

# EDITORIAL

## We're Road Famous

Acton is well known for its roads. Everywhere we meet people out of town and mention Acton they find some comment on our roads.

Sewerage installation is no small task and calls for a little tolerance which Acton citizens have been giving. But we are beginning to think that Acton has better roads than before the sewerage installation.

Driving through neighbouring communities that started the job long before this municipality we find the roads in much worse condition. Paving on the main streets will be under way shortly with holes for soil test already dug on Mill St. The crushed stone on the side streets has given the roads a fine top that will, when completely packed in, leave an excellent surface.

The main street has been left with not too heavy a coating of stone because of plans to re-surface and the possibility of cutting the road down in some places. Some water services are to be replaced before the paving and there should be no cause to disrupt the pavement for some years.

Out of the temporarily bad roads comes one bright thing. A lot more people know where Acton is. Seldom do you meet anyone who has been through the town lately that doesn't remember it. Think of the surprise they will get when they breeze through on a new pavement, when they breeze through on a new pavement. We sincerely hope that when the roads are replaced motorists will continue to drive carefully through Acton, having the same regard for our safety as they have had for their own comfort and their car breakage.

Acton is well known in spite of or despite the roads.

## Up, Up, Up

Along with other things on the upward dollar climb, postal rates took a jump recently. There had been a large deficit in operating costs and so rates jumped. We agree they should.

Patiently we have also hoped for an improvement in service, not local, but in those places where mail is seemingly forgotten. Protests have been coming to our office regularly protesting the arrival of the home town paper. Toronto residents receive their issue of the paper on a range of from Friday, which is fine, to the following Wednesday, which is terrible.

This is by no means a local problem. The papers leave our office for the town post office and leave there on the same train each week. Yet the city folk don't get their paper until sometimes the following week.

We are not the only newspaper in the country affected by this irregular service either. Weekly newspapers across Canada are finding it an important problem. The Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association has been delving into it but no results as yet.

If you are one of the readers who is being affected by late delivery in the cities or other centres feel free to let us know about it. Do allow reasonable time for delivery but if the day of arrival of your paper is irregular, there must be something seriously wrong in the postal delivery.

An increase in price is usually to retain service or add to it. We do wish that the postal rate increases would do one of these things.

## Canada's Major Industry

Traffic was heavy over the week-end on highways. This is just another of the heralds of a coming holiday season when cars, buses and trains carry people on their annual week or two of summer vacations.

With summer vacations comes the season of tourists. This, to Canadians, is an important consideration since the tourist industry is one of Canada's resources. Visitors from south of the border will be dashing along our highways, eating in our restaurants and hotels, and generally contributing to the employment of Canadians in the tourist industry.

Canadians, in general, benefitted from the expenditure of some \$260,000 U.S. dollars in 1950. This amount spent by tourists from the United States was a decrease of \$8,000,000 over a corresponding 1949 period.

No longer do just "big fish" attract the United States visitor. It takes courtesy, pleasant comfortable accommodations and extra services to make the vacation in Canada a successful one.

This town is not famous as a tourist resort. It probably never will be. Still, the tourist industry in Canada is an important contribution to the life of this community indirectly. The American people constitute our major travel market and more of them were in Canada last year than ever before.

Canada is important to us and we must help her development and growth by making American travellers and holidaymakers feel welcome in our community and our country.

## Broken Bodies

This morning 1500 Canadian men and women didn't start work. They didn't punch in at the factory, take their trucks out on the road, greet the rich farmland or go down the mine shaft. They were industrial accident victims yesterday.

Besides these industrial accidents, there are motor fatalities and accidents injuring pedestrians and passengers. This year road accidents have been on the increase—they have every year. They climb and climb until this year there has been many more and they climb sharper and steeper.

A motorist need only attend several car accidents before they realize the grim reality awaiting them when they take a car on the highways.

It is far from pleasant to see broken bodies severely damaged or their life snuffed out completely. New cars, in which are combined mechanical skills of men, are no pretty sight with their grills smashed, windshields broken, and sitting on their top, where they rolled in the ditch.

Any policeman, ambulance driver or reporter will tell you a bloody story of cars and their accidents. But how many would listen? How many motorists know the danger they are toying with when they push their foot further on the accelerator?

Most accidents don't just happen, they have a reason and that reason is quite often carelessness.

It isn't just the careless people that suffer in an accident. The innocent careful driver is often involved, indeed often killed.

Summer is here and the traffic is increasing. Tourists will be roaming across and to the north of Canada. Every motorist should add to the beauty and attractiveness of this country by driving carefully.

From another weekly paper we gleaned the following Motorist's Prayer. Give it some careful thought.

Grant me a steady hand and watchful eye  
That no one may be hurt when I pass by.  
Thou gavest life—I pray—no act of mine  
May take away or mar that gift of Thine.  
Guard those, dear Lord, who bear me company

From roadway dangers and calamity.  
Teach me to use my car for others' need,  
Nor miss through undue haste or love of speed

The beauties of this world; that thus I may  
With joy and courtesy go on my way.

## Remember Others

This is a very active, interesting kind of world. Most of us have so many things to do, and a great many more things that we are planning to do when we have the time and opportunity. Our very activity keeps us so busy that there are a great many people who are shut out from the normal type of life by being shut-in. To remind us of these folk, and to urge us to do something for them, the first Sunday in June is set aside annually as Shut-ins' Day.

Who are the Shut-ins? There is little need to ask, for every community has them; folk who are shut in through age, disability and various types of illness. Not only are they confined to the house, hospitals or other institutions but many cannot even leave their beds. They all are compelled to lead a restricted life and some of them readily admit that only the kindness of friends and the consideration of visitors enables them to remain normal in their thinking and attitude to life.

