

EDITORIAL

Lucky Or Unlucky.

Thursday may be a favorite day with Premier Frost for an election but from the standpoint of a weekly newspaper, it's more objectionable than a mid-week holiday. Of necessity, the editorial comment must be written early in the week. News items and advertising must be arranged on Wednesday at the latest.

Any advertising of election is therefore of little use to the candidates since it only appears on the date of the voting. Any editorial comment on the last minute phases of the campaign has no bearing. Finally news of the results is not available before Friday, the day after the paper is printed and consequently held over for a week.

We suppose it will have no bearing on any political leader what the troubles of a weekly newspaper editor involve. We wouldn't for the world place any more grief on any leader in any field. But Thursday elections are just a pain in the neck in any newspaper in the weekly field. We hope somebody will find a day that is more lucky.

Toot-Toot

The police chief of Long Branch has issued a warning to wedding celebrants that those who follow a car carrying a bride and groom tooting the horns on their cars will find themselves in jail charged under the village's anti-noise by-law.

We agree with the police chief of that community that these horn tooting processions are a nuisance and do not pay tribute in any way to the sanctity of marriage. Matrimony is a sacred ceremony blessed by God. It is a solemn contract between two people to join forces until death parts them. Matrimony is the most sacred thing in the lives of any couple. It doesn't rate as a cheap parade or side show with noise just for the sake of noise and to attract attention.

We do not know whether there is an anti-noise by-law here or not but there are many folks who would welcome such a by-law if it would stop this cheap demonstration that has become part of the wedding proceedings of today.

The Real Highway Menace

According to Prof. Joslyn Rogers, analytical chemist and consultant to the attorney general's department, alcohol is involved in approximately 85 per cent. of the traffic accidents in this province.

The same authority expresses the belief that it was to blame for between 200 and 400 of last year's 1,000 traffic highway fatalities.

Professor Rogers discusses the matter, not as a temperance advocate, but as an analytical chemist, when he explains the effect of alcohol on the motorist.

"Alcohol produces a sense of euphoria," says the professor. "That means you think you can dive deeper, swim farther and come out dryer than anyone else. Or you think you can pass a car going at 50 miles an hour. But you may meet someone coming from the opposite direction who is also suffering from euphoria."

A lack of discretion, an unjustified confidence in one's ability as a driver—these are alcohol's fatal gifts to the motorist who, to already heavy libations, adds "one for the road."

Pre-Vacation Dreaming

This is the time of year when most Canadians enjoy what may be the best part of summer holidays—the anticipation.

In an idle hour they can relax and dream about the pleasure soon to come or plan a vacation even more idyllic than the one they intend to take. This dreaming and planning can extend over several weeks and it doesn't cost a cent.

Even if a man's wife wants to go to the mountains and the man himself favors going to the seaside, he can dream anyway—about the seaside, of course.

The nicest thing about this pre-holiday anticipating is that in it everything works out perfectly. The fisherman fills his creels. The golfer shoots his hole-in-one. The motorist rolls merrily along with never a traffic jam or a flat tire. The bashful youth finds a sweetheart or the shy Miss lands a husband.

Not Too Early

As has been noted before, Milton will celebrate its centennial in 1957. It was interesting, therefore, to follow recent news items that indicated the southern neighbor, Oakville, would also be marking its 100 years in the same 1957 with plans already in progress to decide whether beards would be necessary and other items of the program.

An effort in Milton to stir up some interest in the coming date, by the Chamber of Commerce, got exactly nowhere and an apathetic attitude has been generally adopted toward the very significant date.

Quite true, there is just about two years to plan for it but the pace could be a little less hectic if work was instituted soon. There is sufficient time to implement ideas that could bring this county town articles of excellent publicity that would make the name of Milton much more widely known.

Then, too, far from the material or significant benefits to the community, such an occasion would provide a common meeting time for the hundreds of people who would enjoy a return to the old home-town if they could be assured of greeting old friends.

