Codes of Ethics for What?... Far-Sighted Optimism...

Far-Sighted Optimism . . .

There is plenty of talk about the need for more industry in countless Ontario communities. This community is no exception. But in one community it was possible to tell a story recently about how a few citizens, 28 years ago, had done something successfully towards attracting industry.

This is how the story was recorded in a Midland paper:

"Some 28 years ago a spirit of optimism provided the driving force for a group of 50 Midland men who pooled their hard-earned cash to purchase a building doomed to the wrecker's hammer.

"The half a hundred businessmen hoped the structure could be rented, leased or sold to an industry which would provide jobs for district people. First, however, it had to be renovated and repaired, and this required a minimum of $10,000.

"It was not then a time to be optimistic. The country still was in the throes of one of the worst depressions the nation has ever experienced. There were not too many spare dollars around. In $100 and $200 lots, however, the required amount was subscribed.

"Their faith in the venture was not in vain. A year later the building was sold to a Leaside textile firm, which subsequently employed 100 people.

"This was only a beginning.

"Ten years after the initial investment risk was undertaken, the $10,000 had been repaid with interest to the men who loaned the money and the town had a flourishing industry in Fine Silk Limited, the company we know now as Bay Mills Limited.

"Last week this leading Canadian manufacturer of fiberglas products officially opened its new million dollar plant in the east end of Midland, in an area once dominated by sawmills owned by the famous Dollar family. Among the honored guests at this ceremony were the members of the group of fifty who are still living".

It would be difficult to measure the value to the community of that effort by 50 of its citizens.

It is interesting today to speculate on whether similar far sightedness would be evident today under similar circumstances.

Codes of Ethics For What? . . .

Increasingly there are calls for codes of ethics in various areas of political and business life. High sounding phrases are rolled and polished to heights of impressiveness for hanging on walls and for the good publicity they provide on introductions. All to what avail?

Rev. J. R. Hord, secretary of the Board of Evangelism and Social Service of the United Church of Canada indicated in a recent speech "the urgent necessity of a code of ethics for holders of public office." Others recently have called for codes of ethics in other areas of life. The provincial government is in the process of establishing regulations on the advertising. Television groups not too long ago adopted a code of ethics covering their operations.

Certainly there has been some pretty incriminating examples of misconduct that stimulated the abundance of codes of ethics but is that really what is needed?

The increasing number of codes of ethics that seem to be necessary to assure morality are a sad commentary on our times. They are a result of compromise and permissiveness in moral standards that are now more conveniently established on the basis of what's popular rather than what's right.

A long time ago a fellow by the name of Moses picked up a code of ethics that only had 10 rules to it. The big trouble seemed to be they provided such a tremendous challenge to everyone it was necessary to water them down a bit so the generations wouldn't get frustrated. Now we've got them to the point where we can pretty well make our own rules and rationalize them.

In political and public life we'll need more and more codes of ethics until we're prepared to accept the hard rule about doing to others what we would want them to do to us. And the application of that rule won't get started in the Parliaments of this country or any other. If it starts in earnest it will be started by the individual without force or intimidation.

Staff Photo

CANADA'S NEW FLAG was first raised in Acton Sunday afternoon at the cenotaph when Mayor Les Duby and Legion president James Gunn officiated.

The Good Old Days...

20 YEARS AGO...

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, Feb. 15, 1945.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Applevard, Church St., have received word that their son, Sgt. Donald Applevard was wounded while serving in Holland. His wife resides in England and he has five brothers and three sisters.

The Woodside Red Cross held their meeting February 6 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson. A third quilt was completed by this little group. The ladies enjoyed a pleasant afternoon and in the evening were joined by the men and a number of neighbors of the section when a collection for the boys overseas was taken and euchre was played.

Fire completely gutted the home of Mr. Jerry Taylor at Crewsons Corners on Tuesday and the elderly gentleman was burned and taken to hospital after receiving treatment from Dr. W. G. C. Kenney.

New officers were elected by the Duke of Devonshire chapter of the I.O.D.E., Hon. regent Mrs. W. J. Beatty, regent, Mrs. J. C. Matthews, first vice regent, Mrs. H. Mampize, second vice regent Mrs. I. S. Blow, secretary Mrs. F. F. Barr, assistant Mrs. J. W. Wolfe, treasurer Mrs. J. M. McDonald, assistant Miss M. Garvin, standard bearer Mrs. J. Whitham, corresponding secretary Miss P. Smith, press secretary Mrs. R. N. Baird, educational and Echoes secretary Miss M. Z. Bennett, pianist Mrs. F. J. Salt, Councillors Mrs. W. J. Gould, Mrs. T. Bailey, Mrs. P. A. Smith, Mrs. G. A. Dills, Mrs. R. M. McDonald, Mrs. A. Mason, war work convener Mrs. M. Schroeder.

