

OAKVILLE

Dr. F. M. Deane, member of the Oakville-Trafalgar High School Area Board, will have charge of arrangements for the formal opening of the new high school building...

Two distinguished musicians, Nora Drevett and Gena de Krom, gave a superb performance before a large audience in Clarkson Community Hall Saturday evening...

George C. Atkins, chairman of the Oakville-Trafalgar High School Area Board for the past three years, resigned from that position at a special meeting of the board last Thursday evening...

BURLINGTON

All the effort put into the collection of the stamps for the Arona Campaign last spring has at last come to fruit with the receipt of a cheque this week for \$250.00

The Open House, held by the Bell Telephone Company on Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday evenings last, was a decided success. Over the three nights 1163 persons visited the new building, and nothing but praise was heard on all sides on the modern building and the up-to-date telephone equipment.

William Higgins, one of the town's best known and respected citizens died at his home, 229 Brent street, last Wednesday morning, after a brief illness.

At the regular meeting of the town council, held on Thursday evening last, it was revealed that the town had done exceptionally well on outside revenue for fire calls. The total amount received from Nelson and East Flamboro which are charged on the rate of 14 mills on the assessment, netted 3,063. This was revealed when accounts were being passed and a sum of \$613.51 was ordered to be paid to the Fire Department. Gazette

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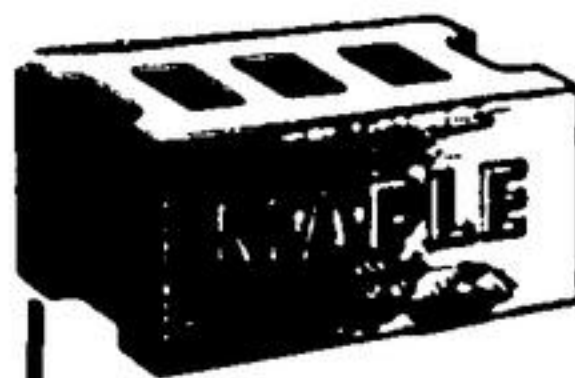
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MILTON

Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Thompson were "at home" to their friends Tuesday afternoon and evening, January 17th, this being the occasion of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

The Milton Rotary Club held its weekly meeting at the Milton Inn on January 12th. The treasurer, F. W. B. Fitzgerald, presented the financial report for the year of 1949 showing a cash balance of \$218.74 and in the Crippled Children's Fund \$530.89.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fox, Martin St. marked their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Tuesday, January 17th. There was no formal reception, or gathering of the family since they had all been together as recently as Christmas—Canadian Champion.

Economic Planners Do Not Furnish Solution to Markets

"We might be entitled to ask, 'How wrong can the economic planners be? when we find the U. S. government selling at a price of one cent per hundred pound bag potatoes which they bought for \$2.10,' stated Joseph Lister Rutledge, Chairman of the Canadian Unity Council, today Mr. Rutledge was commenting on an Ottawa report that Canada may protest the decision of the United States to market for export at prices below cost millions of dollars worth of surplus agricultural products.

"This American action may cost Canadians a good many dollars," said Mr. Rutledge, "but since our own economic planners have been up to the same sad tricks we are hardly in a position to lodge an effective protest. The Canadian government has been buying and giving away apples, Ottawa is selling bacon abroad at a price below what it pays our farmers. No matter what government does it or what products are involved, if the economic planners interfere with the natural laws of supply and demand and buy up goods to maintain high domestic prices, the goods are almost sure going to have to be destroyed or dumped on the export bargain counter—with harm resulting to the workers of some other nation.

"The objective of the planners," said Mr. Rutledge, "has always been said to be economic stability. It now develops that such stability in one country eventually and inevitably produces chaos in another."

"PEEPHOLE" DRIVERS

Those people who drive with their windows steamed over or blocked with snow are simply asking for trouble, states The Financial Post.

If anyone was fool enough to drive with a blanket draped over his car windows the police would soon put him where he belonged. In the interest of safety, not only for themselves but for all others on the road, these other "blind" drivers should be checked up, too. Most cars are equipped with automatic devices to keep the windshield clear and a little fresh air will handle the others. Opening a window may mean a little less comfort for the passengers but it may save them and others a trip to the hospital or the morgue.

The firm record of the Nuremberg trials of top Nazis has been released.

Bank of Montreal Established Here Half Century

Opened Branch in Old Ferryman Building January 25th 1900

Yesterday, the Bank of Montreal's Acton branch completed 50 unbroken years of service to the community. The office was opened on January 25, 1900, in the old Ferryman Building on Mill street. This original office was established by the old Merchants Bank of Canada, which long ago became a part of the B. of M.'s nationwide network of branches. Only a year after coming here, the bank moved across the street, and one block west, to its present location, where it has become familiar to two generations of Acton residents.

