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**EDITORIAL**

**"Over Ninety"**

With the issue of last week's Canadian Champion, Milton's newspaper completed ninety years of service to this town and district. With this issue the County town's newspaper starts on the last decade of the century span. It is Halton County's newspaper and if in the weekly field papers are like people in small places we suppose the Champion is eligible for the "Over Ninety Birthday Club."

During this period several editors have guided the newspaper in Milton. In our recollection of course are the late Wm. Pantton and Messrs. John Blight and Leonard White whom we succeeded about seven years ago.

Anniversaries are places for both backward and forward looks. Everything and everyone has an anniversary once a year and like New Year's it is perhaps well to look back over the period, count the blessings and make resolutions whether or not they are put into effect in their entirety.

So, we in our newspaper year take time out to express appreciation to the many who assist in making the news and putting out each week, the record of Milton and district. At the risk of omission we hesitate to name any one group but those local correspondents who send items each week should, we think, have recognition of the community service they perform. To them and to all helpers go our thanks.

Of the future one hesitates to predict. Just as in the past there have been changes. So will the future see changes and improvements. Coming within a month for instance will be a change in heading faces and make-up with more modern type. As this is written the mechanical arrangements for this change are being made on the type setting machines. Other improvements will follow in due course.

It will be our constant aim to continue to improve and modernize The Champion and to render a newspaper and printing service for Milton and district second to none. With the continued co-operation of all, much can be accomplished for town and district and we will endeavor to play faithfully our part in service to Milton and district and worthily represent the community.

**Remember When?**

"Old Cars Crazy with Gas, Fenders Bent All Over Britain" was the heading that introduced a rather amusing article recounting the effect the abolishment of gas rationing had on Britain.

Cars that hadn't been on the road for a number of years, due to the petrol shortage couldn't stand the rugged roads untended for a few years. The cars were not the only thing that were a little rusty. Bent fenders resulted from the drivers taking up the tour bug after a few years absence from behind the wheel.

Beyond the humorous side of the article though we found an imposition of the war finally being relaxed five years after the victory. After the struggle Britons were hampered in their luxury until now when the gasoline rationing has finally been relaxed.

When one thinks back to the restricted driving of Canadians the problem was more real since we were more closely associated with it, and it is not hard to understand the restriction causing British drivers to abandon their cars during the petrol shortage.

The gasoline restrictions in this country were abandoned several years ago with sighs of relief and we can certainly understand the thankfulness with which the Britons took their first unrationed trip last Sunday. Although the breakdowns and the bent fenders would relax some of the joys of the trip, Britons would still be quite happy to be on the road again in the beautiful British Springtime.

**A Day Twice Blessed**

Awe-inspiring and well-nigh unbelievable are the victories that faith can win. Afflicted men and women learn and co-operate with the inevitable, and we who are well feel like walking on

tiptoe in their presence. They do not achieve a successful adjustment easily, however, and sometimes it is the realization that they are not forgotten, and that they still have a large place—perhaps a larger place than ever—in the affection of their friends, that tips the scales in their favour. When, therefore, we remember, and call, we are contributing to the most gallant victories that are being won anywhere.

Shut-in's Day this Sunday summons us to this Christlike ministry on one particular day, and that in itself is good; it should also remind us that there might well be many "Shut-in's Days" in the course of a year.

But let us be under no misapprehension. While shut-ins are greatly helped by our solicitude, they also have much to give. Few would choose a sickroom or a wheel chair as a place from which to enrich the lives of others. Yet so many confined accomplish exactly that. Visitors see before their eyes what courage and faith can do; in the presence of afflictions bravely borne, they feel themselves silently rebuked for their own grumbling over trifles; they find themselves strangely exalted before the greatness of the human spirit.

Shut-in's Day, then, is twice blessed. "It blesseth him that gives and him that takes." Go to your sick friend out of a sense of obligation—you will come away feeling that you have received more than you have bestowed, and that your "duty" has become a privilege.

**A Pressing Need**

The carelessly dropped match can spread ruin through hundreds of thousands of acres of timber and leave only blackened ruins.

But forest fires are not the only threat to Canada's timber lands. The main threat is man's need for lumber and his belief that the timber resources are illimitable as he cuts it with only the present in mind. Although we think of forest fires and timber swaths only in terms of the northern country they are a very real problem in the land that every farmer and every taxpayer owns right here.

Recklessly cut bush and thoughtless plowing methods can yet spell ruin for Canada, the land of great resources. Without some bush or grass crop on rolling hills, the spring rains wash the top soil into the rivers and the land loses its productivity. Crops are meagre and the land becomes considered waste ground after a period of careless years.

The problem of conservation is indeed a very real problem not only for our farmers but for our townspeople whose water supply may be seriously affected by the lowering of the water table. One cause of this situation is the removal of too much forest cover from the land. Evidence of a lowered water table is supplied by creeks that dry up in the summer and springs which cease to flow after many years of good service. As cities and towns begin searching for increased water supplies they are realizing more and more the seriousness of the Conservation problem and its direct effect on them.

County Reforestation is making progress and this is good. Before it is too late, however, townspeople and farmers must give serious consideration to the protection, through reforestation and conservation, of the natural resources that Canada has become noted for.

**More Money**

The question of how the cost of a new old-age pension system is to be met has been handed back to the government by the Senate-Commons committee on old-age pension security.

There are indications that it may be able to bring in a unanimous report recommending a \$40 a month pension at 70 without a means test. Another plan that might receive approval is payment of pensions with a means test after the age of 65. This would also be at a maximum of \$40 a month but the committee may suggest that it be administered by the provinces which would pay 50% of the cost. At present the federal contribution is much higher.

