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EDITORIAL

Friday and Saturday are Meeting Dates

Friday and Saturday of this week are big days in this community. For the ninety-sixth time Halton Agricultural Society will stage the annual fair and friends from far and near will converge on Milton to meet other friends, to see the fine stock and produce that has been produced and improved on the farms of Halton and makes the fair an agricultural show-window.

To have withstood the years with growing success, Halton Fair at Milton has had to keep abreast of the times and meet with public favor. It has over the years proved its worth. It's programs and exhibits have found favor with the public and the support accorded this institution has maintained it as a premier show among the rural fairs.

This week it swings open its gates for the ninety-sixth time. In 1853 Thos. Douglas was the President who guided the fair's destiny. On Friday and Saturday, genial J. A. (Jack) Elliott will welcome exhibitors, visitors and friends. Much effort has gone into the 1948 presentation. We know you'll see the fair and enjoy the annual event. Friday and Saturday are dates to meet your friends in Milton at the Fair.

It Could Happen To You

Sunday afternoon we travelled that rather busy highway to Niagara Falls and just before reaching Burlington Beach we noted a car ahead swerve from side to side of the road first on the gravel and then into the other line of traffic. The traffic line was halted as the swing bridge over the canal was raised and the car came to a crazy halt as it struck the bumper of the car in front. When the bridge was lowered the line proceeded and the erratic driver deliberately cut into the east bound line, scraped the fender of one car and locked bumpers with the next car. The cars were untangled and the comment of one driver as he passed our car was "Drunk as a hoot-owl."

The line proceeded with the weaving driver and finally it pulled out of line and onto the beach. It was a woman driver and after another look at the double line of cars she barged in again and headed back for Toronto. We don't know the conclusion of the wild ride, but perhaps the police have the last chapter and perhaps she made it wherever she was going. There are miracles today just as in other days.

But we couldn't help recalling an exhibit at the C.N.E. of a car all smashed up and shown under the Department of the Attorney-General Hon. Leslie Blackwell. We recall vividly the signs on the exhibit telling all who the Attorney-General was and the one on the wrecked car "This Could Happen To You."

Yes, Mr. Blackwell, "This" could have happened to any one of hundreds of cars on a busy highway on Sunday afternoon last, through no fault of their own. This question that bothers us Mr. Blackwell, what are you doing to stop the drunken driving? Just collecting exhibits or enforcing the laws of Ontario? This could happen to you!

Ironically too, the car mentioned above carried a Kiwanis Safety Sticker on the rear windshield—more signs.

Spelling and Writing Classes

With the opening of schools for the fall term, only a little over a week past, this question comes to one's mind: Are there too many frills in our modern system of education and not sufficient attention paid to basic subjects? In referring to the question the Owen Sound Sun-Times in a recent editorial, asserted that "in spite of the increase in expenditures for education our schools are not turning out first class pupils in many respects. It does not seem logical that a girl or boy who has completed high school or collegiate cannot spell or write. But this is frequently the case, strange as it may be."

This is only too true! Writing is a means of communication but when no one but the writer can read the writing, it is not good for anything. Too often young girls and boys graduate from Collegiate and their writing can be read by no one but themselves. In some cases it is an illegible scrawl and again it may be as uneven and shaky as the writing of a cenetarian.

There seems to be a lack somewhere in the school system. In the commercial classes special attention is given to spelling and penmanship classes are stressed. In the matriculation classes the course of study requires penmanship in only grade nine and the spelling classes are discontinued in grade eight of public school. Since writing and spelling are far more important in our daily life than Latin or Greek perhaps the average student could use three or four hours a week to more advantage with penmanship and spelling classes than with other subjects which are now part of the curriculum, and which are forgotten two months after the student finishes school.

The average employer—we could say all employers—does not want an employee who cannot spell correctly and whose writing cannot be read without difficulty. It is logical that an employer who has hired a young person with Collegiate education has the right to expect that person at least to write legibly and spell correctly. It is our opinion that there is just as much need to continue spelling and penmanship classes in the matriculation courses as in other courses.