Fifty years ago, the growing community numbered only about 1,500 people; but Acton had its well-established industries even in those days and, situated in a fertile farming area, its future looked bright.

In the decades that followed, Acton kept pace with the times, its prosperity solidly founded on the products of its factories and the fine produce from its rich, neighbouring farmlands.

Throughout these 50 years of progress, the B. of M. has increasingly worked with the people of Acton and district to promote local growth and development. The bank's part in local progress is due, in no small part, to the suggestion of conscientious and able men who have had charge of its branch here. Of these men, many



W. H. CLAYTON Present Manager

local residents will remember H. I. G. Fraser, B. of M. manager here from 1932 to 1937, who now has charge of the bank's Tillsonburg office. His successor, William Clayton has become well-known throughout the community both as a banker and as a public-spirited citizen during his 12 years in charge of the branch.

PROGRESS BANKING The forward-looking spirit of the local B. of M. office stems from the earliest traditions of the parent bank, which was founded in 1817. Within a fortnight of its establishment, Canada's first bank introduced the branch-banking system. This flexible and trustworthy type of organization has long since proven a mainstay of the nation's relative stability in economic affairs. In its first year, the bank also issued Canada's earliest native currency and became the colonial government's domestic banker.

In the opening up of the West, Bank of Montreal branches pioneered in many frontier settlements. The bank played an important part in financing Canada's first trans-continental railway, the Canadian Pacific.

Today, the bank that began as a modest office with seven employees has a staff of more than 9,000 in over 500 branches across Canada. One of the British Commonwealth's major banks, the B. of M. maintains offices in London, England, New York, Chicago and San Francisco. Canadian keeping money in the Bank of Montreal number 1,700,000. Thus, Canada's pioneer bank has grown up with the country. It has so ably served on the long road from wilderness colony to world power.

RAYON OUTPUT AT NEW PEAK

Total production of rayon in Britain last November was 27.8 million pounds—the highest ever recorded in any month. It was 7 per cent greater than in October 3 per cent above the previous record set up in September and 17 per cent higher than the average for the first eleven months of 1949. Compared with the same month a year ago it was almost one-third higher. Total rayon output for the whole of 1948 at 233.9 million pounds.

The biggest British coal find in over a century has been made 3000 feet down in Staffordshire.

The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

UNTO ALL MEN

Golden Text—"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the consummation of the world." Matt. 28: 19-20.

LESSON TEXT—Ac. 10: 17-30, 34-43.

Exposition—I. How God Guided Peter. 17-30, 34.

While God prepares one man to hear the gospel, He also prepares another to preach it to him. It certainly cannot be explained away as empty dreams of a fevered imagination, that Cornelius, at one end of the line, saw an angel bidding him send for Simon Peter and that Peter, at the other end of the line, should have a vision preparing him for the call just before the messengers arrived, and should hear the voice of the Spirit bidding him go. There is beyond question a supernatural world and the possibility of present contact between the supernatural world and human life. His- tory demonstrates this. One can be an atheist or deist only by shutting his eyes to the established facts of history. But note how the natural and the supernatural play into one another in Bible history. Peter's hunger was natural and there is nothing more natural than a hungry man's dream of eating, but God gave supernatural direction to a dream that had a natural origin. God knows how to time things just right: just when Peter is in perplexity about the meaning of the vision about unclean meats, the "unclean" Gentiles are asking him at the gate. The Spirit is very definite in His words to Peter. He tells him just how many men are down at the gate asking for him. Peter had a very practical test as to whether it was the Spirit of Truth that was speaking to him. How unlike the confused and uncertain (and oftentimes mistaken) voices that people tell us are voices of the Spirit. God has done His part. He had sent the vision to Peter and the Holy Spirit to interpret the vision. Now Peter must do his part. The directions were very specific "Arise get thee down and go with them, nothing doubting." How could Peter doubt when he had received this supernatural vision? The same way men do today when they have received the undoubtedly supernatural revelation that we have in the Bible and yet hesitate to accept its plain statements. The man who goes on God's errands should go "nothing doubting" no matter how out of the ordinary His command seems.

II. Gentiles Baptized with the Holy Spirit. 34-43.

In verses 34-43 we have the first sermon to the Gentiles (ch. 15: 7). It is worthy of careful study. Peter had been led to see that God set no distinction between Jew and Gentile, and he begins with this great truth. He declares that "in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness (that is, everyone who has a reverent regard for God and is charitable) is acceptable to him."

Peter does not say he is saved, for Cornelius was not saved yet (cf. ch. 11: 14) and a little further on Peter tells him what he must do in order to be saved (v. 43). But everyone who honestly seeks to know God's will and to do it though he has failed to keep the law in some points, as all have and are therefore under the curse of the broken law and in need of redemption (Gal. 3: 10-13), is acceptable to God as one to whom He will make known the way of salvation and thus save him (cf. Jno. 7: 17).

