

EDITORIAL

For the Good of Everyone

Throughout Canada this week of October 9th to 15th is known as Fire Prevention Week. It is a week in which all Canadians can participate. When one looks at the staggering losses caused by fire both in human lives and in property damage the figures are enormous.

Let us look at the latest available annual fire loss record in our country. The total property loss by fire was \$84,270,896.00 representing a loss per person of \$5.70. These losses represent an increase of about \$4,000,000.00 over the previous year when the total loss was \$80,902,205.00, with a loss per person of \$5.61. The record shows 67,519 fires, an increase of 3,416 over the previous year. The loss of life by fire was 477, as compared to 562 in the previous year.

It is indeed tragic to note the record shows that more than half of all the fires in Canada occur in homes. This fact alone should emphasize beyond any doubt the need for fire prevention.

Fire Prevention Week should not be regarded just as a seven-day period for projecting fire prevention programs, displaying posters all over the community, school drills and civic group meetings. Rather, it should be regarded as the week of initiation of a year-round activity promoted to make our country a safer place in which to live.

In spite of all the modern fire fighting equipment in use today, everyone should be well aware that the best place to stop a fire is by prevention of the causes. At this time of year before heating equipment is put into operation it will be well to take preventative measures for cutting down the losses. Fire prevention week demands in our own interests the most co-operative and helpful support of every Canadian.

Don't—by all means—give fire a place to start, which is the whole point to Fire Prevention observance.

Conference at Another Level

From time to time the need for traffic lights is discussed in town. Curbing of those who think they ought to use all the horsepower in their vehicles to beat the traffic and violate speed regulations is a problem that is common to every community. The need for these regulations is not, of course, caused by the machine but rather by the selfish rush to get ahead by the operator of the car or truck.

Stoplights for the regulation of traffic automatically controlled cost from \$1500 to \$2000. We know of some smaller cities where they have a surplus for the amount of traffic and, of course, there are other centres where these lights could be used to advantage. The point we want to make is that this regulation of traffic all costs taxpayers a lot of money. We believe, that those who make enforcement of these laws so necessary should be the ones to pay. There isn't much incentive for towns to provide all the enforcement when so little of the revenue comes back to their coffers. There isn't much encouragement for police officials to crack down when they run up against some of the silly and inadequate punishment given out by the courts.

A conference of municipalities with the Ontario government might well be held as soon as the premiers get through getting a greater share of the tax dollars from Ottawa. Ratepayers would be surprised if the facts were brought out on what little revenue is left to municipal coffers and the cost of enforcing traffic regulations.

Such a conference might have very beneficial results in making for better protection of the public against the selfish drivers.

Provincial and federal governments have delegated so many of their constitutional duties to boards and commissions . . . that valid criticism is the work of a chartered accountant or a full-time student of political economy. . . Prince George (B.C.) Citizen.

"A Glasgow doctor says that present retirement ages are too early. He thinks that employment should be found where elderly people would be hired exclusively and the tempo of work would be slower, hours shorter and pay proportionately smaller. This would seem the end of despondency in old age.—Campbellton (N.B.) Tribune.

A Present Day Contribution

The clean-up at the school creek and of the stream that feeds Fairy Lake, and the work of improvement in this 85 acre body of water is a great source of satisfaction to all citizens. Down through the years there have been many advocates of such work but it is to the credit of the 1955 council that the program has been finally inaugurated. For the past quarter century we have heard delegations make pleas for such work. Many of those who made the urgent requests passed way without seeing the fulfillment of their desires.

Acton is indeed fortunate in having such a fine body of water so close at hand. It serves many purposes and the co-operation of Messrs. Beardmore and Co. in the present clean-up and the use of Fairy Lake is now as always most encouraging. Now that such work is being undertaken it is possible that other facilities may be worked out in a community way toward park improvement and enjoyment for residents of town and countryside.

The park and Fairy Lake location are a tribute to those early settlers who foresaw the possibilities. The present day and generation can make a real contribution in the embellishment of these facilities.

Who and Why?

