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Well To Remember

This week citizens will be observing Remembrance Day. In Acton the day for these services of remembrance will be on Friday, November 11. It is now 37 years since the close of the first world war and 10 years have passed since a Second World War ended. Both of them left scars which have not been entirely healed. Both of them left memories that many would like to forget. Both of them we hope made impressions on all people that will prevent further wars from starting.

At the Remembrance Day services we will have parades, hear messages and join in a song that will stir the hearts, and bring back thoughts of those who gave their all in a cause for world freedom.

Some may wonder if those who made the supreme sacrifice died in vain. Then maybe those who ponder if freedom has been won and if having been won at such cost is truly appreciated. There are as many thoughts and emotions stirred on Remembrance Day as there are many people not only partaking in the services but who hide their emotions and memories away from the public.

But as we approach Remembrance Day again we can all give thanks, thanks for the present we are enjoying peace, that men and women are at work to endeavor to find means of settling our differences without destruction and slaughter and we can make our prayers each in our own way that wars shall be no more.

Remembrance Day offers many opportunities for reflection and a time to review our experiences of the past and make resolves for the future. It is well to remember.

If You Want To Share

You'll find notices every week in the paper which are placed there for your convenience and guidance. An important one, for instance, at the moment is the one which calls your attention to municipal voters' lists. Most likely you'll want to participate in the municipal elections. Therefore your attention is drawn to the fact that your name should be on the voters' list.

When you go to the polling booth on election day the returning officer is obliged to find your name on the voters' list before he can hand you a ballot paper. It doesn't matter if you have lived in town for 50 years and your name has for 19 of those years been correctly entered. It doesn't matter if you have cast a ballot for every one of those years. The only thing that counts is the correct entry of your name for this year on the voters' list.

It is not the fault of anyone if the correct entry is not made. Mistakes will happen and to safeguard against these mistakes the thing to do right now is to see that your name is correctly entered. Do it now and be ready to share in the rights of citizenship.

Taxes! Taxes!

There is no question about the serious financial plight of many mushrooming municipalities faced with providing the new schools, new streets and other local services that go with a fast climbing population. But one gets a little weary with these everlasting comparisons of municipal, provincial and federal government revenue, says The Financial Post.

Back in the far-off days of 1930, says The Financial Post, the provincial governments got 20 per cent of the total tax take of Canada, the municipal governments got a shade less than 40 per cent, and Ottawa just a fraction more. Today the provinces are taking about 17 per cent, the municipalities about 12 per cent, and the federal authorities over 70 per cent.

At first glance that may look like a pretty raw deal for the junior partners. But much has happened since 1930, principally the most expensive war this world has ever witnessed. And the major expense for that war and the enormously heavy defense measures that have followed come out of federal not provincial or municipal revenues.

Just A Little Thing

Among other things which will be presented to Acton voters on election day is the band by-law. In the questions of bigger volume this small item may be overlooked. It might be well to give an explanation in order that voters may be clear on this question.

Since back in 1872 Acton has always had a band. Its method of maintenance has been sketchy and insecure at many times. We know whereof we speak because for many years we were a member and had the duty of secretary-treasurer of the organization. A few years ago a by-law was passed granting the band a half mill for maintenance. As assessment grew a vote was taken to reduce the annual grant and make it a fixed amount of \$500.

There was no objection placed by the band and the boys carried on under increasing expenses. Now the time has come when many citizens feel that the by-law should be restored in order that the band may maintain its position and service to the town and district. The band has found that it cannot carry on under the present grant and a vote will be taken at election time to grant the band a half-mill each year.

A vote for this by-law means to each household just 50c a year for every \$1000 of assessment. This amount will assure Acton Band will be able to keep right on "Blowing for Acton". It means that at public functions the band will be able to participate and be ready. The question voters will be asked literally is, can Acton afford to be without the band services for the small expenditure involved?

In our democratic way ratepayers of Acton will answer this question of the maintenance of Acton Citizens' Band. It's one of the lesser matters of expenditure to decide as a town but its smallness should not be overlooked on election day.

Make It Clear

With fire protection available to such a wide district in this county it is imperative that in placing a call for assistance with the local brigade you give definite instruction as to the location of your property. When fire occurs there is always excitement and confusion. Minutes count in getting assistance to save life and property.

Be sure you know your street and number. If you are in the district outside the town boundaries give the number of the lot, concession and the township. There are many changes in ownership of properties both in town and on the farms. Often a name as a means of identifying location is useless.

On occasions the fire brigade has gone to several places in an effort to locate a fire. This all means delay in putting out the blaze. Best now to put near your telephone the number to call in case of fire and with it place the location of your home farm so that anyone, even a child, can put in a fire call that can bring the brigade without delay right to your door.

Excelsior!

