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EDITORIAL

Acton Loses

By a business transaction told of in the news columns, Acton will lose this year citizens who have been worthy of all that word implies. Reeve C. H. Harrison and family are removing to Toronto and at the end of the present year the warehouse of the Acton Machine Company will be transferred to the city. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison came to Acton seventeen years ago. Mr. Harrison has served as School Trustee, Councillor and is now Reeve of the municipality. On the Fall Fair Board, the church Boards, in fact in every activity calculated for the good of the community he was solidly behind. He has given liberally of his time and talent in Acton's advancement. And in all his activities he was ably assisted by Mrs. Harrison, who has also taken active work on the Welfare Board and other organizations. Acton is indeed sorry to lose such citizens. They are not readily replaced. But all will join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Harrison success in the new home, and know that they will often visit in Acton and they may be assured they will always find a welcome. Acton has furnished Toronto with many good citizens and now the city takes our first citizen, Reeve Harrison.

Health and Fire Inspection

Acton has a splendid source and supply of water in the waterworks system and it seems wholly unnecessary that on a visit of the inspector of the Fire Underwriters' Association it should be contaminated as was done last Thursday and has been done on other like visits of the inspector. As an added fire protection about eleven years ago a connection was made whereby, in case of an emergency, the fire pumps at the Beardmore plant, using water from Fairy Lake, could be brought into connection with the town's system. During the eleven years since installation that emergency has never arisen and it would require a mighty serious conflagration before the duplicate system would be called into use.

Just why then the system has to be polluted with this water for the benefit of an inspector is hard to understand. Last Thursday, over part of the town, the water from the taps was not only distasteful, but gave off an odor that labelled it unfit for consumption without any analysis. With flushing mains all day Friday, it was in fair shape by Saturday, but when heated still had a bad odor several days following the inspection.

There is no doubt that fire protection is a very necessary part of our municipal service. But when the inspection of the service calls for pollution of the system, such as was done on Thursday, it is time that the matter was viewed in its proper light. The protection and health of human beings comes in any instance ahead of the protection of property, and in the interests of the health of the community an inspector's visit is not sufficient reason for the brand of water that was served the patrons of the waterworks system last week. First things should be first. If good fortune favors Acton in escaping an epidemic of typhoid fever following the last pollution, fate should not be tempted again and a chance taken on such an epidemic merely for the benefit of any inspector. The occasion did not demand the risk and steps should be taken to see that this auxiliary supply is used only in an emergency, as originally intended.

For All the Community

With the fall season here indoor activities are commencing in earnest. THE FREE PRESS is anxious to have reports of these activities and meetings in Acton and throughout the district. In election of officers it is to the advantage of all organizations that they appoint a Press Secretary or have the Secretary of the organization realize that it is their duty to see that reports of meetings are forwarded to the local paper, THE FREE PRESS. It is impossible for us to have a representative at all these functions, but we are anxious that all the activities find a place in our columns. Please send in the reports as early in the week as possible. All the type for THE FREE PRESS cannot be set in one or two days. It is a work that is spread over the entire week. Send in your report right after the event happens. In this way it is sure of being in the issue you expect. May we have the assistance of all in making our news columns representative of all the community.

A Change

By the signing last week of an agreement with the Department of Highways the centre section of the Highway through town becomes the sole responsibility of the Provincial Department in maintenance and other costs, such as clearing snow, etc. These sections were in the first instance paid for by the Province when construction was made, but the municipality has had the maintenance since. The arrangement should work out to the benefit of all. The Department has the necessary equipment and staff ready to do this work and can no doubt buy materials in sufficiently large quantities to secure a more favorable price. Last year Mill Street was resurfaced. For some reason the job has never been satisfactory, and after every rain puddles remain here and there on the pavement to be splashed on pedestrians by every passing car until they have been splashed out. A section of the pavement on Main Street was not properly laid and has always been giving trouble. This should come in with the first list of repairs. The Department has asked for a complete list of repairs that are deemed necessary. The Council should see that these are promptly furnished.

Who Wants To?

During the week-end there was an exhibition nearby showing what the modern car is built to withstand. It was run through a flaming wall and not burned. It was shown how hard it was to upset this type of car and then it was deliberately rolled over three or four times and still shown to be little damaged. Along with thousands of others we witnessed these strenuous tests. Perhaps others had the same thought as we did after seeing the demonstration. After all wasn't the machine originally built to run on its wheels?

We recall a few years ago of a motorist who had the faculty of putting his car upside down in the ditch on more occasions than seemed necessary. He had taken one of his friends out for a drive in his latest car and on returning home, said, "Well, M—, what do you think of it?" To which his friend replied: "There is only one thing wrong with it. It hasn't wheels on the top." If cars are built to take all this punishment, there are those who will be bound to try them out. Modern cars are built and designed with increasing safety features. If one can stay in them during the rough ride through the ditch and roll with them inside, they seem to afford a maximum of protection. But after all, who wants to ride the ditch when the highways are so much better? And who wants to be a "Hell Driver" when one can drive in greater comfort on this earth?

