

### SEEKING A HOME ?

See our listings now, before the Fall rush and controls are removed in the cities.

We have a number of homes, not too high in price, to suit every taste and purse. See this week's specials: —

**ROUGH CAST**, with three extra lots, good garden soil, lots of room and fresh air for the children to run around. Near to school, on good county road close to highway. Still in the low price field.

**SOLID BRICK**, right in the heart of residential district. Seven rooms, including four bedrooms, large hall. Could be used for an office. All rooms are spacious. Upstairs outside sleeping balcony. We had something to do with the building of this late Georgian residence, and we know the best materials and craftsmanship went into it. Built for a former real estate and community planner. Has all conveniences, six car garage.

For appointment to view these and others, contact

## F. L. WRIGHT

REAL ESTATE BROKER

Phone 95 20 Wilbur St. Acton

WANTED—A NUMBER OF FIFTY ACRE FARMS



Forty Plus and Fancy Free  
by Emily Kimbrough

Four grandmothers take a trip to Europe in this high spirited book by a well known author, Emily Kimbrough. Another of her books, *Our Hearts Were Young and Gay*, was made into a movie picture several years ago.

In this one, she's back visiting foreign countries as she was in *Our Hearts Were Young and Gay*. She isn't nearly as young but she's every bit as gay, and wherever she goes the unusual is bound to happen.

Four friends in New York decided their grandchildren would simply have to do without them for awhile, and they made plans for their tour. To Miss Kimbrough, plans included lessons in Italian at the Berlitz school.

The book is very recent, including the coronation. It also has cartoon-like illustrations.

Over the last five years the federal government's revenue from income taxes has more than doubled.

### Halton's Pages of the Past

## Town of Acton Was First Known as Danville Then Adamsville Before Given Present Name

by GWEN CLARKE

Acton is the most northerly town in Halton County. It is situated at the junction of two highways, Nos. 7 and 25. It is 40 miles from Toronto and 16 from Guelph. Its present population is 3,040 and there is steady growth in housing and industry. The many progressive industries include a wide variety of articles including leather, textiles, plastics, ceramics, electrical appliances, machinery and equipment.

In 1829 Acton was known only as 400 acres on the 2nd and 3rd Concessions of Esqueving. The first settlers were Zenas, Rufus and Ezra Adams. Others soon followed. The first dry goods store was owned by Wheeler Green. Employed by him was a young man called 'Dan'. He must have been an up-and-coming young fellow as, for some unexplained reason the settlement was named after him and was called 'Danville'.

**Danville to Adamsville**  
The first grocery store, owned by Miller Hemstreet, was known as 'Danville Grocery'. But maybe that name did not meet with universal approval either, as later the district was changed to 'Adamsville' after the first settlers. Even then the name could not have been entirely satisfactory to the pioneer fathers, for in 1844 it was changed again, this time to its present name of 'Acton'. The name was suggested by Robert Swan, the first postmaster, a native of Northumberland, England.

Acton, being the centre of a farming community, the first industry was naturally a grist mill, built on Lot 24, Concession 6. It was a log

building and was known as "McCallum's Mill."

The first tannery was set up in a forest clearing about 1837 and was owned and operated by Abraham Nelles. Although it changed hands several times the tanning business had obviously come to stay. In 1865 the Beardmore Company took over the business and from then on it expanded until it became Acton's major industry.

**Other Acton Industries**  
Other industries located in Acton during its early days were J. H. Coates' Stave and Barrel factory; W. H. Storey's glove factory Browns and Hall's Lumber and Shingle Mill; Speight's Blacksmith and Carriage Works and Acton's famous Flow Manufacturing Company. There were also lime works that went into operation in 1872 with two kilns capable of burning 350 bushels a day. Acton was also well supplied with stores, hotels, livery stables and bakeries.

The Grand Trunk Railway (now the C.N.R.) had its first service by steam railway in 1856.

Acton's only newspaper, *The Free Press*, has never had a rival. Since its first publication in 1875 there have been only five changes in editor-ownership—J. H. Hacking, S. W. Galbraith, Rev. Dr. T. Albert Moore, H. P. Moore and G. A. Dills—now the Dills Printing and Publishing Company.

As the pioneer population increased, Acton Citizens were affiliated with various religious groups—the Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Congregationalists, Baptists and Disciples of Christ. They worshipped in log cabins, crude frame buildings or in the homes of pioneers.