On the other hand there are some who have won such a spiritual victory over their ailing bodies that they are a source of inspiration to all who visit them. The mother of one of Britain's statesmen spent nearly half a century in bed, and to her bedside came the elite of the land to be inspired by her courage, optimism and unselfishness.

Plan to make Sunday, June 3rd, the day, in which you show at least two shut-ins that you care. It could be through flowers, a gift or a letter, or a personal visit in which you contribute a little pleasantness. But above all don't forget them until next year when Shut-ins' day again reminds you.

## Editorial Notes

The International Trade Fair opened in Toronto this week. The fourth fair plays an important part in keeping trans-Atlantic channels of foreign trade open to Canada.

Greet your census taker with a smile and ready information rather than a sigh at being bothered with all this nonsense. His is an important job, in keeping track of you to present a true picture of the community, the area and the country.



"JUST A SECOND, DEAR! LET ME GET IT IN BEFORE YOU TAKE IT OUT."

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

**BACK IN 1901**  
Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 30, 1901

Mr. J. B. Mackenzie has the contract for remodelling and improving Dublin School.  
The young folks at Mr. Beardmore's had quite a display of fireworks on the lawn on the night of Victoria Day.

Mr. J. D. McKee has disposed of his drug and stationery business to Mr. F. R. Brown, late of Chicago.  
The Pan-American Menagerie and Circus visits Acton on Sunday the 8th of June. The tents will be pitched on Flynn's field on Queen Street, near the G.T.R. station.

The finishing touches are being put on the Guernsey Co's new store in the Warren Block. Mr. W. Walker, painter, is getting in some of his best work and the place will be most attractive when completed next week.

The introduction of the orchestra into the Knox Church Sunday School in April has given the service a zest and heartiness in the singing which was heretofore lacking.

Messrs. T. Statham and Son have a fine new soda fountain which commands admiration.  
Mr. Charles Holmes left on Monday to take a permanent situation as night agent in Weston.

Mr. Murray McDonald who has been at Southampton the past couple of years has returned home and is employed with the Acton Tanning Company.

On Thursday the evening train ran off the track just after crossing the bridge west of the switch at Georgetown. It was reported that one passenger had his leg broken, but among the seven or eight hundred passengers on board not one received even so serious an injury, although many were shaken up.

## Whole Centres Transferred Here?

A proposal to transfer whole communities from Britain to Canada gets little enthusiasm from The Financial Post.

"This country wants and needs more people. But the practical problem of getting and setting them here must be recognized. Tall talk and fancy schemes won't help anybody."

"Even if such practical problems as transportation, markets, and migration, there would still remain the great national problem of making these replanted communities really Canadian."

"In the past we have had some unfortunate experiences in absorbing or trying to absorb into our national life communities where immigrants from one country settled in solid blocks. This inevitably means that it takes the newcomers longer to adapt themselves to the Canadian way of life and creates a host of lingering problems."

## DOCTORS EXAMINED

Two smartly dressed women came in to the library of the New York Academy of Medicine and asked to see photographs of well-known New York doctors. When the librarian produced the pictures, the ladies spread them out on the table and subjected them to an exhaustive examination.  
At length one woman turned to her companion and said decisively, "I like his looks best. He's the one I'm going to."

An aviator becomes an Ace after he destroys five enemy planes.

# AT THE Churches

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SUNDAY, JUNE 3rd, 1951  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Subject: "The Doctrine of Providence: God Overrules". (Continuing the series "What We Believe")  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Subject: No. 5 in series "What Christianity Is".  
Thought for the Week  
Whatever makes men good Christians, makes them good citizens. (Daniel Webster)

**Baptist Church**  
ACTON  
SUNDAY, JUNE 3rd, 1951  
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.—Rev. Gibson Brown of Stouffville.  
12:30 p.m.—Communion.  
Wednesday, 8:30—Prayer meeting.  
Friday—4:00 p.m.—Mission Band; 8:30 p.m., B.Y.P.U.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 3rd, 1951  
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11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship  
7:00 p.m.—Divine Worship  
ALL ARE WELCOME

**St. Alban's Church**  
(Anglican)  
Rector—Rev. W. G. Luxton, B.A.  
SUNDAY, JUNE 3rd, 1951  
Trinity II  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:15 a.m.—Holy Communion. Beginners' Class. The newly confirmed, together with parents and friends, will receive Communion at this service. Mr. George A. Elliott, a leading layman of Rockwood, will be preacher.  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer.  
A Welcome Awaits You

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GRAY COACH LINES  
Daylight Saving Time  
COACHES LEAVE ACTON  
Eastbound  
6:38 a.m.; 8:58 a.m.; 11:23 a.m.; 2:03 p.m.; 5:03 p.m.; 6:33 p.m.; 8:33 p.m.; 10:58 p.m.  
Westbound  
10:17 a.m.; 12:52 p.m.; 2:57 p.m.; 5:27 p.m.; 7:27 p.m.; 9:12 p.m.; 11:32 p.m.; 1:12 a.m. (Sun. to Kitchener only)  
a—Daily except Sunday and holidays.  
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Daily 5:55 a.m.; Daily except Sunday 9:54 a.m.; 7:10 p.m. Sunday only 8:16 p.m.; Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown 9:02 a.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown, 10:12 p.m.  
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Daily except Sunday and Monday, 1:56 a.m.; Sunday and Monday only, 12:08 a.m.; daily except Sunday, 8:48 a.m.; 6:50 p.m.; 7:44 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. 5:48 p.m. (flagstop); Saturday only 1:38 p.m.; Sunday only 8:43 a.m. (flagstop); Sunday only, Flyer at Guelph, 7:06 p.m.

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