Liquor Commissioner William Collings recently announced the province's regulations on liquor advertising would be reviewed. He did not say whether the review would be with a view to relaxing or tightening these regulations. In view of the tremendous pressure the very wealthy liquor interests exert upon governments and those in other high places, there is reason to suspect that the review will be with the thought of relaxation in mind, states the Owen Sound Sun-Times.

We recall that when Ontario's liquor laws were altered after a World War had enforced prohibition of the sale of intoxicating beverages, the provincial premier of that time made the statement that if more liquor was distributed under the new system he would consider the change a failure. That was when 4.4 beer came on the market.

What is the record. The people of Ontario spent \$285 million for wine, beer and liquor in 1954, five per cent more than the already huge sales total for 1953 and nearly \$60 per capita. Those "in the business" are piling up great fortunes from these sales . . . while the public treasury is paying heavily for rehabilitation centres (which are very limited in their scope due to lack of funds) high law enforcement costs and other similar expenditures.

The function of advertising is to sell more goods and services. The consumption of more liquor in view of the figures is surely not desirable or of service to the people of Ontario today. Periodicals which must have the advertising support of the brewers and distillers to maintain publication must be in a pretty low category of reader interest.

Ontario does not need to lower the restrictions on liquor advertising but rather to spend some of the vast revenues to educate the citizens of this fair province on the evils attendant on the excessive indulgence of intoxicating beverages. Let's look at the record rather than the desire for more profits. Who wants more liquor advertising in Ontario and why? We hope the liquor commissioner will consider these questions in his review.

Brief Comment

Another holiday has left its toll of violent deaths throughout Canada.

The turkeys that escaped the Thanksgiving festive board will now be called up for the church dinners and fall social suppers. Reprieves on turkeys will most all be cancelled in the present three months.

Benefits from unemployment insurance have been raised for those who get out of work. For those who work steadily the rates have been increased. Things have always worked in that order since the story of the prodigal son was first told.

