

# RECOLLECTIONS OF ACTON

## BACK IN 1897

From the issue of The Free Press of Thursday, July 16th, 1897

Contractor Lawson is at work on the new bridge from Main Street to Cook's Survey.

Edwin Francis made a lightning trip to Woodstock on Monday on his wheel. He left Acton at 5 a.m. and reached Woodstock, a distance of 70 miles at 11.50 a.m.

The baseball team must have been seriously affected by the heat — or something else — on Saturday. They left here at noon on Saturday for Hillsburg in two rigs. One contingent arrived home at four o'clock Sunday morning and the other about seven o'clock Sunday evening.

C. F. Goodlove sold shirt waists at 25c up, corn for 5c a can, granulated sugar at 20 lbs. for \$1. and had the largest stock of soap in town.

Among the visitors from here to the International Epworth League Convention at Toronto this week are: Rev. A. McLachlan, M.A.; Misses Lottie E. Spolight, Alice and Phemie Laing, Maggie Matthews, Jennie Somerville and Messrs. Thos. J. Edrington, Jno. S. Coleman and H. P. Moore.

The crop prospects are at present unusually bright. The editor of the Free Press in a trip of 150 miles last week through the counties of Halton, Peel, York, Ontario, Northumberland and Hastings, found the crops everywhere looking excellent, in most places the hay and fall wheat being especially good. Hay was being cut generally and by the end of this week the wheat harvest will have begun.

## BACK IN 1927

From the issue of The Free Press of Thursday, July 21st, 1927

Browsing in his barley field, two full grown deer were seen by Mr. Robert Patterson on his farm about a mile and a half east of Rockwood.

The White Rose degree team of Royal City Lodge No. 73 S.O.E.B.S. Guelph, paid a fraternal visit to Woodgreen Lodge.

Crober Bros. Wholesale Monument Works commenced erection of factory on Monday on the property secured from Mr. Fred Cooper at the corner of Queen Street and the C.P.R. tracks.

Mr. Fred Graham, of Winnipeg, was a welcome visitor in town last week.

**MARRIED**  
MATTHEWS-CLARIDGE — In Knox Church, Acton, on July 20th, 1927, by the Rev. A. C. Stewart, M.A., Mary Frances Viola, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Claridge to George Robert Matthews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Matthews, of Guelph.

**DIED**  
VANNATTER — Suddenly, in Guelph General Hospital, on Thursday, July 14th, 1927, Hattie A. Bennett, beloved wife of Ira B. Vannatter.

There'll be a lot of new products to interest and delight the visitor at the Canadian National Exhibition this year. Manufacturers who converted their plants to the production of munitions, etc., during the war, now are producing articles of many kinds not heretofore associated with their industry. The Hall of Plastics will be a revelation to those interested in scientific developments.

## Maple Products Pay Farmers Millions

The 1947 crop of maple syrup and maple sugar is much greater than in 1946 and is estimated at 3,580,000 gallons of syrup and 3,431,000 pounds of sugar, compared with 1,889,000 gallons of syrup and 2,543,000 pounds of sugar in 1946.

The syrup crop is the largest on record since 1921 but sugar production is 4 per cent smaller than the 10 year 1936-45 average. Production of maple syrup and sugar is confined to four provinces and production this season, with comparable figures for 1946 in brackets, is as follows: Quebec, syrup 2,831,000 gal. (1,638,000 gal.), sugar 2,260,000 lb. (2,448,000 lb.); Ontario, syrup 717,000 gal. (235,000 gal.), sugar 67,000 lb. (7,000 lb.); New Brunswick, syrup 25,000 gal. (41,000 gal.), sugar 23,000 lb. (28,000 lb.); Nova Scotia, syrup 9,000 gal. (6,000 gal.), sugar 14,000 lb. (20,000 lb.).

The value of the crop including syrup and sugar is estimated at \$14,139,000 or 125 per cent more than the value of production in 1946, most of which went to farmers as the bulk of maple syrup and maple sugar comes from trees on farms.

