

RECOLLECTIONS OF ACTON

BACK IN 1897

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, August 12th, 1897

Civic holiday, Monday, August 23rd. Milton is able to get along this year on 16 mills.

James Gordon, Nasagaweya, had a new barn struck by lightning and burnt to the ground on Tuesday. It was insured in the Halton Mutual.

Thos. Arthur of the Scotch Black told the Free Press he had threshed for himself and the wheat in each case yielded 40 bushels and over to the acre.

Much regret was felt last Wednesday when it was announced that Chas. E. Jenner had decided to accept a better situation in Cliversville, N.Y.

At the prayer meeting he was presented on behalf of the church, by Miss Lottie E. Speight, Allie Laing, Maggie H. Matthews and Mina Walker with an Oxford Teachers' Bible and a valuable set of poets and authors bound in padded leather. A pleasing incident and surprise was a serenade by Acton Cornet Band, of which Mr. Jenner was the leader.

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BACK IN 1927

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The temperature was dangerously near the frost line several nights the past week.

Rev. Dr. Mitchell, of Hanan, China, gave very interesting addresses on China at the United Church on Sunday.

Mr. Wallace Near, President of Pace-Hershey Co., of Guelph, has purchased the Firstbrook fishpond property and intends improving this property considerably.

On Saturday the members and descendants of the Robert Johnston family picnicked at the home of Mr. Wm. Gamble, Eramosa.

Knox Ladies Aid held a garden party in the park last Saturday evening.

BORN

DUNBAR—In Acton, on Sunday, August 14th, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunbar, a son.

LASHBY—In Acton, on Sunday, August 14th, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard Lashby, the gift of a daughter.

DIED

COLEMAN—At Guelph General Hospital, on Thursday, August 4th, 1927, Thomas Coleman, in his 64th year.

ONE DOLLAR SAVED CAN START CAREER

A dollar doesn't seem like much for opening a savings account, says William Clayton, local Bank of Montreal manager. But it's enough for a youngster to start with.

Saving regularly teaches a boy or girl to prepare for future opportunity and to build against misfortune. You can help your young one help himself by forming the B of M Saving habit.

DRIVING SCHOOLS TEACH SAFETY AT THE WHEEL

With Ontario's motoring public becoming increasingly safety conscious, schools of driving are now beginning to play a useful part in making our street and highways safer for drivers and pedestrians and children at play. Under competent instructors, beginners are taught how to operate their cars skillfully, and with due regard to traffic rules and safety requirements.

Extreme nervousness and extreme over-confidence are common causes of traffic accidents, according to one professional driving school. In the one instance, lessons are designed to remove the tense attitude of the pupil so that his reflexes will be equal to an emergency. In the other, the school insists on periodic check-ups on the pupil who "knows it all."

One of the Toronto driving schools reports that about the same number of men and women take the course but fewer women fail to pass the required test for obtaining driver's license. Not only are they as apt as the men at learning the fundamentals of driving but they remember better what they are told, an instructor said.

He pointed out that most pupils are nervous when taking the test and that one of his problems was to get them into a more relaxed frame of mind. He believes that "a proper knowledge and constant observance of traffic rules and regulations is a prime requisite for safe driving."

Another leading instructor thought that the experienced driver who had become too confident of his ability was a potential menace on the highways.

COMMUNITY UNITY

A Synopsis of Various Sport and Athletic Activities

By JOHNNY GRAY

I think most everyone will agree, especially after being without it in Acton, that swimming is an essential during the summer. Swimming is something every boy and girl dreams about in the spring of the year and looks forward to enjoying just as soon as the water warms. That is why it is good many boys and girls in Acton count the days from Thursday to Thursday because every Thursday they have the use of the fine swimming pool at the Toronto West End Y.M.C.A. Camp at Norval, Ontario and it is given to us, for the day, without charge. Acton Y.M.C.A. has arranged this swimming day for Acton children and transportation is handled by bus, each boy and girl paying thirty cents for the round trip. If the parents of any of the children are interested in going down to see them swim, I am sure we could find a spot in the bus. This would be a great opportunity for Acton oldsters to have a look at the sort of swimming pool we should have in Acton.

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An opportunity for some 20 boys to attend Camp Norval for five days towards the end of this month has been the result of talks with the director of this camp, rated one of the best junior boys camps in the country. Parents who are interested should contact Jack Greer, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Acton Y.M.C.A., Mike Bennet, president of the Acton Y's Mens' Club or the Y.M.C.A. Secretary. The Y's Mens' Club is behind this project one hundred per cent, and will do everything possible to make this a success. This is a great opportunity for Acton boys to experience the fun and excitement of going camping.