One of those long range prophets who must include something startling in his after dinner speeches recently made a prophecy for the next half century. He saw over 40 million Canadians driving thousand horsepower cars (11 people to each car) and drinking an astonishing 600 pints of beer each year. Through it all he saw Canada's chance to seize her place as a world leader.

Now isn't that a vision to haunt one for the next 50 years. Those who dodge those 40 million thousand horsepower cars driven by Canadians who drink 600 pints of beer a year will have every right to be Canadians to seize world leadership. Neither we or the prophet of 1955 are likely to be here to witness this Canadian ascension to world leadership but it shouldn't be too crowded for the few survivors to get through to the throne of world leadership over the mass of human wreckage that will be littered on the path to supremacy.

It sure will be a sight to witness if the last 50 years are any example.

Brief Comment

The precipitation these days is just as likely to be snow as the rain which we have been getting the past week.

Better count the days between now and December 25th and if you're one of those folks who hate to rush do that shopping now.

Last week The Ridgeway Dominion marked three score years of publishing the news and views of that district. Birthday congratulations to this fine community representative.

The makers of paper are now making announcements of further increases in price. It's a process that's bothersome and like other increases adds to higher prices to the consumer.

In every planned community... between the position of the impatient few who would chuck the town plan out the window and the rigid professional planners who are in danger of thinking that man was made for the town plan, not the plan for the man, there should be a meeting place of compromise.—Kitimat (B.C.) Northern Sentinel.

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe,
To you, from falling hands, we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high;
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow,
In Flanders Fields.

The Bible Today

REV. G. F. PARSON, District Secretary, Upper Canada Bible Society

The Scriptures in digital form, in a two language edition is the best known today. Four and a half million people from other countries are settling in Canada and in making this country their home these people are anxious to learn the language.

The Bible Society publishes the Scriptures in parallel columns of English and another language for their convenience. The second language may be French, Italian, Czech, German or that of many other European countries. It may be in an Asiatic tongue, such as Chinese or Hindi. Whether it be Arabic or some dialect used in Africa the book is always called a "Digital".

A Gospel in this form is offered to all New Canadians by the Bible Society as they arrive at port of entry. Most are happy to accept a copy of the Scriptures in their mother tongue combined with that of the country of their future home.

The Society seeks to aid new Canadians also by presenting to them a Bible in English at the time they receive their citizenship papers.

Serious students of the Bible use the Greek-English New Testament in a critical study of the text, seeking the original meaning of the passage.

In the early days of printing "Diglots" or three language editions were printed for study purposes.

As in all its missionary editions these Diglots are distributed at a below cost of publication.

Suggested Bible reading for the week: Sunday, Matt. 25: 1-30; Monday, Mark 27: 21-46; Tuesday, Mark 12: 1-27; Wednesday, Mark 12: 28-44; Thursday, Luke 7: 31-50; Friday, Luke 14: 1-14; Saturday, Luke 14: 15-35.

Gypsies Becoming Edmonton Problem

EDMONTON, (C.P.) Gypsy fortune-tellers with itchy fingers are paying police a big dollar here.

Police say the number of fortunetellers has tripled in the city this year. Most are happy to accept a copy of the Scriptures in their mother tongue combined with that of the country of their future home.

Police have a hard time trying to keep the number of fortunetellers in the city down to a manageable level. The carrying on in the city of Edmonton of any business of fortune-telling, astrology, clairvoyance, phrenology, graphology, palmistry, crystal gazing, psychometry, spirit reading, or other similar activity is prohibited in any part of the city except the prescribed area.

Complaints have been coming in from persons who claimed they were robbed in the establishment. "What can we do?" said one police spokesman. "If we take the man back to the shop, the man before and if the case is taken to court it is just one per cent word against another."

AT THE Churches

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Acton, Ontario
Rev. G. H. Adams, M.A., B.D., Minister
Parsonage—29 Beaver Avenue
Phone 60
Mr. George Elliott, Organist and Choir Leader
76 Beaver Ave., Acton, phone 6

Friday, November 11 at 11—Assistance Service.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13th, 1955
9:55 a.m.—Church School
9:50 a.m.—Junior Church
11:05 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer
November 12th—Friendly Circle Banquet, S.S. Room, 3 to 5 p.m.
November 14—Loyalty Dinner
November 16—6:30 p.m.—Explorers
8:15 p.m.—Friendly Circle.

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13th, 1955
9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10:00 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Communion.
4:15 p.m.—Holy Baptism.
No Evening Service on the second Sunday of the month.

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13th, 1955
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service

BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON
Ray H. Cotterill, Pastor
Parsonage, 115 Beaver Ave.
Phone 236A

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13th, 1955
9:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Mid-week service.

ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY
Meeting in L.O.L. Hall, Crews' Corners
Pastor: Rev. K. J. Reid.
81 Clegg St., Telephone 649W.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13th, 1955
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:30 p.m.—Evangelist Service
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Cottage prayer meeting and Bible study.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1905

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, November 7, 1905.

