dozens and scores and hundreds of people that you saw. It is true to say that it was a glassy-eyed expression, yet there is nothing else to describe it. There was no interest in the passing scene on these faces; even if you dared a smile it was met with a suspicious, cold stare. The pillars in the waiting room of the lobby could almost be said to have had more life, more warmth.

Most of us in this community are originally — or basically — small-town people. Is this stoniness which we can see so readily when we visit a city a symptom of something missing in us? Are we forgetting to look upon others as fellowmen, people with desires and motivations and problems just the same as ours? Surely these people would be interesting to know, if we took the time to get to know them!

But this feeling is not entirely with people in cities. Even in the smaller communities, such as ours, there are many forces at work to drive us away from people and into our own confines. We spend more and more time in a car, watching people pass in front of a goggle-box, watching artificial charac-

terers in make-believe situations that have little to do with real life.

How often is the person who waits upon us in a store no more than a human automaton? Or to the clerk, how often is the customer just a few more dollars on the tally sheet? How often are other people spoken of as just "they"? The attitude is creeping in... we have group planning, group dynamics, group this and group that... and the final meaningless expression, "the masses."

Abraham Lincoln neatly disposed of the glib phrase, "the masses," with an epigram: "God must have loved the common people, because he made so many of them." There is no such thing as the mass. There are instead a multitude of human beings, each different, each worthy of knowing better.

Try to raise your eyes from the line-up, the depot, the busy highway, the goggle-box and take a good look at the people around you. They're worth knowing.

—The Powell River News

An invention has been introduced into an American city which will be widely blessed if it proves successful. It is a device to be attached to snow plows so that when they pass driveways the plow will not fill in the mouth of the driveway. All snow shovelers will shout for joy if it works.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, Jan. 27, 1944.

Reports submitted at the annual meeting of Acton Fall Fair last Saturday showed that the Society has had one of the most successful years in its history. Gate receipts amounted to \$1,063 and the dance had returns of \$232. Prize money paid out amounted to \$1,010. Mr. R. J. Davidson was the unanimous choice for president of the 1944 fair with Dr. F. G. Oakes as first vice-president and Mrs. Arthur Swackhamer as second vice-president. Mr. C. H. Swackhamer was again made secretary-treasurer. Directors elected were: I. O. Johnston, J. A. Mann, G. A. Bills, J. E. Pearson, D. McDougall, G. W. Murray, C. McKeown, D. D. Waldie, V. B. Rumley, M. Symon, J. J. Stewart, W. Linham, F. Johnston, C. Van Gerven, Howard Sawyer, George Sommerville, R. W. Lowrie and D. Moffat.

At the meeting of council Rev. Forbes Thomson was appointed to fill the vacancy on the library board made by the resignation of Rev. E. A. Brooks.

A rebate of the town hall rental was given to St. Alban's Guild in view of the fact that all the proceeds from their dance were given to war charities.

A shower was held Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Charles Heard in honor of Miss Doris Blow, a bride of this week. Winners of contests were Miss Jessie Coles and Mrs. R. J. Johnston. The contest was assisted by Misses Ethel Prudham and Jean McCaig.

Cov. Spt. Major Harry Rogers has been made a member of the Order of the British Empire (Military Division) according to word received by his daughter, Mrs. W. C. Churchill. The award was made for distinguished service in the line of duty.

Another of those members of pioneer families who have made their home in Acton and district all through their life time, Mrs. Wm. Murray passed away at her home on Mill St. Her husband was a blacksmith in Acton, and then they moved to Nassagaweya. Following her marriage to Wm. Murray the couple lived on farms in Esquimaux for many years they owned the property now the Blue Springs scout reserve. This property was developed as a park by them and then sold to the Boy Scout Association.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, Jan. 29, 1914.

The banquet given under the auspices of the Women's Institute for the Canadian Shredded Wheat Co. in the town hall was a magnificent success. Nearly 400 guests sat down to a banquet. The Methodist Sunday School orchestra played selections. Little Miss May Wildgust sang two numbers. Misses Hazel and Lottie Mason gave one of their popular cornet and piano solo duets and Misses Rena and Rae Sherwood of Nassagaweya, sang a duet. Mr. Colborne, draughtsman for Messrs. Beattie and Co., sang several solos. An address of congratulatory nature was given by Mr. J. Hewitt, Toronto, which showed the vast natural resources of our country.