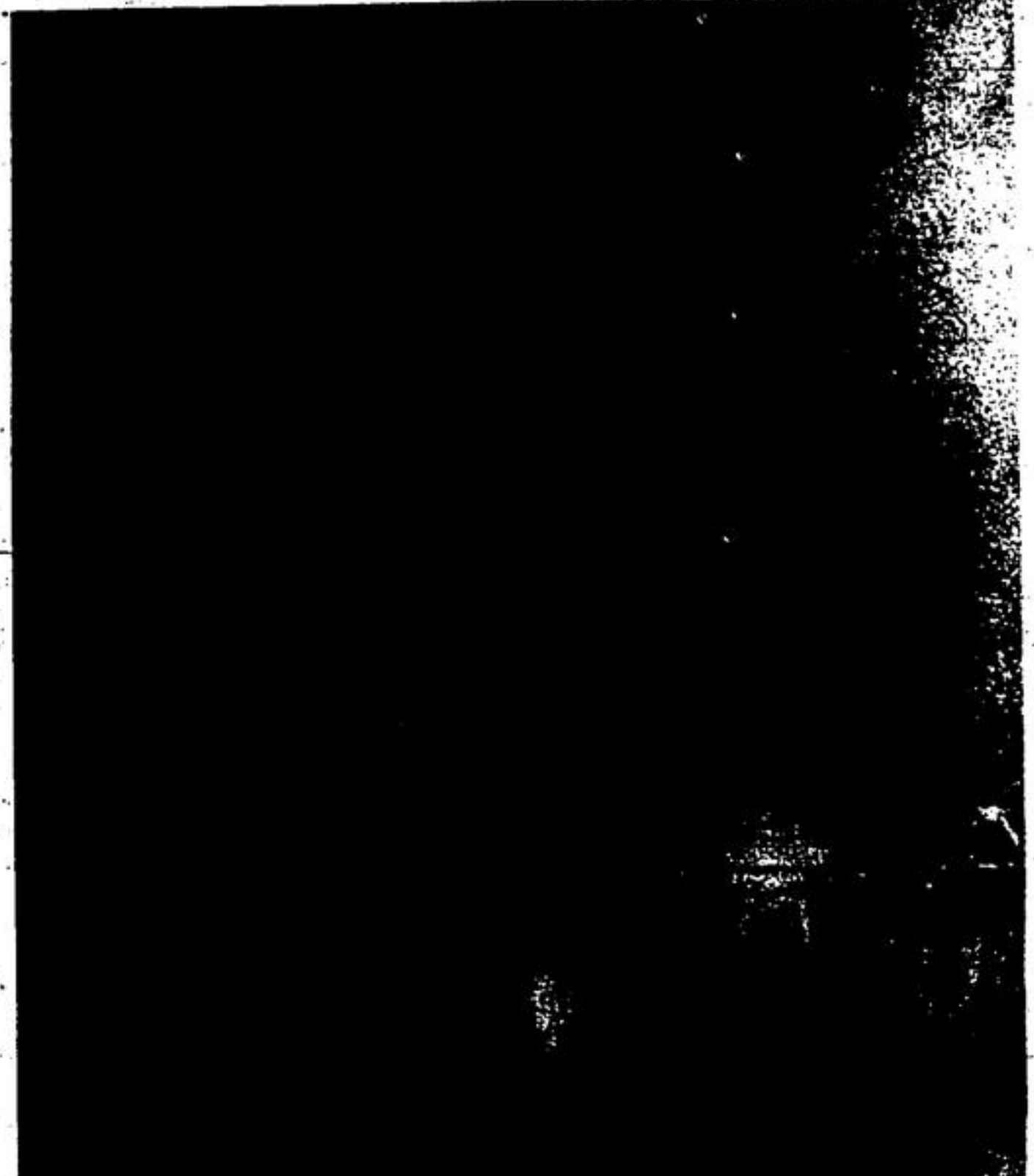


Photo by Esther Taylor
JUST WHAT'S SO FUNNY about a kitten in a glass bowl? As you can see by the serious mien on this furry friend's face, there's nothing to laugh about at the moment. And should the mistress of the house catch kitty on top of the fruit there might even be plenty to cry about before long.

The Bible Today
REV. G. P. PARSON, District Secretary.
Upper Canada Bible Society

Capture 21 Blue Grouse, At Port

PORT ARTHUR — Twenty-one Blue Grouse have just covered more air miles in a short time than they probably will again for the rest of their lives. Captured by members of the British Columbia Game Commission, they were placed on a T.C.A. aircraft and flown to the Fort William airport, changing planes at Winnipeg.

The release of these birds in this district is a co-operative project between the local Game and Fish Association and the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests. The birds were released in Sibley Provincial Park near here, on Lake Superior, and around Gardner, A. Addison and Ria Lakes. Sibley Park was chosen as most closely resembling their natural habitat in British Columbia. Sibley also is a Provincial Game Preserve.

The Blue Grouse are much larger than the Ruffed Grouse of this area. Prior to their release, the birds were banded with a brass leg band. The band is quite conspicuous and all persons seeing one of the birds are asked to notify the district Lands and Forests office. "It is hoped that under protection here they will multiply and offer a real game bird for sportsmen within a few years," says District Forester R. S. Hyslop. "So, hunters, if you see a partridge with a brass band on its leg during the hunting season, don't shoot it, but let us know you've seen it."

REALLY ANCIENT
Halifax (CP) — In the current Nova Scotia pastime of digging up old coins, Rev. William Rippon came up with the oldest at the time. He has a Roman bronze coin of 284-305 AD, one he found in Egypt.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1905

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 12, 1905.
The Esquing show was held this year in Acton. There was an attendance of about 4,000 people. President Brownridge is being congratulated by his friends for the great success of the fair.

Rockwood Show had the misfortune to have wet weather. The fair board, President J. Hamilton; Vice President Norris Black; Sec.-Treas., Colin Cameron; Directors, William Argo, Charles McNabb, John R. Watson, W. A. Lashby, James Gray, G. T. Wilson, E. Copeland, George Kitching, Joseph Croft, Thomas Lush, John Gibbons, J. Glendenning, John Gibbons, Robert Talbot, John Taylor, G. T. Thorp, W. Hortop, John McNabb, N. Black, James Hamilton. The turnip buyers are receiving large quantities at the G.T.R. station.

