

EDITORIAL

The First New Building

With the official opening next week of the new high school in Acton many of us will recall the history of secondary schools in Acton. Of course the first high school here was in the old original stone public school building just back of the back high school building that was new in 1892. It is recalled that the first stone building was built in 1850-51.

When the public school population had overgrown the old stone building it was decided to build another stone building on top of the heavy stone walls. About 1913 the high school was moved into the new back building. Sixteen years later the public school population had grown to such size that another building was required.

In 1927 the old St. John's property was acquired and the first stone residence was re-novated and four classrooms were made available to a high school. It might be interesting to know that a \$28,000 expenditure covered this high school over in 1927. In 1948 another classroom was added to this old stone building. That was the last of the stone buildings for high school purposes in Acton. It was realized that the time had come that the public school enrollment needed at the time in this section where another new wing had been built and opened in October 1952. Two years later the public school attendance again required more classrooms and this year the high school moved to a new location.

It will be noted that the present new building is the first building primarily erected in Acton for high school purposes. The new site gives ample room for expansion and already it is found that such provision was essential since a new three room section must be available for next year to meet high school needs. We trust it means even better educational opportunities for the young folk of town and district.

We have enjoyed having a part in all the various school moves in Acton. We were a student in the first high school building and have been on School Boards for several years during this expansion program. It has been a most interesting period in educational matters in this community.

Common Problems

Back in 1839, 25 years before Confederation, a company was started in Smiths Falls to manufacture farm equipment. It grew as the country expanded and for over a hundred years was a well-known name on every farm and the auction sale listing on every sale bill. The plant grew until it occupied a site of 10 acres and is presently employing 400 workers.

The past week the Record-News of Smiths Falls announced that the plant will be closed. It will completely suspend operations early next Spring.

We don't know much about the Frost and Wood Company other than it was well established and in a good position to manufacture good equipment. Its products are of the kind that are still used on every farm. No doubt its present machines do much more per man than the products it made over a 100 years ago. Maybe we have come to the time when we need more men to operate the machines on the farms than we need to make them.

In another city men are walking up and down in front of a big farm implement manufacturing plant demanding more wages or benefits and the production lines are idle.

We often wonder what will bring about various groups of workers a better understanding of our common problems. Agriculture is still Canada's basic industry. Its prosperity, its acceptance of its product in the world markets reflects on the general prosperity of Canada as a whole. When farmers cease or are unable to buy the products of our own factories perhaps survival will mean a return to the land or a better understanding of our problems.

If you would avoid suspicion do not lace your shoes in a melon patch. Chinese proverb.

Our Own Folks

If our thinking editorially this week is tinged along agricultural lines it is because of our associations of the present. Friday we had luncheon with the directors of the Dairy Council of Canada. They were meeting in Toronto for a couple of days. They came from all parts of Canada. Our table companions were from the National Office from Saskatchewan and from Quebec.

The weekly press is closer to the farming communities than any other press group and it was only fitting therefore that the executive of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association should particularly enjoy being hosts to a group that represents in Canada such an important branch of farming as the dairy industry. The marketing of dairy products has come a long way since the days of the milkman who delivered the milk in a big container and measured it out in the jug that was brought to the door to get the amount required each morning.

We thoroughly enjoyed the brief meeting with this alert group who are striving to make dairy products better and more acceptable in every home.

On Wednesday of this week we join a weekly newspaper group meeting with the new Minister of Agriculture, Hon. F. S. Thomas. Then to finish off the evening we go to the Royal Winter Fair (we write this on Monday) to see the best in farm products that Canada produces.

We are more than pleased that this year the World's Wheat King is a farmer well known to us, William Breckon, who produced the best wheat right here in our County of Halton. His is one of the exhibits from Halton that will be a must on our visit to the Royal.

When we consider the many exhibitors who will be at the Royal right from our county we make no apology for our intimate contacts with agricultural groups. We're right among our own folks even if we never tilled the soil. We are privileged to share their viewpoint on matters which are of vital interest to all Canadians.