Water weeds and eel grass are commonly found at or near swimming places, particularly in shallow ponds and streams. These do not constitute a menace to the swimmer if, when he comes in contact with them, he does not try to thrash his way clear. Quick sharp movements only tend to wrap the weeds and grass about the legs and arms and hold the swimmer fast. Slow gentle drawing and shaking movements of the limbs will clear them even. If at the time, the weeds are already wrapped around the swimmer. If you find yourself swimming into a bed of weeds continue to swim keeping your legs and arms as close to the top of the water as possible and if your stroke is slow these weeds will just slide off your arms and legs.

The god of both the drunkard and the glutton is their own belly; and the end of both is destruction (Phil. 3: 18, 19). The glutton has no more right to consider himself a saved man than has the drunkard. If we do not keep the body under, we shall be castaways, even though we have preached to others (1 Cor. 9: 27). Both the drunkard and the glutton are travelling toward "poverty" (v. 21). Almost all of present-day poverty comes from one of these sources. The drunkard will come not only to temporal poverty, but to eternal poverty (1 Cor. 6: 10). Laziness is here associated with drunkenness and gluttony as a cause of poverty. This too is a cause of much poverty. Laziness or "drowsiness" is itself caused by drunkenness and gluttony. It is a good and merciful thing that drunkenness, gluttony and laziness bring one to poverty. If a man won't work, he should be allowed to go hungry (2 Thes. 3: 10).

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Those who plot the ruin of boys and girls use the wine cup as their chief ally. What then is the safe thing to do about wine? Verse 31 is the answer. How the foolish ones will hold up the cup before their eyes and inflame their appetite by its fascinating color. Don't look at it. Why not? Is it not pleasant to the taste? Does it not stir the blood and quicken the fancy? Yes. Why not then look at it? Because "at the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." Those are meaningful words, "at the last." The fool looks only at the beginning, the wise man looks at the end. How many men we see who are at that point, "at the last." Are they at the last, after all? Another evil result, "thine eyes shall behold

strange things" delirium tremens. "Thine heart shall utter forward things" how awful are the utterances of an intoxicated heart! Verse 34 describes the staggering of the brain and the peril of the one overcome by strong drink. In the opening of v. 35 we have the insensibility of the drunken man. His nerves cease their work of warning him of danger—he is stricken but not sensibly hurt, he is stricken but feels it not (until afterward, and then many fold). The poor enslaved drunkard learns no wisdom from his many miseries. Who does not know that the use of wine has all these evil effects upon millions who when they began its use had no intention of using it immoderately? What then does ordinary common-sense bid us do? Leave it utterly alone.

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The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17th, 1947

STRAIGHT THINKING ABOUT DRINKING

Golden Text. Be not drunken with wine, wherein is riot, but be filled with the Spirit. Eph. 5: 18. Lesson Text. Prov. 20: 1; 23: 10-21, 29-35. Read also Eccl. 10: 17. Exposition.—I. Drink Creates Poverty, 20: 1; 23: 10-21.

In this chapter we are told that "Wine is a mocker": wine makes sport of those who use it. It leads the one who uses it to make sport of every noble and holy thing, to sneer at and despise the purest sentiments and affections, to laugh at God and heaven and the atoning love of Christ. Wine is responsible for a very large part of the infidelity and mockery and blasphemies that fill the earth. Wine takes away understanding (Hos. 4: 11). It makes fools and scoffers of the strongest, brainiest and most promising men (Isa. 28: 7). While "wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging" (a brawler) (ch. 20: 1). It makes men noisy, quarrelsome, vituperative, it turns the tender-hearted father and mother into inhuman brutes, it makes the man of peace a man of constant quarrels. In police court, two words are constantly coupled together, "drunk and disorderly."

Strong drink also leads astray (ch. 23: 1). Some say that there are men who use wine and yet never go astray by its influence; of course, some go further astray than others, but all users of intoxicants go astray to some extent. The man of the figure in the message just referred to is that wine is a fascinating but perilous companion, who leads the one who accompanies her out of the right way. This figure is not only expressive, but exact. The number that this wicked woman has led out of the right path into paths of perdition are countless. Whosoever yields to her fascinations and goes astray with her "is not wise."

That is a very gentle way of putting it, and all the more forceful by its very gentleness. No truly wise man will keep company with one who he sees leads all her companions astray, and any man who keeps his eyes open can see that wine does that. If they are "not wise" then they must be foolish. Many who count themselves as very wise allow themselves to be led astray by this fair but foul companion. If one has already been led astray, there is deliverance for him in Christ (Jno. 8: 36). All this goes to show the wisdom of the exhortations of verses 19 and 20, "Hear thou, my son, and be wise, guide thine heart in the way. Be not among the winebibbers." If our hearts would be guided in the right way, the way of life, we must avoid the way of the winebibber. We must not be among them.

