

RECOLLECTIONS OF ACTON

BACK IN 1897

From the issue of the Free Press of April 14th, 1897

Acton Bicycle Club meets three evenings each week in the Oddfellows Hall.

Mr. Hugh Black has received the appointment of Postmaster at Rockwood, salary \$200 per annum.

The bright sunshine and warm weather on Saturday made a model day for a millinery opening, and as a result, Messrs. Henderson and Co.'s parlours were thronged with ladies anxious to see the new creations in millinery. Miss Stone felt a just pride in her surroundings.

At the Municipal Council, it was moved by Wm. Brown, seconded by W. E. Smith, that Geo. McLennan, engineer of Fire Brigade, be paid \$4.13 for his services during December. Alfred Bauer has been appointed fireman for the steamer. Moved by H. J. Arnold and W. Brown that the fireman of the fire engine be paid \$25 per annum for his services.

The matter of the crossing over the railway on Mill St. was again up for discussion.

Mr. Thomas Chisholm will offer his household goods for sale by auction on Saturday evening. He proposes returning to Michigan.

Mr. Henderson, M. P. for Hallow, had the honor of presenting the first petition of the present session of the House. It was one from the county council of Hallow praying for legislation demanding that railway companies provide suitable crossings at their own expense.

BACK IN 1927

From the issue of The Free Press of Thursday, April 14th, 1927

Bread is now down to the per cent all over town.

The members of Acton Fall Fair have been doing good work in seedling and leveling a section of Prospect Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Swackhamer, of Churchill, celebrated their golden wedding on Monday at the home of their son, Mr. Stanley Swackhamer. Miss Anne Macdonald entertained the Y.P.S. Class of Knox Church at her home on Lake Avenue at a social evening.

At the Young People's League of the United Church on Monday evening the Taxis Square boys put on the program. Edward Julliffe, of Rockwood, the educational champion of Guelph Collegiate, gave a very interesting and instructive talk on China.

DIED. COLEMAN At the home of her daughter, Mrs. Thos. Edmiston, of Delver, Sask., on Saturday, April 2nd, 1927, Mrs. Coleman, widow of the late Joseph Coleman, Acton, in her 93rd year.

CAMPBELLVILLE

(Intended for Last Week)

Four district residents were laid to rest in St. David's Presbyterian Cemetery recently. The late Malcolm Holmes, William Mason, James Schram and Mrs. Neil MacMillan.

On Friday evening a presentation was held in Mountsberg School in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ingalls, who have sold their farm and will retire to this village. Progressive couples were enjoyed by 125 people who were present. Mr. Robert Laking on behalf of those present presented the happy couple with a chest of silver, card table and cards. Mr. and Mrs. Ingles both fittingly replied. Dancing followed with Mr. Andrew Gilmore and Mr. Calvin Westwood supplying the music and Mr. Roy Hewins acting as floor manager.

On Monday evening about 30 young people from St. David's Y.P.S. journeyed to visit Duff's Y.P.S. Miss Jean McLean opened the meeting and conducted the business, after which Miss Olive Mahon, our president, took charge of the program which was as follows: Topic, Mr. Wm. Bryant, on Easter Customs in Foreign Countries; violin solo, Mr. Omar Vansickle; solo, Miss Joyce Cowner; duet, Mrs. Robt. Early and Mrs. Robt. Elliott; quartette, Messrs. Omar Vansickle, Robert McPhail, Robert Elliott and William Bryant. After recreation a dainty lunch was served.

We are sorry to hear of Ronald Lush having rheumatic fever and wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. C. A. Easley is confined to the Hamilton General Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Miss Beverly Roberts is stricken with the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Webb of Freeton were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hood.

TRAFFIC TOLL

Two small boys were examining some mummies in the Egyptian section of the museum. "What does the card on this mean?" said one. "It says B.C. 3,300?" "Don't be so stupid," said the other. "That's the number of the car that hit him."

