

Decoration Day Parade



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Limiting Terms on Boards...

We noted with interest a motion which was recently introduced to Cobourg Town Council whereby the terms of persons appointed by council to serve on various boards would be limited to six consecutive years. The provision would be designed to take effect from next January.

Introducing the resolution, one councillor said he felt there are many people who have served on boards to the point where they have outlived their interest. Six years was specified because some terms run for two years and others run for three. It was suggested that two years are insufficient for a member to become fully acquainted with his duties.

As far as Acton is concerned, there have been occasions when it proved difficult to find a suitable person to accept such an appointment. With rare exceptions, members

of such boards serve without remuneration. But it is true that the infusion of new blood occasionally on any board is a good thing. Often it results in the introduction of new ideas and viewpoints, to the ultimate well-being of that particular body.

We feel also that board members should report occasionally to council on the affairs of that particular organization. Recently we noted that Cobourg's representative on the district high school board gave a resume of secondary school matters to council members at their regular session. Such a report should be made at least annually and a suitable time would be at the annual nomination meeting when municipal officials give an account of their stewardship to the ratepayers. It is a former custom which might well be revived, and could conceivably include at least one representative from each board which is supported by public funds.

Protect us from Our Friends?...

Canada is suddenly once again the El Dorado of international finance, says the Financial Post in a leading editorial. Within the last month or two, leading U.S. publications have awakened to the great surge in Canada's growth of the past couple of years. Outsiders are becoming so eager to invest their money here, that if Canada doesn't make such investments less attractive (e.g., by lower interest rates), our country is liable to be embarrassed with so much money from abroad that we won't be able to keep the C\$ at its present discount.

This, says the Post, is very pleasant news for any business firm or individual wanting to raise cash. It also raises hopes of rising prices and capital gains among bond buyers. But it inspires some disturbing questions about Ottawa's ability to influence the direction and pace of business.

If prices start to climb too fast, for example, are the government and the central bank in a position to restrain the money supply and raise interest rates to help avert serious inflation? Higher interest rates would invite a greater influx of money from abroad, and aggravate U.S. balance of payments troubles. If Ottawa hasn't enough freedom of action to influence interest rates, will it have to resort to other more direct controls?

Ottawa would obviously prefer to act as though it had only local business conditions to consider. But it has international commitments which it must honor. Government of

officials will have to exercise increasing ingenuity and flexibility to devise policies that will meet local as well as international needs. Businessmen and inventors must be prepared for switches in the accepted stop and go signals that have so influenced Canada's postwar growth pattern.

Editorials in Brief...

Municipal tax burdens are getting to the point where actual hardship is being worked on property owners. It is time senior governments conferred with local officials, with a view to a more equitable spread of costs, and easing of the local tax burden. It is becoming uneconomical to own a home.

"People are like stained glass windows. They glow and sparkle when it's bright and sunny... but when the sun goes down their true beauty is revealed only if there's a light inside."

If the moon isn't made of green cheese, how come there's such a rat race to see who gets there first?

—Ord (Neb.) Quiz

Living on a small income would not be so bad if you didn't have to work so hard to keep it a secret.

—The Park County News, Livingston, Mont.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, June 1, 1944.
 Pte. R. G. Lovell of Acton is reported wounded in Italy on May 21. No further details have yet been received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lovell. Gordon went overseas in June, 1941, landing in England on Dominion Day. He went overseas with the 48th Highlanders and later transferred to the 4th Highlanders. He has been overseas for nearly three years. Before enlisting, Gordon and his brother Leonard owned and operated Lovell Bros. Meat Market, which has been carried on by his brother. Many friends await more encouraging news.

With several special meetings of the school board during the past week, all the vacancies on both the staff of the continuation and public schools have been filled satisfactorily. In the continuation school, Mr. George Gordon of Thornbury has been engaged as principal at a salary of \$3,000. His assistants will be Miss Jean Barber of Manitowaning, who has been principal of the school here for the past ten years and Mrs. W. R. Carton, who has been on the staff of the Rockwood continuation school. Both these teachers will receive \$1,600 each.

In the public school, Miss Marion Ritchie of Baden, Mrs. Norman Brook of Trent Creek and Mrs. Irene Mitchell of Parry Sound were hired at \$1,100 per annum. All have experience and are well-qualified.

While the number of applications now received are not in the category of a few years ago when hundreds applied for every vacancy, there were quite sufficient numbers to fill the vacancies.

The Simpson family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Harris. This was the first time the family has been together for 25 years.

The Five Press quotes excerpts from letters to the War Service League from Harold Robson, Walter Lamb, Tpr. J. McHugh, Sonny Locke, N. Gibson.

A grass fire at the east end of Crescent Street gave the brigade a run.