Nassagaweya a few years ago staged a celebration that residents could be proud of and the enjoyment of the visitors was evident as old friends met and old familiar places were seen. Other cities have spread their celebrations over the whole summer climaxing with pageants, wooden nickles and dozens of other novelties and program features.

The centennial of Halton County passed unmarked as officials deemed not sufficient time for the plans necessary for a real celebration. The only mark of distinction was the naming of the then constructed Manor as Halton Centennial Manor.

Developments that are continually increasing the town business make it almost impossible to expect all the leadership to come from the town council chambers. Leadership for such an event could quite rightly come from the Chamber of Commerce or any interested group of citizens but interest in the former has waned considerably.

A meeting of representatives from all town organizations, called by the council, will probably be the only way a start could be accomplished. It is to be hoped some consideration will be given the matter before all the time has elapsed and then, like the county, we just have to say not enough time to remember the past 100 years.

Not Always Price

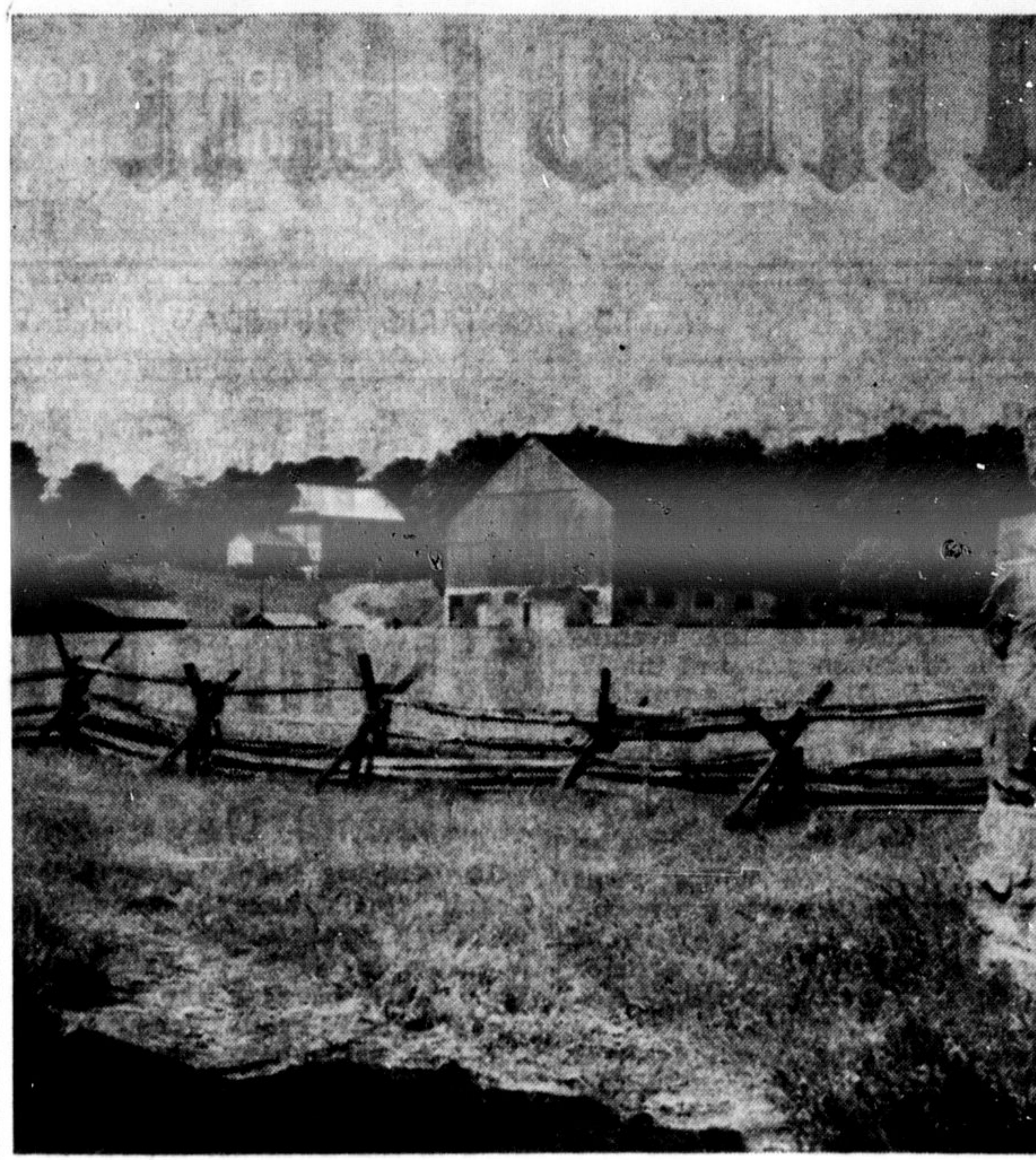
The other day we noted that in New Toronto a tender had been let for certain work at a bid of \$20,467. The engineer's estimate of the cost of the work had been \$32,362. A difference in the two estimates of approximately \$10,000. One sometimes wonders at the wide variance when bids are opened on building and construction jobs whether they are estimates or pure guesses. It is quite easy to reconcile moderate differences in prices submitted by tender of a few dollars but when a third of the total amount involved in the whole creates the difference many of us who prepare estimates on smaller items and are criticized for differences in cost are a bit flabbergasted at the wide spread in construction bids.

