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St. Joseph's Church 80th Anniversary Splendid Success

Services Held on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday—Bishop of Hamilton Addressed Congregation

On Sunday last the congregation of St. Joseph's Church, began the triduum of Thanksgiving in commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the first Catholic Church in the district. The interior and the exterior of the church was decorated for the occasion. His Excellency the Bishop of Hamilton, the Most Rev. J. P. Ryan, J.O.D., preceded by the Legionnaires, who acted as a guard of honor to His Excellency, the Confirmation Class and the Altar Boys, marched from the Rectory to the church. At the church he was met by the pastor, Rev. Father McBride. His Excellency said Mass for the dead and living of the parish.

Rev. Father Monaghan, S.J., of Ouelph, and Rev. Dr. J. O'Reilly, of Ouelph, acted as Chaplains to the Bishop. Rev. Father A. O'Brien, of Hamilton, was Master of Ceremonies, assisted by Rev. Dr. P. O'Brien, of Ouelph.

After Mass, the pastor extended a hearty welcome in the name of the parish of Acton and Georgetown. He related a short history of the parish from the beginning. He told His Excellency that the parish would pray that God may bless his every undertaking for the glory of God and His church. His Excellency in eloquent terms, which deeply touched the hearts of the people, congratulated them on their 80th jubilee and the work which they had done. He warned them against the lure of the world-to-day and to make their homes real Christian ones—homes where the little ones will know and love God through their parents. He then administered the sacrament of Confirmation to a class of 38, 34 children and four adults. For this occasion the church was filled to capacity, many being unable to enter. In the hall, after the service, the Bishop personally spoke to all the people. The men and women of Acton and Georgetown gave him a spiritual offering. Miss Delaine Gibbons, a great-granddaughter of one of the first pioneers gave a beautiful basket of mums from the children of the parish.

At 3:30 p.m. there was a large gathering at the cemetery in the district of Dublin. His Excellency assisted by the Right Rev. Monsignor McCann, of Toronto, a former resident of Georgetown, Rev. Father Kelly, formerly of Acton, now pastor at Merriton, Rev. Dr. P. O'Brien, Dr. J. O'Reilly and Father Monaghan, S.J., of Ouelph and Rev. Father McBride of Rockwood and Rev. Father McBride the pastor, blessed a cross erected on the site of the first church built in the memory of the first parishioners. A very instructive sermon on the church's foundation and its necessity was given by Rev. Dr. P. O'Brien.

On the beautiful altar erected by the men of the parish, benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given by the Bishop, with Father Monaghan, S.J. and Father Kelly acting as deacon and subdeacon.

On Monday Masses were at 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. Evening in the congregation received Holy Communion at these masses for all the deceased of the parish and their relatives. Rev. Father Kelly, of Rockwood, said Mass at 8:00 and the pastor sang a Requiem High Mass at 9:00. From 9:00 to 9:30 p.m. a delicious supper was served by the ladies of the parish. The hall was decorated for this occasion and there were many happy reunions. The Mayor of Georgetown, J. O'Connell, extended words of thanks from the old boys of the parish to the pastor and the former pastors.

At 7:30 p.m. devotions were held in the church. Rev. Father J. Trainer gave a very patriarchal and touching sermon on the graces obtained from the church.

Barn Near Eden Mills Burned Saturday Night

One of the largest barns in this district, that owned by the Misses Clew, Eden Mills address, just off No. 7 Highway, west of Rockwood, was burned to the ground in a spectacular fire on Saturday night. The entire season's crop was destroyed in the blaze, but there was no stock lost. Spontaneous combustion is blamed for the outbreak.

A motorist proceeding along the road noticed the flames, and notified the owner. Neighbors formed a bucket brigade, and while it was impossible to save the barn, they prevented the flames from spreading to the house, towards which a direct wind was blowing the flames in a direct line. Only constant hard work over a long period saved the house from destruction.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Customer Are you sure this parcel can talk?

Dealer Talks Why, a woman's club said "It is to be because none of the members could get a word in."