The Chicago Glee Club was given a cordial reception in the town hall on Saturday night, sponsored by the officers of St. Alban's Church. They came this way again.

The annual meeting of Halton Mutual Life Insurance Company was held in the town hall Monday. The annual report was given by the Secretary, Mr. Thomas Moore. Losses for the year were only \$604.

A bomb was thrown at the council meeting in the verbal request of Clark McKim for an increase in salary. His salary of \$280 he was receiving, he said, was fixed back in the days when the total receipts of the municipality were \$5,000 or \$4,000, now they are five times that sum. Council in an unanimous decision on an increase of \$150.

Judging at the prices ruling at the sales of farm stock the high cost of living, as far as meat is concerned is not likely to be reduced much in the near future. At the stock sale held by P. S. Kennedy and R. S. Brown a fresh milk grade cow and fat call brought \$104.50, steers sold as high as \$94 and young sows \$40.50.

Ten years ago the Free Press editor could buy 10 dozen eggs with one year's subscription. Now he is able to purchase only three dozen with that dollar. The eggs have gone up but the subscription remains the same. We are we stand on the high cost of living.

Old-fashioned January thaws this week.

Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL SMILEY

My speech was a roaring success. You know the speech on Good Reading Habits, to train students to read well? Does anyone know anyone who wants a slightly used ex-school teacher?

I haven't received an official communication from the school board yet, but I understand they had an emergency meeting right after my speech, and drew up the appropriate charges of impropriety, gawk and intellectual malnutrition.

When I began to write my speech, I couldn't think of a single Good Reading Habit. Then, finally, from my old health class in public school, they began to filter back.

Rule: When reading the light should come over your left shoulder. It's very awkward!

Let's Play Bridge
By Bill Coats

Sacrifice bidding fills its place in rubber bridge but it is not nearly as obvious as it is at duplicate. If you lost 500 points to keep vulnerable opponents from making game, they will still be vulnerable and you still make game on the next hand.

At duplicate since each board is counted by itself, sacrificing is much easier. You know that vulnerable opponents will score at least 600 points if they make game. Hence, at 500, point set may actually be good.

The most favorable condition for a sacrifice is when the opponents are vulnerable and you are not. This occurred for East West on board No. 2 last week at the Acton Bridge Club.

Dealer: East
North-South vulnerable
North
S 10 5 4 3 2
H 6
D A Q 2
C Q 10 8 6

West East
S 9 7 H 5 3 1 8
H 10 4 3 C 10 9 8 7 5 2
D 5 C D K 10 4
C A K J 9 7 5 4 2

South
S A K Q J P
H A K 1
D J 9 8 7 6 3
C —

The bidding:
East South West North
1H 1S 2H 3H
Pass Pass Pass 4C

Now, I don't agree 100 per cent with East's three heart bid. However, once it was made, West should support hearts and not bid clubs. It would take a good defense to set East three tricks at three hearts. The 500 points would be well spent since all other North-Souths got to at least game and scored over 600 points.

If West had-passed the three hearts, doubled, North would have bid spades. In fact, I hoped that West would bid four spades.

However, West bid four clubs. Now East-West not only lost the three heart tricks but two clubs as well. The total set was 900 points.

Even this sacrifice would not be in vain if most North-Souths had reached slam. I suppose that all my readers have noticed already that six diamonds or six spades can be made on the North-South cards. This slam should be reached if there is no pre-emptive bid by East.

When your partner has opened with a pre-emptive bid (a bid of three or more), if you are going to bid, always support your partner's suit if you have two cards in suit. A pre-emptive bid announces that this is the only suit in that hand worth bidding. There is guarantee of support for any other suit.

This week's winners: First, Duke Wilson, Bill Coats, second, Mrs. Bess Hewson, Miss Olene Logan, third, Mrs. Kay Campbell, Mrs. Mary Manning.

NEWS DISTRICT

GEORGETOWN — A recent break-in at the Riviera Club in Norval netted thieves over \$2,000 worth of equipment, including a typewriter, calculator, stereo tape recorder, multiplex F.M. tuner, cheque writer, postage meter, amplifier, I.P. records and 500 cigarettes. This is the second break-in to the club in less than six months.

BURLINGTON — Town councilors accepted, but not with too much enthusiasm a new town crest featuring the motto "Stand By" at a recent council session. The circular shield crest with the outline of a Lighthouse above a shield containing pictures of a cow, a bee hive, an apple and a ship, was prepared by S. Arculus. Town councilor William Green objected to the motto, stating that "Stand By" seems sterile and has no inspiration.