It is a compliment to the agricultural departments of the federal and provincial governments and of the Canadian National Exhibition that from practically all the adjacent states and from some farther afield, students of agriculture are sent in hundreds to attend and study the agricultural, horticultural and livestock displays at the "Ex." Agricultural vocational schools in New York, Indiana and two points in Pennsylvania already have arranged to send excursions.

## ERIN

The most popular place in our village over the week-end was Stanley Park with numerous bathers and picnickers.

The Gray Family Reunion was held on Tuesday July 1, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bossey, Third Line, Erin.

Miss Helen Nesbitt entertained on June 13th at her parents' home in honor of Miss Larra Overland, bride-to-be. During the evening the guests presented her with a shower of kitchen utensils.

A local agriculturist while working in one of the fields on his farm, placed his gloves on the seat of the implement he was operating to make an adjustment. While he was in the act a crow swooped down, took one of his gloves, flew over a nearby swamp and dropped it. It seems a person can't trust anything these days. — Advocate.

## Keep Extra Pay For Rainy Day

The recent income tax reductions now effective will mean bigger pay cheques, says William Clayton, local Bank of Montreal manager.

Some folks may let this extra money dribble away. A good way to avoid losing the advantage of this extra money is to deposit that tax savings every pay-day. Why not open a separate B of M savings account now and watch it grow?

## CLEARING AUCTION SALE

OF HORSES, CATTLE, HOGS, POULTRY, GRAIN AND FARM IMPLEMENTS

The undersigned has received instructions from

MILTON NICHOLSON to sell by Public Auction at his farm, Lot 10, Con. 1, Twp. of Nassagaweya, 2 miles south of Moffat on

THURSDAY, JULY 24th, 1947

Commencing at 1.30 o'clock, D.S.T. the following:

HORSES — 1 Bay Mare, 11 years old; 1 Grey Gelding, 11 years old.

CATTLE — 1 Holstein Cow, fresh; 1 most, not bred; 5 Head of Durham Cattle, about 800 lbs., fat; 9 Durham Steers, about 14 years old; 1 Durham Cow, fresh; 1 Holstein Cow, fresh; 1 Holstein Heifer, fresh; 1 Jersey Cow, fresh, bred again; 1 Part Ayrshire and Jersey Cow, fresh 6 weeks, not bred; 1 Veal Calf; 4 Holstein Heifers, 1 year old; 2 Calves, about 2 weeks old.

HOGS — 5 Sows, bred about 2 mos.; 10 Pigs, about 75 lbs.; 10 Pigs, about 50 lbs.

POULTRY — 300 N. Hampshire Hens in full production; 150 Cockerels, about 4 1/2 lbs.; 300 B. Rock Pullets, 10 weeks old.

GRAIN AND SEED — 1200 bus. Mixed Grain; Quantity of Wheat; 2 bus. Timothy Seed; 1 bus. Red Clover Seed.

IMPLEMENTS — 1 W-4 Int. Tractor on rubber with power take-off, 4 yrs. old; 1931 Chev. 2-ton Truck, with stake body, 6 new tires, new motor and rear end overhauled; 1 Ford Bissell 2 furrow tractor, plow; Case 2 Yarrow Plow on rubber; 1 Bissell Double Disc, 8 ft.; 1 3-section M. H. Harrows; 1 3-section Light Harrows; 1 Int. Mower, 5 ft.; 1 Int. Side Rake; Buck Rake, mounted on Oldsmobile car in good mechanical order; Int. 7 ft. Grain Blinder; Rubber tired wagon; M.H. Hay Tedder; Bissell Double Disc; Wheel Cultivator; M.H. 11 Spout Disc Drill; Set of Harrows, 12 ft.; Gravel Box; Quantity of Wire Fencing; Root Pulper; No. of Steel Fence Posts; Forge; Corn Marker; 2 Mass. Chains; Set of Axes; Flour No. of Heavy Duty Double Trees; New Neckyokes; New Manure Forks; New Ensilage Forks; New Scoop Shovel; Massey Harris Corn Blinder; 1 Oliver 2-row Corn Cultivator; 1 No. 65 Steel Farm Truck Wagon; Chatham Fanning Mill; Forks; Hoop Shovels; Chains and other small articles.

