

RECOLLECTIONS OF ACTON

BACK IN 1897

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Nov. 25, 1897.

Snow Storms and flowers, sunshine and showers have all been on deck this week. Thanksgiving service in the Methodist Church this morning. Rev. Mr. McLachlan will preach.

A friendly exchange of pulpits was made on Sunday evening between pastors of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches.

The Acton Tanning Co. and Beardmore and Co. are again engaged in putting up new buildings. This week the carpenters are busy on two hair houses, one for each establishment. J. A. Speight and Co. are just finishing two large cedar water tanks for the Acton Tanning Co. fifty seven feet in circumference and twelve feet deep. These are also being set up this week by the tannery carpenters.

MARRIED
SNYDER-DENNY—At the residence of the bride's mother, Caledon, by Rev. A. Langford, on Wednesday, November 10th, 1897, David W. Snyder, of Erin, to Miss Sarah F. Denny.

BACK IN 1927

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, Dec. 1, 1927.

December brought the snow. Cement is still being laid east of Acton. Two weeks of snow yet at least.

Mr. John Kentner who played last year with the Quebec team has this year joined the Stratford Hockey team.

The Acton Community Glee Club held its opening meeting for the 1927-28 season at the home of Reeve and Mrs. Mason. The following officers are: President, Mr. Howard McComb; Vice Pres., Mr. Wm. J. Banter; Sec., Mr. Chester Matthews; Treasurer—Mr. C. R. Knapp; Librarian, Mr. Alex. Jack.

The Public School pupils provided a splendid concert on Thursday and Friday evenings. The proceeds will be used to purchase pictures to be hung in the rooms at the school.

There will not be an election in Acton this year. However another nomination for School Board Trustees is necessary. Reeve Amos Mason, Councillors John Nicol, E. T. Thetford, L. E. Atkinson and C. Hanson will compose the Council and for Public Utilities Commission L. G. King.

GEORGETOWN

Members of the Lorne Scots Band were hosts to their ladies on Friday evening at a chicken dinner and social evening in the Oddfellows' Hall.

A very happy gathering assembled in the prettily decorated Sunday School room of the Georgetown Baptist Church on Wednesday evening, November 5th when a reception was held in honor of their new pastor and his wife, the Rev. C. R. and Mrs. Gow.

Mr. Garfield McGilvray, secretary of the Esqueping Agricultural Society, attended the dinner given by the president and directors of the Royal Winter Fair on Tuesday evening of this week at which the Hon. Louis St. Laurent was the guest speaker.

On Saturday, November 15th, at 11 a.m. Rev. Fr. V. J. Morgan officiated at the wedding service in Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church which united in marriage Patricia Connelly, daughter of William Connelly of Lakeview and the late Mrs. Connelly and James Yates, son of Mrs. Fred Yates of Georgetown and the late Mr. Yates. — Herald

MILTON

At an enthusiastic meeting of local sportsmen, held at the Milton Inn last Tuesday evening, Father H. B. Smith was elected president of the Milton Intermediate Hockey Club. N. L. Pickett was chosen vice-president and chairman of the executive which includes Ross Holmes and Gibb Ferguson. Ross Pearson was elected secretary-treasurer. Manager of the team is Dave Green.

Over twenty citizens were named to offices for municipal council, hydro commissioner and public school trustees, at the annual nomination meeting held in the council chamber, Monday evening. It was not a large gathering of ratepayers but the council room was almost filled to capacity for the occasion.

There will be an election in Milton on Monday December first for Mayor and members of Council for 1948, as well as voting on the sewage disposal plans and construction of storm sewers in Milton. All members of the School Board were returned by acclamation. There will also be a contest for the seat on the Hydro Commission.

