Editorial Page

Armistice -- A Milestone For Peace

The following editorial was printed in The Free Press 20 years ago in the dying days of World War II. As we scraped the dust from the editorial pen of G. A. Dills we felt the message was as vital and pertinent today as it was then. For this reason we decided to reprint it 20 years later.

On Remembrance Day we can remember those who have given their lives in two world wars. Is this two minutes' silence long enough for us to think of our friends and relatives who have died for us? For 21 years 10,000,000 Canadians celebrated Remembrance Day before this war; 7,000,000 hours of gratitude for courage and sacrifice! The gratitude felt in this silence challenges us to use all our energies of heart, mind and spirit to build a sound and lasting peace.

As the days go by, events happen which mould the future. They may be small events, a prejudice which is caught up and built upon by the next person until it becomes a government policy, a national powder keg. Every man, woman and child in Canada is moulding the future of our country. How slow we are to realise — "That means me!" When we do see it, we can fight to create that mould out of our strengths — courage, honesty and hard work, not out of our weaknesses — prejudice, greed and fear.

How can we do this? We can put an end to personal want. We can keep our hearts open and let affection for those loved ones be used for those around us.

As one Canadian mother whose husband fell at Dieppe writes:

"I'll thank the Lord who made him fearless, though valor claimed his life.

Like him I'll be a fighter, and conquer in the strife.

I may not raise a cross of stone to hallow the place he fell,

But for his sake I'll fight to build the land he loved so well."

We can live as we want our nation to live. We can begin to make the other fellow, the other nation great.

Then Canada will have an inner strength, a dignity and authority as she takes her place among the nations. Her dealings will be fair because Canadians are fair. Her policy will be for the good of all nations because Canadians have learned to care for each other. She will be honest, because Canadians have nothing to hide. Canada, clean, strong, free — a country whose people have discovered "the things that belong unto peace."

A Hole in Your Pocket ...

If you had a hole in your pocket, through which you kept losing your money, chances are pretty good you'd have it repaired or at least transfer your money to a safer spot.

Every year it seems car insurance rates are going up but people generally confine their indignation to the local agent or the insurance companies. There's little consideration for the increasing accident rates, higher personal injury settlements or the climbing cost of simple replacement parts. Yet this is, in effect, the hole in the pocket through which we are losing money annually.

Every driver knows his observance of some traffic rules is quite dependent on how recently he passed a policeman or skipped through a radar trap. Stricter enforcement of traffic laws has been proven as an effective deterrent to traffic accidents but we are all inclined to abuse the overly strict policeman or police department. It's unpopular to have strict enforcement and so we encourage overlooking the minor offenses.

Simple changes in automobile design, with more easily repaired panels and more effective bumpers without ornamentation, could reduce accident repair costs. But the car is still a prized possession on which we expect manufacturers to lavish the ornamentation that adds impressiveness. When we have to have it repaired we're staggered at the cost, but we really wouldn't have it any other way. And so we add another hole in our pocket through which our car insurance dollars can slip.

How often we're incensed when a friend doesn't obtain a driver's licence at the first attempt. We can become righteously indignant about the denial of our right to the road. But we fail to appreciate the denial may save us, and others, from serious injury. In our indignation we fail to see the applicant's weakness or lack of knowledge as any serious threat.

There are some drivers whose accident record is so fantastic that the insurance companies obviously don't even want to cover the driver at any price. The applicant accepts this only as a frustration and continues to seek coverage on an assigned risk basis or from some unsuspecting agent who has not been given all the details. Rarely does the applicant take the hint that he really has no right to drive until he plans to improve, on a continuing basis, his operation of a vehicle.

With plans to increase automobile insurance we'll all let out another yelp of financial anguish. Insurance agents around the country will draw in their breath and prepare for another round of complaints from unhappy customers. But we'll continue to tolerate those holes in our pocket, that are really robbing us, while we berate the local agents on the high cost of automobile insurance.

Briefs . . .

Beware of puppy love. It can be the beginning of a dog's life.

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A self-made man said recently that, if he had it to do over again, he'd get some help.

—Staff Photo

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES in Acton Sunday were well attended both at the cenotaph and Trinity United Church. Taking part in the parade and cenotaph ceremony left to right were standard bearer Mrs. Gordon Currie from the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E., Bill Taylor, honor guard member from the Lorne Scots, Legionnaire Gordon James who placed a wreath, Paddy Dunne, Lorne Scots honor guard and Ellen Wissenz from the Acton Girl Guides.

The Good Old Days ...

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Nov. 8, 1945.

We've written the story of the Eighth Victory Loan in Acton and district. But we've never had such a task to keep up with anything as the Ninth Victory Loan here. Shortly after five o'clock yesterday, the tannery whistle announced the second objective of $300,000 had been reached. Judging from reports, it's likely to go $100,000 over the objective. Acton was the first in Halton County to reach the objective. It has been a grand climax to participation in the war effort right through.