TERMS — Cash Settlement with the Clerk on Day of Sale.

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## The Sunday School Lesson

Sunday July 20

LIGHT ON THE PROBLEM OF SUFFERING

Golden Text. Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 2 Tim. 2:3

LESSON TEXT. Job 1:8; 2:7-10; 19:7-10; 42:1-5; Jas. 5:11.

EXPOSITION. I. Job as one of Satan's test cases, 1:8; 2:7-10; 19:7-10

Human suffering is the result of Satan's inspired afflictions (2: 7-11), the results of sin in hereditary weakness (Ex 20:5), ignorance of God and His way (Ac. 3:17; 17:30; Pet. 1:14), the chastening of the Lord in the disciples He imposes on the objects of His grace (Ps. 118:18). In this scripture, Job appears to be singled out as a test case between Jehovah and Satan.

Job is known to Jehovah but does not know Him (40:1-5). In perceptive providence Jehovah introduces the case of Job to Satan. What was Job's case? (v. 8). Notice what a moral and religious man he was. But he was not a saved man. All the subsequent arguments of Job show that he was trusting in his self righteousness. He protests God dealing with him until, at last, he is brought face to face with Jehovah, repents and is converted.

II. Repentance of Job, 42:1-5. After speeches by Elihu Jehovah concludes all arguments by addressing Job. His words draw Job into His immediate presence. Hitherto the discussions have been about God, always with the idea that He was absent and would not speak for Himself. In a manifestation of His power he comes face to face with Job and his comforters. The Lord then draws Job's attention to all the majesties and perfections in the universe which reveal His power and Godhead (Rom. 1:19, 20). Job is humbled.

The confession of Job is complete. In the first part of verse 2 he recognizes the omnipotence of God in His creation. In the light of it his feebleness and insignificance are evident. In the second part he testifies that he is extremely just. "Thoughts" should be translated purposes, meaning that God's motives are always holy. In Job's thoughts there had been a mixture of impure motives in relation to God, for while he had not been willing to admit that God's treatment of him was either wise or just, it was not according to his ideas that such treatment should be accorded him and consequently he, a sinful creature, had dared to impute to God motives that were neither wise nor just. Are we not guilty of that in our worldly affairs. Our motives are mixed. We are more inclined to tell God the way we would like our affairs than we are to ask Him what He wants of us. Then if things do not turn out just as we wish, we impute injustice and unwisdom to God for allowing them to work out that way. We are wrong as Job in such a case (Job. 3:25, 27). Job came to see that no evil could emanate from Jehovah and that "He does all things well." How complete is his self-disgust (v. 3). He expresses deep and humble penitence. He confesses his ignorance and that his arguments had been "without knowledge". It is not a common virtue to confess so completely. Most men explain their faults rather than admit them. Job, however, will throw himself on the mercy of Jehovah (v. 4). Job had been speaking to God, now he was willing that God should speak to him (Ps. 119: 41, 67, 117, 155; Ps. 19, 7-14).

Job had heard of God but now he saw Him (v. 5). Up to this his knowledge had been hearsay, which is in itself inadequate. If what we hear about the Lord does not bring us face to face with Him our hearing has not been profitable. The knowledge of God must get beyond our ears into our hearts (Rom. 10: 10; Ac. 8: 37). Job's spiritual eyes were opened to see Jehovah and he immediately changed all his estimates of himself. He was like the man in John 9 who declared, "One thing I know, whereas I was blind, now I see." In seeing the Lord he came to know himself thoroughly. It is common for us to compare ourselves with other men. That is what Job had been doing. In such comparison he ranked favorably; so might many of us. But that is not the yardstick of our characters. We are measured as to how far short of the glory of God we come (Rom. 3: 23). We are not judged by God because we are better or worse than our fellow men, but we fall under His indictment because of His standards (Rom. 3: 9-18). Repentance is toward God, not man (Ac. 2: 37-41).

