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**EDITORIAL**

**Speed**

Early Sunday morning four young lives were snuffed out in the twinkling of an eye when a motor car struck a trolley car head-on. It is said the motor car was going at the rate of 65 miles per hour. Hundreds of cases of speeding are tried every week in the police courts and penalties imposed. Thousands more could be prosecuted for infractions of the law. But why all the speed? What was the hurry of four young men that required a speed of over a mile a minute to reach their destination? There is no suggestion that any of them were ill or were being rushed to the hospital. There was no emergency. Motor car builders have attained very high standards in building the car of the present day. The machines are capable of remarkable accomplishments. But many drivers are putting them to tests beyond all reason. What is being accomplished by all this rush? Lives are being lost daily, nerves are being wrecked and sorrow and suffering caused, all to no purpose. It is time for a check-up and the observance of safe driving speeds.

**Suggested**

The suggestion was made to us the other day that the present was an opportune time for the conduct of a rather extensive repair plan of the municipality. It was further suggested that the work be financed under a debenture plan, rather than paid for in current taxes. In supporting this suggestion it was pointed out that the money could be secured at low interest rates. Acton's debentures would sell at par locally, bearing four per cent interest. The cost of materials has not advanced to any extent and plenty of labor is available. In the program of improvement suggested was a complete repair or rebuilding of all the sections of sidewalks that required such attention, the extension of the water mains to North Main Street; improvement of the lighting system on Mill Street in the business section; and a few other items that we have forgotten. We pass on the suggestion for the consideration of Council and ratepayers. We think it has much of merit in it, especially in view of past experiences and the adoption of improvements under high interest rates and high prices for materials and labor.

**Meeting the Public Demand**

There has been considerable outcry against the rather conflicting reports and raising of false hopes that emanated from Moose River, N. S., during the rescue of Dr. Robertson and Mr. Scadding from their entombment in the mine there. We are ready to admit, along with the general public, that the rescue work was rather too vividly played up in headlines and in the dispatches from the mines. But who, after all, is to blame? With a general public clamoring for news every five minutes, when hours and days were really required to give reports with a content of new developments, it was scarcely to be wondered that the story at times got rather in advance of the actual facts of the case. The newspaper rivalry of being first undoubtedly overstepped the bounds. If the public really desires a less sensational presentation of the news, they can rectify the matter. But just so long as extras, with scare heads, create the demand and provide the sale, that was shown in this instance, just that long will there always be found publishers who are willing to go to far ends to feed the sensational minds. The public seemed to want excitement. They got it and if they paid too dearly we have yet to read of the regrets of the sensational sheets which supplied the beyond-the-minute—yes, twelve hours beyond the minute—news.

**Public Affair**

Down in Bowmanville there has been quite a furor over the discharging of the Principal of the High School. The whole episode bore such a resemblance to one of which we have intimate recollections that we have watched the proceedings with a great deal of interest. An attempt was made to exclude two reporters from the meetings, but they held their ground and reported the meetings. When the public business cannot be transacted with the full knowledge of the public, there is usually something amiss. Most reporters do not desire to make a scene or cause a local disturbance and the task of telling the public the story is usually not a pleasant situation. The Bowmanville Statesman fulfilled its duties in the tangle and kept the public informed of the proceedings. Many people who are elected to public office carry with them the idea of private conduct of affairs. It simply cannot be done. These disturbances are distasteful and not in the best interests of any community, but a realization must always be maintained by those in public office that they must so conduct the affairs that they will bear public scrutiny. Too often petty little affairs are injected and are usually the cause of the disturbance. The Bowmanville rumpus was apparently true to the usual run. They are regrettable and to be avoided whenever possible.

**Acton's Finances**

Auditors' Reports are now available on application to Clerk Farmer. If you want to know of Acton's financial condition that little booklet of about thirty pages gives you the best insight of anything we know of. It contains three schedules, four exhibits and five statements and it practically answers every detail that ratepayers want to know. It is a most encouraging report in many ways. For instance, The net debenture debt of the town was \$148,768.29 at the end of the year. About \$10,000 per year is being paid off on the principle of the indebtedness. The interest paid last year was an amount almost equal to the amount retired. Three issues will be retired in 1937.

It seems hardly possible but yet the figures give the information that the waterworks debentures have run half their term and are now a total of under the \$100,000 mark; \$36,000 has been paid on the principal of this issue.

