

Free Press Wins Two Top National Awards

Editor Accepts Cup for Best All-Round Paper And Plaque for Best Front Page at Convention



The Acton Free Press was awarded the Charles Clark Cup as the most outstanding newspaper in its class this week when representatives of the nation's 523 weekly newspapers gathered in Vancouver for the 1955 Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association convention.

The Free Press, entered in Class III (1,000 to 2,000 circulation), also won the James Memorial Shield for first place in the best front page competition.

The honors, accepted by Editor G. A. Dills in Vancouver, bring the total of awards to 13 garnered by this newspaper since 1940. The prizes are offered annually as part of the C.W.N.A.'s better newspapers competitions.

one individual but to the whole team who put thought and effort into producing a newspaper representative and worthy of the community we serve. We are naturally pleased that Acton's newspaper team has this year won these fine trophies. As editor and coach of the team, I am very happy in the place the Free Press has taken in weekly newspapers across Canada.

In the Free-Press circulation class other awards presented were: Best all-round paper, Clinton News-Record and Renfrew Advance, tied for second; Ladner (B.C.) Optimist, third. Best front page competition, Ladner Optimist, second; Clinton News-Record and High River (Alta.) Times tied for third. Best editorial page, Port Elgin Times, first; Renfrew Advance, second; Clinton News Record, third.

A complete list of the awards to weeklies in other circulation classes and results of the special contests will be found elsewhere in this issue.

In the 1950-51 competitions, the Free Press placed third for the best front page in the 1,000 to 2,000 class. At the 1953 convention the local paper was awarded the Hugh Savage Shield as the best all-round paper in its circulation class. In 1942-43 contests, the Free Press won third in the best all-round paper division. In 1941-42 the paper placed first for the best all-round weekly, first for the best front page and third for the best editorial page in 500 to 1,000 class. In 1939-40 the Free Press won first for the best front page and third for the best editorial page.

In competing in the 1955 contests, the Free Press entered the 1,000 to 2,000 circulation class on basis of distribution figures verified by the Audit Bureau of Circulations.

Last year the Free Press won three awards in the C.W.N.A. better newspapers competitions. They were: The Printer and Publisher Special for best front page; The Hugh Savage Shield for second place in best all-round paper competition; The John W. Edy Memorial Trophy for third place in the best editorial page competition.



AT LEFT is the Charles Clark Cup, awarded to the best all-round Canadian weekly in the 1,000 to 2,000 circulation class contest.

AT RIGHT is the James Memorial Plaque, emblematic of first place in the C.W.N.A. better newspapers' front page competition.

The Acton Free Press.

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Surprise Celebration On 25th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John McLaughlin of R.R. 1, Limehouse, observed their 25th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, September 6. Friends and neighbors from Acton, Georgetown and Limehouse, numbering about 50, came for a surprise celebration during the evening. After cards and singing, delicious refreshments were served.

Discuss So-Ed Plans, Speakers

Detailed plans for the So-Ed sessions were discussed at a meeting of the committee on Tuesday evening in the Y. Speakers already secured, and contacted were reported on.

Chapter Recalls Former Fashions

A fashion show of fashions of former years was the highlight of the September meeting of the Ladies chapter, I.O.O.F., in the Legion Hall on Tuesday evening. Dresses, capes, bathing suits, hats, nightgowns and even high-button shoes carefully preserved from years ago were worn again.

George Drew Wires His Congratulations

Among the congratulations received yesterday by the Free Press following announcement of its 1955 C.W.N.A. better newspapers competition wins, was the following telegram sent to Editor G. A. Dills by the Hon. George Drew, leader of the opposition: "My heartiest congratulations on your success in winning the top award of your group. I am delighted to see that the paper has been recognized this way."

Urban Board Urges Study Of Three North H.S. Areas

The North Halton Urban Board will request the three councils it represents — Milton, Acton and Georgetown—to pass resolutions to County Council asking the formation of a fact finding committee to investigate the possibility of three high school areas rather than the present North Halton High School Board that governs the three schools.

