

The Acton Free Press

The only paper ever published in Acton



Founded in 1875 and published every Thursday at 56 Mill St. E., Acton, Ont.

Published by the Dilla Printing and Publishing Co. Limited

Old in Years—Young in Spirit

The Young Men's Christian Association of the United States and Canada is now celebrating National YMCA Week—to mark the observance this year of its 106th year of service.

If an attitude of creative optimism, an ability to adjust constructively to changing times, and a willingness to experiment on the side of progress are the characteristics of youth, the "Y" then still lives up to its name and is truly young as it forges ahead in its second century.

Though founded in London in 1844 originally "for the improvement of the spiritual and mental condition of young men engaged in houses of business," the Y.M.C.A. shortly after its transplanting here in 1851 broadened its aims to improve the minds, bodies, spirit and social outlook on youth on all levels.

Since those early years when it found root in Montreal and Boston, site of the first American Association, the "Y" has never let down in its search for better ways to better youth.

Yes, the Y.M.C.A. has remained young over the years. As we salute it and its millions of members in Acton and throughout the world, we feel certain it will continue to manifest its youth in the years ahead.

For over 20 years, the Y.M.C.A. in Acton has been an influence for good. Fortunate indeed was this town that the beneficence of the late J. Albert Murray made possible the establishment of this institution in a town of our size.

In the Near Future

Automobiles next year, predicts The Financial Post, will feature some revolutionary accessories. At least one manufacturer is planning wing-like doors that hinge in the middle of the roof, opening outward and upward instead of forward, allowing passengers to enter without bending over.

Replacement Entertainment

We are not one to sigh over the good old days and wish for a return of conditions in the early part of the century. Radio and television and the inventions that provide entertainment right at home with the flick of a button have ousted many of the things in which the community shared as a whole.

Some of you will recall the old medicine troupes which used to brighten the long winters when travel wasn't easy. Then there was Marks Bros. that used to play the favorite plays for a week in the villages and towns across Ontario and pack the town hall at a quarter a head.

One, too, are the amateur plays and minstrel shows which took from January to March to prepare and provided local enjoyment in presenting and capacity crowds for two or three nights. In these too was often found a means of raising funds for some worthwhile local organization and the elevation of some local person to the realm of stardom for a week following the show.

There's no place for all these in the present day community. But we sometimes wonder if the push-button entertainment we get at home develops as much pleasure and as much initiative among the young people of today as the home-made kind did in earlier years.

Entertainment comes easier today for the majority of folks but is it making any more enjoyment for more people than that which was provided with more community participation. We don't sigh for what was, but we often wonder at what is entertainment.

Ten Kinds in One

In view of the fact that 22 of Canada's newsprint mills are located in Quebec and roughly 25 per cent. of the world's supply of newsprint comes from that province, the threats and actions of Premier Duplessis take on more than passing interest.

It appears that under the proposals the Quebec government will establish a Board with wide powers that can govern most everything concerning the distribution of paper.

Just what will be the effect on the industry can scarcely be visualized. One thing seems certain that those who refuse dictation from the Quebec government can very easily be throttled.

When the legislation goes into effect it makes one province very powerful and an opportunity to control freedom of thought and expression by the press. It is claimed in defense of the action that the forests from which raw materials are secured belong to the province.

It is proper for a provincial government to control the price of newsprint why not other prices, too, asks the Victoria Times.

Mr. Duplessis is so concerned about the big consumers of newsprint is he not equally obligated to concern himself with the little consumers of food, fuel and all the articles that make up the ordinary household budget?

The Fire Menace

From Nov. 1 until late in January 180 persons had died in fires across the country, possibly the greatest toll of any winter in Canada's history.

This is a grim total. But even more grim is the statement of fire experts that many of these lives might have been saved had proper precautions against fire been taken.

In Ottawa alone, house fires wiped out nine lives in January in two days and eight of the victims were children. A few days later a mother and six children lost their lives at Marmora in the Peterborough area.

What can be done about it? Fire authorities say fire prevention must begin at home. They advise family discussion about steps to be taken in an emergency.

Fire authorities say fire prevention must begin at home. They advise family discussion about steps to be taken in an emergency. There should be regular inspection of heating and wiring facilities, an absolute ban on smoking in bed or while lying down to rest.