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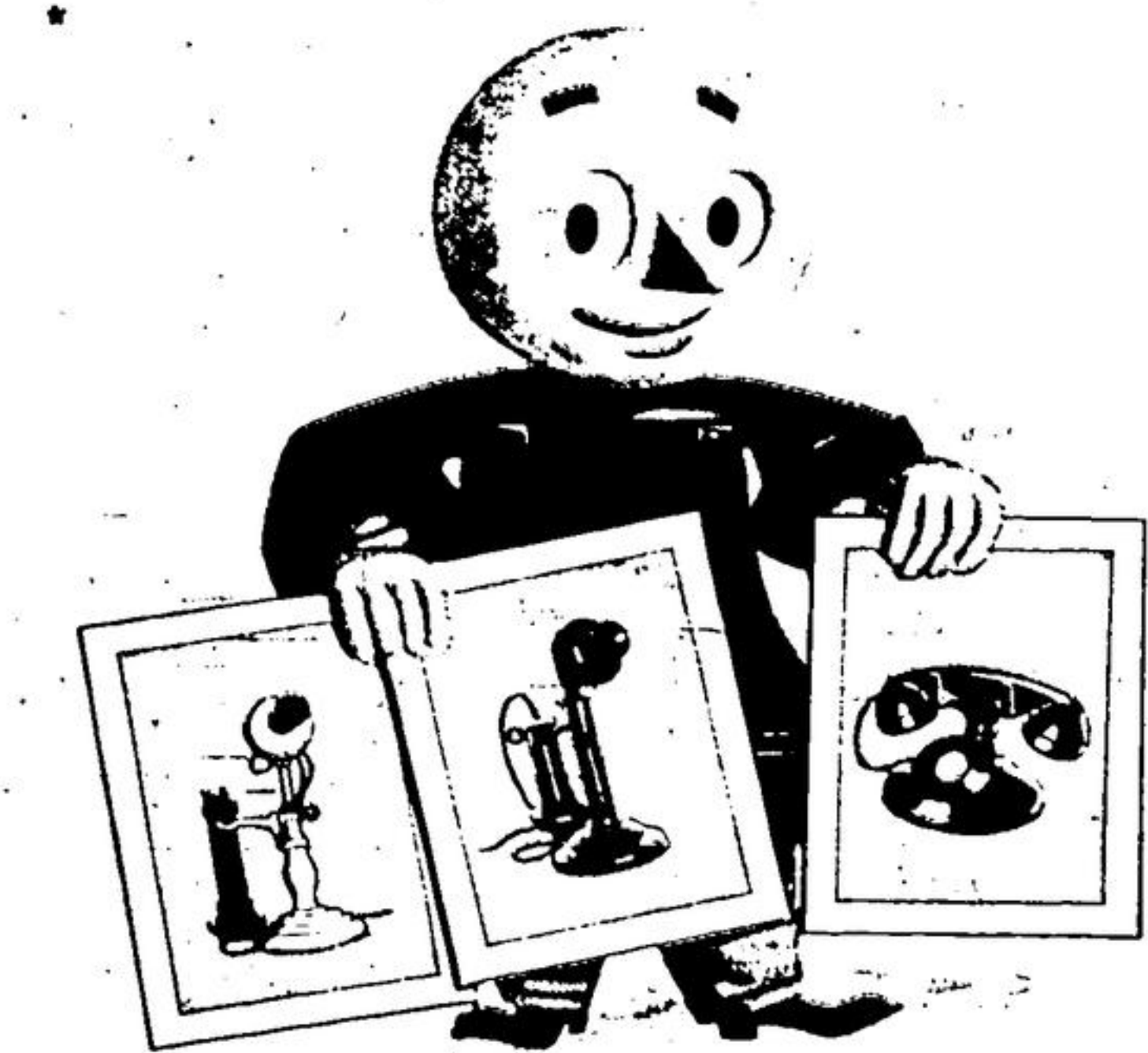
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ERIN

Mrs. Alex. Gray, R. I. Orton, won \$160 on the Mahar Shoe Co. double or nothing program last Monday evening.

Throughout the residential section of the village, about one third of the residents bothered themselves to remove the snow from the sidewalks; and now the surface is an uneven mess of ice and snow extremely bad walking, to say nothing of a by-law, which states that residents remove the snow from the walk in front of their property.

The rite of confirmation was administered to 7 candidates by Right Rev. I. W. B. Broughall, Bishop of Niagara, at All Saints' Church, last Friday evening. Archdeacon Thompson of Georgetown presented the candidates. During the service Mrs. Auburn Wright sang a solo "Teach me to pray." The impressive service was enjoyed by all who attended.