The action at the meeting on Wednesday night in Milton followed discussion on the eventual size of the present High School Board would probably reach.

Record Response

The scouts and clubs garnered their best amount of waste paper ever in their almost day-long collection last Saturday. Altogether, nine tons, 900 pounds, were loaded on a large truck to be taken to Guelph.

The boys and their leaders worked with trucks loaned by Tyler's, Guy Transport, Thompson Motors, and Dills.

Initially Opposed

He reviewed that Georgetown had initially opposed entrance to the District and had been forced in for economic factors only. Mayor Armstrong, Georgetown, stressed that the municipalities would then at least know the economic factors and other problems concerning establishment of three boards.

On the basis of a financial valuation presented by Clerk J. McCoskie, members agreed to pay Georgetown \$350 as their one-third share of equipment purchased last year for the engineer in three towns. The equipment is now used by the engineer serving Acton and Milton only.

Glenlea Residents Hold Wiener Roast

Residents of Glenlea subdivision enjoyed a corn, wiener and marshmallow roast on Saturday evening. Despite heavy downpours of rain, the event was held outdoors under the care of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lacey's new home, with a huge bonfire built nearby.

The outing afforded an opportunity for the new home owners to get acquainted. Some 30 families are now residing in the subdivision.

Night School Plans Exhibit at Fall Fair

At a meeting of the night school committee on Monday evening, the high school, further plans for this winter's courses were discussed. Several of the teachers are already secured and others have been contacted.

It was agreed to have some of those who attended courses in past years handing out information and application forms at the fair. Some of the items for last year's classes are to be displayed.

Just Five Cases

Five cases of poliomyelitis have been reported up to the present. Three of these have been in the Burlington area and two in the Milton area. They have all been in young adults and no paralysis has been reported.

There have been two cases in children who had the polio vaccine.

Dr. A. F. Bull, Medical Officer of Health, reports that the number of cases is considerably below the number anticipated.

Prize Money, Entries, Displays All Up For Fall Fair, Predict Record Attendance

With good weather, the attendance at Acton fall fair tomorrow and Saturday will probably be the highest ever—to add to several other "best evers" scheduled for the event. The prize money is the most ever; the number of specials is the most ever; there are more classes than ever. The hall is overcrowded with displays and exhibits and advertising booths.

School For Retarded Children Sets Opening Date For Next Week

A grant of \$200 has been offered by the town council and Mrs. Ellenton reported that the Limestone farm forum has offered \$25. The committee expressed their appreciation for these offers.

Health Highlighted By Acton Insitute

The September meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Earl Lambert, Brook Ave., with Mrs. George Fryer presiding and welcoming members and visitors.

The Area Convention is to be held at the O.A.C. later this month. Mrs. Sam Holmes was appointed the delegate to attend. The majority of the month, A Nation's Health is a Nation's Wealth, was presented by Mrs. H. L. Bennie.

Postpone Plans For H.S. Moving To New Wing

Hopes that overcrowded high school classes would be able to spread out and settle down in the new wing Monday were disappointed as work on several items continued.

Problems Vary For Distant Race

Last Saturday was no day for a 15 mile road race. In sharp contrast to the difficulties facing distance swimmers in the news recently, the problem at this race in Dundas was running in the extreme heat of 90 degrees on the long, hilly course.

Although 30 started the race, not many finished. Eddie McHugh of Acton went a gruelling 10 miles before dropping out. Brownie Ross, who won the event last year, was again the winner, although his time was 19 minutes—slower than last year. Lorne White of Guelph placed second.



MINOR BALL CHAMPIONS for this season are the Muckers, one of the four teams in the town minor league sponsored this year by the Minor Sports Association and the local branch of the Canadian Legion. The winning nine are: front, left to right, Don Lindsay, Wayne Ridley, Dale Woodburn, Don Timson, Terry Waterhouse, Gary Walker, rear, Wayne Marshall, Peter Lawson, Bob Cox, Coach Bill Waterhouse, Jim Lindsay, Bob Marshall, Freddy Graham. The Muckers put down the Hot Shots in the finals to take the series.