

# EDITORIAL

## Better Understanding

The news that the strike in the Ford plants had ended was indeed welcome here and throughout the province. While none of the plants of this company are located here, times have altered in terms of travel and we find employees residing miles from their place of actual employment. Then again, an industry as large as Ford has parts and materials made in many places throughout the province and the work stoppage in the company's plant immediately affects supplies in many places.

It is estimated that \$11,000,000 was lost in wages by employees of the company. To this might well be added many more millions that were lost by workers in industries that supplied material for this one auto plant. No estimate of the total loss will ever be compiled. Hence, the general relief in a settlement.

We do not propose to discuss the terms of settlement. It is sufficient when leaders of both groups find them satisfactory. Whether the average employee understands them or not is not important apparently, since it was a mere matter of formality in getting acceptance of them by huge majorities when they were presented to the various groups. It's perhaps a bit significant that workers fall in so readily with the proposals of their leaders and by such overwhelming majorities in every case.

We do hope that it means better relationships by all concerned. If better understanding has been achieved the loss of production will not have been in vain. Those who have been deprived of earnings for such a lengthy strike certainly deserve a long period of peace in their industry. Progress was shown in relationships by the fact that during all the long days of the strike no violence was reported and no damage was done to property.

## Birthdays Congratulations

Those who listened on Sunday evening to the CBL broadcast marking the 15th anniversary of Neighborly News got a peep behind the scenes of why this feature has continued to grow in popularity. Greg Clark, who has such a good command of putting one's feelings into words summed it up well. We who live in those important places that lie outside the cities understand the importance of the little things that go to make up life. The package deal that CBL prepares for each Sunday morning, while necessarily brief, brings better understanding to rural and city dwellers. Here in Ontario CBL has been fortunate in securing such men as the late Andy Clark and Don Fairbairn as commentators to interpret and sift the items from the weeklies.

We know from experience something of the work that goes into that 15 minutes every Sunday morning. We dared to be critical of the broadcast on an occasion and promptly got a challenge to take a turn at the job. It was appreciated solely from the fact that it was different from writing editorials for a week. We were glad there were two of us to do the job because 15 minutes is a long time to talk even from a prepared text to an unseen audience.

We were particularly glad to hear our friends George James in Bowmanville and Bill Sawdon in Sackville, N.B., and that deep steady voice of Reid Forsee who can be so inspiring and calming in directing a broadcast. The 15th anniversary of Neighborly News was a fine testimonial to one of the most popular radio programs and to the commentators who from coast to coast bring in the human interest things of life from week to week. We join in extending congratulations to CBL on the anniversary and all who took part in the broadcast, and extend our best wishes for many more years of friendly co-operation.

It is a woman's world. When a man is born, people ask, "How is the mother?" When he marries, they exclaim, "What a lovely bride!" And when he dies, they inquire, "How much did he leave her?"

## Road Subsidies Change

Budget time for municipal councils is near at hand and the annual effort to keep down the tax rate will not be made easier this year by the reduction in road grants of the provincial government. The system of provincial grants by the province is one that fluctuates so much from year to year that local municipal bodies must find it difficult to cope with it in making estimates. While the subsidy to municipalities goes down, the gas tax and license remain unchanged.

We have watched many a session of municipal councils in striking the rate. The council is the place where all expenditures are dumped in and where most of the criticism of ratepayers is heaped for municipal taxes. Actually the council is least to blame for taxes. School boards require funds. The amount is estimated and council gets the request for these funds. Other town improvements are required for expansion. A debenture expenditure is passed and must be provided from the municipal levy.

A provincial government changes its policy on road grants or subsidies and the burden falls in the lap of council. This year's change of road subsidy is going to be a real hindrance in making a more favorable tax rate here. So when the tax rate is announced for the year, don't blame council entirely but give the figure some study and place blame where it rightly belongs. It may be that the municipalities are having to pay for the contract frauds on Ontario highways. But then you might well ask who got the big fines that were said to be imposed.

## Quilting is Ousted

We heartily approve of the craft and handiwork classes that have been carried on this year in the high schools of Acton, Milton and Georgetown. Our approval comes from the fact that it has moved most of the fuss and mess from the home to school.

There was a time not many years ago when quilting and hooking rugs was a popular home occupation for the housewife. The frames were big and awkward and they required one whole room which was usually the most convenient and most used room in the house. There were the quilting bees that provided fine social gatherings for friends and neighbors. When the job was finished the tedious hours of work made good exhibits at the fair or helped fill up more space or made fine gifts for someone. With present day heating the beds that used to require two or three quilts are unnecessary for a good night's rest.

Still necessary, however, is the need for social gatherings of housewives and the fulfillment of the desire to accomplish something in spare time. The night classes in new crafts have met that need. We bless them since they have put in storage the quilting frames and the dodging and bending necessary when that winter occupation of quilting was in vogue.

