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It would appear that figures can be used to justify any desirable conclusion. Whether the conclusion reached on these "facts and figures" is a true picture of the situation is a moot question. Last week, reports were carried in our news columns of meetings at which an abundance of "facts and figures" were made available to the public.

High School figures presented showed a remarkable achievement in the grade 13 examinations of last June. Results were published last August. It took from that time until the school board meeting in October to analyse and prepare the figures of these results. Apparently in calculating the number of papers successfully passed and the number of papers failed it is possible to not count some failures.

It is our opinion that the only method by which a true and accurate assessment of the accomplishments at the High School can be judged is on the basis of all results. There is only one ratio needed to assess the results and that is the total number of papers written by students attending grade 13 at Acton High School in relation

to the number of papers of these same pupils, judged successful by the Department of Education.

After all, it costs the taxpayer the same amount for each student, whether he passes or fails.

In the Industrial Committee's submission to Council last week on the proposed acquisition of industrial land, again a multitude of figures were used. However, the figures presented do not inform the public of the pros and cons discovered by the committee in their investigations. It does not break down the costs involved except under two main headings, land cost and development.

It is in the development cost that the public has no information. The committee did not present a program which indicates how the land would be disposed of once it is acquired. It did not indicate whether it had a market for property at the price at which the land would be for sale. One thing that we feel the town does not need is ownership of vacant unmarketable land. However, if the committee has a market, of which the public knows nothing, for the land, then the project would be good. On the other

hand if there are no further plans for the property it would be well to coast until some program can be presented.

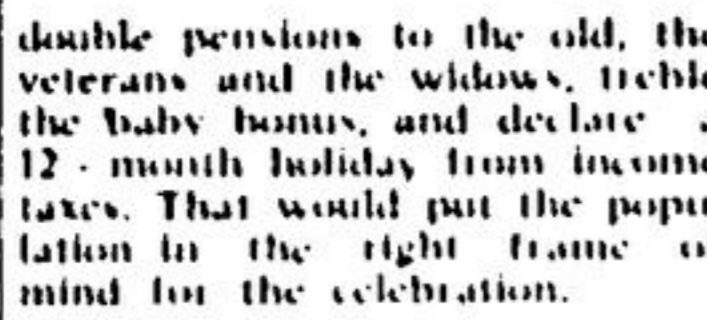
It is our opinion that this project is not terminated with the purchase and development of the land, but will only be completed when the land has been subsequently sold by the town for industrial purposes. When a program to complete this final phase of the project is indicated, then we and the public will have a basis on which to judge the whole proposal.

A Weekly Newspaper . . .

The observation of special weeks loses its importance when we find there are weeks to signify every pursuit or product that busy promoters can imagine. We've come to ignore editorially special weeks, since there would ultimately be an editorial for every week, on everything from peanuts to pop corn.

It appears however that we may have missed national newspaper week, as we have for the past number of years. The following words penned by Duane Dewel of the Algoma Advance give a better picture of the weekly than anything we could come up with.

"This is a weekly newspaper . . .
 "It's a yellowing clipping in a Bible telling the birth of a baby who smiled but a little while, otherwise remembered only by the parents and God.
 "It's your life history, and the life history of those you know.
 "It's your joys and sorrows and those of your neighbors, recorded by the only news medium that cares about you."



double pensions to the old, the veterans and the widows, triple the baby bonus, and declare a 12-month holiday from income taxes. That would put the population in the right frame of mind for the celebration.

Employers could forego all profits for a year and grant an extra two weeks' vacation with pay. Municipalities could set aside a special fund for partying and dancing in the streets.

Every day in the year could be Leap Year, as far as spinsters go. And some of them would go for. Teenagers could all be locked in special compounds for a year, fed well and released on New Year's Day, 1968.

All babies born during centennial year would be guaranteed a free university education. Divorce, for one year only, would follow the Muslim pattern in which the husband merely says, three times, "I divorce thee."