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Fall Fairs are being served a variety in the kinds of weather this year, as usual. But weather apparently does not always govern the crowds.

A merchant on Mill Street was inquiring when the blocks above John Street were going to receive a little attention and some sweeping. We couldn't answer his question. Wonder who can?

Canada is to have a new Radio Board. The average radio listener may well inquire if, like the last change, that will mean another doubling up of the radio license fee.

The northern roads are to be paved next year and a lot of the southern roads got it this year. But when oh when, does the strip between Acton and Milton come in for a little consideration.

Where ignorance is bliss, etc. We enjoyed the music of the Kneller Hall Band from the new band shell, lights and all. Perhaps Major Adkins thought he was playing to the angels, but we thought he was playing to the audience, of which we formed a part on the closing night.

The Fergus News-Record tells of a chap at the C.N.E. who was gyped by one of the crane slot machines. His first nickel brought him one-half of a pair of dice. If the News-Record will furnish the name of that chap we can arrange to see that he gets the other half of his pair of dice and perhaps he'll feel better over the loss of his nickel. But maybe the pair aren't worth a nickel.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th

REVIEW: THE SPREAD OF CHRISTIANITY IN WESTERN ASIA

(Studies in the Acts and Epistles of Paul) The lessons for this quarter (and that following) have to do with the spread of Christianity in the first generation after Christ, and with the growth in the understanding of the apostles of its universal application to all peoples.

Golden Text.— They rehearsed all things that God had done with them, and that he had opened a door of faith unto the Gentiles.

Lesson I.—The Gift of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit, an abiding and enabling power for service, is given to the Church and the individual believers.

Lesson II.—Witnessing Under Difficulty. "It shall be given you . . . what ye shall speak." Boldness, calmness and wisdom in time of stress and trial are given by the Spirit.

Lesson III.—Social Service in the Early Church. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." Stresses the principle of cheerful, united, self-sacrificing Christian service.

Lesson IV.—Christianity Spread by Persecution. Death of Stephen, the first Christian martyr. "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church."

Lesson V.—Philip's Missionary Labors. Conversion of the Ethiopian ruler. The Holy Spirit strengthens Philip in the stress of persecution for the work which wins him the distinction of being known as "The Evangelist."

Lesson VI.—Saul Converted and Commissioned. The bitterest enemy of Christ is transformed into His most zealous apostle. "A vision of the risen Christ changes life."

Lesson VII.—Saul and Barnabas. Improvement in signs to designate towns, cities, public buildings and main traffic routes through large centres.—St. Mary's Journal—Angus.

Lesson VIII.—The Gospel for All Men. A momentous episode in the history of Christianity—Cornelius, the Roman centurion, received into Christian brotherhood on confession of faith. The limited scope of the Gospel message is seen by Peter as giving place to its universal application to all peoples and tongues.

Lesson IX.—Beginning of World Missions. Seed must be scattered before it can take root. The Kingdom of Christ was prospered by the very persecution through which its enemies thought to destroy it.

Lesson X.—Turning to the Gentiles. Rejected by the Jews, Paul turns with the Gospel message to the Gentile world. Christ's cause "must not suffer loss."

Lesson XI.—The Council in Jerusalem. The work of Paul and Barnabas among the Gentiles is endorsed by the leaders of the mother Church in Jerusalem.

Lesson XII.—Christian Living. "Every tree is known by its own fruits." Holy-healed discipleship is of no avail. Jesus demands the whole of our life—our mind and body—for His service.

FALL SELECTION OF BREEDING GEESSE

In the management of the breeding stock of geese in Canada, the breeding birds should be selected in the fall before the fattening period commences. Only strong, well-developed females should be used as breeders. Geese are peculiar birds to mate, and should therefore receive considerable attention. Young males should be confined with the females that are to be bred-with them. This should take place not later than the new year and all other geese should be removed from the pen. It is almost impossible to get a strange male to mate successfully with a female from another flock unless they have been closely confined for some time. One male may be mated with from two to four females, depending on the breed and the individuality of the male bird. Geese are seldom good breeders until they are two years old.

Geese require very little housing, a rough shed or outbuilding being quite sufficient. They should be provided with a dry bed and be protected from draughts and deep snow. Breeding geese should be fed sparingly during the winter months, and a large part of the ration should be in the form of green feed. A good winter ration for geese intended for breeders is equal parts oats, barley, and wheat, and about 25 per cent. green feed. Clover or alfalfa hay when well-cured is excellent, and cabbage and mangels can also be used to supply the green feed ration. The geese should be fed twice daily during the cold weather. The above information is taken from the bulletin on Goose Raising by A. G. Taylor, Poultry Husbandman, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. The bulletin may be obtained free on application from the Publicity and Extension Branch, Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

A SMILING FACE

A smile! Nothing on earth can amble, but the face of man. Gems may flash reflected light, but what is a diamond flash compared with an eye-flash and a mind-flash? Mowers cannot smile. This is a charm which even they cannot claim. Birds cannot smile; nor can any living things. It is the prerogative of man. It is the "color" which love wears, and cheerfulness, and joy—these three. It is the light in the window of the face by which the heart shines to father, husband or friend, that it is at home and waiting. Laughter is day and solace by night, and a smile is the twilight that hovers gently between both, and is more bewitching than either.