VERY LIKELY

"When I'm a man, shall I stop growing at both ends?"

"Yes, dear."

"Then, then I suppose I shall start growing in the middle like Daddy?"

and congratulated all on the occasion. He related a history of the former parish and told of the great work which they had done. On Tuesday, special devotions were held at 7:30, when all the children and their parents received Holy Communion. At 7:30 the solemn closing of the Jubilee took place. Rev. Father E. Doyle, of Ouelph, recited the Rosary and Litany of St. Joseph. A most fitting and instructive sermon on fidelity to the conditions of our forefathers was preached by Rev. Father A. O'Brien, rector of the Cathedral of Christ the King, Hamilton. Solemn benediction was given, with the Right Rev. Mar. Cassidy, of Hamilton, and Dean of the District, as celebrant, with Father Clancy, of Acton, and Father Hawkins, of Toronto, Deacon and Sub-Deacon. Rev. Father T. Traynor, Hamilton, was the Deacon of Exposition. Rev. Father O'Rourke, of Rockwood, was Master of Ceremonies.

Others assisting were Rev. Father Paul Harrington, Rev. Father Kelly, of Rockwood, Rev. Father J. Hayes, newly appointed pastor of Milton, and Rev. Father Nolan, of Ouelph. The Senior and Junior Choir sang special music for the occasion and are to be congratulated for their faithful preparation.

A hymn of Te Deum. Holy God we praise Thy Name brought to a close three days of thanksgiving which was the greatest function ever held in the Acton parish.

It is an event which shall long be remembered and the congregation of St. Joseph's Church are to be congratulated most sincerely. In this day when those who labored so faithfully in the past are forgotten it was vividly brought home to all the real meaning of gratitude by the congregation of St. Joseph's Church.

Among those noticed here in Acton for this 80th Jubilee were Mrs. Trehan, of Ouelph, who was the organist in the first church at Dublin; the McCann and Gibbons of Ouelph; the Gibbons, of Toronto; Kaley, of Hamilton; McKague, of Rockwood; O'Brien, of Toronto; McNamee, of Toronto; N. Hinton and P. Duggan, of Ouelph; P. Duval, of Kitchener; E. Kolvacki, of Toronto; Dennis and Sarah Barrett, of Rockwood; Wilson, Toronto; E. Berns, Hamilton; E. Smyth, Ouelph; M. and Mrs. J. J. Tom, Rockwood; and many others. How may the congregation of St. Joseph say "Thanks be to God for all His blessings."



THE MOST REV. J. P. RYAN, J. C. D., Bishop of Hamilton, who received an enthusiastic welcome on his visit to Acton, at St. Joseph's 80th Anniversary.

Acton and the District Winners at the C. N. E.

The district surrounding Acton has many exhibitors of live stock at the C. N. E. again this year. Many of them have been meeting with success in their showings.

Robert Kerr & Son, who are well known exhibitors of Hackney horses, won the gold medal for the best driving of this breed of horses. They also won the reserve award for the best stallion three years and over.

W. G. Moffat, another exhibitor from Acton, of Hackney horses, won reserve award for the best stallion, any age, on Monophane and prize for the best stallion under three years. He also won second prize in the class for agricultural Canadian bred harness horses.

Miss, Claver, of Lambton, also had a prize winning entry in the Hackney class. Rockwood Boys and Girls Stamp Club, only captured first prize for run two years and over, and also took the reserve award for the best pair any age.

Grant Campbell of Moffat was among the leading exhibitors in the Short Horn class. Wintings on his exhibit included that for bull senior, all on Campbell's Command, sixth for bull junior, call on Campbell's Royal Leader, sixth for heifer senior call on Kinella, Brooklands 4th reserve Junior Bull on Campbell's Command and first on ewe aged on Bellona Princess.

Douglas Mack of Rockwood was among the leading winners in the Aberdeen Exhibition. Entries of the Rockwood Angus classes at the Canadian National Week-end were: Reserve Junior Champion Female aged, first senior heifer, with the fifth and sixteenth and seventh senior heifer call.