The New Surprise Bag

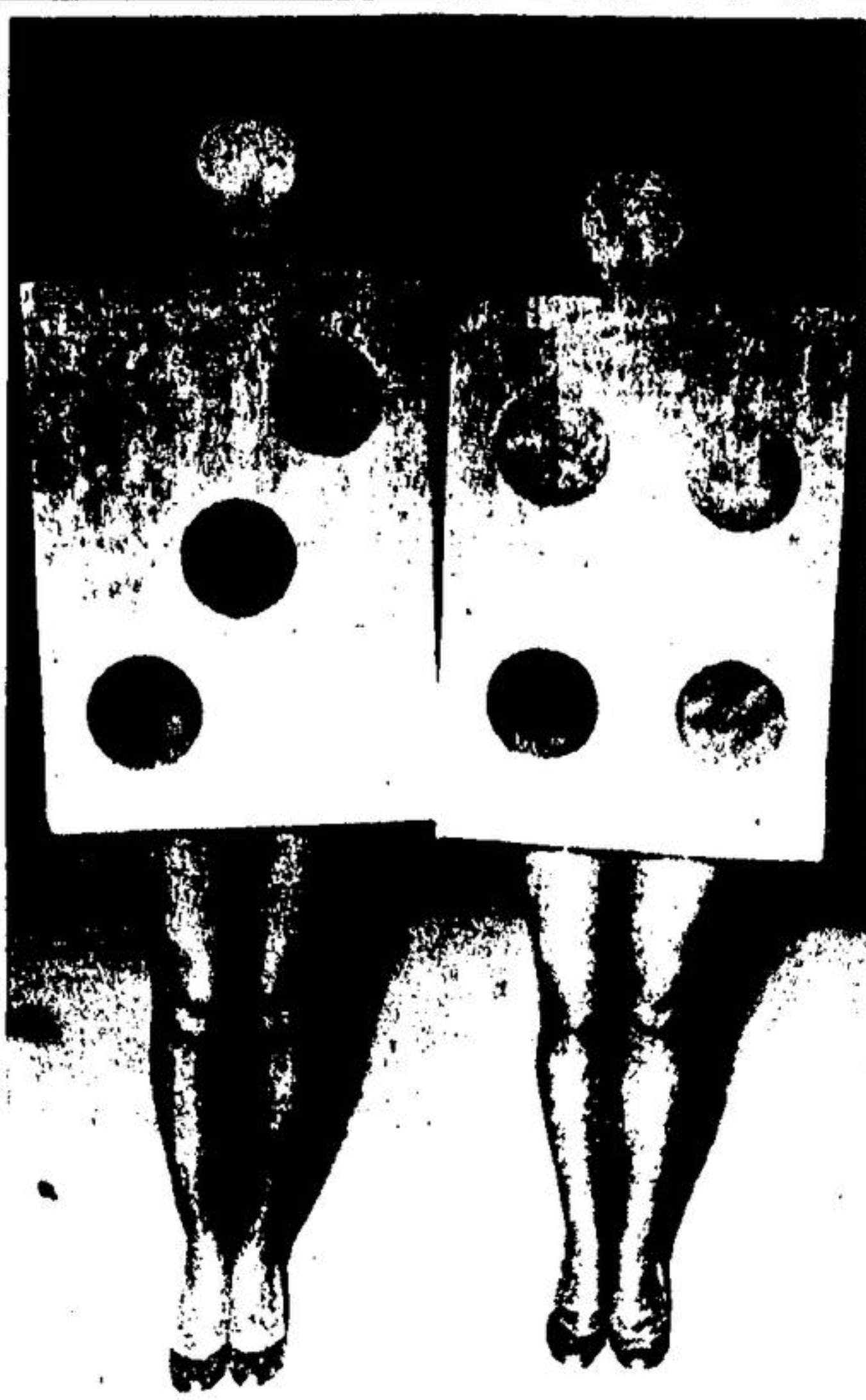
Many of us remember the days of the one-cent "Grab Bag" or more later the popular bazaar item of "Fish Pond." The lure in such events was, of course, that there was always the hope of getting more than the fee and the element of surprise.

These things are still popular items at money-raising events, but there is another one that seems to be played more frequently now than in other days. Perhaps it is the speed and hurry and perhaps it is laxity in mailing. But those cards of "insufficient postage" seem to occur with annoying regularity.

In our mail we get a lot of press releases which never get further than the waste basket. The problem is to know whether the article which requires double the normal rates is worth paying for. It's like the old grab-bag—you never know what you are getting until after you have paid your money. We think the post office department is perfectly justified in requiring payment for service rendered. Certainly the place to get postage due is before the transaction is completed.

Sometimes the transaction is never completed and we are getting the habit of not picking up the bulky mail on which we have postage to pay. Much of it we find comes from government publicity releases which often aren't news and it is rather expensive material with which to load one's waste paper basket. We just hand out this hint to propaganda departments in government or other groups where mailing is heavy. If you want it to get in the right basket be sure to put sufficient postage on your mailings.

The lightness of the polling at some municipal elections in recent years raises a point. It is the possibility that people look upon the federal, provincial and municipal governments as having ranks with different degrees of importance. The phrase "three levels of government" suggests the same thing. Perhaps it is a product of it. Altona (Man.) Echo.



LUCKY SEVEN is rolled for the camera by this animated dice two some at the Y's Men's Halloween Party in the arena recently. As the picture suggests, children weren't the only prize winners. Behind the masks are Mrs. J. Calder and Mrs. F. Crump.