CLEARING AUCTION SALE

FARM STOCK, TRACTOR, IMPLEMENTS, HAY, GRAIN AND FURNITURE

The undersigned has received instructions from VIKENTIE BRADLEY, To sell by public auction at his farm, Lot 14, Con. 1, Twp. of Trafalgar, 1 mile west of Milton on MONDAY, APRIL 14 Commencing at 1:00 o'clock sharp, the following:

COWS AND YOUNG CATTLE 5 Kyralin Cows, fresh, calves at side; 2 Red Durham Cows, fresh, bred about 3 wks.; 1 Jersey Cow, due May 1; 2 Red Cows, due in May; 1 White Durham Cow, due time of calving; 1 Holstein Cow, fresh 2 months, bred in Mar.; 1 Holstein Cow, milking, bred in October; 1 Red Heifer, bred in December; 1 Jersey Heifer, bred in January; 1 Hereford Cow, fresh, calf at side; 1 Durham Cow, milking, bred in February; 1 Red Heifer, bred in November; 3 Guernsey Heifers, 8 months old; 10 Calves, under 2 weeks of age; 1 Shorthorn Bull, 1 1/2 years old.

COWS AND PIGS 1 York Sow, with 11 pigs ready to wean; 1 young York Sow, just bred; 2 York Sows, due inside of 6 weeks; 1 York Sow, due 2 months; 2 York Pigs, about 180 lbs.; 2 York Pigs, about 160 lbs.; 8 York Chunks; 1 York Hog, well bred, 2 years old.

GRAIN, FEED, ETC. 80 bus. Early Oats, cleaned for seed; 150 bus. Oats from the machine; 2 bus. Alfalfa Seed, graded; quantity of Hay.

FARM IMPLEMENTS J. D. Tractor on rubber, Model B. R.; Cockshutt Tractor, Disc; Cockshutt Tractor, Disc; 2 furrows; (these implements are especially new and have never done custom work); M. H. Grain Binder, 7 ft.; M. D. Manure Spreader, in good shape; M. H. Mower, 5 ft.; M. D. Fertilizer Disc, Drill, as good as new; Spring tooth Cultivator, 2-section; Cockshutt Hay Loader; Circular Saw and Frame; Steel Land Roller; Sloop Sleighs; set of 5-section Seed Harrows; Wagon and Box; Fanning Mill; Reaper; Cream Separator, M. D. power, just new last year; Forks; Hoes, Shovels, Churns, etc.

FURNITURE Dining Room Suite, consisting of 8 pieces; 2 Den Chairs, leather upholstery; 2 Wicker Arm Chairs; Singer Sewing Machine; Kitchen Tables; Raymond Sewing Machine; Coal Oil Stove; Kitchen Chairs; Jacket Heater, coal or wood; 3 Laminum Rugs; Combination Kitchen Cabinet; Bath Tub and Basin; other small Household Effects.

TERMS: Cash settlement with clerk on day of sale.

No reserve as farm is sold and the proprietor is giving up farming.

HINDLEY AND ELLIOTT, Auctioneers, R. R. Ford, Clerk

CLEARING AUCTION SALE

IN ERIN TOWNSHIP

OF LIVE STOCK, TRACTOR AND TRACTOR EQUIPMENT, IMPLEMENTS, HAY, GRAIN, ETC.

The undersigned has received instructions from

C. R. MCKINNON

To sell by auction at his farm, Lot 25, Con. 4, Erin Township, situated on the 4th line, 3 1/2 miles S.W. of Hillsburg, 6 miles N. of Ospridge, on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16th, 1947 Commencing at 12:30 o'clock the following:

HORSES AND HARNESS Team of aged farm horses; Bonn Getting, 2 yrs old, good in all harness; Set of Breeding Harness; Collars; Set of Backband Harness; Collars; Tops.

COWS Dual purpose Roan Cow, due before sale; Roan Cow, milking well, and bred again; Red and white Cow, springing; Roan Cow, milking well, bred Feb. 26; Black Heifer, bred March 14; Black Cow, springer; Red Cow, milking well, rebred; Red and White Cow, springer; Black Heifer, fresh, 2 months; Jersey Cow, bred last fall; Woods 2-unit MULKING Machine, with piping for 9 cows; Renfrew Electric Cream Separator, 60 cycle.

YOUNG STOCK Argus Bull, Prince of Sunny Slope, 4 1/2, born 1945; bred by A. McKinnon & Sons; Nurse Cow, with 2 calves at foot; 7 Yearlings; 6 Summer Calves; 5 Fall Calves; the above young stock are all Angus.

PIGS York Sow, due April 5; York Sow, due April 13; York Sow, bred March 20; York Sow, bred March 24; 14 pig Chunks; York Hog, 10 mos. old.