A splendid crowd attended the annual At Home of the Continuation School last Thursday night in the town hall. The music was supplied by the Modernaires orchestra.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Feb. 11, 1915.

Sleighing parties and snow shoeing excursions are much in vogue among the young people just now.

Sergt. W. J. Gould of the 20th Regiment was home from Toronto for two days for a last visit prior to leaving for Halifax.

The Free Press has received, from Salisbury Plain, an excellent portrait of Fred Wright, one of the Acton members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, and a group portrait of members of the postal motor drivers of the Salisbury Camp.

Bread is selling at $1.00 a loaf in Russia, and is being sold on the streets by the slice. Distressing reports were received in a letter to Mr. Morris Saxe from his father, who lives near Kieve, Russia.

James Black, Reeve of Eramosa, died following an operation at St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, on Saturday.

Knox church had splendid anniversary services on Sunday, with Dr. A. J. Macgillivray, D.D. of Guelph, as special speaker. A tea meeting was enjoyed on Monday evening by a large gathering.

Friday night's mild spell relieved the trees of the burden of ice they had carried for five days. The icy pavements have wearied walkers a great deal lately.

Last Saturday was another busy day. The roads were in fair condition again and the farmers came to town in large numbers.

While being used in the process of cutting ice, one of W. J. Ritchie's horses slipped into the water through a thin coat of ice Monday. At the point where the accident occurred, water is about eight feet deep. The animal was landed on terra firma again with great difficulty. The next day, he was none the worse for his experience.

Sugar and Spice ...

BY BILL BAILEY

I've had a preview of what I'm going to feel like when my daughter is married. I've just been through two piano recitals. Not by Glenn Gould, or Van Cliburn, or Artur Rubinstein. No. By Hugh Sailey.

Marrying off your daughter must be just like it. A heady brew of emotion and exhaustion, bills and bouquets, that leaves you feeling like a caterpillar that has been run over, but not quite killed, by a tractor.

In short, you wind up absolutely flat, but rather proud that you're not dead.

The first recital was at the Conservatory, in the city. We picked the date six weeks before. And, boy, can we pick 'em. It was 18 below zero. And the humidity and wind gave it a discomfort index of 47 below.

The Old Girl was sick. Physically, mentally, spiritually. I was sick sympathetically. We figured 35 relatives, tried and true, and five friends to whom I owed money, would turn up.

Bless the human race, and all dear friends. We had 150 bodies in the place, straggling in, on such a night, from all over the country. Some made a round trip of 500 miles to hear the kid play.

It was a curious combination of characters in the audience. Basic were the relatives who live in the city and their friends. They made up the two score we had expected.

But then they started to trickle in: old college friends; old fighter pilots; old weekly editors; my son's former public school principal; the chap who has the mortgage on my house; the fellow who handles my column; the orthodontist who straightens my daughter's teeth; a girl I hadn't seen since we went skinny - dipping at a beach party 20 years ago. And they all, bless them, brought their wives and husbands, children and friends.

Last but not least came my sisters. One drove for six hours, in 20 below weather, with her daughter, to make it. The other came the same distance by train, with two kids. Neither knew the other was coming. Neither had seen the great artist since he was picking-up-and-kissing size.

It was heart-warming, to say the least. And I was a very proud father and husband, when it was over. A proud father because my son showed a poise and polish I wish I'd had at that age, and a competence I've never had at any age. A proud husband, because my wife had crawled out of what she claimed was her death - bed, to get there and looked better than anybody, despite the fact that she's lived with me for 18 years, and coached the kid for ten.

Next day at noon, we hiked for home, 90 miles, and went through the whole thing again that night. A recital in the home town. It was not 20 below, for a change. It was 30 below. But 500 people left their television sets and shivered through the knifing night to hear my young virtuoso, as he doesn't like to be called.

What impressed me most about the whole weekend was the kindness of people. My sister-in-law wanted to hold a reception for the whole mob, in the city. Our neighbor insisted on making the sandwiches for the bash at home. Even my wife got carried away and told me, during one lapse, that I was a good husband and father, which shook me up a bit.

The only thing that's bothering me is the kid's attitude. One of my misguided friends sent him a bottle of champagne. A dear lady sent him ten bucks. And perhaps worst of all, he got a clutch of fan mail.

