

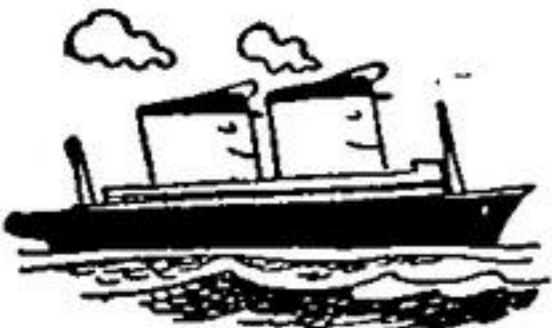
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Poet's Corner

JUNE RAIN
by Mary Ellen Varley

There is whispering in the woods
While all the tiny flowers
Lift dusty leaves and petals up
To drink of summer showers.

There is the thankful note of birds
Warm-cuddled in their nests,
While God's own tears are glimmering
Wherever a raindrop rests.

I hear the drone of eager bee
Waiting for the shower to pass
And there are many tiny things
Soft-nestled in the grass.

The gaiety of dandelions
Are floodlights for the wayside,
And jewel-hung webs of spiders
Are wherever the fairies hide!

I love to watch the summer rain—
It becomes a symbol true,
And washing all our cares away,
Leaves us with a clearer view!

First Communion At St. Joseph's

Nineteen children made their first holy communion, and eleven their solemn first communion at St. Joseph's church on Sunday morning. The girls were dressed in white with veils and wreaths and the boys wore white arm bands and boutonnières in the lapel.

Those making their first communion were Paul Bennett, Richard Gibbons, Daniel Arbie, Peter Holmes, John Dunn, Donald Marzo, Kasmer Lewandowski, Paul Phelan, Theodore Zions, Theresa Papillon and Leona Marks of Acton, and David Mozil, Larry Prueyk, Patrick Graham, Michael Cummins, Michael McGrath, Leonard Hulme, Patricia Curley and Louise LeDuke of Georgetown.

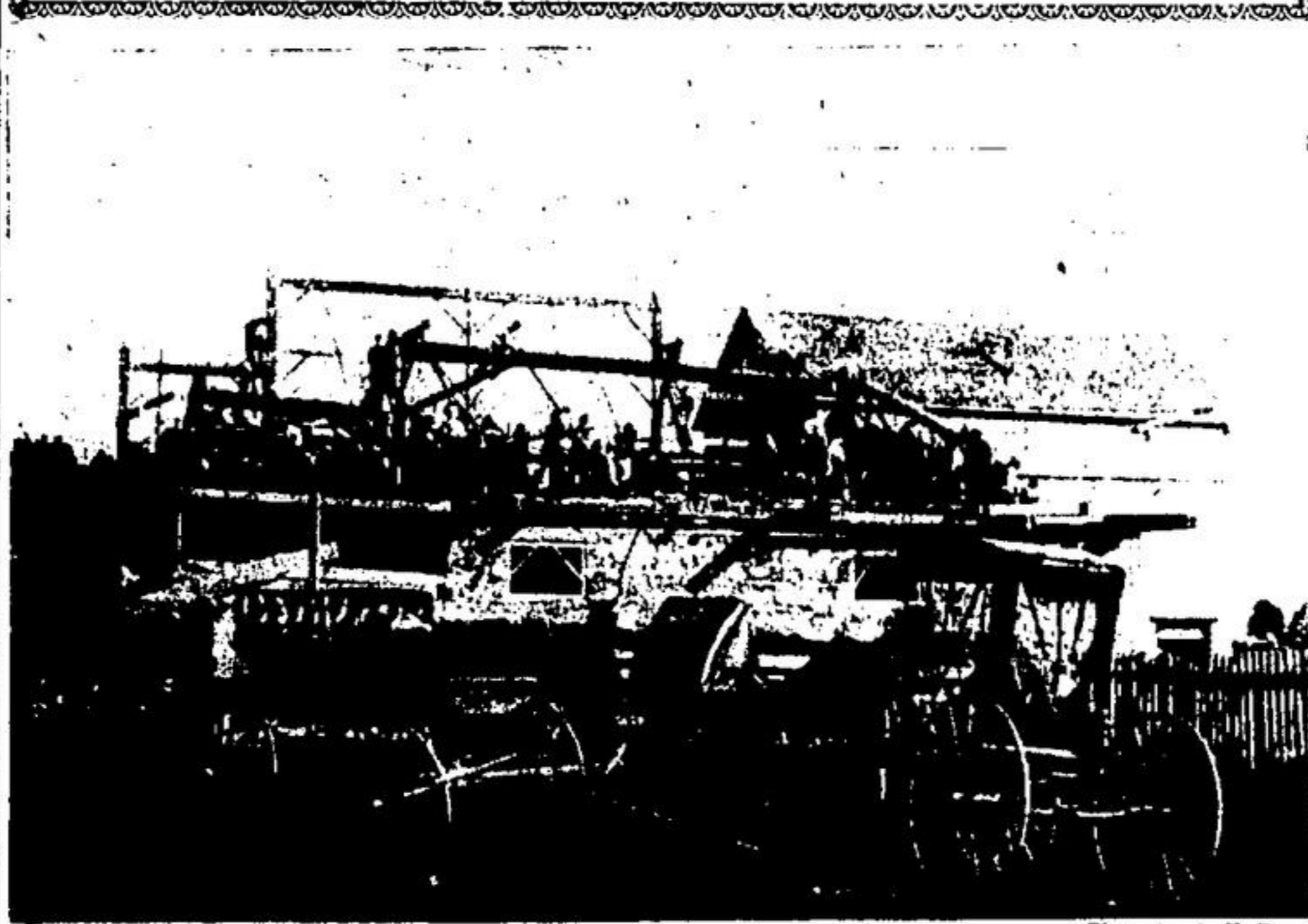
Solemn first communions were Helen Benton, Rose Mary O'Rourke, Mary Kay Gibbons, Maureen Sargent, Lorraine Bennett, Judy Papillon, Madeline Ryder, Peter Barr, David Papillon, John O'Rourke and Michael Bennett, all of Acton.

