RECOLLECTIONS OF ACTON

BACK IN 1897

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday June 3rd, 1897

Court of Revision at a midnight session—Appeals were made against the assessment of the following properties on the grounds of being assessed too high:

Col. Allan, on 19½ acres of farm land, assessed for $1000. Assessment confirmed.

Mrs. Diana W. Smith, residence and 7 acres, assessed for $3500. Assessment confirmed.

The assessment for the present year is $279,220; an increase over last year of $7,430.

Tenders for gravel for Mill Street were read as follows: David Mills 15c per yard; Anthony Mason 45c per yard; E. Matthews 63c per yard. Each tender was for drawing from Watson's gravel pit in the fifth concession, and the council to do the loading. Moved by Wm. Brown, seconded by W. H. Denny that Mills and Mason be given the contract jointly.

Acton must have fifty bicycles now. If so, that means an aggregate outlay of $2,500.

A new crossing and sidewalk on Bower Avenue to the dwelling occupied by Mr. H. S. Holmes has been laid.

Owing to the decision to close the church at Crewson's Corners, a deputation from the Brick Church waited on them last Sunday and invited the congregation to join the Brick Church congregation.

Acton Cornet Band gave their first open air concert on Monday evening.

BORN

LOCKER—In Nassagaweya, on Saturday, 29th May, to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Locker, a son.

BACK IN 1927

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, June 9th, 1927

The new flags on the business streets looked well on the King's birthday.

The tax rate for 1927 was set at 47 mills by the Council at the meeting on Tuesday evening.

The tragic death of Norman McLeod, seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman McLeod on Monday afternoon was a shock to the community. The little chap was playing at the Main Street bridge and suddenly darted from one side and ran headlong into a car.

University results published on Tuesday contained the names of three successful University students from Acton. Miss Jean Kennedy, Miss Helen Macdonald and Miss Isabel McNiven, all secured second class honors in their courses.

DIED

SWACKHAMER—At Huttonville, on Friday, June 3, 1927, Jacob Swackhamer, aged 77 years.

MOORE—At her home, Lot 15, Concession 3, Esquesing, on Friday, June 3rd, 1927, Alice Moore, in her 47th year.

OAKVILLE

Work has started on the addition to Brantwood public school. James Kemp of Hamilton has the contract for the addition which when completed will give the building a capacity of nine rooms.

Few citizens, perhaps, realized it, but Tuesday was Oakville's ninetieth anniversary as a town. It was on May 27, 1857, that an act was passed which gave the community its new status. Formerly Oakville had been part of Trafalgar Township.

Provincial Constable Allie Jackson has been promoted to the rank of Corporal and placed in charge of the Oakville detachment of the Provincial Police. His promition became effective May 1st, the Record-Star was informed in a telephone conversation with District Inspector A. R. Knight of Hamilton.—Record-Star.

WORKING DOLLAR CAN SHORTEN THE FARMER'S DAY

"Many farmers have found that wise borrowing has enabled them to get more enjoyment from life," said Mr. Clayton, manager of the Bank of Montreal, in discussing farm financing.

"The new farm equipment and labor-saving machinery that has been so anxiously awaited, is now coming back on the Canadian market," Mr. Clayton continued. "Investing in such modern aids has lightened the burden for many farmers.

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MILTON

Two men died in as many days from injuries received in week-end traffic mishaps in the Milton district last Friday and Saturday. Those who died were John King, 68, of Hornby and John Fairy, 48, Rosebury Rd., Toronto. William Fanning, a passenger with Fairy received a badly wrenched neck and Art Gendron escaped injuries.

Numerous topics of vital interest to a community and surrounding district were discussed at the second meeting of the Milton Board of Trade, held Tuesday evening.

On May 24th, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Thompson of Hornby entertained members of the Thompson clan from Toronto, Hamilton, Georgetown and Milton. The afternoon was spent in games and sports after which more than 40 sat down to supper in the spacious dining room. An interesting feature was the showing of motion pictures of the picnic held a year ago.

Milton Public School Home and School Association held its annual Empire Day program, May 23rd, in the Princess Theatre. Mrs. McGrogan, presiding, welcomed the children, guest artists, and a splendid attendance of some 125 parents and friends.—Canadian Champion.

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The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, JUNE 8th

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Golden Text.—Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law. Ps. 119: 34.

Lesson Text.—2 Ki. 22: 10-11; 23: 1-5, 21.

Time.—639-621 B. C.

Place.—Jerusalem.

Exposition.—I. A Godly Young King. To get the full scriptural setting, read all of chapter 22 to 23: 21.