WHERE MOST TOWNS ARE

Putting the human race on wheels during the past two decades has changed things mightily but in certain odd details we are still in the "horse and buggy" age. For instance in the matter of signs.

It is true that Highway Departments have evolved an elaborate system of road signs that is becoming more and more perfect. But what about the communications along the highways?

You enter a smart-looking town. What is its name? You have missed the small road sign, at the entrance to the burg, and you glance sharply at every place of business as you pass in the hope of discovering the town's name. At last you see a red sign, "Post Office," but frequently there is no name attached. In a minute or two you are out of the town again and have to guess at its name from its position on the road map. Touring motorists pass buildings that look like hospitals, public buildings, or colleges. Their curiosity is aroused but they cannot satisfy it unless they stop to enquire which they are not likely to do. We hope that some day we will discover the name of that big attractive nursery farm on No. 7 Highway, half-way between Kitchener and Guelph. If it is a commercial concern it should profit by the publicity that an identifying sign would give it.

Big cities also obligingly cater to the folk that live around the corner and forget that half the people passing are strangers. The through traffic signs are pretty good but we have driven through many cities where it is almost impossible for a stranger to follow his highway all the way through without losing it. Even in New York City there are traffic arrangements that must be a puzzle to transient motorists. Cities pride themselves on catering to travellers. But after all municipal authorities are bound to think first and most about the home population upon whom they depend for re-election.

In the next few years we look for a widespread improvement in signs to designate towns, cities, public buildings and main traffic routes through large centres.—St. Mary's Journal—Angus.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR CANADIAN HAY IN BRITAIN

The market for Canadian hay in Great Britain looks very favorable at the present time. Latest reports indicate that not more than 40 per cent. of the available hay crop in England can be considered good due to the continuous wet and inclement weather during the spring and summer, according to the Agricultural Department of the Canadian National Railways. Norway will be factor in the control of the market, the Norwegian hay crop this year being reported as excellent, although prices at present appear to be too high to effect any business.

WELL, BATHER!

Counsel: "Please remember that you are on oath. You understand the nature of an oath, do you not?" Girl Witness: "Profane, isn't it?"

ONE COMPLAINT

"Have you any complaints to make?" asked the Prison Governor. "Yes," replied the prisoner, "the prison walls are not built to scale."

Household Hints

By MRS. MARY MORTON

Menu Hint Tomato Juice Crackers With Malted Cheese Spiced Steak Sautéed Peaches Baked Potatoes Creamed Turnips Grapes Tea

Did you eat saute (fry) fresh peaches and serve them with meat? They are especially nice with roast leg of lamb or chops. Spiced Steak—Round or chuck, cut one inch thick; two tablespoons lard, one-half cup diluted vinegar, one small onion, one bay leaf, four or five whole cloves, one tablespoon sugar, salt and pepper brown steak on both sides in hot lard. Add the diluted vinegar, sliced onion and other seasonings. Cover and let cook in a moderate oven until done about one hour. To serve remove the steak to a hot platter, and pour the remaining liquid for a spicy sauce.

FACTS AND FANCIES

How to Pick 'Em. Iruiz, Wilson, home economist, tells us how to choose and cook tender steaks. The best indicator of tenderness, she says, is the amount of fat which it carries. It should have a generous covering of fat over the outside and a marbling of fat throughout the lean. The steak should be cut thick, at least one inch, and if it has been aged, so much the better. Frequently the hotel chef buys a whole joint of beef and allows it to hang in his refrigerated room for several days before he cuts it into steaks, and in some markets this same practice of aging is followed before the steaks are cut. The best way to broil a steak is to thoroughly preheat the broiling oven with the regulator set to "high," and then place the steak on a rack far enough from the flame or heating element that by the time it is nicely browned on one side it will be half done. When broiled on one side, it is seasoned with salt and pepper, turned, and allowed to brown and finish cooking on the second side. The steak should be served without a number of days when it is cooked. This, as much as any other factor, makes the steak served in a hotel so thoroughly enjoyed because it is so well cooked and puffy with fat.

Esqueing Fall Fair AT GEORGETOWN Friday and Saturday: OCTOBER 2nd and 3rd

SPECIAL PRIZES

Table with columns for HORSES and CATTLE. Lists various breeds and prizes with monetary values.

Table with columns for SHEEP and MISCELLANEOUS. Lists various breeds and prizes with monetary values.

Large table listing various prizes and monetary values for the Esqueing Fall Fair.