BOUQUETS TO THE LIVING

When I quit this mortal shore and mosey round this earth no more, Don't weep, don't sob_I may have Don't go and buy a large bouquet. for

which you'll find it hard to pay. Don't mope around and feel all blue-I may be better off than you."

Don't tell the folks I was a saint, or any. old thing that I ain't; If you have jam like that to spread, please hand it out before I'm dead. If you have roses, bless your soul, just pin one in my button-hole While I'm alive and well - to-day. Don't wait until I've gone away.

Twenty Years Ago

Thursday, October 23rd, 1919

Mrs. John A. Carson, of Salem, Oregon, arrived on Saturday to spend a few days at Pairview Place, with Mrs. C. S. Smith.

Knox Church Choir presented Mr. Harold Wildgust, the choirmaster, who has resigned, with an electric reading lamp, prior to his removal to London. The Hearst Government is defeated and the Farmers are in the lead. U.F. O. have 40 seats; Liberals 31, Conservatives 28, and Labor 11.

The people of Ontario voted for a dry Province, with over 300,000 majority. Even Toronto gives 26.900 "no" majority. Acton had a majority of 307, and the County of Halton 4,500.

The last act in the razing of the o Storey Glove Leather Tannery on Main Street was consummated on Saturday. 3,278. In Acton, the vote was Cleaver 399; Nixon, 299; and Ford, 90.

Friday, October 17th, 1919, William Park, was purchased from Newton, in his 73rd years McGARVIN-At the home of her daugh-

ter. Mrs. H. S. White, on Sunday, October 19th, 1919, Mrs. (Dr.) McGarvin, formerly of Acton.

BRITISH OFFICERS WEAR "Z 20"

Office, Air Ministry and Admiralty to the British Color Council for official reg-Standards, which is the recognized reference for color determination throughout the world.

These officially-approved shades are being copied on color charts and sent to textile and dvestuff manufacturers and large and small tailoring concerns all ing lots and I think the late Hugh over Britain and the Empire.

"This will eliminate the enormous waste in materials, dyes and money which occurred in the last war, when in the absence of color standardization many uniforms were returned as useless simply because they were not uniform in color." said an official of the Council.

"In 1914 there were, for example, some 20 different shades of military khaki Now only two are in general use, and we have registered them as Z..20 for officers' dress and Z 21 for other ranks."

Through the Color Council, Britain has taken the lead in the world-wide standardination of colors and in advising nishings, paints and even lipsticks and household dustnans. Now war has con the Council's services are, at the disposal of voluntary organizations, as wel as the three Services, to ensure that the colors of their uniforms shall be credit to British industry.

'Communications" aircraft set ask for the use of high personages and o ficers of the fighting forces, play business executives employ to an increasing extent afreraft for

The "communications" aeroplane is specially equipped and furnished versio of an existing military or civil aircraft and the United Kingdom aircraft industry produces a wealth of acroplanes which can be adapted or are already available as they stand for special communication duties.

An idea of the increasing value of "communications" aircraft may be gained from a survey of some of the journeys undertaken before war began. For example, the Secretary of State for Wa Mr. Hore-Belisha, made a quick visit to Maita and back in an R.A.F. "communications", aircraft and the Under-Secretary of State for Air, Captain H. H Balfour, made a 12,000 miles lightnin tour of R.A.F. units in Egypt, Sudan, Kenya, Palestine and Malta in less than

a month Recently, too, the Government of India acquired two twin-engined lowwing monoplanes for the personal use of the Viceroy; a similar type of aircraft of a different make was owned by the tate King Ghazi of Iraq, and an other of these 'planes has been delivered to the Civil Air Board of Australia for





William E. Smith, and became Acton' fair grounds. The first exhibition held here was in a big canvas tent. That was before the drill hall was move from Bower Avenue. I think J. E. Mc-Garvin was the Secretary-Treasurer of the Fair at that time. The drill shed went to the Park about forty-five years It occupied a place where the

For years the only entrance to Acton Park was by way of Park Avenue. Until twenty-five or thirty years ago that avenue, known as Knox Avenue, stopped at the entrance to the church sheds This property was a big pasture field, and owned by the late John R. Kennedy. About twenty-five years ago Mr. Kennedy subdivided the property into build-Wallace was the first to erect a residence here, which is still owned by his daughter, Miss Hannah Wallace. Then Alex. Bell put his fine brick residence next and Jeremiah Bell built a comfortable home for his mother, when she

came to town from out in Nassagaweya The subdivision was popular and Mrs. Robt. Johnston had a home here, and