The report of the county Model School at Milton issued last week gives the names of the students successful in their examinations: John McMurchy, Kathleen Langan, Nellie Sherman, James Henderson, Susan Jardine, Marie Goodeve, Mary Barbaree, Edith Fleming, Lulu Calvert, W. M. McMurchy, Flo E. Moore, Emma Campbell, Wm. Mullin, Fred F. Lounds.

Engineers were in town on Saturday taking levels for the new eight-foot pavement opposite Henderson and Co.'s and Soper's store on Mill St.

Last Thursday was a red letter day at Campbellville, the occasion of the annual fair for the township of Nassagaweya.

Inspector J. S. Deacon is visiting the schools in this vicinity this week. The population of Oakville is reported to be 1786. Acton has now in all probability a larger population than any other town in the county.

While out shooting last Thursday, Mr. William Sayers shot a pileated woodpecker, a bird very rarely found outside the Southern and Atlantic States.

Mr. T. Perryman, Jr., who recently returned to Acton from Toronto has opened a new grocery and provision store in Mrs. Morrison's block, which he recently purchased.

BACK IN 1935

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 17, 1935.
In the Dominion election on Monday, Halton elected Hughes Cleaver of Burlington as their representative. Mr. Cleaver is the first federal Liberal member from Halton elected in 40 years.

Scout apple day on Saturday. Last night October 16, 1935, was a red letter night in the annals of Walker Lodge, A.F. & A.M. when the new Masonic Hall with its new furnishings was officially dedicated. This impressive ceremony of dedication was carried out by officers of Grand Lodge under the direction of Grand Master Copus and his Grand Lodge officers.

W. M. Dargy presided at the head table for the banquet. The town hall has undergone a thorough housecleaning and scrubbing the past week.

Harold Pickett of Hornby won the M. F. Heppburn trophy at the Provincial Plowing Match at Caledonia yesterday.

Last Thursday evening was the first event in connection with Acton Y.M.C.A. program when Mr. McVicar, physical instructor of Toronto Central Y.M.C.A. and Dr. Cook, one of the leaders with a group of 15 young men from Central Y came to Acton and gave a program of physical drills.

Rockwood—The Young Peoples' Society of the United Church held their first meeting on Monday evening. The program was in charge of Miss Doris Watson. Those taking part were Miss Helen Bayne, Jean Gordon, Elsie Gordon, Margaret Pasmore, Edward Pasmore and George Day.

Congratulations to Ivan Milor, who is attending the Guelph Collegiate on his securing the John McCrae Scholarship amounting to \$550 including a bursary of \$75 a year by Victoria University.

Born Robertson—On Sunday, October 13, 1935, at Alexandria Wing, Western hospital, Toronto, to Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Robertson, Jessie Anderson of 80 Eileen Ave., Toronto, a son, David William.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16th, 1955
9:55 a.m.—Church School.
9:50 a.m.—Junior Church.
11:15 a.m.—Guest preacher, Rev. J. A. Dills, B.A., Rockwood, Ont.
7:00 p.m.—The Minister.
Explorers, October 19 at 6:30.
Friendly Circle, October 19 at 8:00.
Men's Club, October 19 at 7:00.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG
M.A., B.D., Minister

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16th, 1955
9:45 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship.
8:00 p.m.—Young Peoples' Society.
Rev. Walker McCleary, B.A., of Grand Valley will be guest minister at both services.
A Warm Welcome Awaits You
"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA
St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont.
Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th. Rector.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16th, 1955
"TRINITY XIX"
9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10:00 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class.
11:00 a.m.—Choral Communion and Sermon.
7:00 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16th, 1955
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.
8:15 p.m.—B.Y.P.U.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Mid-week service.

ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY
Meeting in I.O.L. Hall, Crewson's Corners.
Pastor: Rev. K. J. Reid.
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16th, 1955
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Cottage prayer meeting and Bible study.