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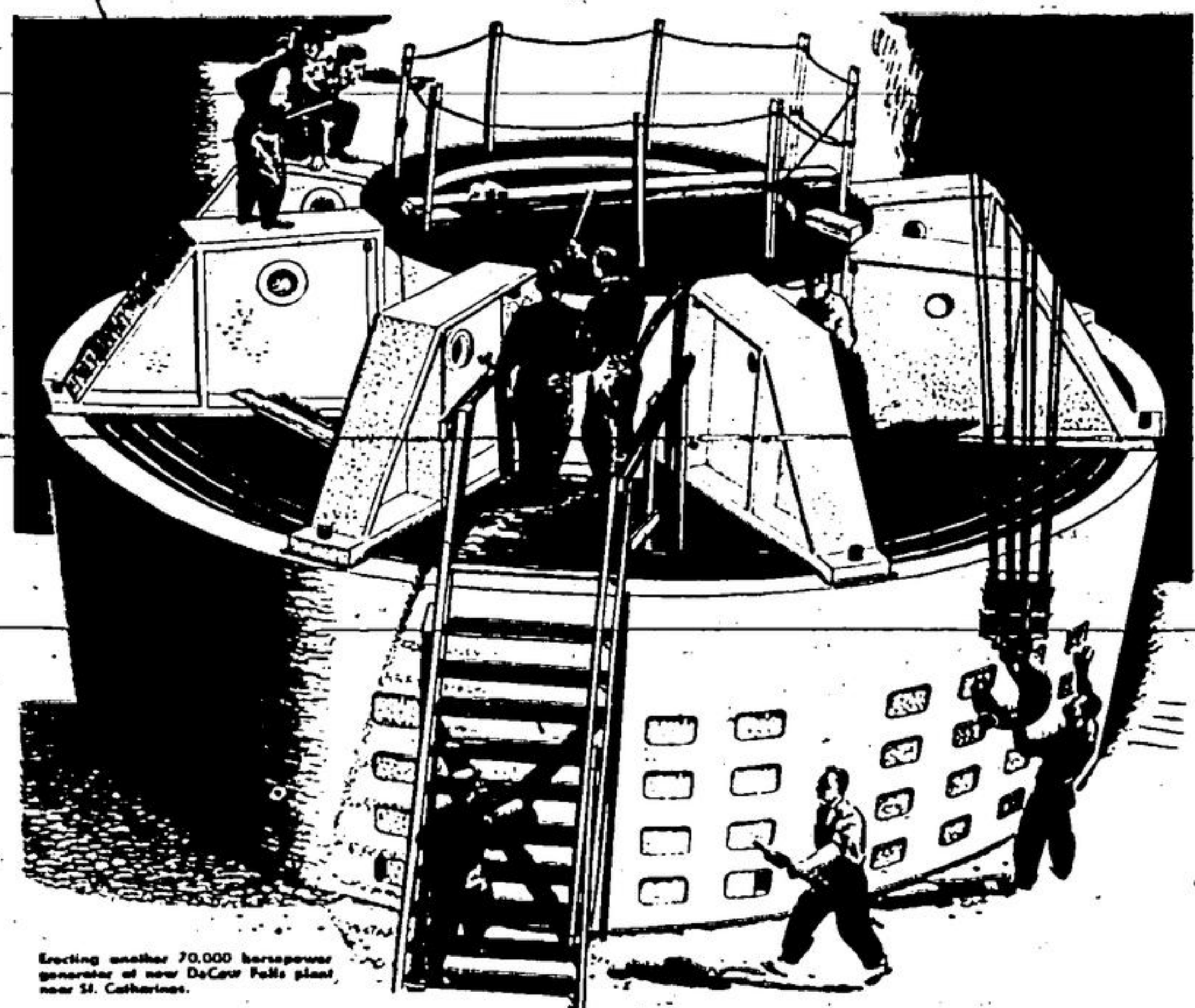
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HYDRO SPEEDS NEW POWER PLANTS

Hydro is pushing construction to meet the pressing demand for more electricity. The above huge generator will soon pour an additional 70,000 horsepower into the Hydro system from the DeCaw Falls plant near St. Catharines.

Two other larger plants in eastern Ontario, now under construction, will deliver 81,000 horsepower next year and 360,000 horsepower by 1951. These two major developments, with the DeCaw Falls addition, will provide Ontario with a further badly needed half-million horsepower.

The growing output of Ontario's industries and farms benefits everyone but calls for more and more electricity. Even now that the war is over, the demand has not slackened but continues to mount. Hydro's peak load increased by more than 500,000 horsepower over the highest wartime demand, an increase of 25%. Generating plants take a long time to build and could not be started during the war.

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