

EDITORIAL

Towns Keep Pace

The importance of the Acton, Milton, Georgetown area is evidently realized by those with services to supply these three expanding communities. Recently application was made to all of them for the rights to supply gas by two companies. Undoubtedly with the rising costs of electric power, especially where used in heating processes, the use of gas can fill many needs in these communities in industry as well as in home use.

The problem will of course be to bring gas heating into competitive pricing with other forms. It however seems inevitable that the field will be opened in this section and make this part an even more desirable location for industry and homes. Whether the gas we use will come from across Canada or be developed right in our own district in sufficient quantities to serve the needs has yet to be determined. Of only one thing are we sure—that in this day many discoveries of our natural resources are being unearthed which a few years back were deemed impossible.

There used to be talk of city conveniences making every day life more pleasant. These conveniences are no longer confined to the cities as towns have water services, sewers, garbage collection, paved roadways and with the addition of gas every convenience that is available for modern living. Truly, the last 30 years have seen towns make great strides and the end is not yet in sight.

Beware the Stranger

These spring days bring to the towns the usual crop of door-to-door solicitors for subscriptions to a great variety of publications. There's also the group who want to be reimbursed for a winter in the south by a quick return profit for slick schemes. It's a time to investigate before you invest and to deal with those whom you know to be reliable.

There are no bargains offered you in any deal that cannot be duplicated or bettered right in your own community. These fast deals are like grass fires in spring—too plentiful and much too costly. Every merchant, every businessman and every householder will need to be on the alert for the springtime invasion of the local field. You can get satisfaction and a guarantee that sticks when you deal with folks that you know. Give the stranger that goes from door to door the brush-off before he starts his sales talk.

A New Hospital?

Two public meetings have been held now to discuss the possibility and necessary plans for the construction of Milton General Hospital for which a provincial charter has been granted.

With the election last Thursday of a directorate more concrete plans can be arranged toward the eventual construction of a hospital.

Neighboring municipalities have been active in the early planning stages of the hospital since any plans will include those areas immediately surrounding the town. Members of Milton council have been noticeably absent from all the meetings to date.

A substantial directorate has been named that we feel sure will precede the sound planning that must of necessity precede a drive for the estimated \$600,000 required.

Those, who have in the past few years found it necessary to seek hospital accommodation, will realize full well the difficulties involved and the necessity of expanding facilities.

Before any work on actual construction can be done, the required money must be on hand or pledged. This is a governmental precaution to avoid repetitions of incidents such as the one in Orangeville where the building was almost completed, the drive for funds fell short and the doors of the addition weren't opened for some time.

Care in planning the building has been stressed to produce high efficiency in administration following erection of a building. Deficits in operations are common with hospitals as they seem to be with artificial ice arenas, but effective planning can reduce the administrative costs and provide deficit-free administration.

Out of Control

Down in Houston, Texas, when council refused to raise the municipal tax rate, the mayor laid off 70 street employees and public services are to be curtailed unless the money is forthcoming to meet the costs of services. In Chicago the city fathers are considering a sales tax to augment the municipal levy. We quote these instances merely to show that the problem of municipal levies knows no boundary limits. There are plenty more instances that could be given on both sides of the border.

One of the largest uncontrollable expenditures in municipalities in Ontario appears to be the levy for education. A report of a survey by the Canadian Teachers' Federation recently issued is most interesting.

According to the report estimates indicate that the proportion of provincial tax dollars allocated to education has shown virtually no change since 1946, but that the proportion of municipal expenditures on education has jumped to 35 per cent. from 29.

George C. Croskey, Secretary of the Teachers' Federation, said in commenting on the report: "It becomes increasingly clear that education costs on the municipal levy are reaching a point where greater assistance must be obtained from the senior administrations, the provincial and federal governments."

The Part-Time Job

"I feel that providing more part-time job opportunities for school children is something that should be studied very seriously by industry and commerce in co-operation with all three levels of government," Hon. James N. Allan, Ontario Minister of Highways, declared in lauding what daily and weekly newspapers are already doing in that regard.

"Our Ontario daily and weekly newspapers are setting a fine example," he said, "in helping to provide boys and girls, too, with character-building part-time jobs. They earn pocket money and, at the same time, take some of the financial pressure off their parents."

Hon. Mr. Allan pointed out that democracy in Ontario is based on Freedom of the Press which helps to bulwark such values as tolerance, concern for the unfortunate, and partnership in carrying out of the duties of citizenship.

He warned, however, that such blessings can be lost through taking them too much for granted, and he urged more appreciation of community newspapers and the splendid service they continually render as a matter of duty. The high standards of journalism in Ontario, he declared, are due to newspaper people operating under self-imposed codes of ethics which put the golden rule into daily practice.

Brief Comment

These are the days when the winter ravages are in evidence on every roadway and the road graders are much in demand on the sideroads.

There is evidence of some very dirty tricks when piles of trash put indiscriminately on the roads come into evidence since the snow has gone.

Spring this year brings a new rush to building activity not only in town but out on the highways and roads between towns.

Of course, you'll remember that for promptitude you will need to advance all clocks and time pieces an hour on this week-end.

There are at least two things which the end of April brings to the fore—the opening of the trout fishing season and the close of the period for remission of income tax forms.

In Ontario the provincial election preparations seem to be taking on acceleration—even if official announcement of the exact day is lacking.



CURIOUS CALVES get a kick out of the camera but not enough to joggle their calm as they gaze balefully toward the photographer who snapped the two youngsters as they were quietly minding their own business.