In the schedule which follows a statement of the debtors of the municipality is given. It is a list of the arrears of taxes owing at the end of 1935. Those owing the Cemetery Board account and for water services are also given in full. There is nothing hidden in this annual statement of public affairs in Acton. Some question the wisdom of this procedure. But surely the public has a right to full knowledge of its own business. We will not comment further. If you want to know of Acton's financial affairs the information is available on application to the Municipal Clerk for a copy of the Auditors' Report.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

Registrations of motor vehicles in Canada during 1935 totalled 1,176,126, compared with 1,129,532 in 1934.

Smith Falls has inaugurated a system of free service for electric appliances, with a charge only for parts used.

New lower rates are announced by the railways, with more privileges to passengers than formerly, to take effect in June.

If there is feverish activity in spading the garden to-night it is no sign of an early planting. Tomorrow is the first day of May.

Mill Street still continues to be far from an ideal roadway but the summer time is supposed to rectify all its shortcomings. But summer seems so slow in coming.

The Globe's heading of last Thursday morning, rather pointed and those two words of "Really Rescued" had a significance in view of the many reports previously published.

According to "The Debunker" in the Mail and Empire, daylight saving time is not a recent idea. It was used in Ireland in 600 A.D., and advocated in America in 1884. And we might add that the question is still far from settled.

Dr. Shields is crashing the limelight again. At one of his recent meetings a woman heckler was struck in the face by a man and had her scarf ripped off her neck. Oh no, Dr. Shields wasn't the man who was guilty of such behaviour. The woman had called Dr. Shields a hypocrite.

Foreign sales by the Canadian automobile industry increased by nearly six million dollars during eleven months of the fiscal year just closed, with exports to the value of \$23,719,017 compared with \$17,719,665 in the corresponding period of the fiscal year 1934-35. Passenger automobiles exported during the period from April 1st, 1935, to February 29th, 1936, numbered 43,915 with a total value of \$15,389,078. In the same period of the preceding fiscal year, 20,418 passenger cars were exported, valued at \$11,009,621.

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

FOR SUNDAY, MAY 3rd, 1936

**JESUS TEACHES FORGIVENESS, HUMILITY AND GRATITUDE.**

Golden Text.—Be ye kind one to another, tender hearted; forgiving each other, even as God also in Christ forgave you.—Eph. 4: 32.

Lesson Text.—Luke 17: 1-10.

Time.—March, A.D. 30. Places.—on the way to Jerusalem, near the borders of Samaria and Galilee.

Exposition.—I. The Inevitability of Occasions of Stumbling, 1-2.

The literal meaning of the word in the original translated "occasions of stumbling" is "snare" or "trap." These are set for believers by Satan, but God takes them into His plan and makes them as tests (1 Cor. 13: 7). But this does not lessen the guilt of the one through whom they come. Christ's "little ones" are very dear to Him; to cause one of them to stumble is a very serious thing. These are solemn words of Jesus: "better a millstone hanged about his neck and be cast into the sea!" It is so easy to offend. A discouraging word, hasty and unkind expressions of opinion, wrong personal habits. So great is the evil of causing temptation to others that it is better to give up the exercise of even an innocent habit rather than let it become an occasion of stumbling to one who is weaker (1 Cor. 6: 9, 13; Romans 14: 13-21; 15: 1-3).

II. How Often to Forgive, 3-4.

There should be no limit to our forgiveness. "Seventy times seven" said Jesus, signifying that we should never cease forgiving (Matt. 18: 21-22). This saying of our Lord may seem a hard command, but we should rejoice over it, for if He demands never-failing forgiveness of us in our dealings with others, we may confidently expect that He will act in the same way in His dealings with us. How many of us are harboring in secret a grudge over some petty slight or offense! Our concern should be over our debts to others, not theirs to us (1 Tim. 4: 10). Once we vision the magnitude of God's forgiveness to us, we shall never find it hard to forgive others. How infinitesimal the wrongs done us in comparison with our offenses towards Him!

III. Lord, Increase Our Faith, 5-10.

The disciples were staggered at the thought that they must forgive so much; conscious of their own inability to do so they cried out, "Lord increase our faith." Jesus took the occasion to set forth the mighty power of faith. Nothing is impossible to it (v. 9). Real faith vision the magnitude of God's forgiveness to us, we shall never find it hard to forgive others. How infinitesimal the wrongs done us in comparison with our offenses towards Him!

