

## The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1921

### FOOL AND FOREST FIRES

Tommy and Tony were two pretty boys. They went into the woods and they smoked cigarettes. They lit them here, and they tossed the sticks there, till suddenly wicked flames lit all the bushes burned the forest; they burned up the crops; they burned up the houses, and the forests and the hills. They burned the church, both the pines and the steeple; they burned up the village, and, alas! many people. Now when you go into the forest don't be Tommy or Tony, act like a fool. Don't be careless with fire, don't smoke cigarettes. Then the forest won't burn and you'll have no regrets. And if Tommy and Tony, they'd be caped once before. And it's really thought they could do it. It's a good idea. But found, to their sorrow, public feet had risen. No, indeed, we're spending six months in prison.

—JUNIOR LAWYER.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, September 12, 1901

In the interests match played here last night between Acton and Georgetown, Acton won with a score of 9 to 6. Pretty good for a team which had no practice whatever.

Mr. Richard Cook has disposed of his store at 115 Main Avenue to Mr. Thomas Root, web with Miss McDonald. Main Street will take immediate possession.

Mr. Wm. Brown left at this office yesterday a corn stalk thirteen feet five inches in length, which is the highest we have seen this year. The corn had not been planted three months.

Mr. Mudieck has purchased the bread, confectionery and fruit business of her brother, Mr. J. C. Matthews. Mr. Matthews may go to New York to take a position with his brother there.

In St. Joseph's Church last Friday evening the ceremony of baptism was performed by Rev. Father Mahoney, rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, Hamilton, assisted in the service by Rev. Mr.

in connection with the young people's work in the Baptist Church, Rev. W. R. McAlpine has agreed to give a course of twenty lessons next month. All the young people of Acton and vicinity have the privilege of attending.

While holding a reception in the temple of music last Saturday evening, Rev. Dr. McKinley was shot twice by a Polish anarchist. His physician says he is now out of danger and will recover.

BORN.—  
HAMISHAW—In Acton, on Friday, September 6, 1901, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Hamishaw, a son.

NELSON—In Acton, on Thursday, September 5, 1901, to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Nelson, a son.

LANDSHOROUGH—In Acton, on Thursday, September 6, 1901, to Mr. and Mrs. William Landshorough, a son.

MARRIED—  
HATHAWAY—At All Saints' Church, Acton, on Wednesday evening, September 11, 1901, Rev. J. K. Godden, M.A., George H. Hathaway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hathaway, to Marie, daughter of the late Richard Hines, all of Acton.

DIED—  
DUNIHAN—In Brampton, on Wednesday, September 4, 1901, Hannah Jane Dunbar, aged 28 years, 3 months.

WOHLIN—At his residence on Church Street, Acton, on Wednesday morning, September 11, 1901, William L. Warden, Jr., aged 21 years.

THE HOUSE THAT SMILED

One day recently I took a ride of fifteen miles on an old troley car in the most beautiful parts of New England. With me was a friend of the beauty of the way who captioned her "The girl with the smiling eyes." None of us could get away from the smile on our faces more than the bright colors made by the flowers and the blossoms in the full beauty of its abundant bloom at one side of the little plaza. An old-fashioned yellow rose was at a corner of the house, and the door was open upon a sunny-yellow little cottage house on a grassy slope. The small doorway was ugly with the bright colors made by the flowers and the blossoms in the full beauty of its abundant bloom at one side of the little plaza.

"How do you account for it, Mr. Wheaton? Is it the girl?" asked my chum and replied his eyes downcast. "No, it's not her," he said. "It's a motherly-looking woman in blue cotton dress and a big white apron, shelling peas. Nothing could have been more cheerful than that little white cottage in its cheerful environment. But my friend made it seem even more than "homey" for what was a great little house seems to fairly smile upon us, doesn't it?"

Half a mile down the road we came to one of those "show houses" of the neighborhood. It was a huge affair of red gray stone. There was an iron fence painted black in front of it and a pair of huge iron gates were closed. Vines almost covered the gate, but my motherly heart was chuckling to her large broad of downy chicks. A weedless garden was at one side of the house and between it and the house was a long row of weeds and wild flowers. The plants sat a motherly-looking woman in blue cotton dress and a big white apron, shelling peas. Nothing could have been more cheerful than that little white cottage in its cheerful environment. But my friend made it seem even more than "homey" for what was a great little house seems to fairly smile upon us, doesn't it?"

And that house seems to fairly frozen upon me, and I can't get it out of my mind. It's something of a coincidence that a day or two later, I picked up one of the most valuable magazines and found in it an article on the subject of "How to Make Friends." It was not the smiling little house by the side of the road that my observing friend and I had seen, but it was a cheery home that seemed to me to be the best in the world. As this smiling and crowning house so are there smiling and crowning people, and I need not say what kind we like best to meet."

### THE TEST OF LIFE

The test of life is not in rising to some "rare eminence," but in making the best of every day. The courage that enables a man to save a life is called for only on exceptional occasions. Not one person in a hundred ever has a chance to do this, but every man in the world needs courage for meeting little discouragements. It is only now and then that the call comes to make some great sacrifice for others sake, where a man can put his own safety aside, and sacrifice his own ease, sacrificing the most comfortable chair and the first reading of the newspaper, give constant opportunity for the development of the character, which calls for great courage and great generosity comes only now and then, but no one will fail in any such crisis who accepts the little opportunities that come with every passing day, to show courage and kindness and forgetfulness.

### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

PALM IN ATHENS—Acts 17: 16-21.

Golden Text—"In him we live, and move, and have our being" (Acts 17: 28).

#### Lesson Comments

Verse 16.—After the experience at Thebes and Berea, described in the earlier part of this chapter, Paul and Silas came to Athens, the center of enlightenment, science, literature and art of the ancient world. Civilization was handicapped, however, by idolatry. This visit to Athens was in the autumn of 52 D.C.

Verse 17.—In Paul's excitement against idolatry he went first to the Jews, expecting sympathy. The old philosopher Boerhaave had reasoned in Paul similarly.

Verse 18.—These were the two most important sects of philosophy of the time. They were originally the result of efforts to find better moral guidance, than the corrupted religion of the times. Paul's doctrine had degenerated. Paul preached Jesus and the resurrection. Everywhere he laid stress upon the fundamental of the religion of Jesus Christ.

Verse 19.—The Arapogut was Mars.

Verse 20.—The people thought Paul was a new philosopher and were eager to hear him.

Verse 21.—Classical authors relate this same characteristic of the Athenian people—those ever ready to learn from the adventurous prospector, who sets out for parts unknown and unexplored to look for fresh and profitable timber-forests, down to the expert who finishes off the beautifully woven panel of Douglas fir at the factory.

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