Regardless of what the goal in life may be, or what the course of study, everyone should be able to write—not necessarily in a Spencerian hand, but plainly—and to spell correctly.—Barrie Examiner.

A Helping Hand

The Georgetown Herald comments last week on the High School District in Halton: Apparently his fellow members of the North Halton High School Area Board are keeping the Acton-Milton editor in the dark... We would suggest that the Board issue a statement about Speyside and fill in the grave." Rather late with your idea brother. Why didn't you get a Board ruling before making a badly founded inference that all plans for a central school have been abandoned for all time?

The High School Board is known as the North Halton High School District Board. The term "Area" applies to Public School Boards in the townships. Sorry to have to make the suggestions and corrections but we're still trying to be helpful.

Sensible Move

Permanent license plates for motor vehicles are being planned by the Manitoba Government. Like those in use in Great Britain and certain states of the U.S., these will have insert tags to designate the years.

Thy this sensible move should be adopted so slowly in Canada is hard to understand. If there is any valid reason for the present cumbersome and costly system then it must rank among the world's best kept secrets.

Hardly does the motorist get familiar with his license before he is required to get another one with a different number and color. Not only that, but he must go through considerable trouble of prying the old plate off and fastening the new one on. If manufacturers are able to turn out a motor car that will last at least ten years, surely the provincial government should be able to give us a plate equally durable.

As for the accounting angle, what of it? One doesn't have to hang a new sign on his house each year telling the world his taxes have been paid. If they are not the authorities have discovered adequate ways of dealing with the situation.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The fall fair season and the baseball seem to clash a little these days and if the Canadian National Exhibition is extended an extra week next year something is going to be squeezed in the fall calendar.

There are those who wish the Ontario-Quebec relationships were good enough for the neighboring province to let Ontario have more of the electric power which seems so plentiful in Quebec and so scarce here.

According to the calendar summer was supposed to end on Tuesday but none will object if it lingers a little longer and Indian Summer is also lengthy. One likes to prolong the season without burning fuel as long as possible.

It would be the irony of fate says the Chesley Enterprise if George Drew becomes leader of the Dominion Conservatives and premier of Canada and then finds that he gets as little cooperation from other provinces as he extended the Federal Government when he was Ontario premier.

Milton Recollections

Twenty Years Ago

Taken from the edition of the Canadian Champion, Sept. 20, 1928.

On Tuesday morning the farm residence jointly owned by Daniel and George Whitmore, near Palermo was destroyed by fire. Loss \$5,500.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Northwood returned on Thursday of last week from an enjoyable trip to the British Isles. Their daughter Miss E. Northwood remained in England where she will teach school for one year.

Two Milton rinks won prizes at the second annual fruit tournament of the Grimsby Lawn Bowling Club on Saturday last. G. A. Hemstreet (skip) won third, 3 wins plus 18, and Fred Robinson (skip) won fourth, 3 wins plus 14.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Timbers attended the Western Fair at London last week.

A number of Miltonians attended Acton's Fair yesterday.

The Harvest Thanksgiving services in Grace Church on Sunday last were amongst the finest in the history of the church. At the morning service large numbers attended and partook of the Sacrament of Holy Communion while at the evening service a packed church assembled to hear his Lordship Dr. Sweeney, the Bishop of Toronto.

Fifty Years Ago

Taken from the edition of the Canadian Champion, Sept. 22, 1898.

Chas. Brown, of Drumquin, was a successful exhibitor as usual at the Industrial Fair at Toronto. He was awarded several prizes and a medal on his exhibits of honey and sold it by the ton.

R. S. Porter returned from Rosseau, Muskoka on Friday evening. He says that deer and partridges particularly the latter are reported to be very plentiful.

Mrs. Robert Manson of Georgetown has made arrangements to open a laundry in Milton. She is experienced in her business and guarantees satisfaction.

Bastedo and Co. are advertising men's blue overalls with bib 65c, mens' flannel shirts 35c and up, black sateen shirts 75c and cotton blankets, grey and white per pair 75c and \$1.00.

W. A. Wright arrived home last week after a five weeks illness from typhoid fever in Woodstock Hospital. He had been in the employ of C.P.R. there as an operator.

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