BRAMPTON — Brampton will have a transportation study aimed at improving traffic flow in and around the town. The study will be completed by the spring of 1965, said John Crosby, associate and senior traffic engineer for the M. M. Dillon and Co., the firm who will conduct the survey. The study allows flexibility in the final plan which permits updating in the future without need for a completely new study.

MILTON — Experimental illuminated street signs were erected at two town corners recently, to help passing motorists. The lights at the Martin Woodward and Bronte-Heslop corners were installed by Milton Hydro. If the lights prove beneficial, the Hydro expects to order a supply for the town.

OAKVILLE — The erection of yellowish-green or amber lights at all possible intersections was suggested by the jury, at the inquest into the death of an Oakville priest. The priest, Father Rocco Barsanti, was killed when a truck and Highway 2 intersected on December 4, 1963. The jury found that Father Barsanti was the victim of his own failure to yield the right of way on a major highway.

Memory Gems from School Days Recalls Amusing Times for W.I.

When the January meeting of the Nassagaweya Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. E. Daigle, Mrs. F. Edwards presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. Fraser. After the Ode and the Mary Stewart Collect were repeated by those present, Mrs. Edwards read a poem, "The Little Boy Who Didn't Pass." The roll call was answered by a memory gem from school days. Many amusing incidents were related.

Mrs. J. Henry read the minutes of the last meeting. Mrs. D. Mullen gave the treasurer's report and read the account of Christmas boxes sent out by the W.I.

An article from the Chateleine, by Eleanor Roosevelt, called "Tomorrow is now," was read by Mrs. Norris. This led to a discussion of the school curriculum in different parts of the world.

Mrs. A. Frank read a paper on the progress made in educating retarded children. A contest on making the most words out of the word Education was won by Mrs. Dablie. After the Institute Ode everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch.

Museum Items Double in Year

The first full year's operation of the museum, reviewed by a curator, Major Hal Keenan at the museum board meeting in the county building last week. The number of items on display since last January has doubled, there are now over 4,000 of considerable value to the county and province.

Attendance was at the neighborhood of 14,000. Attendance charges began in June. The curator had 39 speaking engagements.

He outlined projects: weather-proofing the upstairs bar walls; wiring upstairs, replacing doors upstairs, subfloor in part of the Alexander house for storage; repairs to the pig pen on the property; restoring the outdoor oven, planting of gardens with the assistance of horticultural societies and stockpiling of random flagstone for a patio.

The work of the curator was praised by the board and his salary increased.

Your left shoulder happens to be higher than your right, and less of course than an Arab and read from right to left, then I presume it should come over your right shoulder.

Rule No. 2: Always read in the bathtub, when possible.

Somebody once said that the ideal education would be to sit on one end of a log, and Mark Van Doren, a great American educator, sitting on the other.

My notion of a great education at advance would be a classroom with 15 heights, and up on the platform a super tub, in pink mother-of-pearl, for Mr. Smiley.

Think of the realism we could inject when Lady Macbeth says, "A little water will wash us of this deed." Think of the special effects we could obtain while reading Old Man and the Sea, or Lysistrata. We'd all be in swim suits, naturally.

Well, from that point, my speech moved effortlessly into the results of Good Reading Habits in history. I reminded the kids of Archimedes. Think what the world would have missed if he hadn't climbed into his bathtub with a copy of Oedipus poems.

The minute he sat down he knew there was something wrong "Papirika", he screamed and leapt out of the tub. Somebody had put papirika in



stead of bath salts in the water. And this was Bill Archimedes. Principle, one of our great laws of physics, I'm not quite sure what it is, but I think it's something like "Half a bath is better than none." Anyway, as we all know, it's a very important principle.

I left the kids with this solemn thought: An economic recession can take away your new car, your split level mortgage and your wife. Advancing years can take away your teeth, your figure and your husband. But nothing can take away Good Reading Habits.

Many years from now, the nation of the nursing home will point out a desiccated old chap in a wheelchair with a huge book on his knees. "That's Mr. Smiley," people will follow. He's blind now."

And the visitor will say, "It does not seem to bother him much. What's the old book granting you?"

And the matron will reply, "Oh, he went blind when he was 28, and was furious for a while, because he couldn't read, but he learned the Braille system in six weeks, and now he reads everything he can get his hands on, including the nurses."

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