During the 12 months, anyone who mentioned the word "log" would be impaled, and then roasted over a slow flame during the evening fireworks display. Any one who breathed "national anthem" would be given a one-way ticket to Moosejaw.

There would be national holidays every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, with weekends as usual. For one year, children would be seen and not heard.

The possibilities are limitless. These are just a few suggestions. Send yours along. Let's forget those crumbly projects and have a hand-ditched birthday party we'll never forget.

COME YE APART AND REST
 In the bustle and bustle of life, how pleasant it can be to come to the house of God, and upon the invitation of Christ learn to rest, relax, and restore those frayed and broken relationships, with Him. Let this Sunday be to you one of those times.

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH
 Convention of Ontario & Quebec
 Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gannon
 Res. 144 Tidy Ave. ph. 853-1615.
 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13th, 1964
 Anniversary Services.
 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages. (Scripture Press material used in our school.)
 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
 "The Church on High Street."
 7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.
 "Where the New Begins."
 Rev. Robt. Henderson, B.A., B.D. of Belleville, guest speaker.
 * See special advertisement *
 Monday, October 19, 8 p.m.—Mission Thankoffering meeting.
 Wednesday—Prayer meeting, 7:30.
 Friday—B.I.F., new time 7:00.

ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE B.A.O.C.
 33 Churchhill Road
 Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor
 853-2715
 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13th, 1964
 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
 Speaker, Rev. Thomas Latta, "The Love of God."
 7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.
 E. B. Roberts, district representative of the Canadian Colportage Society.
 Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer service and Bible study.
 Thursday—8 p.m.—C.A. service.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
 Rev. Andrew H. McKezie, B.A., B.D., Minister
 Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A., Organist and Choir Master
 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13th, 1964
 9:45 a.m.—Departmentalized Church School.
 10:00 a.m.—Minister's Teen-Age Bible Class.
 11:00 a.m.—Public Worship of God, Lament's Sunday.
 Theme: "Able to Stand."
 7:30 p.m.—Youth Fellowship.
 Worship, discussion and recreation.
 Everyone Most Welcome

TRINITY CHURCH
 (The United Church of Canada)
 The Rev. Dwight L. Engel, B.A., B.D.
 Organist: Mr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.
 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13th, 1964
 9:30 a.m.—Grade 5 and higher.
 11:00 a.m.—Grade 1 to Grade 4.
DIVINE SERVICES
 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
 7:30 p.m.—Young People's meeting for those 14 to 16 or in Grade 9 to 11.

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"It's your conscience joined with the others to form a guard against injustice."
 "It's the difference between your being an uninformed animal or a human being, knowing and forming judgment based on facts made available to you, easily, quickly and truthfully."
 "It's the support from which you ask and get the strength of many in furthering the welfare of your own world—your community."
 "It's the only medium that shows the future that your footprints were once made on the shifting sands of time."
 "It's the belligerent at your birth, your marriage, and the birth of your children, and tolls the bell for you as you begin the long journey to be read—today, tomorrow or next week."
 "It's a record for you to read, to keep to read again, or to discard, not a voice or a picture for an instant and then gone forever."
 "It's the bringing of news tidings, not merely a carrier only of the commercialism of the market place."
 "It's the record of the day when a fleeting moment of glory descended on your house for all to remember and those who come after to know."
 "It's the handful of clippings that brings tears and fond smiles of remembrance to your children, and children's children, when on that eventful day they most share what once was you and yours."
 "It's you on your first day of school and at your graduation."
 "It's you as a little boy, a bridge, and a father."
 "It's you as a little girl, a bride, and a radiant mother."
 "It's you—of you, by you and for you."



ACTON FIREFIGHTERS played host Saturday afternoon to the public during "Open House" at the Fire Hall. Trying on equipment left is Frank Buschmeyer, with an oxygen tank strapped to his back while Bruce Fowler dons the smoke mask. Fire fighters assisting the boys are John Krappel (left) and Deputy-Chief Bern Van Fleet. Fire fighters wound up their busy "Fire Prevention Week" with the open house Saturday and a church parade Sunday.