Twenty Years Ago

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, September 12th, 1918.

Barber study in the evening now. There were two or three dozens of free yesterday morning.

Rev. Dr. Blair delivered a lecture on the war and its influence to a capacity audience in Knox Church on Monday evening.

Word has been received from Ottawa, on the week that Pte. Melvin Scott, Pte. McIlroy Collier, Pte. Hubert McPherson and Pte. George Lantry have all received gunshot wounds and been admitted to hospital.

At the Board of Trustees monthly session, H. S. Harwood, junior, submitted his resignation, to take effect at the end of the month, and it was decided to open a new room, owing to the congested condition. The registration at the Public School shows an attendance of 280 pupils.

DIED

LYND—At the family residence, Main Street, Acton, on Tuesday, September 10th, 1918, Neil Lynd, son of William Lynd, in his 39th year.

MCCLIMES—At Ouelph General Hospital, on Saturday, September 7th, 1918, Mary Morrison, wife of Marshall Holmes, of Naasagweya, in her 62nd year.

A SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD TOAD FOUND?

When the old frost rising at the water tower was removed the other day, a toad was found built into the structure near the top, outside the water pipe. When removed it jumped to the ground below and was very much alive. It is seventeen years since the toad was found. It is believed that the toad had been getting into the structure in which it was found.

Post Season Series of Local Baseball Now

A very interesting series of local baseball games is being arranged on the Acton and Preston grounds. The first game was played on Saturday, when the Acton team defeated the Preston team by a score of 10 to 5. The game was a real struggle, with both teams playing hard. The Acton team was led by their captain, who was very successful in the field. The Preston team was also very strong, but they were out of sync in their batting.

THE WINNER THIS WEEK IS DISTANT FROM ACTON

The double Puzzle Team has won a week's money prize in a distance from Acton. It is Mrs. W. Moxley, 18 Lundy Lane, Peterborough, Ontario. Apparently the puzzle was sent to her by mail, and she was the first to solve it. She was very pleased to win the prize, and she has promised to donate it to a good cause.

Back to School Go Nearly 400 Pupils in Acton

The school bell rang promptly on Tuesday morning and summoned Acton scholars back to their studies. In the Public School, Miss M. Z. Bennett, Principal, reports an enrollment this year of 272 pupils. In the first class, 35 pupils started school for the first time in their lives.

Over at the High School, Principal M. M. Leitch reported a total enrollment of 74 pupils. In the First Form there are 32 pupils, while 20 are in the Second Form, 14 in the Third Form and 8 in the Upper School. All teachers in both High and Public School were on hand when school re-opened on Tuesday.

Music May be Subject in High School Course

First Session of School Board Following the Summer Recess

The first session of Acton School Board following the summer recess was held on Tuesday evening, when Trustees Dr. A. J. Buchanan, Dr. P. W. Pearce, P. R. How, W. K. Graham and V. B. Humphrey were present. Dr. Buchanan was by motion Chairman pro tem.

The Secretary reported that he had received and distributed the certificates of the pupils writing the examinations at Acton.

As reported by the Board, the Secretary had secured information from the Department of Education regarding the teaching of music in the Continuation School. The grants ranged from \$50 to \$100, according to the number of hours of music taught in school. The list of music recommended was also read. A grant of \$60 was also given on the purchase of equipment. The Secretary was instructed to secure further details and the matter would be referred to the next meeting.

The Vinken Foreman Wedding at Ballinacra

In an effective setting of color and gladness the marriage was celebrated at Acton West Foreman daughter of Rev. A. W. Foreman and Mrs. Foreman to Gordon Philip Aitken, son of Mr. J. C. Aitken and the late Mrs. Aitken, at Capriac, at Ballinacra United Church on Saturday afternoon.

The father of the bride, assisted by Rev. A. E. Marshall, of Long Branch, performed the marriage ceremony.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was lovely in a gown of French lace satin fastened with Elzebeth collar and long train. Her long full veil fell gracefully from a tiny satin cap. Her attendants were Miss Phyllis Foreman, sister of the bride as bridesmaid and little Shirley Aitken, niece of the groom as flower girl. The bridemaid wore a very becoming gown of pink tulle fastened with gleaming trimmings. Her veil was trimmed with large bow and veil and feathers. The flower girl was very dainty in her long pink tulle dress, with matching bonnet.