SEED GRAIN, FEED, ETC. 300 bus. of Ajax Oats, cleaned for seed; 275 bus. of Early Alaska Oats, cleaned for seed; 100 bus. of No Barb Barley, cleaned for seed; 60 bus. of Feed Oats; 600 bus. of Fall Wheat, about 25 tons of mixed Hay, if not previously sold.

IMPLEMENTS McCormick Deering W 30 Tractor, extension rims all round lights and an adjustable draw bar; I.H.C. Tractor Plow, 2-furrow; Rex Bottom; I.H.C. Double Disc; 27-hp. Good Power Fanning Mill, with bagger; Woods Electric Chopper, 60 cycle; Cockshutt Binder, I.H.C. Manure Spreader, F. and W. Mower; Cockshutt 1-row Finisher; M. H. Hay Loader; M. H. 12-spool Fertilizer Drill; I.H.C. spring tooth Cultivator; 4-section Harrows; Scuffler; single-Plow; Steel Roller; Tudhope Anderson Wagon; Wagon Box; Sloop Sleighs; Buggy; Hay Rack; M. H. Pulper, new; Bag Scales; Platform Scales; Stock Rack; Potato Cutter; Forks, Hoes, Shovels, Bats, Barrels, Sockyokes, Cockshutt Drum Hay Loader, nearly new; all machinery in first class condition.

TERMS: Cash on day of sale. No reserve as the farm is for sale and the proprietor is giving up farming. The death of the proprietor's son makes this sale necessary.

HINDLEY AND ELLIOTT, Auctioneers, R. R. No. 3, Acton, Phone Erin 1567

Sale will be held under cover in case of bad weather. G. Bryan & R. Bryan, Clerks

The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, APRIL 13th

BASES OF NATIONAL GREATNESS

Golden Text: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. Ps. 33: 12. Lesson Text: 1 Sam. 9: 1, 2; 11: 12; 13: 1-5; 1, 22-26. Read also 34, 35.

Places: Mizpah, Gilgal, Gibeon.

Exposition: 1. Saul Chosen King. 1 Sam. 9: 1, 2; 11: 12, 13.

Jehovah had already pointed Saul out as the one whom He had chosen to be king over Israel (9: 17), and Samuel had made known this choice of God unto Saul (9: 20, 21; 10: 1). Now there is to be a formal and public choice by lot. Samuel called the people together but not unto himself, "unto the Lord." They were to meet

the Lord face to face that day and to hear a message from Him. Is our gathering together unto the Lord or unto some man? The place of meeting was one that had been hallowed by former gatherings (Jud. 20: 1; 1 Sam. 7: 5, 6). Samuel again reproves them for asking for a king (ch. 8: 7-9, 19; 12: 17-19). But the reproval was not Samuel, but God's. God calls to their remembrance how He had saved them and brought them out of the land of bitterness and bondage.

How gross was the ingratitude of a people that could reject such a God and how great was their folly that they should desire some human king undelivered instead of Him. Their ingratitude and folly was nothing in comparison with that of those who reject such a Deliverer and Lord as Jesus Christ has proved Himself to be.

It is the method of God in reasoning with men to call to their remembrance His loving kindness toward them, in order that they may see their own ingratitude and folly in the light of His abounding grace (Jud. 2: 1; 6: 8, 9). It was fourfold deliverance that Jehovah had wrought for them: (a) He had brought them up out of Egypt, the land of bondage, plagues and darkness. (2) He had delivered them out of the hand of the Egyptians, that had had been a heavy one. (3) He had delivered them out of the hand of all kingdoms. He had brought them to civil liberty and self-government and now the very kingdom desired a king again.

The only way to be delivered from the oppression of all earthly kings is to have God for our King (d). He delivered them out of the hand of all that oppressed them (Luk. 1: 74, 75). No earthly king could do that. Their obstinacy and folly in this matter were a fore-shadowing of how men would treat Christ (Ev. 7: 51, 52).

When Saul was first anointed king, some had despised him and had said, "Shall Saul reign over us?" (10: 27). Many are saying the same thing of our divinely appointed King Jesus today (Luk. 19: 14). All were now ready to acknowledge Saul's right to reign, and some day the whole world will acknowledge the right of the Lord Jesus to reign (Phil. 2: 7). In this day of Saul's triumph it was suggested that those who refused to recognize his right to reign should be put to death. Saul's greatness of character at this time comes out again. He would not consent to the death of a single person, no matter how bitterly they had opposed him. He humbly recognized that it was not he but Jehovah who had wrought

deliverance for Israel (10: 27). All our victories come from God (Ex. 14: 13, 30; Ps. 44: 1-8; Prov. 21: 31).

