## Answer somewhere in between

We have been deluged with ink from those centres affected by the rotating strikes by postal workers and resultant closures by post office officials. The inconvenience they are causing never really hit home until last week when Acton post office was closed three days by the strike.

There was more than inconvenience from the disruption. In some cases, inconvenience was compounded by hardship.

But we find it hard to understand the surprised outcry from people affected by the strike. Of course they are inconvenienced. That is the idea behind it.

We've heard plenty of tirades against the postles. We have also heard others who defended their position. But there has been a noticeable lack of any middle ground, which not surprisingly, also seems to be the key in negotiations between the treasury board and the postal workers.

Both sides seem to be saying that unless they get what they want, there'll be no settlement.

Anyone familiar with labor negotiations realizes there is a certain amount of jockeying to be done before either side settles down

Free Press

20 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free

Press of Thursday, August 17, 1950.

of a pretty wedding when Aileen Bell,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander

McIsaac, became the bride of Bertram

Harry Brewster, son of Mr. and Mrs H. F.

Brewster, Birch Hills, Sask, Bridal at-

tendants were Miss Margaret Blow and

Miss Helen McIsaac; best man was Dr.

Kenneth Paul and ushers Dr. Norman Amos

and Dr. Clifford Young. They will make

installation of Acton's new sub-station at the

corner of Hillcrest and Queen Sts. this week.

It will augment the present station on

favorably under Jones and Van Gils.

Ontario hydro workers have begun the

Work on the disposal plant is progressing

Upper school results are announced for

Mildred Armstrong, Dena Braida, Leno

Braida, Eleada Britton, Whitney Cook,

Alfred Euringer, Lorraine Mullin and Jean

are the only ones left now to receive

this week when it was thought some young

lads were responsible for breaking and

enter the plant of Ajax Engineering with no

apparent motive. Wm. Coon, the manager.

employee of Beardmore and Co. for the past

53 years, has resigned from his position, sold

his property on Crescent St. and gone to live

main business blocks this week. Deputy-

reeve McLeod got the town grader on the

50 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free

Press of Thursday, September 2, 1920.

joyously yesterday morning. Miss Knapp of

Galt, assistant to Head Master Roszell, is

the only new member on the staff of nine.

commodations have been supplied by the

management of the Acton Soldiers Home.

and these accommodations have been taxed

to accommodate all applicants. At first no meals were supplied. Later at the earnest

request of lodgers Sergt, and Mrs. Coles, the

housekeepers, have been supplying break-

The public rest room is growing in

about accepting the accommodation

provided so freely. Now that a culinary

department has been added this feeling may

casionally a basket of apples of potatoes, a

Mrs. R. N. Brown, was riding one of the

a rather circuitous route to Vancouver. With

seeing the world, but there are some pretty

exotic things right around here. For

example, we might slide out tonight to a

little fresh vegetable roadside stand, four

miles out of town, pick up some sweet corn,

eat it, and have a whiz-bang of an evening

watching a re-run of Green Acres. There's

not a one of them who can do that.

Well, they may all think they're really

Margaret Brown, daughter of Mr. and

print or two of butter or a dozen of eggs.

venience to travellers.

Since early spring lodging ac-

The music of the school bells rang out

The final laterals were installed in the

Mr. William Waller who has been an

informs us a reward is offered.

Seven streets and four being worked on

Vandalism was carried to an extreme

their home in Chilliwack, B. C.

Willow St.

Sinclair.

in Toronto.

sewerage installations.

Knox Presbyterian church was the scene

to the real issues, but the Intransigence of both sides in this dispute has meant a long delay. And it is the public which suffers.

The treasury board, with the diplomacy of an ox about to be gored, and despite all the principles of collective bargaining, announced early that their offer was final. All the anti-labor groups applauded.

In righteous vein, the postal unions replied that if that was the way the treasury board felt then there would be an increase in strikes and interruptions until they adopted a more flexible attitude. Labor applauded. And the big unions promised the postal workers support.

Somewhere in between sits the public, uncomprehending, increasingly irritated by the length and the tone of the negotiations.

Now we've got "Industry", mouthpiece of the Canadian Manufacturers Association, calling for the abolition of the right-tostrike provisions of the Public Service Staff Relations Act which it claims is at the root of the trouble. "Industry" advocates replacing the right-to-strike provisions with binding arbitration in the event

issues

friend from Toronto on the horse with her.

They tumbled off and Margaret fractured

her right arm at the wrist. The little lady is

bearing her mishap with admirable for-

grandma Coleman who is making a

prolonged visit to the parsonage at New

Brigden, Alta., celebrated her 86th birthday

by attending three appointments on the

circuit with her son-in-law, Rev. Ralston

Brown B.A. She enjoyed the day greatly and

Many municipal councils have decided to

fight the application for higher telephone

A message comes from the west that

back

titude.

rates.

is hale and hearty.

there are future public service debates.

"Industry claims" that settlement on the terms demanded by the postal unions would make a mockery of everything that has been done to reduce inflation, and says with equal firmness that the first freasury board offer must be the last.