Manasseh began to reign over the kingdom of Judah at an early age and reigned badly. Josiah began to reign over the same kingdom at a still earlier age and reigned well. "Woe to thee, O land, when thy king is a child," wrote the wise man (Eccl. 10: 16), and taken as a general principle this is true. But Josiah was an exception to the rule and to the application of the general principle. What the earlier influences were, which led Josiah to follow a totally different line of conduct than that pursued by his wicked father and grandfather, we are not told. But further on in life, it was the discovery of the long-lost law of God that led to the larger reformation in the kingdom. The whole account of Josiah's life and reign as recorded in 2 Ki. chs. 22, 23, should be read. The prophets Jeremiah and Zephaniah flourished in Josiah's time (Jer. 1: 2; Zeph. 1: 1). Doubtless they, and especially Jeremiah, had a large influence over the king. Of few of Judah's kings is it recorded that "They did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord" (ch. 14: 2; 17: 3; 29: 2), but it is so written of Josiah.

II. Restoring the House of the Lord.

At twenty years of age Josiah took up right heartily the work of religious reformation. He began with his own city and nation, but carried on his work into Manasseh, Ephraim, Simeon and Naphtali. Hezekiah carried his work of reform into Ephraim and Manasseh (2 Chron. 30: 1, 10, 11; 31: 1), but Josiah carried his reformation even further, and apparently more successfully (2 Ki. 23: 15-20), and did not return to Jerusalem until he had finished his work. At twenty-six years of age, Josiah undertook the restoration of the temple. It was a national undertaking.

III. The Power of the Word, 22: 10, 11.

But the great event in the life and reign of Josiah was the re-discovery of the Law of the Lord. The manuscript was found by Hilkiah in the temple, and, presumably, was the very one written by Moses (Deut. 31: 24-26). The supposition of the destructive critics that the so-called law of Moses was invented at this time, and that there was no discovery of a manuscript hitherto existing, is without foundation in fact. Why? There are fifteen places in the Old Testament that mention "the law of Moses" and the "book of Moses", but this is the only occasion of which it is written that the book of the law was by the hand of Moses. Presumably, there were other copies of the law extant in the land, and probably Josiah had seen such copies, but had never read them with any fullness or care. How "the law of God" could become a forgotten book will never be easily understood, nevertheless the truth and fact remain that they had forgotten both Jehovah and His word. But Hilkiah found the book of the law passed it on to others and so began the work of a great reform. Shaphan played an important part in the reformation by reading God's word to Josiah. The first effect of the reading of God's Word to the King was to awaken within him conviction of sin (v. 19). Having been convicted of sin by the Word Josiah seeks to know the will of Jehovah. In those days, the prophet of God was depended upon to discover and reveal the mind of the Lord (v. 22; Ex. 18:15; 1 Sam. 9:9; 1 Ki. 22:5-7; Jer. 21:2, Ezek. 14:1; 20: 1-7). In this dispensation, it is our privilege to be directly taught by the Spirit through the Word (Jno. 14:26; 16:13, 14; 1 Jno. 2:20, 27, Jas. 1:5-7).

IV. The Great Revival in Jerusalem and Judah, 23:1-5, 21.

Having learned the will of Jehovah and being convinced of the sincerity of His Word, King Josiah undertook the execution of that will, with all his heart. He began with the leaders of the people, but he left none out of the rank-and-file. "Both small and great" were to hear the Word. Josiah began his reformation by teaching the whole people "all the words of the book." What a sight! A king reading all the words of the law of Jehovah, to his assembled people! Having acquainted the people with God's law as revealed in His own Word, he, first of all, made a covenant before the Lord, in the presence of all the people. He covenanted to do three things: (1) "To walk after the Lord." (2) "To keep His commandments and his testimonies and His statutes;" no part of the Word was to be neglected, and, furthermore, he agreed to do all this "with all his heart and soul." There was to be no half-way business here. (3) "To perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book." Having first got right with God himself, he caused the whole of his people to get right, also; and the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God.

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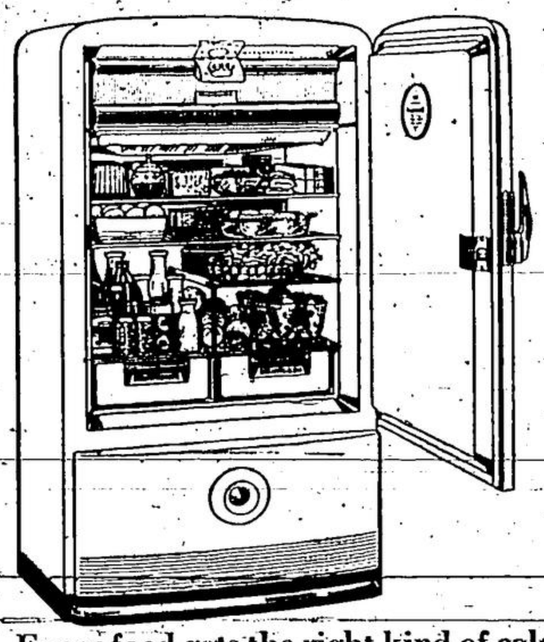

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