

WHEN YOU KNOW HIM

"When you come to know a fellow, know his joys and know his cares; When you come to understand him, and the burden he bears. You begin to find his virtues, And his faults you cease to tell. For you seldom hate a fellow. When you know him very well. When you get to know a fellow, And to understand his ways, Then his faults won't really matter, For you'll find a lot to praise."

Twenty Years Ago

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The Ontario Department of Agriculture announces that this is the most backward spring in fifteen years. Four returned soldiers were given a cordial reception last Thursday night in the Town Hall. They were Pte. James Robertson, Pte. Charles Morton, Pte. Joseph Kennedy and Pte. Andrew Decker.

At a meeting of the Guelph District of the Methodist Church, held at Elora, it was decided to close the Everton Church, the Eden Mills, Crewson Corners and Siloam Churches. Members will attend at Rockwood, Ebenezer, Acton and the Zion Church.

At the reception for returned soldiers last week, the Junior L.O.D.E. presented the town with a beautiful flag. A large gathering of farmers assembled in the Town Hall on Saturday evening to hear an address by Mr. Morrison, Secretary of the U.F.O. Mr. R. N. Brown, President of the Acton Farmers Club, occupied the chair.

Pte. H. W. Cusick, who has just returned to his home at Moffat after four years overseas, visited his sister, Mrs. W. J. Reid, for a few days.

Sergt. Perry, Corp. Harold Savill and Corp. Fred Wright, reached home from overseas last week. Corp. Wright was accompanied by his bride. Pte. E. H. Jordan, of the Army Medical Corp., also reached home during the week.

DIED — At the home of her daughter, Mrs. Violet Anderson, Lot 18, Concession 5, Nassagaweya, on Tuesday, May 20th, 1919, Jane McKendry, widow of the late William Crawford, in her 84th year.

TRAFFIC ENGINEERS STRIVE FOR SAFETY DURING ROYAL VISIT

Officials of the Ontario Department of Highways were concentrating all their efforts to-day to effect a drastic reduction in traffic deaths and accidents during the next two months.

Their work was inspired by the recent appeal of Highways Minister Hon. T. B. McQuesten for a Province-wide decline in highway fatalities and injuries during May and June as a tribute to King George and Queen Elizabeth while they are visiting Canada.

Statistics of the accident recording division of the Highways Department revealed that unless every motor vehicle operator and every pedestrian in Ontario joined in the current accident prevention plan, some 2,000 people might be prevented from seeing Their Majesties and taking part in the celebrations connected with the Royal tour.

Records showed that an average of 100 persons lost their lives each year during this period and 1,500 others were injured—many of them incapacitated for lengthy periods. The majority of these accidents, it was pointed out, were classed as "preventable" and could be avoided in 1939 by the elimination of three fundamental but easily-corrected accident causes—momentary inattention, excessive speed and impatience.

The Department of Highways was also planning for safer driving during the visit of the King and Queen on another safety "front." Department officials were holding conferences with highway traffic engineers and traffic experts of the Provincial Police Department.

The purposes of these conferences, it was explained, was to map out a series of routes by which motorists would be able to drive in greater safety and comfort to the larger Ontario centres where Their Majesties will visit.

Every attempt was being made, an official stated, to see that all main and secondary roads would be utilized in the most efficient manner. It is hoped the play of traffic as much as possible and prevent congestion and delay.

Strong public support of this step to reduce the highway accident toll during the visit of Their Majesties to Ontario is anticipated by officials of the Department of Highways. They said the "Royal tour routes" now being drafted would be released in various parts of the Province a few weeks prior to the arrival of the King and Queen at those points.

NO BALL GAMES

Employer—Say, boy, these are not recesses.

Office Boy (trying for job) — But I thought they would be better. They're copies of my four grandparents' death certificates.

A SMART ONE

A crowd of boys gathered about the entrance to a circus in a country town, trying to get a glimpse of the interior. A stranger standing near watched them for a few moments, then, walking up to the doorkeeper, said:

"Let all these boys in, and count them as they pass." "Twenty-eight, sir," said the official, when the last one had been admitted. "Good," said the stranger as he turned and walked off. "I guessed the number exactly."

THE OLD MAN OF THE BIG CLOCK TOWER



THE LIFE THAT COUNTS

The life that counts must toll and fight; Must hate the wrong and love the right; Must stand for truth, by day or night, This is the life that counts.

The life that counts must hopeful be; In darkest night make melody; Must wait the dawn on bended knee— This is the life that counts.

The life that counts must aim to rise Above the earth to sunlit skies; Must fix its gaze on Paradise— This is the life that counts.

The life that counts must helpful be; The cares and needs of others see; Must seek the slaves of sin to free— This is the life that counts.

The life that counts is linked with God; And turns not from the cross—the rod; But walks with joy where Jesus trod; This is the life that counts.

The first brick house on this block was erected by William Immond. Eli Snyder was the builder. When the Roman Catholic congregation left Dublin and came to their present church in town, they bought this house as a home for the priest.

About the time this building was completed Richard Stone bought the lot between there and the Masses property and built another brick. Here he and his wife and daughters resided until his death. A daughter, Miss Lizzie Stone, and Mr. and Mrs. George Edwards and Miss Lucy reside there now.

In 1877 the Congregationalists of Churchhill decided to erect a church in Acton, and leave the old church, built there by Rev. Hiram Denny over a hundred years ago. They built a very pretty church. Messrs. John and Hugh Cameron were the contractors. It cost about \$8,000.00, and was a bigger undertaking than the membership should have undertaken. In a few years a number of the members moved away, and it was found impossible to finance the cost of building and properly support a minister. The church property was consequently surrendered to Dr. McCullough, of Georgetown, who held the mortgage, and the congregation returned to its "first love" on the Hill. Here they still worship and their church up there is to-day as attractive and inviting as most of the country churches anywhere. After the Congregationalists vacated the church, it was occupied for a time by the Lord's Army, and later by the congregation of St. Joseph's Church paid off the mortgage and secured the property.