Mill Street, and a bit shorter.

cessful celebration was held in the Park, immemorating Acton's fifty years of may seem, a good bank balance was decided the Park entrance should be stand and ticket office and stone pillars were erected. Further celebrations supplied the balance of the funds necessary to complete the work

About ten years ago the grandstand was moved from the lot adjoining John

where Lindsay's mill is to-day, and the Tom Culhane, Dave Lightheart, Jake demand that it be curtailed. saw-mill-discontined seventy years ago Dempsey, and Jack Winlow, Alex. Hume, -was just below where the present George Hynds, Ed. McGarvin, and three cement waste-way and overflow is situ- or four of the Hill boys, John and Jim,

For about fifty years Fairy Lake was up? and there were the Lightheart boys always referred to as "The Mill Pond." Eventually, Mrs. Sarah Augusta, Secord. who settled here in the sixties, an educated woman of an aesthetic temperament, gradually succeeded in persuading our citizens that an expanse of such clear crystal spring water, with the environment of wooded hills, and cultivated farms, and pretty village homes and home surroundings, should drop its commonplace name and be honored with a more dignified cognomen. Mrs. Secord christened it 'Fairy Lake,' and Fairy Lake is the euphoneous name it has carried for the past sixty years.

In my boyhood days the shores of very far removed. Fairy Lake were thickly wooded, excepting where it touched the village. From Lake I should tell you of the homes on the southerly corner the Walters farm Park Avenue and Lake Avenue, since had its quota of woodland on the lake this section was in the early days all shore; then there was a section of each one big plot of ground. Perhaps the of the Dan Livingstone, the William first house to be built in this section Waldie, the Thomas Cameron and the was that occupied by Mr. and Mrs. D. James Cameron farms, adjoining the H. Lindsay, and I believe it wa: conbear mute evidence of this fact.

cherries from the black and fire cherry the shores of Lake Erie.

they play their curling and hockey in Then, going on down the south side the fine Arena in the Park, but many of Lake Avenue, is a frame house, built a fine curling and shinny game has been by Robert Campbell. He erected this enjoyed on Fairy Lake. The early Scotch one and three others on the street. The curlers in those days, and their Eng- three others were frame ones, too, and lish and Irish fellow-citizens, got to be the last three on the north side of the not only interested but expert in the street. Of course the last one in't there "roarin' game." I think there was only now, as it disappeared to make way for one pair of real Scotch granite curling that fine brick residence of fairly recent stones in town at that time. But John construction, owned by Wm. Lands-Speight turned many a fine "stone" out borough. Lawrence Williams built a new house of rock maide, and Mike Speight fitted | The brick house, owned by Mrs. on the other side of the street. Chester them with iron handles and weights, Sprowl, was erected for Mrs. John Plank erected the cement block house, and they made a fair substitute and Allan, not many years ago. John Chisand the late Frank Sayers built the afforded heaps of fun. Owing to being holm was also the builder of the next two brick bungalows, and Jas. McMil- lighter the curlers played a longer "tee" brick, now owned by Wrn. R. E. Blair lan followed with his fine brick house. __there being no difficulty in this on and family. The cement block adjoin-The last remaining lot was secured by the open pond. The men of Acton and ing was crected by the present owner the country-side who played in those and occupant, Allan G. C. Smith. The erection of the little bungalow for her- days thought nothing of spending an roughcast house, as near as I can recall, afternoon or two a week at this great was erected for Thos. Cook, but Mrs old game, when the ice was in good con- Scott and Miss McDonald have had a But how I've wandered from the Park, dition. Among the players I remember cosy home here for many years now The opening of Knox Avenue had a were Lachlan McDonald, Charlie Symon. The last house on the south side, where bearing on the Park, for now there-were John Wallace, Mike Speight, Edward and Mr. and Mrs. George Mason reside, was two entrances, and the Knox Avenue Benjamin Nicklin, Robert Coates, John erected by Wm. White, a hardware mer-Holt, Robert Swan, James Matthews, chant here. William Firstbrook, Sim Anderson. I I have already told you of the buildcan't remember whether Sandy Grant er of the first houses on the first three