IV. Ten Lepers Cleansed, 11-14.

Jesus was on His last journey to Jerusalem, the most important journey of His life. He had to be there at a certain time. But, as always, He took time to scatter blessings by the way. The ten lepers whom He healed are a striking type of sinners; sin, like leprosy, defiles, shuts out the sinner from the society of the clean, renders helpless, hopeless, consumed, and kills. A Samaritan was in this woeful company. Sin and defilement level national distinctions. There was no other possible help for these lepers; it is in Jesus alone that the sinner can find deliverance from his pollution and wretchedness. The lepers had heard of Jesus and had hastened to meet Him. Their leprosy proved a blessing, for it brought them to Jesus. Sometimes what we count our misfortunes prove to be our greatest blessings. When they saw Him afar off they cried out with all the feeble effort of their ruined voices. The cry was short, earnest and to the point: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" A cry for help never fell unheeded on Jesus' ears, nor will it ever go unheeded (Romans 10: 13). The same compassion fills His heart to-day, at the cry of the sinner as when He heard the poor weak voices of the lepers. Jesus answered their prayer by giving them a command and obeying the command in faith, the cleansing game. Whenever we act on the simple word of Jesus, we never fail to receive blessings from His hand.

V. One Leper Returns Thanks, 15-19.

One of them, when he saw he was healed, turned back, glorifying God. He used his restored voice to glorify its restorer. The nine were occupied with the gift, the one with the Giver. How often are we so occupied with the gift that we forget the giver. The one who returned to give thanks was the stranger, the Samaritan! Jesus was moved by the gratitude of this stranger, but deeply grieved by the ingratitude of the others.

**AUTOMOBILE TOURIST TRAFFIC GAINS**

The neighborly invasion of foreign automobile tourist traffic which each year sweeps through Canada's customs ports and outports made large gains last year. Figures compiled by the Department of National Revenue show that the total number of foreign cars entered in 1935 was 3,605,086 compared with 3,261,848 entered in 1934, an increase of 343,238. Automobiles entered for periods of over 48 hours and not exceeding 60 days numbered 971,017; automobiles entered for periods over 60 days and not exceeding six months, numbered 1,128, and 2,632,941 automobiles were entered for periods up to 48 hours.

Foreign automobiles entering Ontario during 1935 showed a decline of 47,983 cars, compared with 1934, but despite this drop Ontario retained unchallenged lead among the provinces with a total of 2,374,517 cars entered for touring purposes. Gains were reported in all the other provinces.

The three leading ports of entry in the Dominion were the Ontario ports of Windsor, Port Erie and Niagara Falls.

Windsor issued 194,532 sixty-day touring permits and 85 six-month permits, while the busy outport of Walkerville issued 10,168 sixty-day permits, making a total of over 204,700 permits issued for periods up to or exceeding sixty days. Foreign cars entered through Windsor and Walkerville for periods up to 48 hours numbered 595,954. Port Erie issued 133,394 sixty-day permits and 160 six-month permits and entered 623,806 automobiles for periods up to 48 hours. Niagara Falls issued a total of 110,000 sixty-day permits and 124 six-month permits while 512,439 cars were entered for stays of 48 hours or less. In 1935 the yearly exodus of Canadian automobile tourists reached its highest

**DETERMINED THAT THE WORST WILL COME**



—Drawing by George Shanks in the American Legion Monthly

mark since the peak year of 1930, with a total of 650,250 cars exported for touring purposes. This is an increase of 145,407 over the 513,852 exported in 1934.

**BOUND TO KNOW**

Assistant (to old lady who has handed in a badly spelled telegram): "I can read everything so far, but what is this word?"

Old Lady: "Never mind that, miss; it's none of your business. They'll know at the other end."

In the march of life don't heed the order of "right about" when you know you are about right.—G. W. Holmes.

**HOUSE CLEANING Specials**

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**White Corn** No 8 Tin 10c  
**Pork and Beans** 2 No 2 1/2 Tin 19c  
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**Jelly Desserts** 3 Pkg 14c  
**Tomatoes** 2 No 2 1/2 Tin 19c  
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**Spinach** Green, Curly and Crisp 2 lbs. 15c

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