## Odds and Ends

"It's not what you eat that causes ulcers," says Henry Paetzel, "It's what's eating you."

Modern Canadians have a marked advantage over the Romans, says Bruce Hutchinson in the Victoria Times. They (the Romans) had at least to walk to the Coliseum to see the circus. We can see it by turning a knob in our own living rooms. A man can be a skilled athlete nowadays without rising from his armchair, and millions of Canadians already are.

Speaking of haggis, Robbie Burns' birthday and other things Scottish reminds us of a story.

"Why do you rarely see bagpipes in pawn shops?" asks a paragrapher.

"Most likely," replied his Irish counterpart, "when a bagpipe is found to be of no further use as a musical instrument the thrifty owner fills it with onions and oatmeal, boils it and calls it haggis."



BIRCH IN THE SNOW, impaled in a sun-flooded knoll off No. 25 Highway between Acton and Milton, throw long shadows across the white ground covering beneath them. As February snaps in cold and wintery, some of the season's brightest scenery can be found in the fields and bushes of this district.

## NORTH EAST WEST SOUTH

**Curbing the Curbsiders**  
In Oakville there's a move afoot to curb curbsiders—taxi cabs which haul into parking space designed for Main Street shoppers and take up time and area at the expense of everybody else. Apparently the cab drivers slip a penny or two into the meters when the law approaches but continue to use the curbside as their "place of business". A new traffic by-law has been called for in council.

**Colored Lights in Acton**  
In Acton members of the local Chamber of Commerce appeared at a recent PUC meeting to request control of the colored lights strung above main street so that Christmas time to give what is considered a needed festive air to the town's downtown section. A few hitches developed which are expected to be straightened out.

**Outlook for Bronte**  
In Bronte some 30 citizens turned out recently for a session with the village council. As spokesman, Reeve Tom Millward said he foresaw a busy, prosperous village with many improvements in the offing. Turning to the year's projects, he suggested a new village hall, a sewage system, a monument to the memory of Bronte's war dead and an industrial committee.

**Party in Georgetown**  
In Georgetown Rex Heslop, the man masterminding the big bulge in the town's area, population and worth in the form of a planned industrial-residential subdivision threw a party last week for local luminaries and had as guest speaker the Reeve of Etobicoke who extolled the achievements of Rex Heslop in producing the first large subdivision of this type in his municipality under a master plan.

**Burlington Battle Continues**  
In Burlington the Citizens vs. Recreation Committee saw off over recent dismissal of the recreational director has moved its locale to Toronto where the Municipal Board has been called upon by the citizens who seem to expect that department would hand down some kind of decision in a touchy case such as is being tossed about from one charge to another countercharge.

**To Regulate Growth**  
In Georgetown Mayor J. Armstrong recently proposed a master plan for the growing town, invited planning expert Dr. H. G. Faludi to estimate cost and outline procedure in preparation of zoning by-law. Faludi is also engaged with Rex Heslop to plan the big Delrex subdivision of new homes and industrial area on the eastern limits of town.

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## CHURCH NEWS

**KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
REV. E. ORSBORN, Minister  
Mrs. Barbara Reichheld, Organist

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6th, 1955  
10:00 a.m.—Senior School.  
11:00 a.m.—Junior School.  
11:00 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION.  
Will every member please make a real effort to be present.  
7:00 p.m.—Combined service in Knox church. Rev. J. L. Blair preaching.  
N.B. Preparatory Service and the regular meeting of Session on Friday, February 4th.  
Friday, February 4, 2:30 p.m.—Ladies' Aid, S.S. room.  
Tuesday, February 8, 2:45 p.m.—Women's Missionary Society, S.S. room.  
Wednesday, February 9, 8 p.m.—Evening Dept. of W.M.S. at the manse.

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH**  
Minister—REV. J. L. BLAIR, B.A.  
Organist, Mrs. Harold Magee, A.T.C.M.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6th, 1955  
10:00 a.m.—Senior School.  
11:00 a.m.—Youth Service, Junior School, Nursery Class.  
Monday, February 7—7 p.m., C.G. I.T.  
Tuesday, February 8—2:30 p.m., the Goodwill Group of the W.A. will meet at the home of Mrs. Clare, 56 Barton St. Please bring apron and doll patterns.  
Wednesday, February 9—3 p.m., Friendship Group W.A. at the home of Miss Mina Hume, 66 Martin St. Ladies east of Martin St. invited, 8:15 p.m., the Helen Blair Auxiliary of the W.M.S. will meet in the Sunday School room.  
Thursday, February 10—3 p.m., the Afternoon Auxiliary of the W.M.S. at the home of Mrs. Russell Clements. Membership fees are due. Expense fund donations gladly received.  
Friday, February 11—7 p.m., Tyro Boys; 8 p.m., Senior Choir.