Support for the postal workers surprisingly enough comes from the National Farmers Union which says government strategy appears to be that of distracting attention from the real causes of inflation and making scapegoats of farmers and working people. "As long as there is no control over the profits of business and financial corporations, limitations of wages and salaries are unjust and ineffective as a curb on inflation."

The N.F.U. also contends satisfactory rates of pay are essential to maintenance of good service. The most competent people are usally mobile, and they tend to go where their skills earn the best pay. Low rates induce the best workers to leave and reduces quality of service. Rates of pay for postal workers, says the N.F.U., has not kept pace with the cost of living.

There are two widely divergent points of view on the dispute but we think the real solution lies somewhere in between. Perhaps by the time this is read the new mediator has reached that plateau.

### Off the cuff.

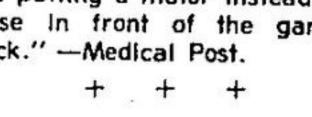
"The only real improvement in waste disposal in the past 50 years was putting a motor instead of a horse in front of the garbage truck." -Medical Post.

establishment of an electric light system in Acton with good prospects of success. Acton Cornet Band was never more

concerts given.

The 11 o'clock train was over half an hour passengers for the North West. The contingent was swelled here by eight or ten additional among whom were Messrs. R. G.

St. Alban's Sunday school pic-nicked In



### 75 years ago

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 15, 1895. rural Public and Separate Schools will open after vacation on Monday, 19th of August. The schools in town and cities are called to open Monday, August 26.

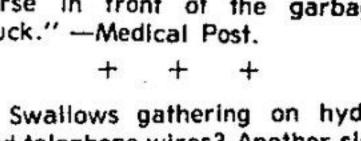
Negotiations are still in progress for the

liberal in the number of open open air free

The Rockwood committee of the Mechanics Institute presented a petition to the Eramosa council for a grant of \$25 which was given them.

costs on Tuesday for working on Sunday. A caravan of Gypsies camped for several days at the corner of Guelph and Queen Sts.

late on Tuesday being crowded with Brown, W. Lynd, Alex McGregor, John McLaughlin, Duncan Campbell, Alex Mc-Phedran and Thomas Gordon.



Swallows gathering on hydro and telephone wires? Another sign of autumn.

A farmer at Ridgetown was fined \$5 and

The voters list for this municipality has just been issued and the aggregate number of voters in both polling sub-divisions is 390, greater than on any previous list.

Warren's Grove yesterday afternoon. They had a very enjoyable time.

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# Photos from the past



OLD TIMERS AND EXECUTIVE of Beardmore and Company Ltd., Guelph, are shown here June 25, 1936. Standing left to right are J. Gibson, T. Gibbons, J. McArthur, T. Marshatl, W. Mainprize, W. Hall, J. Mellon, G. Bepton and G. Chapman, Seated,

left to right, are W. J. Beetty, J kennedy, G. H. Kohl, J. McIntosh, A. D. T. Beardmore, J. Dunn, E. Smith, J. Wilds and W. J. Gould. Photo was submitted to the Free Press by Miss Madeline Gibbons.

MAN FROM MARS? No, just one of the unusual sights residents in this area see since the establishment of a large dragway in the area. This is a "funny car", and

Its operator. This package of pipes and plugs is capable

of doing 200 miles an hour on nitro-methane fuel. The operator jettisons a parachute from the rear to stop the vehicle.—(Photo by Bill Stuckey)

commotion.

before.

minds.

notice.

between two expediters.

more names to the memos.

people and expand the office.

Expedite: To confound confusion with

Channels: The trail left by inter-office

Co-ordinator: The guy who has a desk

To activate: To make carbons and add

To implement a program: Hire more

Under consideration: Never heard of It

A meeting: A mass milling of master-

A Conference: A place where con-

Participative management: Advance

To negotiate: To seek a meeting of minds

Communications problems: They're

We're trying to communicate with you:

Re-orientation: Getting used to work

Reliable source: The fellow you just met.

Informed source: The guy who told the

Unimpeachable source: The fellow who

Clarification: To fill in the background

with so many details that the foreground

versation is substituted for the dreariness of

labor and the loneliness of thought.

without knocking heads.

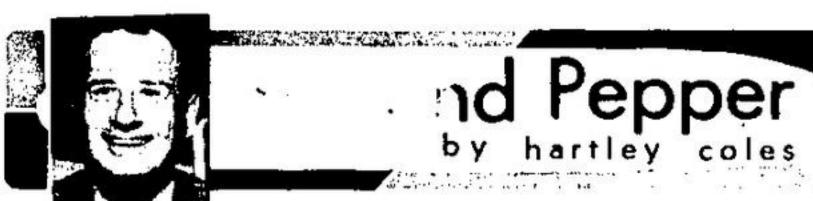
Be reasonable, do it my way.

started the rumour originally.

being stubborn.

fellow you just met.

goes underground.



Like Grandma's stew, this column is composed of bits and pieces, odds and ends picked up in the newspaper vineyards during the past few weeks.