The altars were decorated with spring flowers, and special music was provided by the church choir for the occasion.

APOLOGY

She: "I wish you had telephoned before you came. I'm sorry for my appearance."
Bore: "Your appearance?"
She: "Yes, if I'd known you were coming, I wouldn't have made one."

TALES ON TINTYPES



—Photo by A. T. Brown

Many of us can remember the days when a union of builders or anything else was called a bee. It was a common practice for all the folks from about the countryside to get together when a new barn was being erected and the framework was raised. Often it was a contest to see which side would have their section of the barn raised and in place first.

Well here's a picture taken in the summer of 1898 at a barn raising at Flynn's, and that's the same farm just south of Acton on Highway No. 25 where Mr. Jos. Flynn still resides. You'll notice that one section has been raised

and the other side is just going into place as A. T. Brown got the photograph. You'll also notice the buggies and horses in the foreground which would indicate the group of workers were from quite a wide territory.

The barn raisings were quite a feature of community life. The men seemed to enjoy the occasion of working together for a neighbor, knowing full well that the neighbors would return the work when he needed it. The women enjoyed too the big picnic style meals that the workers required. Appetites were big when men toiled in the open.

Work went on for long hours—all the daylight possible was put to use to complete the job.

Well the fine barn pictured here in the course of erection still stands on the farm of Mr. Jos. Flynn on No. 25 Highway. A credit to the builders of those days and to the farmers who have kept in step with progress for many years.

The barn raising and bees aren't so common any more. They have gone from the community life and the community gathering they made and the joy of working together has been a loss. (Copyrighted)

At Annual Picnic With Cedarvale

by Rev. W. E. Lake

Georgetown, Ont., June 17th; games and prizes, flowers, lawns and playing fields; 85 guests from 13 United Church W.A.'s of the Halton Presbytery! Cedarvale was at her best to entertain her kindly guests again this year; and then it rained. Perhaps the rain was just as well. It brought us trooping in together carrying chairs, tables and things to eat; a big happy family from a hundred different homes crowding into a happy fellowship; making us feel we belonged.

By me was Margaret, a diffident little girl 10 years old, who scarcely seemed to eat, but was thrilled to entertain her guests.