**ST. JOHN'S, NASSAGAWEYA and ST. GEORGE'S, LOWVILLE (Anglican)**  
Rev. R. E. Porritt, Rector

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6th, 1955  
Septuagesima Sunday  
11:00 a.m.—Holy Communion and Church School at St. George's.  
2:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Church School at St. John's.  
"Come and Worship the Lord."

**EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Commercial Street (Formerly Bowes Baptist Church) (Meeting temporarily at Milton Town Hall)  
PASTOR, REV. R. F. SNYDER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6th, 1955  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.  
Monday, February 7 at 8:00—Young People's.  
Tuesday, February 8—7:30, Pioneer Girls; 8:30, Women's Missionary Society held at Mrs. W. Williams.  
Wednesday, February 9 at 8:15—Prayer and Bible study at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Moore.

**GRACE CHURCH ANGLICAN**  
Rev. Norman Green, B.A., L.Th. Rector

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6th, 1955  
Septuagesima Sunday  
9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion.  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11:00 a.m.—Children's Hour in the Parish Hall.  
11:00 a.m.—Holy Communion.  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer.  
"He is Lord of all." Acts 10: 36.

**CALVARY TABERNACLE**  
Pentecostal Holiness BRONTE ST.  
Pastor: Rev. A. C. T. Sara

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6th, 1955  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

### Twenty Years Ago

From the issue of the Champion of Thursday, January 31, 1935.  
There is considerable sickness in town and many are confined to their homes with the colds and gripe.  
Some of those who have fallen recently on slippery streets have fractured their wrists while others have merely fractured their New Year's resolutions.  
All motorists using their cars this winter and still skidding around with 1934 license plates would be well advised to take heed that the new fashion in plates is orange with black letters instead of white, with black and the 4 has been changed to 5.  
It seems a pity that the new Central Bank proposes to continue the issue of two dollar bills. This denomination in the currency has been most confusing and the majority of people try to evade acceptance of these notes if possible.  
The Milton Intermediates succeeded in defeating Bolton last Monday night in one of the fastest games played here this season, by a score of 5-3, spoiling Bolton's chances of entering the intermediate O.H.A. playoffs. Each team seemed to be eager for a fight, and nearly every player had a chance to cool his heels in the penalty box.  
Miniature rifle club has been organized at Norval and will be affiliated with the Dominion marksmen. A comfortable indoor range has been secured and club shoots are being arranged.  
An appeal is being made through the I.O.D.E. for reading material for the Western provinces. Will any person having books or magazines or any suitable reading matter please contribute.  
Increases of \$100 in salary were voted Trafalgar Township clerk, E. K. James and treasurer W. E. Ford in view of extra work resulting from relief administration. Each of the officials now receives \$1,000 a year.

**Natural Asset**  
Trees are a tremendous asset to a city... and yet it is not enough to plant trees and let them die or grow. The city trees must consistently be pruned and in other ways protected.  
—North Battleford (Sask.) News-Optimist.

**Fifty Years Ago**  
From the issue of the Champion of Thursday, February 9, 1905.  
The water in the reservoir is low and watermotors have had their supplies shut off for the present.  
The Milton Hockey Club has arranged for home exhibition games with the Galt Intermediate team one of the fastest in the O.H.A.  
The Inspector of the Fire Insurance Underwriters visited Milton last week and found that the cold snap had caused the freezing of three hydrants from which water would be required in case of fire. The hydrants were thawed out by building fires around them.  
The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Halton Agricultural Society last week: President, Frank Greenlees; First vice president, G. E. Gastle; second vice president, P. A. Dick; Directors, Abraham Stark, W. Cunningham, W. N. Scott, Edward McCann, James Wilson, W. Agnew, Frank Spence, G. Amos, Dr. Robertson, Arthur Heslop, Adam McKay, Albert Patterson, James Dent, J. F. Brownridge, W. Reid Jr., T. T. Harris, S. H. McGibbon, Stanley Dynes, H. P. Moore, and John Dewar. Auditors, W. I. Dick and C. E. Hollinrake. So far there has been no election of a secretary or a treasurer.  
Proper clothes for men for 1905. We are showing a good range of Scotch and Domestic Tweeds for suits, all the new colorings, checks, and stripes at prices that please. These are goods that good dressers want, proper styles, and a heap of comfort assured in every thread. W. Bew's Sons.  
At the request of Road Commissioner A. M. Campbell of the Department of Public Works, Warden McGibbon will call a convention of all Municipal councillors of the County of Halton and all others interested to a convention to be held in Milton on the 28th inst. to consider the question of road improvement. There is no question about the necessity for better roads in Halton, but their improvement has been deferred from time to time on account of the expense.  
Total membership of all labor unions in Canada is only one-fifth of the Dominion's labor force.

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