This occurs on most every construction job called for tender and is not peculiar to New Toronto or any other municipality. Adding to the confusion is the fact that the estimates are prepared from identical specifications and the engineers who prepare the plans are very liable to be at wide variance with the offer of some company to undertake the work.

After all, as in most things, we suppose the prime factor for consideration is reliability of the firm for successful completion of such work as well as the price consideration. Many a municipality and individual have found that price is not always the prime factor in getting work done.

Brief Comment

Time is at hand when school pupils are being put to the test regarding the studies which have been assigned them over the past year.



—Photo by Esther Taylor

JUNE IN THE COUNTRY is a time of growth and green, when warm weather brings forth crops and gardens, fully leafs the trees and puts grass and pasture land in a rich verdant garb. The scorching heat of July and August, the drier months, has yet to tarnish the green sheen that coats the countryside.



Money for Hospital
In Oakville it's reported the Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial hospital building campaign has yielded a total of \$360,000 to date. There is still some \$78,000 to be raised before the objective is reached. Proceeds of the general canvass have reached \$82,000, while \$130,000 has been raised in special gifts and \$123,000 in grants from industry and commerce.

Sewers or Schools?
In Bronte a gathering of citizens last week demanded a referendum before the end of June to decide whether or not the village should install a \$289,000 sewer system. While the attendance at this meeting was largely unanimous, some opposition, led by those concerned over the building of a new school, was voiced.

No Election by Wards
In Burlington last week, council approved a re-division of the town into six instead of four wards, but in the next breath voted against a move to elect councilors by wards. The councillor who sponsored the motion announced he would attempt to line up voters' support on the idea and bring a petition before council.

New Look Long Overdue
In Georgetown a proposal for a drastic "new look" to the town's downtown section was outlined last week when it was announced the main thoroughfare through town may get a complete repaving and in spots, a widening. "Citizens will feel a lot prouder of the road-

way than they do at the present time, as the resurfacing is long overdue," the Herald comments.

Rock-Throwers in Court
In Oakville three boys, all under 10, were put on probation for a year by a Juvenile Court magistrate for hitting a local woman with stones. The woman is said to have suffered injuries to the head and legs after the youngsters fired rocks at her while she was walking in a new subdivision.