A recent column on epitaphs on tombstones here and in the old country drew a spirited response from one lady, determined not to be outdone by the chisellers of another age. She wrote this doggerel for her husband to have etched on her stone, in the event she slipped away ahead of him:

"Twas a smiling morn in May When my wife she passed away. Her faults were many Her virtues if any Are buried with her clay."

Despite the intent, hubby wasn't impressed and we expect an answer or rebuke from Stan by return mail.

Sign in optometrist's window: "If you don't see what you want, you've come to the

It is hardly cricket for a scribbler with a beard to be discussing long hair since some people lump the two together as good material for the ashcan, but I was interested in what the Christian Science Monitor had to say on the subject. The CSM is one of the top newspapers in the U.S. and they often hit at the core of an issue without provoking passions.

Says the Monitor:

"Some newly minted college graduates - male - who wear their hair long are experiencing difficulty getting good jobs. The young men are discovering that the

Once upon a time, summer travel was for

the very rich. They went to Europe on a

luxury liner, ate eight times a day, stayed at

fashionable places on the continent, dressed

for dinner, and all that jazz, while the rest of

The not-quite-so-rich, but still wealthy,

flocked to the great lodges and summer

hotels: St. Andrews by the Sea; Manoir

Richelieu; Jasper and Banff. They were

safe there from the hoi-polloi and sub-

serviently served by secretly insolent bell-

The moderately well-to-do had a cottage,

perhaps a day's travel from home, with a

back-house, and ice-box with real ice in it.

coal-oil lamps and a rowboat. They lived

quietly, simply, and went to bed with the

the park, attended ball games, and watched

parades. In the evening, they sat on the front

porch, murmuring gossip, drinking

lemonade, and listening to the cries of their

young, playing run-sheep-run or red-light in

the Greek Islands, or Japan, or Rome.

Things have changed. The rich now fly to

The poor, the working class, picnicked in

is sweated it out.

boys and waitresses.

whip-poor-wills.

the velvet dusk.

style so fashionable on campus often produces negative reaction elsewhere.

"Why should this be? Of what importance is a cosmetic affectation? The answers probably often escape the very people who feel a quickening rage when they observe what is, after all, only a hair style.

"Or is it only a hair style? The truth is and we have the young people's word for it - that long hair is very often a symbol of contempt for the values of conventional Americans. What provokes a hostile reaction, then, is not the fact of long hair, but the obvious desire to provoke a hostile reaction. Nothing is so sure to arouse antipathy as an overt attempt to do exactly

"It's just not in human nature to welcome antagonism. Or to hire it."

Everyone at some time gropes for the right word or the right phrase to suit a particular situation, says the Winchester Press. However, there is often a more profound statement behind the cliches that

How about these:

punctuate the language.

It's in process: So wrapped up in red tape that the situation is almost hopeless.

We will look into it: By the time the wheel makes a full turn, we assume you will have forgotten about it too.

A program: Any assignment that can't be completed by phone call.

where they can live exactly as they could at

home, but with slavies of whatever

nationality assuring them that they are still

The not-quite-so-rich have deserted the

big hotels and lodges, most of which are on

the verge of bankruptcy. These places have,

in desperation, become a haven for con-

ventions and middle class poor tippers. The

original inhabitants have fled to Mexico

City, Scandinavia or the Carribbean, where

The moderately well-to-do still, in many

cases, have a summer cottage. But it is now

two or three or more hours of maniacal

driving. They now have indoor plumbing, a

refrigerator, electric lights, and everything

from a power cruiser to a canoe. Some are

bereft because they receive only one TV

channel. They seldom get to bed before

And the working class, as they used to be

called when they worked? They hire a

trailer and cover two thousand miles. Or

they rent a cottage and sand-and-sun it for

two weeks. Or they get together and fly in to

a fishing lodge once reserved for

they can still escape the hoi-polloi.

the very rich.

three a.m.

millionaires.

There are a lot of reasons for the change. Everybody has a car. Highways are better. Holidays are longer and you even get

today not to travel are the young people. But that doesn't stop them. With rucksack and sleepingbag, they can cross the country on

travel boom.

There's something wrong somewhere. Each and every one of those people has been

I was a bit burned by a card from my

chartered flights has made it possible for people with nothing to go almost anywhere.

doing doesn't mean I should be envious.

daughter. She set off two weeks ago to hitchhike to Vancouver with a friend. Her card says they are just about to leave Cape

vacation pay. And, of course, air travel on

brother and his wife send a card from a cruise on the Rhine. A colleague, with four reader, Bob Cunningham of Omaha, has just encircled the Great Lakes. An old friend and wife are spending three weeks in Europe.

Sugar and Spice
by bill smiley The only people who are poor enough

> next to nothing. I'm not knocking all this. I think it's great. But I'm just beginning to wonder where and why I missed the boat, in this

> We just got home from our big trip for the summer - 110 miles to visit Grandad. My sister and her husband are in England. My children, drops a card from Virginia. A And I sit in the back yard, with a six-mile trip to the beach as my Great Expectations.

telling me how broke he is for years. However, I mustn't be bitter. Just because none of those people can afford what they're