

RECOLLECTIONS OF ACTON

BACK IN 1897

Taken from the edition of the Free Press of August 10th, 1897.

St. Alban's Church and Rectory property have been much improved in appearance lately by the removal of the old fence surrounding the former and the erection of a new one at the latter.

The new Presbyterian Book of Praise was introduced in Knox Church last Sabbath.

One of the handsomest carriages ever manufactured in Georgetown has just been finished for Mr. W. H. Stacey of Acton.

It is made of the very best material, painted and varnished in the most artistic manner. The seats are interchangeable and the means of mounting and dismounting are the handiest.

The Commercial Hotel, Milton was sold by public auction last week to John Bennett of the Bennett house at \$5,200.

Mr. A. T. Brown, manager of the Bell Telephone Co. has had a cabinet put in his exchange which will afford a privacy in telephone conversations.

On Monday night the milk house of Mr. Graham Lawson was visited for a third time within a couple of weeks and last Saturday night Mr. Arch. McPherson lost two milk cans full. The thieves will find themselves in a trap one of these nights.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Caldwell of Abingdon, made Acton friends a brief visit last week.

Miss Helen Symon was successful in the second class examinations at Georgetown High School.

BACK IN 1927

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, September 1st, 1927

On Monday a group of boys of the Tuxis group of the United Church went to Streetsville for a week's camping.

Employees of the Canadian National Electric Railways of this division held their third annual picnic last Wednesday at Eldorado Park.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Moore are invited by the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Ross to a garden party to meet the visiting members of the British Newspaper Society.

Bronte Ladies' Ball team defeated Acton girls in a game in Acton Park by 18 to 15.

BORN

LOUITT—At Acton, on Saturday, August 27th, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. James Louitt, a daughter.

DIED

KENNEDY—At Owen Sound, on Wednesday, August 24th, 1927, Kathleen Kennedy, wife of Mr. H. M. Kennedy, formerly of Acton.

FEET, NOT MONEY BELONG IN SOCKS

Students with summer jobs will find it better to put their savings in a bank rather than in a sock, advises William Clayton, local Bank of Montreal Manager.

It's safer, and it earns extra money. Savings kept around the house are more likely to be spent impulsively, stolen or mislaid. Open your B of M account next pay-day... and wash it down.

MILTON

A by-law was introduced and passed to regulate and license hawkers and peddlers in the municipality of Milton.

Now construction work is being done at the brick plant here.

Watermains are being laid along Martin Street to approximately the C. N.R. crossing.

Without the finest in casting rods and reels, Marshall Hilson caught a 24 inch, 3 pound, 10 ounce brown trout in the Sixteen Mile Creek, a few hundred yards from Milton Heights last Sunday afternoon with only his hands.

Miss Gertrude Aikenhead was guest speaker at the Hornby W.I. on August 14 Canadian Champion.

CANADIANS IN UNITED KINGDOM FILMS

Ealing London, seems to be becoming a little corner of Canada in England. At Ealing Studios there are 2 Canadians working on "Agamemnon, the Wind." Bob Beatty is one. He has made England his home these days, but he recently returned to Hamilton, Ontario, for a holiday for the first time in seven years. The other is Paul Dupuis, the French Canadian broadcaster who made a successful screen debut in "Johnny Frenchman." Paul, too, has settled down in Britain so far as work is concerned, but his family is still in Montreal and he dashes over there just as often as possible. Canada is also represented by two cameramen, Omond Borradaile and Bob Moss, who have just returned from a trip to the Antarctic, where they have been filming background for "Scott of the Antarctic."

The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31st, 1947

WORK IS GOOD

Golden Text: Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might. Eccl. 9:10.

Lesson Text: Prov. 6: 6-11; 18: 9, 24; 30:32; Eccl. 5: 12.

Exposition: I. Warning Against Laziness, Prov. 6: 6-11.

Salomon has in mind the man who loves his ease, is idle, attends to no business and accomplishes nothing. He is the man who has refused to accept life's responsibilities, preferring to live fruitlessly and indifferently. The inspired writer bids the offender to go to school with the ants. The ant has been famous in all ages for its industry, social habits, foresight, economy and persistence. The ants collect their food at proper seasons. If it is grain they bite the ends in order to prevent it from germinating. This is a great lesson to us all. God often directs our attention to the marvels of nature to learn His righteous principles (Job 12: 7-8).

Work is one of those things which has established the rule that man shall work by the sweat of his brow (Gen. 3: 19). Further, if men will not work neither shall they eat (2 Thes. 3: 10). It was never intended by God that man should dwell in idleness on the earth. In Eden, the Lord placed man so that he could keep the garden (Gen. 2: 15). If it was not good for man to be idle before the Fall, then how important to him would work be after it. Little wonder then that God laid down the principle of toll for sinful man. Now it is in human nature to escape from work, if possible.