By a queer coincidence, Mrs. Selina Russell, who won first place in estimating the halfway mark, again came first in her estimate of when the goal would be reached. She was also a winner in a previous loan. Shirley Elliott and Mrs. James Adamson were second and third, fourth was Harold Townsley and fifth was Mrs. John Greer.

Winners in the halfway contest were Miss Helen Snow, Mrs. Helen Boyle, Mrs. S. Russell, Miss Julie Leanlewich, Miss Lorraine Pallant. The salesmen who set the new high were F. T. Wright, George Musselle, Mrs. R. I. Turner, Miss Marjorie Norton, Miss M. Madill, Mr. S. H. Lindsay and R. M. Aylesworth.

Nursing Sister Jessie F. Young, R.C.A.F. (W.D.), formerly of Acton, returned to Canada after two years' service overseas and was welcomed here on the week-end.

Lieut. Col. Telford Kennry has returned from five years overseas service. He was made a member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in recognition of his services in the war and for gallantry. He spent his boyhood days here and was living in Hamilton when he joined the service.

Rfn. S. A. James is also home again after five years.

The Remembrance Day window at Johnstone and Rumley (now Acton Home Furnishings) is indeed impressive.

50 YEARS AGO

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

Principal W. H. Stewart announced the results of the October examinations at the high school. Form III—highest in Geometry, D. Harvey; Ancient History, D. Harvey; Algebra, D. Harvey and A. O'Brien; Chemistry, A. O'Brien. Form II—highest in Reading, M. Clarridge and M. Stewart; Algebra and Geometry, E. Brown; History, O. Mowat. Form I—highest in Geography, M. Williams; Literature, M. Williams and V. Smith; English Grammar, D. Gibbons.

Miss M. J. Bennett announced the names and marks of the top students in the fourth department—Junior IV, Stuart Morton, Charlie Anderson, Maxwell Bell, Agnes Dobbie, Charlie Mann, Clara Cutting. Senior IV, Kenneth Henderson, Isabel Elliott, Duff Wilson, Emma Barnes, Hugh Williams, Jessie Mowat.

Others with top marks are Sabra Nelson, Arthur Benton, David Henderson, Pearl Wallace, Frances Hurst, Laura Scott, Grenville Masales, George Jiggins, Birdie Goulet, Jessie McNabb, Marguerite Ryder, Agnes Mann, Ray Gamble, Jean Barber, Earl Cooper, Norman Wilds.

Johnnie Dunn, George Holloway, Lynd Smith, Arlington White, Mina Saze, Olive Cooper, Joe Hurst, Matthew Tyler, Eugene MacPherson, Helen MacDonald, Morse Starkman, Clara Savage, Charlie Bell, Teddie Clifford, Viola Waller, Willie Little, Willie Babcock, Charlie Prevost, Pearl Saze, John Gibbens, Jeannie Orr, Florence Barr, Frank Kelly, Mary Stewart.

Their teachers were I. White, M. Masales, Daisy Folster, M. A. Black and Elizabeth Wilson.

There are 66 students at Acton High School — the largest since the school was opened.

Interesting letters have been written by Norman Speight, who is an ambulance driver in the firing lines in Belgium. "At some places there is machine gun fire all the time. Driving at night is hard on a fellow."

Warden Visits Esquesing Twp.

Halton's Warden Herbert C. Merry, Reeve of Oakville, paid an official visit to Esquesing Township Council last week and during the evening spoke about the future of local government. Warden Merry referred to regional government — a scheme on the drawing board for several months now — and forecast the decline of local councils in favor of a regional government in the near future.

He suggested local police forces would disappear and give way to a Halton County police force.

Councillors learned $100,300 worth of building permits were issued during October, including the addition to Limehouse School, a permit for a meat market on the Seventh Line, and several residential permits.

Planner Ted Harrop, Reeve George Leslie and the new assistant clerk Delmar French were delegated to attend a meeting on regional development in Oakville, on behalf of the council.

An account for $267, representing uncollected accounts of township residents from the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service, was handed to council and approved. Council agreed to attempt to collect the money from the residents involved.

Sugar and Spice ...

BY BILL SMILEY

Addressing a group of high school teachers the other night, I was recalling how I entered the . . . . uh . . . . teaching game, business, vocation, profession or racket — what you call it depends on who you are — purely by accident.

I had brought my family to this town one Sunday to have a look at the sights, as we hadn't been here before.

On the way out of town, we drove around the side streets to admire the fine homes. "That's odd," I said to my wife. "There's a big, new factory smack in the middle of the residential section. They don't usually allow that."