Private to Public
In Burlington, a launching ramp at the foot of Spencer Park for the use of small boat owners was approved by council last week, on a unanimous vote, but none of the names of the 30 boat owners was revealed. The ramp will be built privately, but supervised by the town engineer and then will become public property.

Rector for Reform Church
In Acton last Sunday the first resident minister for the Christian Reformed Church arrived in town to take over the large congregation of Dutch-Canadians living in the area. Presently holding two services every Sunday in the Y.M.C.A., the congregation hopes to build a church of their own shortly.

No Sports Council
In Acton, after local groups got together in the Y to talk over pros and cons of a sports council, it was decided to take no action in view of a feeling of adequate sports supervision. Only 15 persons attended the meeting and not all organizations were represented.

VETERAN FIREMAN
WINNIPEG (CP) Alexander (Sandy) Buchan, the "grand old fireman" of Winnipeg, died at age 89. He was a member of the fire department from 1894, some years after he arrived as a youth from Scotland.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Twenty Years Ago

From the files of the Canadian Champion of June 15, 1905

The season for black bass fishing will open tomorrow and certain Milton sportsmen are discussing arrangement for their annual excursion to Crow Lake near Havelock.

"The Quaker Remedy Co." is giving a series of free concerts at the Agricultural Grounds this week and incidentally selling the remedies. There are some clever performers in the company and many people go to hear them.

The annual excursion of Halton Farmers' Institute to the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, per C.P.R. and G.T.R., came off last Monday. It was the largest on record, over 1,000 tickets being sold.

As the capacity of the covered carriage in which R. B. Anderson has been conveying passengers to and from the railway stations was insufficient for his business, he has invested in a fine new bus, which he used for the first time yesterday.

No. 4 Company of the 20th Lorne Rifles, Campbellville, commanded by Lieut. Beattie, and No. 7 Milton by Lieut. Clements, turned out for the church parade on Sunday evening. No. 8 Hornby did not parade, no doubt on account of the unsettled weather and bad roads.

Agent J. M. Campbell of the Bank of Hamilton, has been transferred to Listowel. This is a promotion of which Mr. Campbell's Milton friends will be glad to hear.

In a rear-end collision on the Grand Trunk at Oakville station at four o'clock on Sunday morning, five men narrowly escaped death. An engine, van and car had been standing at the station and were just moving east when an eastbound freight approached. A brakeman sent back to flag this train did not get far enough and its speed could not be checked in time.

DIESEL PURCHASES
Why all the panic in the purchase of more diesels for Eastern Canada? The new equipment is being bought at a time when excellent progress is reported in the perfection of the new coal-fired gas turbine which will continue to use our coal, and which will give the railroads more efficiency than the present-day diesels. — Springhill (N.S.) Record.

An estimated 2,419,000 families had children 24 years of age and under living at home at the start of June, 1954.

Fifty Years Ago

Taken from the files of the Canadian Champion of June 6, 1903

At the largest attended convention ever held in the history of the Liberal - Conservative Association of Halton county, George Currie, reeve of Esqueving township and a well known farmer, was on Tuesday night chosen as candidate to contest this riding in the coming federal election.

Here is a record that is going to be hard to beat. A white Leghorn hen owned by J. G. Elliott of Esqueving laid an egg last week which measured 8 x 7 inches, weighed four ounces and contained three yolks.

Owing to the insistent demands of the town council to cut down expenses for local institutions, the Milton High School Board has been forced to dispense with the services of one of the teachers, making a staff of six instead of seven, as previously.

Stan Fay's Miltonians took a stranglehold of the leadership of the new Highway League when they handed the pride and joy of Oakville, Ollie Johnson's high scoring Oakvillites a 9-7 trouncing at the Lakeshore grounds last Saturday.

Under the leadership of President Stanley Hall and his fellow officers, a plowing match for junior farmers under 20 is being held at Gordon Chisholm's farm near Hornby tomorrow. All four township councils have made small grants to encourage the plow boys and separate classes will be held for each township.

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