Gordon Shorter, chief of fire research for the National Research Council, says the home owner's greatest menace is the "it can't happen here" attitude or the "I would know what to do" attitude.

He warns that persons—especially children—awakened by fire are drugged with sleep and their thinking is foggy. Children are especially prone and will open any door in efforts to escape.

Panicky, thoughtless action is disastrous when fire strikes and no one knows when or where it may strike! Being prepared may save your life.

Brief Comment

Easter comes in March this year. Some folks use this as a basis for predicting an early spring.

One thing that the \$64,000 question program has done is bring in the limelight the fact that income taxes really are laid on the rich.

Exhorted by his friends to make a will, a citizen of a certain town did so. On his demise recently the will was opened. All it said was: "Being of a sound mind, I have spent all my money."

United Electrical Workers was badly beaten in the 107-day Canadian Wire & Cable strike, settled this week. The defeat comes at a crucial time for the Communist-led union—just as negotiations are reaching a climax at Canadian Westinghouse and at CGE.



NO MIRRORS HERE, although there could be, but merely one camera looking into another camera. Picture taking has traversed far beyond the hobby stage.

The Bible Today

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

The front pages of newspapers all over Japan recently featured the choice of the new translation of the Bible in colloquial Japanese as the best publication of the year.

Each time for the past nine years a celebration known as Japan's "Day of Culture" has been organized by a leading newspaper "Mainichi Shimbun" and sponsored by prominent citizens in every walk of life.

From a list of 20,000 books submitted, the new version was chosen as "The Best Book of the Year". A special category had to be created to allow its admittance but the decision was unanimous.

For the first time in Japan, the translation work was done by an all Japanese committee. This emphasizes the fact that the Japanese Church has fully matured.

After the Japanese government made an official decision, to simplify the language by limiting the number of Chinese characters to be used, and the use of the Japanese alphabet letters in strict accordance with these phonetic sounds, it became necessary to produce the new translation of the Bible.

Ninety-nine per cent of the people of Japan are literate. This is the highest literacy rate of any country in the world. Last year a total of 668,884 copies of the Scriptures were circulated in Japan by Bible Societies.

Suggested Bible readings for the week: Sunday, Matt. 14: 1-36; Monday, Matt. 15: 1-39; Tuesday, Matt. 16: 1-28; Wednesday, Matt. 17: 1-27; Thursday, Matt. 18: 1-14; Friday, Matt. 18: 15-35; Saturday, Matt. 19: 1-15.

AT THE Churches

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA, Acton, Ontario. Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., B.D. Pastorage—29 Bower Avenue, Phone 80.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29th, 1956. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Service. 9:45 a.m.—Church School. 7:00 p.m.—Y.M.C.A. Service.

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29th, 1956. 8:30 a.m.—Brotherhood of Anglican Communion and Breakfast. 10:00 a.m.—Church School. 11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer. 7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer.

BANK WANTED. ALTN, B.C. (C.P.)—Residents of this small community on the British Columbia-Yukon border have asked a Whitehorse chartered bank to provide banking facilities here.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29th, 1956. 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Service. 7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1936

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, January 30, 1936. Acton and district joined with other parts of the British Empire on Tuesday in a day of mourning for King George V. Church bells tolled. All places of business were closed.

A precedent was created at the inaugural meeting of Halton county council by the meeting being called for Wednesday rather than the last Tuesday of January. The change of date was of course by reason of the proclamation in respect to the late King.

Interest ran high as to the Warden and deputy warden two years and a member of the Esquating township council for three years. Mr. Harold Cleave, the retiring warden, presented the council with a group picture of the 1935 council.

Mr. B. G. Arnold was selected as chairman of the Public Utilities Commission at their meeting this week. The motion was made by C. M. Hansen and seconded by C. H. Harrison.

Rev. E. M. Morrow was the guest speaker at the high school literary society meeting on Friday afternoon. Miss Etta Swackhamer read the last message of King George. Others taking part were Jean Beattie, Dorothy Phillips and Alice Taylor.

Miss Bella Stephenson returned from the Storey Glove Co. last Saturday after being in their employ for 36 years. She has been a valued member of the office staff since 1900.