Peter, after his brief introductory statement, proceeds to speak the words whereby Cornelius and all his household were to be saved. These words are all about Jesus. The truths about Jesus proclaimed by Peter in order that Cornelius and his household might be saved by hearing them were: (1) Peace with God is through Him (v. 36). (2) Jesus is "Lord of All." (3) "God appointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power." (4) Jesus was crucified. Peter does not enter here into the doctrine of the atonement. He believed in the doctrine of redemption through substitution (cf. 1 Pet. 1: 18-19; 2: 24), but he did not preach it at this time; for he was not so much a seeker to bring Cornelius to believe in Jesus Himself. (5) God raised up Jesus from the dead on the third day. Peter did not preach the resurrection of Jesus as a theological theory, but as a fact of which he was an eyewitness. (6) Jesus "is ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead." (7) Through the name of Jesus "every one that believeth on him shall receive remission of sins." This last statement made the way of salvation as clear as day. No sooner was it uttered than Cornelius and his friends then and there believed on Jesus.

ERIN

Two-thirds of the roof on Erin Grist Mill, the property of D. C. Kirkwood, was torn off during the wind storm early Saturday morning—a large beam across the building was torn out and the chimney blown down. The actual cost value of the loss is difficult to establish but will run into quite a figure. Archie W. Beattie, Reeve of Nichol Township was elected Warden of Wellington County for 1950, on the first ballot, at Guelph on Tuesday.

Mrs. J. P. Bush had the misfortune to fall last Friday evening, and suffered a broken hip, she is confined to the Guelph General Hospital.

Mrs. Mary Burt celebrated her 92nd birthday on January 18. Among guests present were her son Rev. Dr. Hodgson of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Blythe, Joyce and Marlene, Mr. and Mrs. George Andrews and daughter Bernice of Monk—Advocate

GEORGETOWN

Edwin Wilson, property chairman of last year's Board of Education was elected chairman of the Public School Board at the first meeting of the new board last Wednesday. The board was re-created after its dissolution a year ago when a board of Education was formed to administer the two local schools. With Georgetown's entry into the North Halton High School district it was necessary to again form a public school board.

The wedding of two former Georgetown residents took place on Saturday, January 14th, in Dewl Sant Welsh United Church when the Reverend Williams united in marriage Doreen Elizabeth Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Morgan of Toronto and Harold Kenneth Horton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Horton of Sprucevale. Announcement is made this week of the forming of a partnership between Elmer C. Thompson, well-known local insurance and travel agent, and John R. Barber on Monday, 14th. Mr. Thompson established here 27 years ago and has since operated so successfully from an office on Mill Street. Herald

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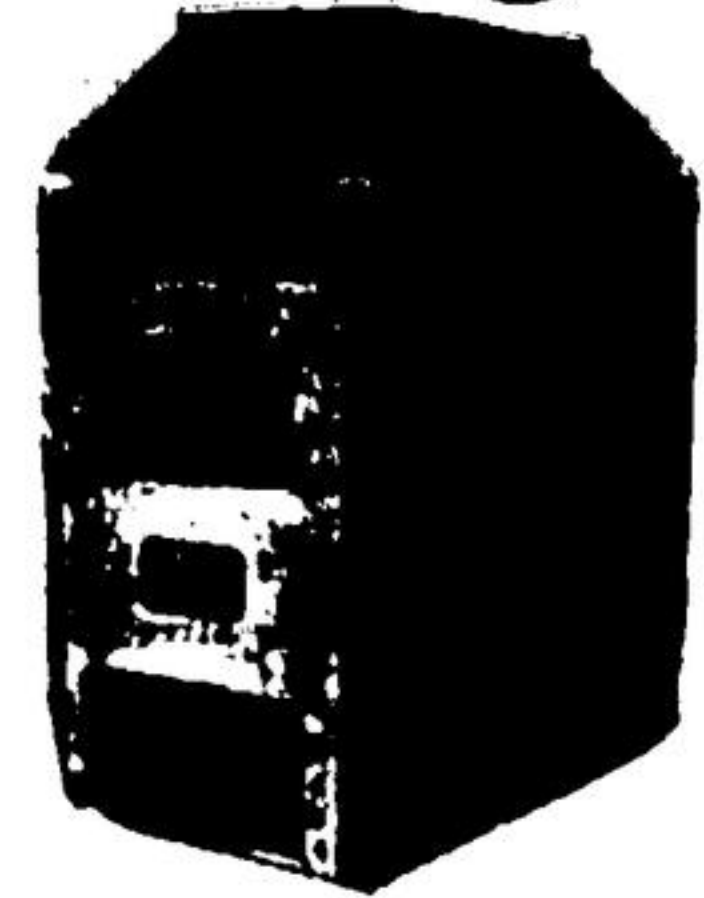
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