Variation in administration of the means test laid down by federal regulations have resulted in different levels in different provinces.

On the question of how Canada is to pay for the universal pension the committee may do little more than narrow down the field of possibilities by submitting two or three schemes and leaving it up to the government to choose.

It seems likely that in presenting one or more payment plans the committee will eliminate any system based on the insurance principle and favour a pay as you go plan. This system does not necessarily mean that in any one year revenue collected must meet payments. On the insurance principle the pensions are funded so that the worker is in effect paying into a collective annuity for his own old age.

The taxation plans recommended will in all probability be contributory to the extent that as many as possible will be required to pay.

Assuming that the \$40 a month pension at 70, plus contribution to a means test pension between 65 and 70 is recommended, the committee will be looking around for a way of collecting \$250,000,000 above the present pension payments.

**Milton Recollections**

**Fifty Years Ago**

From the Issue of the Canadian Champion of Thurs., May 31, 1900

The news of the success of the British troops in South Africa and the practical end of the war did not arrive in Milton to arrange, like Toronto, for a full public holiday, but as we go to press, a petition is being circulated asking Mayor Deacon to give the balance of the day to rejoicing and to proclaim a half holiday. The town is gay with bunting, the town bell has been ringing and the tooting of steam whistles has been almost continuous since the receipt of the news.

A special meeting of the village council was held in the Council Chamber last night to consider the electric light by-law and we are pleased to announce that the by-law received its second and third reading and was passed. The company will commence to erect poles and string wires as soon as possible, but the lights will not be ready for some time, as the company are not able to get transmitters made. However it is a settled fact that we will have lights in the near future.—Burlington Gazette.

Mrs. Nickolas Forbes Sr. and her son Robt. J. Forbes went to Hornby last Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Forbes' mother, Sofia Huffman, widow of the late Geo. McMurray of Hornby. The Old Lady was in her 100th year having been born on the 9th of July 1800. Up to her last hours she was possessed of all her faculties, knew all the friends at her bedside and bade them farewell.

A. Patterson, of Milton, drove to Georgetown on the 24th and shortly after he got there his horse dropped dead. J. H. Fimmamore, of Lowville, had the same misfortune with his horse at Georgetown.

**DIED**

**RASPBERRY**—On May 24 in the hospital at Bloemfontein, South Africa, of enteric fever, John Raspberry, C. Company R.C.R. formerly a member of the 77 Reg. and youngest son of Wm. Raspberry of West Flamboro, in his 23rd year. A memorial service will be held at Church of St. Andrew's in the Vale, West Flamboro, on Sunday at 3 p.m.

**Twenty Years Ago**

Taken from the Issue of the Canadian Champion of May 29, 1930

Twenty four applications were acted upon last Thursday by the old age pension board, which met in Milton. Twenty three were passed and one refused. Among those passed was one from Burlington.

Miss Isabel Anderson, of the teaching staff of Grand Valley Continuation School, formerly of Milton, passed with first class honors in her recent examinations in History at Queen's University, Kingston.

The Official opening of the Halton County Baseball League games in Milton took place on Victoria Day before a large crowd of fans, when Milton defeated Bronte, 12-3. The game was officially opened with Major Pantton, Honorary Pres. of the Milton Club as twirler and Reeve Blain catcher. Mayor Syer, who was at bat, made a solid hit through the box on the second ball.

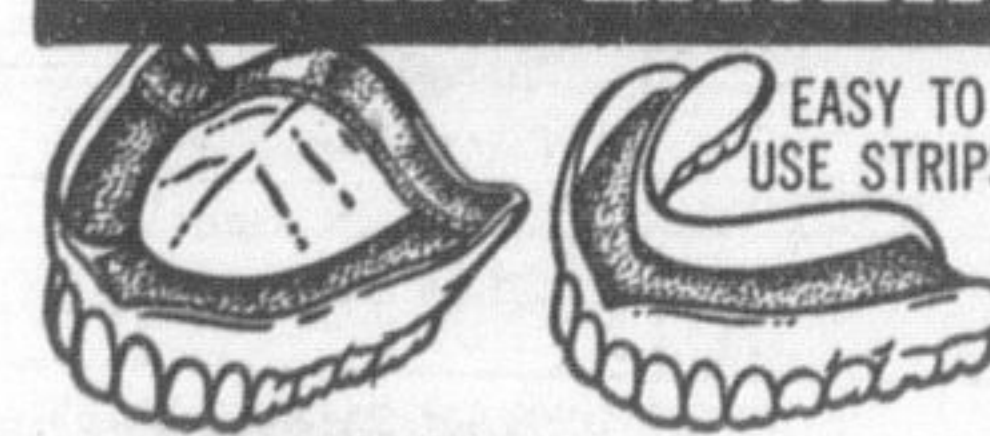
Knox Church—Communion Service will be held Sunday morning. Preparatory service will be held in the church on Friday evening and the Communion table, donated by Y.P.S. will be presented to the congregation at this service.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Merrett leave tonight on a trip to England. Dr. and Mrs. J. Leslie King, of Galt, formerly of Milton are leaving this week for a trip to England.

The Crowley Engineering Co of Dundas will open a branch in Milton. Stanley May will be manager.

The graduation exercises of the class of 1930, St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton, were held on Thursday May 22. Among those who were successful in attaining their diplomas were Vera L. Wilson of Milton and Mabel L. Macintosh of Hamilton, formerly of Milton.

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