"How long have you been at Cedarvale, Margaret?"

"I came here last September, and I'm leaving again in July."

"Oh, are you?"

"Yes, I'm going to live with somebody, but I do not know who it is yet."

"What about your mummy and daddy?"

"I don't have any mummy and daddy, but I have four brothers and a sister and they're in homes."

"And you're looking forward to having a home, too?"

"I think I am."

With just such a natural simplicity of pathos I was ushered into the company of those who seek to serve by making a home from home for girls denied the privilege of happiness at home.

"Would you like to talk to Mrs. Margesson?"

I would. She was one of the so-called teachers for the 28 girls ranging from grades one to eight, but she seemed more like a mother to me. How confidingly that awkward girl on crutches with the plastercast on her foot comes over to chat and to hold her hand. No eight hour day about this job, but a real vocation and a labor of love.

"How long have you been one of the teachers here, Mrs. Margesson?"

"Eleven years."

"And is your home nearby in Georgetown?"

"Oh, no! That is the worst of it. I come from Halifax."

So. But she has found a good place to serve.

I came away feeling happy to have a share with her and those others at Cedarvale through my weekly dollar in the red envelope. They do a unique job in Ontario, taking girls of school age whom the Children's Aid cannot place, keeping them long enough to straighten out their troubles till they find a foster home, helping them to catch up with their schooling, leading them to find a full and happy place in the local Georgetown church through Sunday School, Junior Choir and C.G.I.T. It is something to be proud of and the Halton Presbytery W.A. says again to Cedarvale, "Well done! Good work, Cedarvale, and God bless you!"

Tips on Touring

By Carol Lane

Women's Travel Authority

This year, 80 per cent of all vacation travel is being taken by automobile.

Canadians like to "get out and do things" on vacations and they've found the family car gets them there with the most pleasure, economy, and freedom of movement.

And, as Canadian families gradually realize that they are entitled to vacations away from home and have a moral right to escape from the routine of day-to-day living, the knowledge of how best to take vacations is increasing.

Canadians are learning, for example, that it is best to travel light for freedom and comfort; that there are many ways to economize on such items as food (with car picnic lunches), and lodging (motels or cottages), and clothes (outfits with doubt or triple utility).

And we've learned the trick of seeing more, too; by taking time to investigate interesting spots along the route; by taking our children on little educational side-tours through factories, museums, parks, etc.; by planning trips well in advance of leaving date.

The average Canadian looks forward to his vacation, knows what to do with it once he has it... and can do it because he lives in a free country!

Gardening item from an Irish paper: "Dig the ground over thoroughly and then pant."

LETTER TO EDITOR

Commends Citizens Upholding Ideals

Islington, Ont.
June 18th, 1953

The Editor
Acton Free Press
Acton, Ontario

Dear Sir:

May I humbly and respectfully congratulate the citizens of Acton for setting such a high example of common decency which they have recently shown in the restoration of a small, and almost forgotten cemetery, which contains the remains of many of its pioneer citizens, the Worden family.

How many such small burial grounds are to be seen, with their Memorial head stones toppled over, broken, passed by, unseen, with no respect shown to those, who were proud enough and honest enough to lay the very foundations of Decency for us to follow, by the respect they showed in the decent burial they afforded their dead.

Thank God we still have a few trying to uphold those things that are, and should be the ideals of our daily lives, Respect and Common Decency.

Trusting many other communities may follow Acton's example in its spirit of mutual understanding, and thus endeavor to keep alive some of those high ideals our Democratic way of living calls for.

E. L. Hammond,
EDITOR'S NOTE—The work of restoring the plot was carried out by the Bannockburn Women's Institute, Farm Forum and members of the community, not by the citizens of Acton. To them goes the credit for this very commendable project.

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CROW CONTROL during the spring provides hunting thrills for this lad, as well as being a good protective measure for the more useful forms of wildlife. During the off-season, more and more experienced hunters, too, find that shooting gophers, groundhogs, magpies and other pests as well as the wily crow helps to keep their eye "sharp" for the fall hunting season. C-I-L makes dependable ammunition for this popular sport.

Did you know?

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