Members of Erin Branch No. 422, Canadian Legion, attended a memorial service at Burns' Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning, when Rev. S. W. Pattison conducted the service and Rev. Gillies of London preached the sermon, taking for his subject "Prayer." During the service Mrs. Norman Barbour placed a wreath in memory of the glorious dead. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Young placed a large vase of mums in remembrance.—Advocate.

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The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30th

WHO IS A CHRISTIAN?

Golden Text: He that hath the Son hath the life; he that hath not the Son of God hath not the life. 1 Jno. 5: 12.

Lesson Text: 1 Jno. 3: 15-21; 5: 10-13; 2 Jno. 4-6.

Exposition: I. "There is no love in love," 1 Jno. 4: 15-21.

"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear" (v. 18). Learn to love God and you will be delivered from all dread of God. You will still reverence God, but you will not be afraid of Him. You will have such a holy awe of Him as you never had before but there is no dread in that awe, but child-like trust. There will be no shrinking away from God, but rather a cuddling up to Him as a child to its mother's bosom. Does someone ask "How can I learn to love God with that perfect love that casteth out fear?" The exact lesson answers the question: "We love God because He first loved us." Love does not begin with our loving God, but with God loving us. He loved us while we still hated Him and his love to us caused us to love Him. When we know and believe the love that God has toward us (v. 16); then we will begin to love God. How many a man has learned to love God by meditating on Jno. 3: 16. If you do not love God, do not try to stimulate love, simply meditate on His love for you. God's love for us not only awakens in our hearts love to God, but it begins love to man as well.

The B. V. of v. 19 makes this plain. It is the way to learn to love men, even the unloveliest of men, dwell upon God's love to you and dwell upon your unworthiness of that great love. Our great need to-day is love, love to fellow Christians, love to the vile and outcast, love to the most abandoned men and women, love to the heathen whom we have never seen, love to all people, regardless of all the wrongs they have committed.

II. Overcoming the World, 5: 10-13.

The Christian's life is a lengthened contest with the worldliness that surrounds him. None can avoid this contest and the forms in which this warfare must be maintained are many and dangerous and can be withstood only by determined resistance. Yet, "whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world." And it is faith which secures for the Christian believer his victory. His mind becomes occupied with the lofty themes relating to the person and work of Christ. In comparison with these, all other things fall into insignificance in his esteem. By such contemplation he is encouraged by considering his Master's example and those who have conformed to Him.

III. The Possession of the Lord Jesus, 12.

"He that hath the Son hath life." This is the key-word of this passage. It is the supreme as it is the indispensable test of a Christian. It is God's mark upon a living soul. Whatever else we cannot see in a man, if a simple trust in Jesus is discernible, he can be received as a brother beloved. The possession of the Lord Jesus becomes a clear evidence of life, because He is the source, the fountain, the nourishment of life. While the tree branch is vitally in the stem of a tree if the tree be alive, it will have life. And every Christian believer knows that CHRIST is alive once and for evermore. In another aspect of this great and glorious truth, having the Son is not only a source of life, but the result of life. When a man receives Jesus in his soul his faith is a sure indicator of a spiritual and mysterious force within him, in the power of which he is able to receive the Lord, which is the highest possession possible to man. But note that this means something very much more to him than to possess an intellectual knowledge of Him. It is something more than to admire His character and to glory in His atoning work. It is to possess His disposition, to have His spirit. And this possession involves the highest life. Eternal life in this connection, does not mean eternal existence, merely, but eternal goodness, and eternal goodness is the paradise of the soul.

To possess Christ is to attain a life of supremacy. It means to be, in the highest sense, a king. It means however, to be possessed by self-oblivious devotion. "Not my will, but Thine be done." It should be observed, here, that no man is named specifically in this great passage. "He that hath the Son hath the life." God Almighty, when He speaks from the throne of revelation speaks to all mankind. He does not by His Word, lay hold on the local, the conventional, the chronological, the transitory in man. Mark the decisive grandeur of this; for it intimates a connection between our nature now and our condition hereafter. Possession of Christ is now possession for ever.