other Scotch hearties. crowds weren't spectators when we used house, owned by Richard Rawson, was, to play on the old mill prod. Everybody I think, erected for Tommy Miller. At was in the game. Why, in the good old least that is the first family I can recall games of shinny we used to have on the residing there. The brick house on the big pond, fifty boys and young men could next lot is another comparatively new play at once, and they could all play at house and was built by the present the same time, and skate, too. And the owner, John McArthur, players weren't confined to the village. Of course you all recall that the next boys, either. On Saturday afternoons lot, the only vacant one on the street lots of the farm boys would get into the was the pound lot until a few years ago. of the Park. The Arena was erected in game, too. I remember quite well when and was sold by the Corporation to the both the Cameron boys. Charlie and late John R. Kennedy. The next brick But the story of Acton Park is not Tom, played; and there were the Lasby was built by Thos. Moore and the coys, Jack and Charlie; and sometimes pretty little bungalow adjoining was take, which forms such beautiful sur- one or two of the Gordon boys would be erected a few years ago for the present

the mill dam was completed that made George, his brother. I couldn't begin to H. Boyd, was built by the late Peter this splendid body of water. The dam name you all the village boys who'd be MacDonald, about thirty years ago, when backed up water until it covered eighty- in these big shinny games." But usually he prepared to retire from farming on eight acres, as it does to-day. The there'd be Jim Nicklin, Bill and Dick the second line. I know this is a hasty flour mill, built by the Adamses, stood Thurtell, Austin Tubby, and George, sketch, but requirements of the book

> and Charlie, and Chester, when he grew -Sam's and Jim's-and George Slingerland; and the Johnston boys, and Jack and Elam Livingstone, and Jack Stafford, and Joe and Jack Firstbrook, and lots of others I cannot now remember

Talk about the hockey of to-day. Bu it wasn't to be compared with our shinny games. I am sure none of us who saw them, let alone playing them, would ever admit that hockey could compare with shinny for a minute, for real, enjoyable, all-round, healthy, good-natured sport.

Yes, sports seem pretty well confined to Acton Park and the old commons. Just seems as if they never got really

Before I leave the Park and Fairy ake, which were covered with cedar, structed for John Pletsch. I could tell The next house on Park Avenue, oc

In the subdivision of the Adams farms, when Acton was largely surveyed into cupied by Mrs. Cowie, was built by Amvillage lots, the peninsula jutting out bross McCann, about twenty years ago. into the lake, westward from the section Then the home occupied by Mr. and lots on Main Street, was secured by Mrs. Braida, was built by John Chisand wild cherry, and balm of gilead and Mr. and Mrs. Thos Rumley. I was basswood. In those, we boys, after a built for George Dills, and it was here dip in the lake, at the present old swim- that this family spent their early remin' hole, would regale ourselves with sidence after they came to Acton from

trees, and with carrots from the field of The house on the corner, now owned white carrets, which was invariably the by Mr. W. J. Beatty, was started by crop then grown by "Old Ransom," on Charles Glebe, a miller, who came to is land, which now comprises Acton's Acton. Financial matters went against public park. Mr. Adams always had a the builder and worry drove him to stableful of horses, used the crop carrots commit suicide by going to the station -left by the boys after their summer early one morning and placing his head feeding - to feed during the winter under the wheels of the train. The building was completed later by John In those early days there was fine Harvey, who lived here for some years. trout-fishing in the old mill pond. Spec- The Jeans brothers, William and Harry, kled trout, and no amount of other fish built the next house, at least I recall these facilitated the sport of the fisher- facture of gloves and mitts. The house men when in quest of "speckled beauties." at the corner, now occupied by Mr. and Yes, the Park and the old mill pond Mrs. Neil McNabb, was built for Wm. are pretty closely related. Nowadays Speight, who now resides in Toronto.

they would be in the game with the nett, was crected for her parents, when And hockey in those early days. The life, by Jeremiah Bell. The roughcast

ings for this fine ground. It's just over, and Tom Lee, and Jack O'Donaghue; occupant, Mrs. R. H. Wansbrough. The years ago this past summer since and Zalman Hall, and Jack Smith and house on the corner, now occupied by J

"They're gone, too." "And Green's?"

he said bitterly. "Yes, but I was in love with you and ain't as bad as I thought."

OR WAS IT?

A farmer was gloomily regarding the ravages of the big flood. "Sam," shouted a neighbor, "I hear your, cattle were all washed down the

"Aye," was the reply " "How are Brown's cattle?"

"Oh, well," said Sam, cheering up, "it ed out wrong. I used a three-leafed

SO WILL WORKY?

Medico-Ask the accident victim what his name is, so we can notify his family. Nurse (a, few moments later) --- He says his family knows his name.

TAKING NO CHANCES

Roberta-Did you count with a dainy to see if Jack loves you? Ruth-No, indeed; it might have turn-

The Murderer Escaped!!

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