Then I saw the roadblock, out in front of the sprawling, one-storey factory. There was a grim gent beside it, well dressed but with a sort of wild glint in his eye. He flagged me down.

I stopped. He came over to the car. "Can you see out of at least one eye?", he queried. I assured him that I had 40/40 vision, or something of the sort. I thought it was some kind of kooky, plain clothes-police check, the kind you run into when you've left your driving license in your other pants.

"Ever been to a university?", he shot at me. I said I'd been to Oxford. I remember spending a whole weekend there during the war, waiting for a Land Army girl who never did show up.

He brightened considerably. "Have you any contagious diseases?", was the next question. "Like leprosy?" I told him I was as sound as any man in my condition could be.

Beaming now, he went on with the questionnaire. "And you don't drink, smoke, play the horses or chase women. Right?"

I started to point out that I did all of these whenever possible, but not all the time, and not all at once. But he wasn't listening. He had the car door open and me by the arm, and was hustling me toward that big, brick factory that looked more like a prison every second. I thought I was under arrest.

When we got inside, he shoved me into a chair, and I waited, fearfully, for the bright light in the face, and the rubber hose. But he fooled me. He stuck a confession under my nose and snarled, "Sign there." I signed, wondering what had become of Magna Carta, Habeas Corpus and my family, put in the car.

It was not until he offered to show me the gymnasium and the cafeteria that I realized the factory was a high school, and that I had just experienced the hard sell on teachers.

However, it wasn't much of a switch for me. I know that the jump into teaching, from big industrialist, shoe salesman or short-order cook has been a traumatic experience for some people. You can see them any day tottering white-faced toward the staff room after a double period with 10Z, the terror of the school.

But I had little difficulty in making the adjustment. After all, I had been a weekly newspaper editor. In that job, you spend most of your time telling people things they don't listen to, and urging them to do things they don't want to do. I found these invaluable training for my teaching career.

And I must admit that things have gone well. In three years, I fought my way up to a department-headship. Oh, it took a lot of midnight-oil burning, coffee buying for the principal, and the fact that they couldn't get anybody else for the job. But I made it.

And now I have my own little empire: a dozen or so English teachers who are so in awe of me that they never borrow more than $10, an assistant department head who hangs on my every word, and then contradicts it; and the thrill of attending department heads' meetings, of being on the inside, where the big decisions are made.

Like what are we gonna do with kids who carve "Herb Loves Elsie" on the desks.

New Citizens

Mr. and Mrs. K. Paulsen, 328 Orville Road, received their Canadian Citizenship papers at an impressive ceremony in Hamilton Thursday of last week. Mr. Paulsen operates the Sunoco Service Station at the easterly approach to Acton on No. 7 highway.

Local people all go to Hamilton now to receive citizenship papers, rather than to Milton.

The trouble with a welfare state is it costs too much to get something for nothing.

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This Sunday's Church Calendar

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Founded 1842
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon
Res. 144 Tidey Ave., Ph. 853-1615

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14th, 1965

9.45 a.m.—Church School. Adult Class.

11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship. "Thou Shalt Remember."

7.00 p.m.—Evening Service. Senior Citizens will be the guests of the church. Sermon. "Gift or Reward."

Wednesday — Prayer and Bible Study. 7.30.

Thursday—Choir practice. 7.30.

Friday — B.H.F. and Explorers at 7.00 and 7.30.

Scripture. "God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5: 8.

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
(Georgetown)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14th, 1965

9.45 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Service.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Service.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer meeting.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14th, 1965

10.00 a.m.—English Service.
2.30 p.m.—Dutch Service.
[illegible] Sunday School.

ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
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Tonight, Thursday, November 11, 8 p.m.—Don't miss Evangelist Harold Davis, coming with his thrilling drama, "A Light in the Window."

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14th, 1965

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

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14th, 1965

9.45 a.m.—Church School.
11.00 a.m.—Divine Worship. Sermon theme, "Stewardship in the Social Order."
(Supervised Nursery for babies and tots during entire service and Junior Congregation, for children 3 to 7 years, during sermon.)
Everyone Most Welcome

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14th, 1965

CHURCH SCHOOL
9.30 a.m.—Grades 4 - 8.
11.00 a.m.—Nursery to Grade 3.

SERVICES OF WORSHIP
9.30 a.m. 11.00 a.m.

7.00 p.m.—Congregational Service of Prayer.
8.00 p.m.—Young People.

All Cordially Invited

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14th, 1965
Trinity XXII

9.00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10.30 a.m.—Church School.
10.30 a.m.—Matins.

Immediately after this morning service, Young People are lunching in the Parish Hall and taking a trip to Bracebridge to visit the Society of St. John the Evangelist.

POEM (Verse 9)

We have lived together a number of years,
That's why I have neither doubtings or fears,
For my sins are all hid in the depths of the sea,
They were taken away by the man on the tree.

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