The residents of the Boardman-Croft would appreciate the extension of Main Street through to Queen, with a foot bridge over the valley near the Laing residence. This will be a convenience to be considered when the Boardman Annex is bought within the corporation limits.

Mr. J. A. They received official notification from the government last week of his appointment as license inspector for the county of Halton.

Mr. James Quantie left immediately for the west when he heard that his son, Mr. Charles Quantie, has suffered a relapse after spending four weeks in the hospital with typhoid fever.

At a meeting of those interested in the new rink on Wednesday of last week the following officers were elected: president, W. A. Storey, first vice-president, W. H. Roache, second vice-president, A. J. Leblond, secretary-treasurer, C. R. McIntosh, executive committee, R. M. McDonald, A. O. T. Beard, J. Francis, C. H. McIntosh, H. L. Sherman, rink committee, N. McNeil, W. Hubbard, G. H. Thomson, R. Hyatt, P. Brown, C. Cook, W. Pearson.

R. H. Scott's Saturday grocery list: 21 lbs. granulated sugar \$1.25, 25 lbs. light brown sugar \$1.40, 4 lbs. fresh ginger \$2.50, 6 lbs. fresh broken crackers \$2.00, 2 cans good salmon \$2.00, 3 lbs. fresh Loney cakes \$2.00, maple soap each \$2.30, 18 large fresh prunes \$2.50, fresh butter 16 lbs. \$2.50, fresh eggs per doz. \$2.00, We are buyers of apples and potatoes. Bring them in.

A military cadet corps is being organized in connection with Milton high school.

A Milton man shot a man mistaking him for a deer this week.

BACK IN 1935

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, November 14, 1935.

Acton Y.M.C.A. is now open and running, with a program of physical training, tumbling, pyramid group games, volleyball, badminton, basketball, wrestling and boxing. The Board of Directors desires to get as many members as possible signed up next week, which will be called Y.M.C.A. Membership and Contribution Week. An aeroplane race will be staged across the highway in front of the Y to indicate how the membership race is coming in the different groups.

Teachers and pupils of Acton Continuation school held their first literary meeting of the season with the president, Charles Henderson, in the chair. Principal McRae spoke a few words. The program included piano solo, Margaret Harrison, reading, Frances Dilla, reading, Helen Land, lighting sketches, John Drake, and John Hollinger, mouth organ selection, John Van Gordon, guitar selection, Nina Brand.

The afternoon and evening sessions of Halton Educational Association at Milton on Tuesday were meetings of interest. A resolution was passed urging the department to include manual training, music and domestic science in the school curriculum. Officers elected are honorary president, J. M. Denney, president, E. Haffey, J. H. Taylor, vice-president, R. A. B. Ross, Milton, secretary, J. Smith, Oakville, treasurer, M. Campbell, Nelson.

K. M. Beckett, the teacher, announced this week results of examinations at Bannockburn school. Standing highest was Mac Sproule in junior primer with 74 per cent. Others listed are Lloyd J. J. Esch, Irma Watson, Edith Denney, Norman McDonald, Harold Rosel, Jackson Gordon, Clarence Denney, Jackie Gordon, Lois Watson, Ellen Gordon, Allen Gordon, Lawrence Atholby.

A pleasant and profitable evening was spent at Rockwood United church when the annual banquet of the mothers and daughters was held.

MARRIED

HALL, SCOTT. At the Manor, Georgetown, on Wednesday, November 1, by Rev. R. F. Cameron, William Hall of Acton to Birdie Scott of Lamehorse.

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TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

GRAY COACH LINES

COACHES LEAVE ACTON

Eastbound
6:30 a.m. 7:30 a.m. 11:33 a.m.
2:05 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:33 p.m. 8:33 p.m. 9:13 p.m.

Westbound
10:27 a.m. 12:27 p.m. 2:57 p.m.
5:27 p.m. 7:27 p.m. 9:12 p.m.
11:32 p.m. (Sun. only) Flyer at Kitchener only
Sun. Flyer only Sunday and holidays
Sat. Flyer only Sunday and holidays

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Standard Time
Eastbound
Daily 6:40 a.m.; Daily except Sunday 10:50 a.m.; 7:13 p.m.; Sunday 7:25 a.m.; 6:30 p.m. Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown; 9:02 a.m.; 5:37 p.m. Daily Flyer at Georgetown; 20:11 p.m.

Westbound
Daily 11:44 p.m.; Daily except Sunday 8:48 a.m.; 6:55 p.m. (Flag stop); 7:49 p.m.; Saturday only 2:22 p.m.; Sunday only 9:43 a.m. (flag stop); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph 7:05 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. to detain passengers from West Toronto and beyond 8:10 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. Flyer at Guelph 6:36 p.m.