In Favor of Argument
In Oakville spirited citizens aren't yet ready to let go of what could be a very good thing without another round or two. The much-argued annexation move by the town to take in a southern chunk of Trafalgar and the assessment-attractive Ford-Oakville plant has been decided in favor of the Township, but in light of a recent ruling by Dr. A. E. Berry re enlarged sewer plant, Oakville has asked the case be re-argued.

Cemetery Complications
In Bronte, where one of the oldest district cemeteries still in usable state exists, some consternation developed recently when the question of final responsibility for maintenance and operation was put to Township councillors. It seems for some years the cemetery has been operating on little money, getting little attention and having a haphazard system of plotting direct its extension.

Advance Collections
In Oakville the Boy Scouts and Cubs who recently brought in two freight cars to hold anticipated record paper collections in a town and district drive started their work and found bundles far short of the expected high, in fact rather poor. Later discovered a private salvage outfit had been over the ground a day before and picked up considerable stocks intended for the Scouts.

Santa Claus in Erin
In Erin, not to let Toronto and its famed Christmas calthumpian take all the honors, local businessmen announced a Santa Claus parade will be held in the village's downtown area December 18 with the "usual floats, etc. with Santa himself and a treat for all the children."

New Expressway On
In Burlington plans for a new expressway between the Guelph Line and Wolfe Island at the western entrance to Hamilton are expected to be finalized by the Burlington Suburban Planning Board.

Train, Truck Collide
In Milton a driver of a brick truck, William McDonald, came just about as close to death or serious injury as he wants to last week when his vehicle stalled on a railway crossing was smashed into by an approaching train and hurled into a ditch. Front end of the truck was shattered. McDonald was uninjured.

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11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21st, 1954
Sunday Next Before Advent
10:00 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class
11:00 a.m.—Choral Communion and Sermon
4:15 p.m.—Holy Baptism
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1904

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, November 17, 1904
H. H. Carrothers, the municipal electrician, has sent in his resignation to go to Alvinston, where there is no morning service. He took charge of the plant here two years ago and figures show a growth of income of 20 per cent under his management. There have been 116 additional street lamps and 20,000 additional lamps installed since January 1, 1903.

Mr. R. Coleman returned home last week from Portage La Prairie where he has been for several months. He likes the West but prefers Ontario for the winter.

The boys and girls were skating on the ponds Sunday and Monday. No drowning incidents so far.

A year ago today weighing came and remained until April.

The report given by the teachers and pupils of Acton High School last Thursday was an unqualified success. Rev. J. C. Wilson presided. In addition to numbers by the High School Glee Club Miss Lizzie Clark's verses brought down the house. Mr. W. Stark, Mr. W. W. Boardman, Mrs. A. T. Brown, Miss Marie Chapman, Miss Florie Speight and Miss Mamie Agnew were also on the program. Mr. H. P. Moore made the presentation of certificates.

The piece de resistance was the trial scene of the Merchant of Venice. The character of Shylock, the Jew, by Lloyd Smith, was perhaps the most meritorious.

To W. H. Stewart, head master, Miss Dingman and public school staff much credit is due for this excellent entertainment.

An instructive address illustrated by a large number of stereotyped views of India was given in the Baptist church Friday by the pastor, Rev. Priest.

Manufacturing is now the leading industry in Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia.

BACK IN 1934

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, November 15, 1934
The sixteenth anniversary of the signing of the Armistice closing the Great War was observed by one of the largest gatherings to assemble in Acton in years. It is estimated that six hundred attended the service in Acton United church addressed by Rev. Britinger.

Mr. Donald Mann, one of the best great Canadians to see east and west and a native of Acton, passed away suddenly at 82 in Toronto in his 82nd year. Interment was in Fairview cemetery, Acton.

Mrs. Eliza McPherson died on Saturday her 82nd birthday when a number of friends called on her to bring congratulations and birthday wishes.

Frozen radishes were quite the common thing yesterday.

Acton is indeed fortunate to have all its industries running full time, and some of them operating in cooperation with others.

Conservation of electric energy in Oakville, Bronte and Burlington will have to change from 40 to 25 cycle power to conform with other Hydro towns.

Members of the Acton Lawn Bowling Club gathered at a meeting at the home of Mr. R. M. McDonald to spend an evening with Miss Glendinning and her members. Cards were played with prize winners Mrs. Pearl Smith, Mrs. R. H. Elliott and Mrs. M. P. Nelson. Miss Glendinning was presented with a leather purse.

At the meeting of the Agricultural Committee of the County Council the local Branch of the Department of Agriculture was requested to undertake a program to eliminate bot flies in the county.

The principal difference in the form of government between Canada and Great Britain is that Canada is a federal union in which power is shared by the provinces and central government, Great Britain is a legislative union in which the central parliament has sovereign power.

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