STRUCK BY BARN DOOR, INJURY OF THE BIRD

Struck on head by a heavy swinging barn door during a storm last Wednesday, a young Mallard duck of Hamilton died on Friday September 7th. The bird was found floating in the water near the shore of the pond.

Education Theme of Mrs. Abbott at Institute Meeting

A special feature of the September meeting of Acton Women's Institute was the visit of Mrs. W. M. Abbott of Erie, President of the Convention Area. Three of the education theme of the Acton Institute the meeting opened with the singing of School Days and the In-Action song. Mrs. J. W. Wintrop, President and in the opening exercises and presided.

The most exciting moment of the year was the response to the roll call and the awarding of prizes. Mrs. G. Hodgins, of the acton, was presented with a certificate of appreciation for her work in the past year. Mrs. G. Hodgins, of the acton, was presented with a certificate of appreciation for her work in the past year.

DON'T HUNT FOR MORE THAN FOUR PAGES THIS WEEK

While many weekly newspapers throughout the province discontinue publication for a week or two during the summer, to enable holidays for the staff, it has always been the aim of The Free Press to continue the tradition that in its sixty-three years of publication an issue has never been missed.

To get a few days' vacation, we have rather made a smaller issue for the occasion. There seems to be no set way of governing when these smaller issues will be used. But of course it is a well known fact that the size of any newspaper, no matter what the field, is governed by the advertising patronage accorded to it. This week and some other weeks the volume has not been difficult to carry in a four page edition, but perhaps the fall days will have more of newspapers and will warrant no more small issues. We'll gladly make them just as large as the demand warrants, even to sixteen or more pages.

But this week it's only four—don't search to any more.

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Hydro Bros Products Ltd. (climb 6th)	\$ 8.00
MacDonald Electric Ltd. (supplies 6th)	80.17
Highway Garage (supplies truck)	11.00
Joe E. Kearney Corp. (supplies truck)	17.75
International Electric Co. (supplies 6th)	23.32
H. C. P. of Ontario W. Heaton (supplies 6th)	12.00
Georgetown Lumber Co. (supplies 6th)	2.24
Superior Electric Supply Co. (supplies 6th)	60.30
C. N. E. and Transporex express	1.38
H. Lashby (supplies 6th)	0.75
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BURLINGTON

Mrs. A. Home and son Alfred returned home on Saturday from a motor trip to Burlington and other points in the State. They were out for 1500 miles and had a very successful trip.

CONVICTED OF DRUNKEN DRIVING IN GUELPH COURT

Howard Haggart, R. H. No. 3, Acton, was convicted in Guelph Court in Guelph on a charge of driving an automobile while he was intoxicated and was sentenced to the Guelph Jail for ten days. His car was ordered impounded for three months.

CORN ROAST FEATURE AT BLOOMSBURY

On Tuesday evening August 24th, the Bloomsbury Literary Society held a very enjoyable meeting in the form of a corn roast.

All gathered around the huge bonfire to play games and watch the corn boil. A lunch, consisting of cakes and sandwiches, as well as corn, was served. After lunch the fire burned low and all adjourned to the school to spend the remainder of the evening. Songs given by Ted Anderson, of Capriac, were much enjoyed.

Acton Water in "A" Class Tests Prove

Good Progress Being Made on Repairs at the Water Tower

The Public Utilities Commission met on Tuesday evening. Chairman R. J. Kerr was in charge of the meeting, with George P. J. Meekison also present.

The following accounts were by motion ordered to be paid:

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Coming Events

Annual Meeting of Acton School Board on Monday, September 12th, at 8:00 p.m.

First of the season. Band Concert next Wednesday September 14th at 8:15 in Acton Arena. 200 seats given and 100 for sale for the date. Tickets good in same. Get yours and help the Band boys.

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