All sorts of rules and disciplines are necessary to keep people at their tasks. Fundamentally, workers soon find out that, if they will not work, neither shall they eat. There is a social principal at work in the world which is loaded with evil. It is that workers shall do as little work as possible, receive much money and enjoy considerable leisure. This is contrary to the Divine plan, which is that men shall be rewarded for the amount of work they do. If workers perform their labors in faith as unto God, there is no doubt as to their earnestness in working. They profit and so do all who enjoy the benefits of their efforts. God is impartial in His justice and He will require of all that they do some fruitful work (Eph. 6: 6-9). With the devastation which is now in the world we need more work, not less. Idleness will destroy any community (Ezek. 16: 49).

II. Lesson from the Slothful, 18: 9; 24: 30-32.

In the Parable of the Talents (Matt. 25: 14-30), our Lord addresses the one talent man who hid his talent, simply bringing it unused to his master when he returned as follows: "Thou wicked and slothful servant!" (v. 26). Here Jesus associated wickedness with slothfulness, thereby identifying it as sin. A slothful man is indifferent to duty and responsibility, shirking his obligations whenever he can and refusing to render service to God and man. Such a man is a sinner. No man lives unto himself (Rom. 14: 7-9). If any man fails to perform his duty some must do more than they should, if the result is to be obtained.

In warfare such conduct would mean a court-martial and even a death sentence. And yet, large numbers of human beings refuse to render the service in their church and community which they are well able to perform. In Proverbs 24: 30-32 we have the report of one who has looked upon the vineyard of a slothful man. It is grown over with thorns and nettles. The stone wall is broken down. He learned three lessons: (1) That the keeper of the vineyard was "void of understanding" (v. 30); (2) That it was a pitiful sight (v. 32); (3) From what he saw, he received instruction, which means that he passed on with the determination never to be that kind of man (v. 32). "This is something for every Christian to heed. We should give the world an example of efficiency, industry and conscientious labor (Luke 15: 13, 14; Ps. 107: 41-43; Luke 2: 19, 51; 1 Cor. 10: 6, 11).

III. Blessings of Labor, Eccl. 5: 12. The sleep of the laboring man is sweet, if the conscience is clear of its slowness in labor, there is given as a sense of the dignity of life and the strength of its usefulness. The rich referred to are those who, because of their wealth, will not work. They are not a happy people. They are the drones of society, living off others. We have some glaring examples of some born rich who appear to find nothing useful to do with their lives.

Our Lord loved work. He was called "the Carpenter's Son," and may Himself have been a carpenter. To His disciples, He said: "I must work the works of him that sent me; the night cometh when a man can work" (John 9: 4). In precept and example our Lord laid down the rule that we must be fully occupied until He comes (Luke 19: 13; 2 Tim. 4: 6-8; Eph. 4: 28; 1 Thes. 2: 9-12).

The chief blessing in labor is when the work is done as unto the Lord (Eph. 6: 5, 6). That was the first intention of God when He created man and put him in the garden to till it (Gen. 2: 8-15). It was not to be assumed that man was doing this solely for himself. Since he was doing it at the command of God, he was working for Him. From that primary source all ideas about work stem.

Acton Hydro Feature in August Issue of Hydro News



Communities are quite often founded around a grist mill, and Acton was no exception. Here is the site of the original dam at the west end of the village.



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Many operations (below) at the Beardmore Tanneries are carried out by electricity. Here is a type of buffer which smooths out the leather. It takes approximately two months for a hide to go through the various processes.



Arlof-Dills (below) the editor of the Acton Free Press, is shown here beside one of his machines which folds the paper into tabloid size. Mr. Dills took over in 1928 from H. P. Moore, who had been editor for fifty years.



ERIN

The charred body of Hazel Grace Heffernan, 35-year-old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael D. Heffernan, Guelph district farmer, was discovered in a burned haystack on her parents' farm after neighbors had extinguished the blaze last Friday. The woman had been helping her father and brother with the haying.

The textile factory is gradually getting into production. The local dam and race have been drained in an attempt to kill the weeds.

Several amateur golfers from the village attended the tournament at Cooten Golf Course, Guelph last week.

A former well known and highly respected Hillsburgh citizen passed away at Tweedsmuir House, Toronto, on Friday, August 15, in the person of John Byrne in his 89th year. He was a son of the late John Byrne and his wife Rachel Watson and was born in Hillsburgh, where the family operated a carriage factory. — Advocate.

OAKVILLE

A day at Niagara Falls was enjoyed by members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Oakville Legion on Thursday of last week.

With the new club house of the Oakville Arts and Crafts nearing completion, the art committee is making plans to foster amateur painting in Oakville.

Due to difficulty in obtaining steel and stone, building of the new addition to Brantwood public school has been considerably delayed, and the building will not be ready for the opening of the fall term.

Ill for four weeks, Mrs. Pollock, wife of Mark Pollock, Bronte, and mother of Mark Pollock, pitcher for the Oakville Intermediate baseball team and Ken Pollock of the Juveniles, died at her home on Tuesday evening. — Record-Star.

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