After the weekend, we had a heavy fall of snow. I told him to get out and shovel the driveway. I handed him a shovel. He handed it right back and asked, "How many fan letters did you get this week, Pops?" I shovelled.

EDEN MILLS

Euchre, Dance Club in News

Under the auspices of Eden Mills and district Community Club a progressive euchre was held in the village hall on Friday evening. winners, ladies Mrs. L. Singular, Guelph, I. Ian Tolton, Mrs. H. Barden, gents, Donald Lady, Harold Buchan, Paul Woodhouse, travelling prizes Marg Woodhouse, Garnet MacDougall. A lunch followed served by the Committee.

Saturday evening a teenage dance was held in the hall sponsored by the Community Club with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Woodhouse as chaperones.

Miss Bonnie MacDougall spent the weekend in Trenton with the Acton High School basketball team guests of the Trenton High School.

Mrs. Waldo MacDougall was hostess Monday evening for the Cardette Club. Winners were Joan Chamberlain, Evelyn Harden, Beryl Wright.

What is the opposite of woe? Giddyup.

—The Robert Little school operetta will be the first week in March. The two-night presentation will have a western theme.

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4-H Leaders' Annual

Report 11 Clubs, 95% Completion

President James McKay presided at the annual meeting of the Halton 4-H Club Leaders' Council held recently. The Council reviewed the past very successful year, during which 11 Clubs were offered, and completion percentage was 95.

The projects for 1965 were discussed and two new projects will be offered this year. The Sheep Club which was organized last November is now in progress, and a Conservation Club, for senior members will be offered on a trial basis. The Conservation club will cover areas such as soil, water, forests, fish and wild life. This club will be organized along with all the other clubs, on March 27.

Jim McKay was returned as President, and other offices were filled as follows:

First vice-president, Bill Wilson, second vice-president, John McKinnon; Secretary-treasurer, D. McDonell.

The 4-H gate signs were judged from slides that were taken during the summer months, and results are as follows:

Esquesing township, Bill Alexander first, Larry and Doug Gardhouse second.

Acton, Walter Tryssenaar first, Robert Leslie second.

Burlington, Harold and Verna Thompson first; Larry Bennett second.

Oakville, Peter Steinmann first, Bruce Pickering second.

The 4-H Members were asked to keep in mind their Organization Meeting on March 27.

FEBRUARY DRIVING

February driving is usually attended by a lot of highway accidents. Do you check your car, every time you take it out; for clean headlights, taillights, windshield and other glass? Do you keep the antifreeze up to strength in your window washers? These small precautions could mean the saving of a life — even yours.

This Sunday's

Church Calendar

WORTH REMEMBERING

I am fully assured that God does not, and therefore men ought not to require any more than this of any man, to believe the Scriptures to be God's word, and to endeavor to find the true sense of it and to live according to it.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 1965
9.45 a.m.—The Family Bible School classes for all ages.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Service.
Wednesday evening — Cottage Prayer Meeting.
Everyone welcome.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 1965
9.45 a.m.—Departmentalized Church School.
9.45 a.m.—Minister's Church Membership Class for Young People.
11.00 a.m.—Divine Worship. Sermon theme, "Look Who's Talking!" (Babies and toddlers cared for by C.G.I.T. members during service.)
8.00 p.m.—Adult Study Group. Acts of the Apostles, chapter 10.
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 1965
Sexagesima Sunday
9.00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10.30 a.m.—Church School.
10.30 a.m.—Choral Eucharist.
7.30 p.m.—Evensong.
8.00 p.m.—Young People's.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 1965
10.00 a.m.—English Service.
2.30 p.m.—Dutch Service.
3.45 p.m.—Sunday School.

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The Rev. Dwight I. Engel, B.A., B.D.
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 1965
THE CHURCH SCHOOL
9.30 a.m.—Grade 5 and higher.
11.15 a.m.—4 years to Grade 4.
DIVINE SERVICES
9.30 and 11:00 a.m.
7.30 p.m.—Young People's meet.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 1965
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship. "The Beatitudes."
7.00 p.m.—Evening Message. "The Christian Circle."
Wednesday is Prayer Meeting. Bible Study at 7.30.
Thursday is Choir Practice at 8
Friday the B.H.E. meets at 7
Text for the week. "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God." 1 John 3: 1.

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10.00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Service and Bible Study.
Thursday, 8 p.m. — Christ's Ambassadors.
Friday, 7 p.m.—Crusaders.

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