

IN THE MORNINGS

Child the empty schoolhouse speak through the low window...

Twenty Years Ago

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Holmes' new barn, on the Gamble farm, was successfully raised yesterday.

The "old swimmin' holes," both at Fairy Lake and at Corporation Pond, are much in commission these days.

The members of Acton I. O. L. and visiting brethren, to the number of sixty-five, paraded to the Baptist Church on Sunday evening.

Although the weather on Monday evening was not ideal for lawn socials, there was a good attendance at the Epworth League social at the home of Mrs. Alex. Brown, third line.

Sergeant Hector McDonald, of the Royal Air Force, visited Acton friends during the week.

Mrs. W. B. Laing and daughters, Erma and Selma, of Francis, Saskatchewan, arrived last week to spend the summer in the old home.

BORN - At Ballinfad, on Thursday, June 27th, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. Will Spear, a daughter.

DIED - STEVENSON - In Acton, on Friday, July 6th, 1918, Anthony Stephenson, in his 69th year.

FERRYMAN - At his residence, Booth Avenue, Toronto, on Thursday, July 4th, 1918, William James Ferryman, in his 73rd year.

DIRECT MOTOR ROUTE FROM PRAIRIES TO PACIFIC

One of the most spectacular travel routes available to motorists in Canada is that linking the Prairies with the Pacific.

This direct route from Winnipeg to Vancouver forms the western half of the Trans-Canada Highway and is continuous except for a portion of the road from Golden, B.C., to Revelstoke, B.C.

Motorists who visit the National Parks of the Rockies for the first time are agreeably surprised at the extent and excellence of the well-graded standard highways, all of which are kept in the best of condition during the touring season.

In selecting the routes for highways the needs of the tourist and motorist have been considered so as to ensure easy gradients, safety, and outstanding views along the way.

With the exception of Glacier National Park on the summit of the Selkirk range in south-eastern British Columbia, reached only by rail, all National Parks are accessible by motor car.

DIMMING LIGHTS

Probably 99 out of every 100 automobile drivers would approve the practice of dimming headlights when approaching a car.

Yet, Registrar Goodwin condemns the practice and he has a strong argument. He calls it dangerous to pedestrians since for a brief space, a driver cannot clearly see the road ahead.

The remedy would seem to be to deflect lights slightly to the right while still casting a beam on the road ahead. Some of the newer cars have this device. It might well be made compulsory.—Boston Post.

BOTH BOOKISH

Motorist (stopped for speeding)—What I know about driving would fill a book. Constable—Yes, sir. And what you don't know will fill mine.

THE OLD MAN OF THE BIG CLOCK TOWER



WINNING LAURELS

The laurels that we may have won, are not as prone on which to lean...

It's well to be not satisfied with the attainments of the past; but aim to make a forward stride.

The law of life is growth, we see, and all the plants that dormant lie, are found to fade and cease to be.

Ambition is a force that drives, and is of progress a good test, by which man pushes on, and strives to do his utmost, or his best.

No laurels never are the props, designed to lean upon, for lo! they fade in life of one who stops, and does not some improvement show.

When at our best, we must progress, and onward, upward seek to rise, 'tis new achievements mean success, along that way perfection lies.

The editor tells me that some of the other fellows about town are checking up on my recollections and they are not correct in every respect.

While Mr. and Mrs. Snyder lived in this house Mrs. Snyder's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hemstreet, lived with them for a year or two.

When he left the Bower Avenue house he sold it to Mr. and Mrs. Fyfe, a dear old couple who had lived previously at Ballinfad I think. They lived there for many years and enjoyed the esteem of everybody.

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Another family of pioneers occupied this cottage in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown. When they left the farm on the first line, near Creweans Corners, they made their home there. The old gentleman died there, full of years and leaving the family a worthy heritage. Mrs. Brown survived for several years.

About twelve or fifteen years ago, the property was acquired by Mr. Frank Holmes. He transformed it into a modern dwelling and it now resembles little of the former white cottage so well known to many of us.

I think "The Maples" was built a few years before the Snyder cottage. Thus C. Moore, one of the first to reside here, planted the big maple at the corner and several of the others. These trees gave the place its pretty name, "The Maples."

everybody. They were known as Uncle and Auntie Fyfe to the community and these were the names invariably used by the children.

About the time of Auntie Fyfe's decease, Charles Hill, Jr., and Emma McGarvin, eldest daughter of Dr. N. McGarvin, were married. They bought the then vacant home, improved it and their experience was "love in a cottage" really and truly.

After Mr. and Mrs. Hill removed to Monroe, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McGarvin secured this property. They had been living over the drug store, where Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Brown now reside.

The next family to occupy this home was Mr. and Mrs. James Cobban. This was another family which earned the esteem of all the people.

Mr. and Mrs. Cobban were splendid citizens. They were both active workers in Knox Church and Sunday School, and their family was a comfort to them and a credit to the town.

Mr. Cobban, who was for many years an expert workman in the tannery, died very suddenly. Mrs. Cobban lived for a number of years after her husband's call home.

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always seems to me they act as if their honeymoon has never ended. No place like home seems to be their motto always. Like most other homes, they lost their two boys, both of whom made homes for themselves, early in their career. Frank, the elder, still lives in the old town. Roy has a splendid business in Oshawa, where he has lived for some years.

And that's the history of the first two houses built on Bower Avenue.

The Old Man

A Buying Guide

Before you order dinner at a restaurant you consult the bill-of-fare. Before you take a long trip by motor car you pore over road maps.

The advertising columns are a buying guide to you in the purchase of everything you need -- including amusements!

The advertisements in this paper are so interesting it is difficult to see how any one could overlook them...

The Acton Free Press Is Your Buying Guide

Avoid time-wasting, money-wasting detours on the road to merchandise value. Read the advertising "road maps."

SALLY'S SALLIES



When a man sings in his bath it shows that he is happy—or else that the door won't lock.

MUGGS AND SKEETER



By WALLY BISHOP