The fourth or fifth house to be erected on the block on Church Street, between

John and Egin Streets, was the cottage at the corner of Egin Street, Ed. Dynes built this place over sixty years ago. He and his family lived there for many years. I think Mrs. Dynes, who was one of the Masses girls, died there. Ed finally sold this property and bought the vacant lot opposite the old Temperance Hall. He moved the old McEain house there from John Street, and kept it there until he left Acton and went to Toronto. Quite a number of people have lived in this cottage. About thirty years ago J. R. Smith bought the property and lived there with his wife and family. Then he removed to Toronto, and Councillor Evan Jones bought it. Mr. Jones built a fine stone stable on the property about fifteen years ago.

Luther Lyman bought the next vacant lot in this block and built himself a home. Mr. Lyman was quite a character in his day in Acton. He was of a religious turn of mind and was never happier than when in the midst of a protracted meeting in one of the churches. He had a particular liking for the brick Church folks, and was often there during special services. Mrs. Lyman was one of the Kerrs, of Erin. Miss Mary was the only daughter. She married Mr. Walker, a railway man, and went to live in Toronto. This place has changed hands a number of times since it passed from the Lyman estate. This property is now owned by Mrs. Robt. H. Wansborough. A neat brick house on the east corner of this lot is now owned by Mr. Wm. Fryer and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lawson and family.

The lot in the valley between the Lyman and Dynes lots was the last vacant lot of the block to be purchased. Robert Moore bought it as the site of a home for himself and family. A lot of folks thought he was foolish, because of the filling in necessary. But Bob built his house, levelled up the lot, and had a comfortable place. When Mr. Moore and his family decided to remove to Galt, this property was sold to Mr. and Mrs. James Price, who were retiring from their farm on the sixth line. Mr. Price lived there until his death; then Mrs. Price left to live with her children. Mr. and Mrs. Allison, who came here from Markdale, about twenty years ago, now own this property and Mr. and Mrs. Jos. N. Reid have their home here.

The lot on which the old ashery stood was utilized for a home, and a comfortable house was erected there. It has had a number of tenants and owners. It has been occupied by Mr. Sandy Mann and family for about fifteen years.

And this finishes the history of Block No. 17 in the first survey of Acton's townsite. And I think I'll stop right here, and call this a week's work.

MAKING THE GRADE

Doing very well so far in his pro ball career with Toronto Maple Leafs is Phil Marchildon. Above, born in Penetang, Ontario, and a product of said pro ball in the province. Last year he played with Creighton Minors in the Northern Ontario amateur loop, went south with the Leafs, was "impressive enough" to be retained and recently lost a 1-0 decision to Newark, indicating that he has more than a little AA stuff on the ball.



Gold mining in the Yellowknife area, Northwest Territories, continues to make progress, according to the Mining and Resources Division of the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys. A recent survey of the northern mining field.

MINING ACTIVITY AT YELLOWKNIFE

Development work is going ahead at the Lily-Jack property of the Farmigan Mines Limited south of Prosperous Lake, with a crew of about 40 men employed. Likewise the Thompson-Lundmark Gold Mines Limited are developing their property at Thompson Lake with a normal crew of 27 men, working three shifts of eight hours each.

Although other development work and extensive field projects in the Yellowknife area are planned for this year, indications are that the coming summer's activities will not reach the heights attained last year. Consequently, there are no opportunities for any additional men to secure employment in the district.

A number of the population are temporarily out of work due to wood-cutting camps having completed their winter operations, and a recent influx of men seeking work has created an unemployment situation. At present the mining camps have all the help they require or are likely to need in the immediate future, and recent reports indicate that the number of men already in the region exceeds the requirements for the summer season. The game regulations do not permit living off the country, and the federal authorities have issued repeated warnings against persons entering the Northwest Territories in search of work unless they have assurance of employment or sufficient capital to support themselves for at least one year.

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Canadian Pacific Hotel Chfs Arrange to Cook Royal Meals



Railway hotels, the Chateau Frontenac at Quebec City, Banff Springs Hotel in the Canadian Rockies, and Empress Hotel at Victoria, B.C.

On the day of their arrival from England, May 15, Their Majesties will be guests at a state luncheon at noon and a state dinner at night in the Chateau Frontenac at Quebec City. Chief Chef Louis Batters, who has cooked for two former British Kings, and other world-famous figures will be in charge of both functions, assisted by Chef Raymond Charles Paul Perry, European culinary expert and chef of the famous summer resort, Algonquin Hotel, St. Andrews by the Sea. Maitre d'Hotel Harry Dewdney, who has had world-wide experience will supervise the banquet hall arrangements.

At Banff Their Majesties will enjoy their only real holiday of the trip and the cooking of Chief Chef Philippe Vignal, formerly of Paris, London, New York, Montreal, Italy and China, assisted by Chef Perry. Their Majesties will be at Banff for dinner May 23, three meals May 27, and breakfast May 28.

The Empress Hotel at Victoria, B.C., furthest west of the Canadian Pacific trans-Canada line, will be the scene of a state dinner in honor of Their Majesties, May 30, for which Chief Chef Caspar Anderson will display all the native-Swiss and England before joining the Canadian Pacific in 1912. Here, too, Chief Perry of Quebec will assist. From left to right are Chefs Batters, Perry, Anderson, Vignal with Maitre d'Hotel Dewdney in circle.

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