III. The Patience of Job, Jas. 5: 11. We hear a good deal about the "patience of Job" without the remainder of the verse. The conjunction "and" lies it all together. It is evident that the Lord never intended Satan should destroy Job. His object was the salvation of Job. It took a long time and much suffering. But Jehovah was keeping Job, although Job was the kind of man "not to let go of God" (1: 8). But the end of this revelation which is written for our learning (Rom. 15: 4) is to show us that Job the good man was not good enough. He needed to repent, as he did (42: 6), and discover the grace of the Lord in His pity and tender mercy. He had not thought himself, originally, in need of mercy, but when the Lord was through with him, he both knew it and received it. The lesson is plain. No matter how

good a man may be, he needs the salvation which our Lord Jesus Christ provides (Jnd. 3: 3, 5; Rom. 3: 23; Heb. 2: 3).

## BURLINGTON

Mayor E. R. Leather left on Friday for a two weeks' holiday at Tobermory.

J. Cooke has purchased the lot on Water Street at the corner of Nelson Avenue, and has already commenced the erection of a modern apartment house that will cover the entire lot.

Approximately 48,000 customers of the Dominion Natural Gas Co. in southwestern Ontario will be unable to use the fuel for heating this coming winter, as rationing has been imposed from November 1st to June 1st, 1948.

The alertness of Clarence Eccles, Brant Street, Preetman, prevented an attempted robbery in the office of the Glover Basket factory around eleven and midnight last Friday. Mr. Eccles, who lives opposite the factory, heard a loud banging in the office every time a train went by. He listened for a while and just couldn't figure out what was up. Finally he decided to call the police. — Gazette.

## MILTON

Among those whose garden is a show place is the home of John Liddle of Robert Street. His garden is a riot of color from the early spring until frost comes in the fall. A lover of flowers, Mr. Liddle also has in his care the flower beds and lawn surrounding the Cenotaph.

The Palermo branch of the Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. David Wendorfer on Thursday afternoon, June 26th, 1947, with 19 members present.

At Woodland Park, near Markham on Saturday, June 28th the Turner Clan celebrated the one hundred and sixth Anniversary of the settlement of William and Abigail Turner on Lot 29, Concession 5, Pickering Township Ontario County.

Descendants of the U. E. L. family were present from Toronto, Hamilton, London, Oshawa, Strathroy, Bowmanville, Tillsonburg, Hornby, Oakville, Markham, Cherrwood, Green River, Whitevale and Milton.

Palermo Junior Farmers met at the home of Fred and Mildred Bell for their regular May meeting. The boys held their meeting with Mr. M. M. Robinson speaking to them on "The Ontario Farm Products Marketing Act." — Canadian Champion.

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Never has Ontario used so much electricity as now... not even during the record-breaking war years. Another half million horsepower could be utilized almost immediately, if available. Hydro plants to generate that much and more have been planned and are under construction. Some additional power will be delivered this year... more in 1948. But it will be 1950 before the big new Hydro plant on the Ottawa river can start to pour its 360,000 horsepower into the Hydro system.

Why so long? It's because of the shortage of building supplies... a tremendous quantity of construction materials and electrical equipment must be sought and bought to build such a plant. The Ottawa river development alone requires a concrete dam nearly half a mile long, in addition to the power house and the thousands of items of electrical equipment, small and large. Building a new power plant often creates an entirely new community. It takes a long time... especially when materials are as scarce as they are now.

Few places in the world have as much electricity available per person as Ontario has. However, it must be conserved so that new homes and industries will all receive their share... so that the wheels of our factories will be kept turning and maximum employment and production maintained... use Hydro wisely and there will be enough for all.

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