### More Churches Built

As more permanent places of worship were established churches were built in the following order: Baptist Church, 1842, first pastor, Rev. John Oakley. Knox Church, 1845, first minister, the Rev. John McLachlan, Methodist Church, 1853, pastor, the Rev. Wm. Willoughby. This was a frame church. The present United Church was built in 1875.

The first Roman Catholic Church was built at Dublin, two miles south of Acton. Later the congregation of St. Joseph's purchased the old Congregational House of Worship and had it changed over to a Roman Catholic Church. The first resident priest was the Rev. Father Haley, appointed in 1853. St. Alban's Anglican Church was built in 1872. First Rector was the Rev. W. F. Swallow. The church was consecrated by the first Bishop of Niagara in 1875.

There is every indication in the records that the ministers of all the churches served their people faithfully and well but the Rev. D. B. Cameron left behind him a somewhat unique record. Mr. Cameron ministered to the Presbyterians in Acton from 1875 to 1885. At that time he retired but continued to reside in Acton. He died at the home of Peter Mann on February 25, 1890 at the age of 73.

**"Foolish Extravagance"**  
He was a native of Inverness, Scotland, and was known to be a man of fine character and high ideals. That he was an exponent of the simple life was obvious from the following codicil attached to his will. It read as follows:

"Considering the foolish extravagance displayed by the community in general and as a protest against it I almost believe a solitary protest I direct that my body, when dead, shall be decently wrapped in bleached cotton, neatly prepared for the purpose, laid in a simple coffin made of pine, with no ornamentation, not as much as my name, and carried to the grave in a sleigh, if in winter, or a spring wagon, and laid in the grave without a shell; and that no monument of any kind be put to mark the place unless some friend take a boulder from the field to mark the spot, and, if he fancy to do so, cut thereon the initials "D.B.C.". In all other respects I confirm my said will."

### No Neglected Cemeteries

On this same subject it is particularly worthy of note that in Acton there are now no neglected pioneer cemeteries. When the acreage of the old cemetery had been out of use for 50 years or more, the Board of trustees, headed by the late Nelson Moore, took measures to restore it from a state of neglect. Headstones were assembled to form a permanent cairn in the centre of the old cemetery as a tribute of appreciation and respect for the

pioneer fathers who had laid the groundwork for the present prosperity of the Acton district.

The new Cemetery, opened 80 years ago, is also well cared for. At the entrance stone pillars support an iron archway with the words "Fairview Cemetery". The Women's Institute of Acton was responsible for this very fine addition to the cemetery.

For the size of the town Acton has excellent educational and recreational facilities. There are good, well-built schools, a Y.M.C.A. and a very fine park, Prospect Park, complete with wading pool. It has attractive entrance gates, band-stand and a large arena which is the site for the annual Acton Fair. But its chief year-round attraction is the lake, a body of water which covers an area of 88 acres. It was originally the Mill Pond but thanks to the foresight of Mrs. Augusta Seccord, the town fathers were persuaded to use the more attractive name "Fairy Lake". Acton also has a fine bowling-green and tennis courts.

(Our next story "Drumquinn").  
Reproduction Rights Reserved  
By Dills Printing & Publishing Company

### Father Officiates at Wedding Vows

The groom's father, Rev. J. M. Miller, and Rev. J. Blair officiated jointly when, in St. Paul's United Church, Milton, Iris Yvonne (Milit) Emery and James Robertson Miller were married. Baby's breath, mums and gladioli were placed in the church for the early afternoon ceremony on Saturday, July 31.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. R. Emery of Milton and the groom the son of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Miller, of Cooksville. Mrs. Newell played the wedding music and accompanied Jerry Homewood, cousin of the bride, who sang *Wedding Prayer*.

The bride wore a gown of Swiss embroidered organza in daffodil design. A coronet of seed pearls held her full-length veil. Red roses formed her heart-shaped bouquet. Miss Beverly Dewhurst, the bridesmaid, wore a gown of mauve nylon net with a matching bandeau. Her bouquet was of yellow mums.

Groomsmen was George Amaolo of Burlington. Attending the reception which followed in the Sunday school room of the church were guests from Hamilton, Peterborough, Cooksville, Toronto, Bracebridge and Guelph Junction. The Mr. and Mrs. Club catered.