Born — Mackenzie: To Mr. Leut and Mrs. Kenneth Mackenzie (nee Lois Atkins) at St. Thomas, a son, John Perry.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, June 4, 1914.
 A meeting of those interested in baseball was held last week and the following officials were elected: honorary president, H. S. Holmes; president, John Clarke; vice-president, W. A. Storey; manager, F. A. Mackean; captain, J. H. Clarke; secretary-treasurer, S. Edmonds.

Arrangements are now being made to form a league including Glen Williams, Georgetown, Acton and Rockwood. Those present at the last meeting were as follows: M. Smith, M. O'Brien, R. Swackhamer, S. Dunn, J. Clark, E. Barr, C. Leishman, J. Williams, Earl Brown, R. Smeltz, A. Hildebrand and S. Edmonds. A liberal donation is looked for from the "fans."

Wonderland Moving Picture Show Our films are changed every night we show Admission in evening 10c, children (accompanied) 5c, R. F. Gregory, Prop. There is certainly something magical about Murray McDonald's "ball one" as it reverberates over the district adjacent to the park while he is umpiring a game. It gives added dignity to this splendid form of sport.

Morris Saxe, Mill Street, bargains men's suits, regular \$150, for \$92.50; over suits, \$20, working shirts, \$6, work shoes, \$1.95, fine shoes, tan and black, \$3, ladies' waists, \$1.75; house dresses, 5c; silk ribbons, 2 yards for 25c; all print yard goods at 9c; pure black silk, 80c yard; ladies' shoes, \$1.10. Imoleums, English pen set, \$1.45, Imoleum, Canadian, 80c.

W. C. Deverell has opened a men's clothing store in G. J. Wallace's old stand.

Boating facilities have been much utilized on Ferry Lake during the warm weather. A very great improvement is manifest, owing to the absence of the stumps pulled by Messrs. Beardmore and Company. Swimming in both pond is popular.

Saturday sessions are in vogue at the continuation school, owing to the proximity of examinations.

Acton businessmen's weekly hall holiday commenced yesterday.

Thirty women and children were precipitated to the pavement in Georgetown when a verandah gave way during a circus parade.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

BURLINGTON—A petition asking the town to protect their water source was submitted to council's Building and Planning committee by residents of Beaufort Heights Subdivision. The petition followed a presentation in council recently by Andrew Frame, chairman of the Burlington P.W.C., who told council he felt a communal well system in that subdivision was undesirable.

BRAMPTON—For the second time in a month a boy narrowly escaped drowning in the diversion channel here. A nine-year-old Centre St. N. child was playing at the foot of the retention basin at James and Wellington Sts. E. when he tumbled into five feet of water. His companion threw one of the nearby life preservers to the youngster and pulled him out.

GEORGETOWN—Initial discussions which could lead to a major recreation area for Georgetown were held recently at a meeting called by Mayor Gibbons. The project would mark Canada's centennial in 1967. While a recreation centre seemed to have majority approval of the dozen people attending the meeting, such things as an indoor swimming pool, a civic auditorium, second park and a cultural centre were discussed.

OAKVILLE—Scheduled helicopter commuter flights from Oakville to Toronto, Burlington and Don Mills will soon become reality, a spokesman for Pegasus Airflts reported this week. Presently the firm is conducting a survey to find out how many helicopters will be needed and where the helicopter ports will be built. Helicopters are reported to make no more noise than a car and have a far better safety record.

MILTON—The development of existing parkland in Milton and specifically the central mill pond that has been closely associated with Milton's history, have been recommended as Milton's project to mark the 1967 Canadian Centennial. The \$19,500 project will be submitted by the Centennial Committee to council for a final decision in the near future.

Saturday, June 20

Deputy Minister Will Open New Kelso Conservation Area

In the process of development for the past three years, the multi-purpose Kelso Conservation Area will be officially opened Saturday, June 20.

T. R. Hilliard, Deputy Minister of Energy and Resources Management, will do the honors.

Initially developed by the Sixteen-Mile Creek Conservation Authority, the area has since come under the jurisdiction of the newly formed Halton Region Conservation Authority, a merger of the Twelve-Mile and Sixteen-Mile Conservation Authorities.

A 341 acre expanse of rolling hills centred by the huge dam forming an 85 acre lake, it is the first of its type in the area. It is located 3 1/2 miles north west of Milton. This is the first official opening of the area, while the Rattlesnake Point and Carleton Conservation Areas in 1962.

Guests invited to attend will include members of the Councils and governing bodies of the Communities within the Halton Region area.

Engage Bruce Hood Kelso Superintendent

Bruce Hood of Milton has been engaged by the Halton Region Conservation Area, as summer superintendent for the Kelso Conservation Area near Milton. Mr. Hood will supervise the park, swimming and wading pool and will be responsible for the water levels in the 85-acre Kelso Lake. He will also be taking daily checks at the dam gates and forwarding the information to the Conservation Branch in Toronto.

During the winter, Bruce is a referee in the American and Central pro hockey leagues. He recently completed his second year of refereeing pro hockey.

Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL BAILEY

As the school year draws to its close, I can't help looking back on the past 10 months, my first hitch as head of the English department in our factory, with a mingling of amusement and amusement.

I am amazed that I have not gone down for the third time in a sea of paper. There were times when I rose to the surface only long enough to gulp a breath of ink, before being swept under by another wave of essays, or book report forms, or memos.

My amusement stems from another source — the old-fashioned image of the English teacher. There just isn't no such thing as a modern image of same.

For many years, the image of the English teacher was fairly concrete. It was that of a wispy, gentle spinster of either sex, wholly dedicated to the written word. The only person in town who actually

read poetry. Some kind of a nut who actually believed Shakespeare was thrilling theatre.

When I hold up that image beside the gallery of characters who taught English in my department this year, I chuckle. There isn't even the most remote resemblance.

Let's see now. There's Jack, a vast young man of great good nature and courtly manner, who is a dead ringer for Henry VIII on one of the latter's good days. He's a beer drinker, a collector of antiques and a former advertising sales man.

There's Mac, a former golf pro. He's also an ex-bus driver, ex-house painter, ex-captain. He's an inveterate punster who writes some pretty funny stuff. As witness our production this year of his masterpiece, "Julius Seize 'er", in which the principal character was Dr. Bladder from Gault.

There's Jeanette, five-foot nothing, 98 pounds of doe-eyed French-Canadian, who spent the first six months trying to convince the other teachers she was not one of the student cuts, who can pin a six-foot 200-pound butt onto paralyzed, petrified pane with one flash of those eyes.

There's Geoff, the young Englishman who came here after a



year of teaching in a good English grammar school. He planned to spend a year in Canada, as a lark. He was baffled at the free and easy attitude of our teenagers. He was appalled at our materialism and love of comfort. Now he has a car on the never never plan and is beefing about his salary. In short, he's become a typical Canadian.

We also have a gal who graduated in music, a former ambulance driver, and ex-chartered accountant, a dream-shattered social worker, and a lady who got sick of house-keeping.

Not only do these birds not fit the old image of the English teacher, they don't fit the new one, either. There's not a heard in the bunch, an esthete in the ensemble, a pansy in the patch.

And not one, thank goodness, is "dedicated" to the teaching of English. None shivers in ecstasy over a sunset, bursts into tears over the beauty of an ode. But I dare say my polyglot, hardworking crew has taught the kids more about English and about life than many an old gal whose idea of heaven was to make a journey to England and stand in reverence before the graves of the poets.

CHURCHILL Visits, Church Party in News

On Sunday, June 7, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at 10 a.m. at church service at Churchill church.

Mrs. Mabel Hattie and Mrs. Diles of Shelburne visited on Friday with the former's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Near, and on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. William Bessey of Guelph visited at their home.

Dr. Tom Campbell and his sister, Mrs. Bob Lashby of Guelph, spent the day with their cousins Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson.

Mr. Allan Mowbray of Sundridge spent the weekend with his friend, Mr. Bob Kerr Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. John Duggan of Guelph visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Williamson, Miss Nettie Bickle and Mrs. May Currie of Galt visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McDonald on Friday.

The Halton Junior Farmers' choir sang at the Presbyterian church anniversary, Nelson, last Sunday and after the service were entertained at dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hunter.

Friends and neighbors are indeed sorry to hear Mr. R. L. Davidson is a patient in Guelph General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Griffin and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Denny visited with Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Douglas of Leamington over the weekend. They also attended church service at Blythwood when Mrs. Flindall, wife of Rev. Mr. Flindall, was guest speaker at the U.C.W. service. They are well known in this locality as he was pastor of Ballinalachan church.

A linen shower was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Stephens, grandmother of the bride-to-be, Miss Karen Sheila Damm. About 20 attended and all had a very enjoyable evening.

Cost of Grain Topic at 4-H

The first regular meeting of the Acton 4-H Grain Club was held on May 28 at the Community Centre with a full attendance. President Frank Anthony opened the meeting and secretary Bruce Cole read the minutes of the organization meeting and called the roll.

For the instruction period, Bruce Huff, summer assistant to the agricultural representative, discussed with members the cost of producing one acre of cereal grain. He explained that the cost of growing cash crops can be broken down into two main categories. Variable costs including labor, which accounts for 20 per cent. Fixed costs represent the value of the land plus taxes and interests and account for 25 per cent of the total. He pointed out that the provincial average cost to produce one acre of cereal grain based on a yield of 50 bushels per acre is \$37, compared to \$50 to produce one acre of corn grain.

Work sheets were taken up with the seniors by Mr. Huff and with the juniors by club leader Nino Braida. The members judged a class of seed oats and several gave oral reasons for their placings. Bruce Huff acted as official judge.

For the remainder of the meeting, Mr. Braida led the members in a discussion on the physical and nutritional properties of soil, getting the importance of keeping a high level of organic matter to assure maximum fertility. Club leaders in attendance were Eyle Somerville and Nino Braida.

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