—Photo by Esther Taylor.



Village Father in Fracas

In Bronte a charge of assault brought by a local council member against the chairman of the Public Utilities Commission boomeranged in court when the magistrate ordered the councillor to pay \$20 court costs and found the P.U.C. man innocent. The charge arose out of a fracas in the P.U.C. office after the councillor was reportedly accused of giving false information to newspapers.

Polecat in the Post Office

In Oakville last week a skunk tried to enter the Post Office via a back window, fell into the window well and expressed resentment in odoriferous terms. Humane society workers failed to release the animal left a ladder for the polecat and left. Shortly after the skunk did likewise but his intangible calling card hung around for several days.

Smelt on the Run

In Bronte around this season of the year local and district fishermen are congregating on the piers to get in on the smelt run. In this sport most fishermen use a net strung from a pole and moveable on a pulley on the end of the pole. It takes long hours of the night to get a good catch of the wriggling delicacies which usually average about six inches in length.

Toy Rocket Explodes

In Burlington a 16-year-old boy who had ambitions to be a chemist was seriously injured when a homemade rocket exploded and a steel splinter shattered his vocal chords. Doctors feared the boy may never talk again after the larynx was operated on. It is also feared the esophagus may be damaged.

Girls Discover Cache

In Oakville two teenage sisters discovered a secreted arsenal on the lakeshore near the town and reported their find to local police. The cache behind rocks produced 350 rounds of nine millimeter cartridges and three boxes of 22 calibre ammunition. Last November ammunition fitting this description was reported stolen from the armories.

A Long, Long Job

In Georgetown last week members of town council spent an hour and a half reading applications for an advertised opening in town, then decided to leave the rest until the meeting this week. Only 60 letters were waded through the first night and there's 29 to go. The town had received 89 applications for the position of police chief.

Baby Beats Thieves

In Georgetown one night last week a baby started to cry about 4 a.m. The mother got up, switched on a light and below the apartment, in a local garage thieves bent on stealing a truck took to their heels and away. The intruders had broken a lock to enter, found the truck battery dead but took some odds and ends before the baby scared them off.

BETTER TASTE

Just as movie-makers have found that they need not play down to public taste and have discovered large audiences for good quality films . . . so we are sure a good market will be found for better reading material. The home is, of course, the best place to nurture this taste for better literature. —Rouyn-Noranda (Que.) Press.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Fifty Years Ago

From the issue of the Champion of Thursday, April 27, 1905.

F. L. White of the Ridgetown Dominion spent Good Friday and Easter Sunday in Milton at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. White.

J. W. Bengough, Canada's greatest cartoonist will give an entertainment at the town hall under the auspices of the Mechanics Institute.

The newly elected elders of Knox Church will be ordained at the morning service next sabbath.

The Brampton Conservator reports that Edward A. Core late of Milton, has bought out J. P. Allan's freight and delivery business.

A handsome Ionic Cross of terra cotta has been placed on All Saints Church at the brick works. The maker and donor was Wm. Lewis, who was assisted in placing it upon the church by several members of the congregation. The iron work was made by James Hamilton.

James Fleming has bought the lot and dwelling at the south corner of Elizabeth and Mill Sts. from Mrs. Allison; Joseph Timbers bought from Joseph Bowes a dwelling and lot on West Mary St.

The Milton Brass and Reed band has been engaged to play at the annual picnic of the House of Providence, Toronto on May 24th.

Telfer Bros. got third prize for their hackney stallion, Warwick Paragon, in a class of 17 and Dr. B. Gollop third for his mare, Woodlands Queen, in class mares or geldings not exceeding 15-2 bred in Canada that have not won a first prize at a horse show, to gig, cart or phaeton, at the Canadian Horse Show in Toronto.

The railway companies have been ordered by the railway commission to "restore the equilibrium between their freight rates on grain and its products by reducing the rates now charged on grain to the same basis as charged on milled products thereof."

Twenty Years Ago

From the issue of the Champion of Thursday, April 18, 1935.

Halton will enter the field crop competition with oats.

There are many smart newspaper girls and the smartest of all is still Dorothy Dix whose column appears daily in the Hamilton Herald.

On Monday night 20 members of Milton I.O.O.F. Lodge paid a fraternal visit to Guelph Reliance Lodge and conferred the third degrees on 2 candidates, one from each lodge.

The Champion has received several enquiries as to whether May 6th will be observed as a holiday. The Dominion Government has proclaimed the day a public holiday, just the same as Thanksgiving day, and the observation of the day as a holiday was requested by the King in honor of the 25th anniversary of his accession to the throne.

Mr. Nichol attended the scout meeting on Wednesday night gave a short address, and presented Sam Shortle, patrol leader of the Beaver Patrol with an honor patrol flag. The flag was for winning the greatest number of points in patrol competition over a period of one month.

The Halton County Music Festival held in Trinity United Church, Burlington on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week was a grand success, every one of the 43 events being well worth hearing. Inspector J. M. Denyes of Milton was Chairman and the adjudicators were Messrs. G. D. Atkinson of Toronto and P. G. Marshall of Simcoe.

When the Town clock strikes nine, this Saturday night, the Community Campaign will be over.

VETERAN MEMBER
Hampton, N.B. (CP) — Samuel William Sprague received a 70-year medal from the Masonic Lodge. Actually he was initiated 72 years ago, at age 23, by Corinthian Lodge No. 13.

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