Editorial Page

50,000 Visit Kelso Attendance Rising

Kelso Conservation Area west of Milton Heights is rapidly gaining in popularity, according to Sunday the big day, however, the 30-acre conservation area was often busy during the week too. Group camping was popular, as were boating, swimming and picnicking.

Census Weekend
 One weekend this summer the gatekeepers took a pool of visitors, inquiring about their rea-

sons for visiting Kelso and the origin of the car. It was a cool Sunday in August when the survey was made, however 225 cars entered, containing 811 people, and six pedestrian groups also entered the park.

Of that total, 101 cars were sightseeing, 79 picnicking, 15 fishing and boating, 11 visiting the Kelso Museum, 10 swimming and 13 others for miscellaneous reasons. Working on a percent age basis, it showed 78 per cent were there for picnics or sightseeing.

The Good Old Days . . .

20 YEARS AGO
 Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, October 12, 1944
50 YEARS AGO
 Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, October 15, 1914

The regular monthly meeting of the Scout Mothers' Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, October 10, at the home of Mrs. Beadon. Arrangements were made to have a picnic. The auxiliary are making a quilt and selling tickets on it to make money for the Scout (ing) work. The Auxiliary also donated \$500 to the War Services League.

An enjoyable lunch was served by the committee in charge and a vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Beadon for the use of her home. Mrs. Evans offered her home for the next meeting. Thanksgiving weekend provided an opportunity for the final visiting before winter sets in. Highway traffic was heavier than usual and the class of the crowded passenger trains were with us again.

The next blood donor clinic in Acton is to be held on Tuesday, October 17. This is Fire Prevention Week. Clean up the fire hazards and prevent fires during the winter. The Acton Public School during September amounted to \$182.92. A number from Acton and district attended. Fire Fair on Thanksgiving Day and in spite of dull weather, report a big crowd. Employees of Beadmore and Co. enjoyed a splendid holiday when an extra day with pay was given on Tuesday as part of the 100th anniversary of the firm.

Pre W H Thompson of Acton was mentioned in despatches from Italy last week when he was one of a group of Canadians who carried Cpl Wilson back through enemy fire to have his wounds treated.

Inst. Lieut. J. N. Small, R.C.N.V.R., spent several days at the home of Mrs. R. M. MacDonald, before joining his ship in the U.S.

Hard Work Pays Off for Acton Jr. Farmers Grand Champions

The hard work of several Acton Jr. Farmers club members resulted in their club copping the grand championship display at the Milton Fall Displays from two Jr. Farmers Clubs in County and three Junior Institute Clubs. Competed for the championship The Acton Junior Farmers Club won the Junior Farmers championship also, edging out the Norval Junior Farmers Club. The Palermo Junior Institute won the best Junior Institute display, but lost to the Acton Junior Farmers Club for the overall championship.

Both Acton and Norval Junior Farmers Clubs were awarded red ribbons in the one class and the Palermo and Norval Junior Institutes won red ribbons while the Acton Junior Institute won a blue ribbon.

Red "A" prize ribbons were awarded to the following 4-H displays, the Halton 4-H Tractor Maintenance Club, the 4-H Jersey Club and Halton 4-H Forestry Club. The East Halton 4-H Holstein Club, the Halton 4-H Potato Club, the 4-H Corn Club and the Halton Farm Safety Council received blue ribbons.

Several 4-H Homemaking Clubs including Palermo, the Hornby Dressmakers, the Scotch Block Lassies, the Silver Belles, the Nagsawaga Buffle Etes, the Duhon's Sewettes, the Ash Grove Pins and Needles, the Hornby South Del Deltas and the Limehouse Pinlovers also had displays in the Britton Hall.

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 4:08 p.m. (Sat. 3:43 p.m. - Hol.)
 10:08 p.m. (Sun and Hol.)
 Westbound
 7:37 a.m. (Daily except Sat. and Hol.)
 10:27 a.m.
 2:57 p.m.
 5:27 p.m.
 7:27 p.m.
 11:32 p.m.
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