An address was read and she was presented with a travelling bag. Mr. Ted Hansen was home from the University of Toronto for the week-end.

Residents of Ospringe were indeed glad to see the county snow plow. The roads had been blocked and there were no deliveries of bread or mail for three days.

In the rural hockey games on Thursday, York Road tied 1-1 with Rockwood. In the second tilt the Jones boys all dolled up in new uniforms outlasted Brookville by a 5-0 score.

PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY AND TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

MEDICAL. DR. W. G. C. KENNEY, Physician and Surgeon. Office in Synon Block, 43A Mill St. E., Acton. Office Phone 78. Residence 115 Church St. E., Phone 150.

LEGAL. C. F. LEATHERLAND, Q.C., Barrister & Solicitor, Notary Public. Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturdays by appointment only. Office 22 Phone Res. 151. ACTON.

DR. D. A. GARRETT, Physician and Surgeon. Corner of Willow and Lever Sts. Entrance River Street. Acton, Ontario. Phone 238.

DR. ROBERT D. BUCKNER, Physician and Surgeon. 25 Wellington St., Acton, Ont. Phone 679. Office Hours 6-8 p.m.

DENTAL. DR. A. J. BUCHANAN, Dental Surgeon. Office—Leshman Block, Mill St. Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. X-RAY. Telephone 146.

DR. H. LEIB, Dental Surgeon. Office—Corner Mill and Frederick Streets. Office Hours—9 a.m. to 6 p.m. TELEPHONE 19. ACTON.

OPTICAL. E. L. BUCHNER, R.O., Optometrist. Phone 115. Office Hours: Wednesdays 1:30 - 6:00 p.m. Evenings by appointment.

VETERINARY. F. G. OAKES, B.V.Sc., Veterinarian. Office and Residence—24 Knox Ave., Acton—Phone 136.

B. D. YOUNG, B.V.Sc., C. I. YOUNG, D.V.M., Veterinary Surgeons. Office Brookville, Ontario. Phone—Milton TR 8-9177.

REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE. F. L. WRIGHT, 50 Wilbur St., Acton, Ontario. Phone 95. Appraiser, Real Estate and Insurance.

W. R. BRACKEN, Real Estate, Insurance. Acton. Phone 26. Last year farms, business or home, we invite you to use our facilities in securing a purchaser for your property.

R. F. BEAN LIMITED, Real Estate and Insurance. 83 MILL ST. ACTON. Phone 585.

LEVER & HOSKIN, Chartered Accountants. 51 Main St. N., 44 Victoria St. Telephone 2478. EM 4-9131.

M. E. MANDERSON B.A., Barrister, Solicitor and Notary Public. 77 Mill St. Phone 585. Office Hours: Tuesday 1:5 p.m., Thursday 1:5 p.m. Georgetown office by appointment 4 Mill St. S., phone TRiangle 7-2464.

MISCELLANEOUS. RUMLEY FUNERAL HOME. Heated Ambulance. Phone 629 night or day. Serving the community for 46 years.

OLIVE M. LAMPARD, A.T.C.M., R.M.T., Teacher of Piano. ACTON STUDIO. St. Alban's Parish Hall. 14 PARK AVE. GUELPH. Phone 296.

TRAVELLERS' GUIDE. GRAY COACH LINES. COACHES LEAVE ACTON. Eastbound: 6:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:33 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 6:33 p.m., 8:22 p.m., 10:00 p.m. (Sun and Hol.).

Westbound: 7:27 a.m., 10:27 a.m., 12:12 p.m., 3:12 p.m., 6:12 p.m., 8:02 p.m., 9:52 p.m. (Fri, Sat, Sun and Hol.).

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS. Standard Time. Eastbound: Daily 6:40 a.m., Daily except Sundays 10:00 a.m., 1:13 p.m., Sunday only 9:01 p.m. Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown 9:02 a.m.; 6:37 p.m. Daily Flyer at Georgetown 10:11 p.m.

Westbound: Daily 11:44 p.m., Daily except Sunday 8:42 a.m., 6:55 p.m. (Flag stop) 7:49 p.m.; Saturday only 2:22 p.m.; Sunday only 9:45 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 6:10 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. Flyer at Guelph 6:36 p.m.