It is Saul's Worthless Excuse, 1 Sam. 15: 1, 22-26. Saul put on a very bold face and stoutly asserted that he had "obeyed the voice of the Lord." He hoped to be himself out of his difficulty but he failed lamentably. He has many imitators, but none ever succeeded. Before God got through with Saul he was forced to say "I have sinned" (v. 24). Every sinner has to come to this point sooner or later. The sooner he comes to it the better. One should never disobey God; but if one does disobey, the thing to do is to make a clean breast of it at once. Saul admits that the sheep and the oxen should have been utterly destroyed, but again says that it was the people that had spared "the chief" of them, and that too with a good purpose "to sacrifice unto the Lord." Then he adds, with the vain hope of conciliating Samuel, "they God." If Saul had been as cunning as some of our modern scholars who find something inconvenient in the word of God, he would have told Samuel, "I do not believe in a deadly literalism in interpreting the word of God. I have kept the spirit of God's command, even if not the letter."

Many in our own day are seeking to substitute sacrifices and services of their own invention for simple obedience to the plain commands of God. God does not ask us to invent, but to hearken and obey. Witchcraft (in all its forms) idolatry and "terephim" are exceedingly hateful to God, but "trephim" and "stubbornness" are just as hateful. All disobedience to what God has said is "trephim" and "stubbornness". There was just one cause of Saul's ruin, he had "rejected the word of the Lord." Every man's destiny turns upon what he does with God's Word. If anyone accepts God's Word God accepts him (1st Gen. 15: 6; Jas. 5: 21; 1 John. 5: 10-12). If anyone rejects the word of God, God rejects him (1st John. 3: 18, 36).

THE AIR WORLD AND A. M. A. NEWS

Our vice-president and our treasurer, Fred Turner, visited Toronto over the week-end and met several members of the Canadian Gas Model Club. This club is very well sponsored and conducts most of the large contests held in the Toronto district.

After considerable discussion of various aspects of model building, the famous Hockin family of Mimico invited the local delegates to their home in Mimico. Gordon and Brian Hockin have probably won more model airplane contests in Canada than any other modeller and Harold and Fred were shown the mass of trophies and the aircraft which carried off the honors. Much very sound knowledge was gained by this visit and the Hockins have volunteered to come to Acton in the near future and put on a display of fast control-line flying to foster more interest in this new sport. So watch for the details of this event which will probably be held in the Acton Park.

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THE PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE

A philosopher remarks that the people are supposed to be pursuing knowledge, but that many do not pursue her, hard enough so there is any danger of catching her.

All branches of learning can be looked at as the effort of the human race to understand the world and the forces which govern it. There is something intensely interesting about the struggle for knowledge. One sees by this struggle the conflict against obstacles and difficulties. It is a story of boldness and often heroic endeavor. The human race is seen to be gradually climbing out of the darkness into the light. It is fascinating to read of the ups and downs of this conflict, and one feels satisfaction and happiness when some final triumph is seen.



Real Estate & Insurance

REAL ESTATE

We have a few dwellings for sale, some owner wanted, others well tenanted, that could be bought for future needs. We have some good farms for sale, no delapidated properties handled or, without listing, so we can recommend the property and advise prospects as to correct prescription and what is included.

INSURANCE

Now is the time to review your insurance needs, while values have gone up, fire insurance rates on properties are down, and new benefits added, such as miscellaneous coverage. In fact, the whole insurance business, like other businesses, is being brought scientifically up to date, to conform with present needs. We make a special study of our business and always pleased to give help and advice when asked.

OCEAN TICKETS

While we have been successful in obtaining excellent accommodations for our clients so far, in the classes and times desired, due to the large backlog of the waiting list there are more applications than shipping tonnage will accommodate. But ships are being converted from their wartime standing to peacetime service and new ships are being built. If you are thinking of travelling overseas, keep in touch with us and we will keep you informed. If you have an urgent problem, we will do our best for you, whether it is business or family reasons. General tourist traffic is not solicited until conditions return to normal.

IMMIGRATION

We are receiving applications for bringing out displaced persons under certain conditions, in regard to occupations, such as farming, mining and logging from people who are well established and can take the responsibility of accommodating their relatives. Special service to veterans bringing out their families. Assistance with passports free. Birthdays of independent means can enter Canada without sponsors.

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