Mrs. Emery, the mother of the bride, wore a dress of teal blue crepe with contrasting accessories in white. Her corsage was of Talisman roses. The groom's mother, Mrs. Miller, wore flowered nylon sheer with white accessories, and a corsage of sweetheart rosebuds.

Leaving on the wedding trip to the north, the bride wore a dress of navy sheer, with accessories of white. Her corsage was of sweetheart roses.

Eighty-seven Canadian ships valued at almost \$5 million were lost at sea, burnt or otherwise destroyed lives were lost and 13,544 persons were injured.

If you dust the measuring cup with flour before measuring molasses in it every drop of molasses will come out. To dust cup, just fill it with flour and empty it.

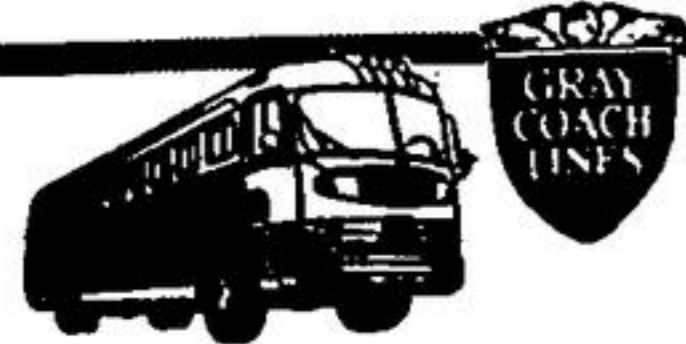


## Fishing and fun galore!

The big ones that got away last year are still there. It's handy to go after them by bus.

- North Bay - 15.05
- Parry Sound - 11.90
- Huntsville - 10.35

ROUND TRIP BY BUS



HAROLD WILES, Agent

PHONE 207



## Refresher Course for Busy People

Said the gal with the lefty I. Q.

"I commend Coca-Cola to you—

When you're feeling the pressure,

It's such a refresher

And a bit of quick energy, too!"


Yes, ice-cold Coke has a wonderful way of giving you satisfying refreshment—renewing your energy for busy hours ahead. And Coke has as few calories as half an average, juicy grapefruit. Have a Coke.



Authorized bottler of Coca-Cola under contract with Coca-Cola Ltd.

The Orangeville Bottling Works  
ORANGEVILLE, ONT. PHONE 137-W

"Coke" is a registered trade mark



## TAX NOTICE -- 1954

MUNICIPALITY OF ACTON  
THIRD INSTALMENT NOW DUE

Attention is drawn to the payment of 1954 taxes, which are now payable in four instalments. Taxes are payable to the Municipal Treasurer at the

### ACTON PUBLIC UTILITIES OFFICE

INSTALMENTS ARE DUE AS FOLLOWS:

THIRD INSTALMENT	AUGUST 16th
FOURTH INSTALMENT	OCTOBER 15th

According to the Tax Collection By-Law a penalty of 1/4 of 1 per cent. per month will be added on the amount remaining unpaid after the sixteenth day of August.

This penalty applies to each instalment in a similar manner.

The attention of Ratepayers is directed to the Penalties and other clauses as printed on the reverse side of every Tax Notice and explained in detail on every Tax Bill.

**MAKE PAYMENT NOW AND TAKE YOUR TAX NOTICE WITH YOU WHEN MAKING PAYMENT**

J. McGEACHIE, Collector



## HURRY! HURRY!

### GIGANTIC RECORD SALE

# SALE

AT THE AMAZING PRICE OF

## 5 FOR \$100

WE'RE CLEARING OUT OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF 78 RPM RECORDS

THESE ARE BLUEBIRD AND CAPITAL RECORDS USUALLY SELLING AT 75c AND 90c APIECE

# MANNING ELECTRIC



### Important Notice to all SHORN SHEEP:

OUR OVINE FRIENDS will be glad to know that in future they may be spared the undignified and chilly experience of being sheared of their wool to keep us warm. A new lightweight lining material for men's and women's clothes combines fabric and aluminum to give more than three times the insulating value of a similar weight of wool cloth.

Humans, too, will be glad if this hastens the end of heavy, bulky winter wear. The material can be dry-cleaned, drapes well and is sufficiently porous to let the body "breathe". Just one more example of the way Canadian manufacturers are combining aluminum and imagination for better, easier living. Aluminum Company of Canada, Ltd. (Alcan).