IV. Walking in Truth, 2 Jno. 4-6.

John is able to commend "the elect lady and her children" for "walking in truth" (v. 4). This truth has been received as a commandment from the Father. This, the Apostle received through the Son (Jno. 17:6-8). Unity in this truth leads to mutual love, for it is begotten in believers by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 5:5). Salvation received in the heart results in love for Christ, the Father, and the Holy Spirit which gives us love for all men even as God loves them (Jno. 3:16).

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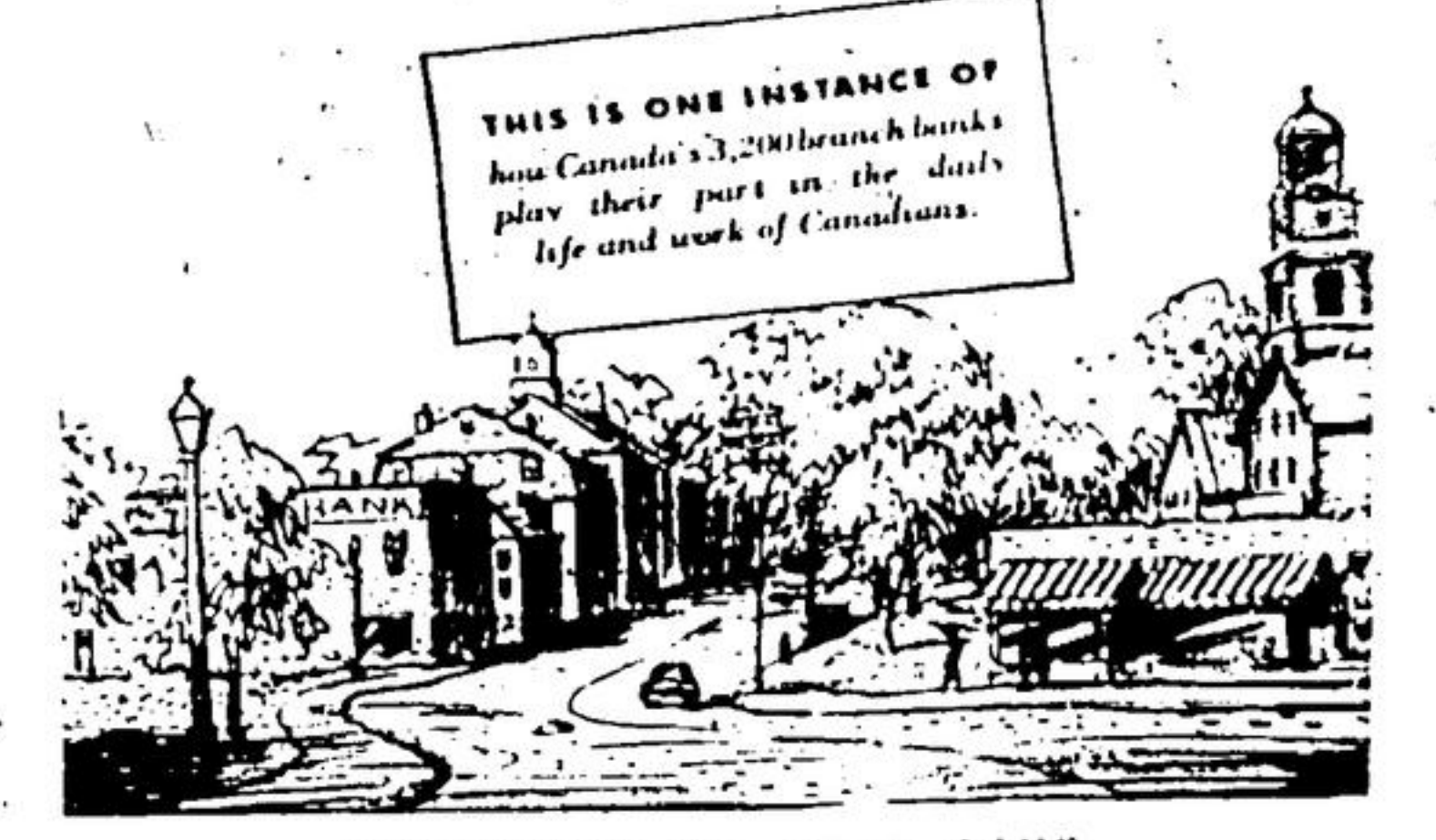


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