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Not a Dissenter

Without a dissenting voice and in very short order approval was given last week to a debenture issue for a street paving program that will give Acton a town with roadways that will be second to none. Just as soon as the roads in new subdivisions have consolidated and installations have been completed it is hoped that all streets will be paved.

Council should be commended on the forward step. Present day use of roads in town has changed in the past few years. Gravel surfaces will no longer stand traffic and dust preventatives are a temporary alleviation for the summer-time problem—just as the old sprinkling cart had its day back 50 years ago. With the paving contract will undoubtedly be included a proper drainage installation that will take the surface water away quickly and catch-basins of a more satisfactory type than those presently in use.

When the paving program gets underway it behooves citizens to work co-operatively with the plans. If you want an extra width along your property be prepared to pay for the extra surface. We like the spirit of the folks along Peel Street who realizing municipal problems of financing built their own sidewalk and it's just about the finest piece of sidewalk in town. It takes all the citizens to make Acton a fine town and the kind of a town we want.

Boating Safety

Canada is a land of many waters, and it is not surprising that the historic sport of boating should be gaining in popularity.

In Nova Scotia, boat-builders have organized a co-operative agency to sell their products to a growing market. On the west coast people tired of crowded highways are taking more and more to the water.

One of the great pleasures in life is to rush through the water in a powered craft, or skip along silently in a sailboat heeling nicely in a stiff breeze, or perhaps glide silently in a canoe on some secluded waterway.

But there is always danger for novices, and those too careless to observe a few simple rules of boating safety. The toll in boating accidents each year is heavy, and in a good many cases unnecessary.

A few simple precautions, and a good sprinkling of common sense, would go far to reduce this loss.

First, of course, you should know your craft and how to handle it before setting out. If you don't know how, take along someone who does, or don't go. But even before you set out, make sure your boat is safe and carries the proper gear—spare-gasoline, paddles, rope, compass, matches, food—in short, the items that would get you out of any emergency that might crop up.

The first step in boating safety is not to overload. Carry enough life-saving devices for all passengers.

Once on your way, observe the rules of the highway. Basically, the rule is to keep to the right. But there are others, and you should know them.

Courtesy is necessary just as on the road. A good many pilots of larger powered craft have an irritating habit of cutting across the bow of smaller craft—an annoying thing, at least, and often dangerous.

According to the Outboard Boating Club of America the most common causes of accidents, and the things to watch for, are these:

1. Too many people in the boat;
2. Failure to keep a sharp lookout; and
3. Speeding at the wrong time and place.

In short, it boils down to the use of common sense and courtesy.

There is encouragement in recent decisions in the United States to bar certain athletes from amateur competition because of their heavy expense accounts. And it is significant that some promoters and college authorities have drawn as much criticism as the athletes themselves.—Dartmouth (N.S.) Free Press.

Summer Burglaries

Summer thefts will cost Canadians more than \$6,000 a day for insured losses alone during the holiday months, warns the All Canada Insurance Federation.

Officials of the Federation, which represents more than 200 fire, automobile and casualty insurance companies in Canada said house burglaries increase sharply in number during summer months when houses are left unattended.

The following precautions are recommended:

- 1) Drawn blinds or curtains, lights left burning at night, and accumulations of milk bottles and newspapers are certain indications to burglars that house is unoccupied.
- 2) Make arrangements for having lawns mowed during the vacation period.
- 3) Always arrange to have house watched and checked by police or neighbours.
- 4) Valuables such as silver and jewellery should be left at a bank or some other place of safe keeping.
- 5) If theft is discovered, notify police immediately.

In the Next Quarter Century?

What will Canada look like 25 years hence? Here is the way J. K. Edmonds in The Financial Post sees it, based on evidence before the Gordon Commission:

A population of 28 million 75 per cent. living in towns and cities, and 65 per cent. living in Central Canada.

A labor force of 8-10 million, producing goods worth from \$55 billion to \$100 billion of 1955 dollars.

19.3 million "consumer units" spending a per capita disposable income of \$1,860.

Additional power capacity in almost every province.

Railway and road developments in the Arctic. An undersea link between P.E.I. and New Brunswick.

A canal connection with New York State's Hudson River system.

Larger farms with a more diversified output.

Fewer on the Road

Nearly one million cars and trucks have been taken out of use in Canada since 1945, and vehicles of pre-war vintage are rapidly disappearing from the nation's highways.

Canadian Automobile Chamber of Commerce reports that 784,000 passenger cars and 212,000 commercial vehicles have been withdrawn from use since the end of World War II. The figure is determined from analysis of license statistics of all provinces, in conjunction with figures on new car sales.

Last year, some 152,100 cars and 16,700 trucks were taken out of use. That means that about 37 per cent. of all cars and trucks produced in Canada in 1955 were needed to replace vehicles that had been scrapped.

There were 1,200,000 cars and trucks licensed in Canada in 1945. Industry analysts think about 25 per cent. are still in use.

Brief Comment

There's money being made on the farms these days even if the produce of the land doesn't bring big prices.

Often wonder why those signs are left on highways—"Men at Work", when the job has been completed weeks ago.

These are the days when folks in business recall the good old school days when summer months had no program but just loafing.

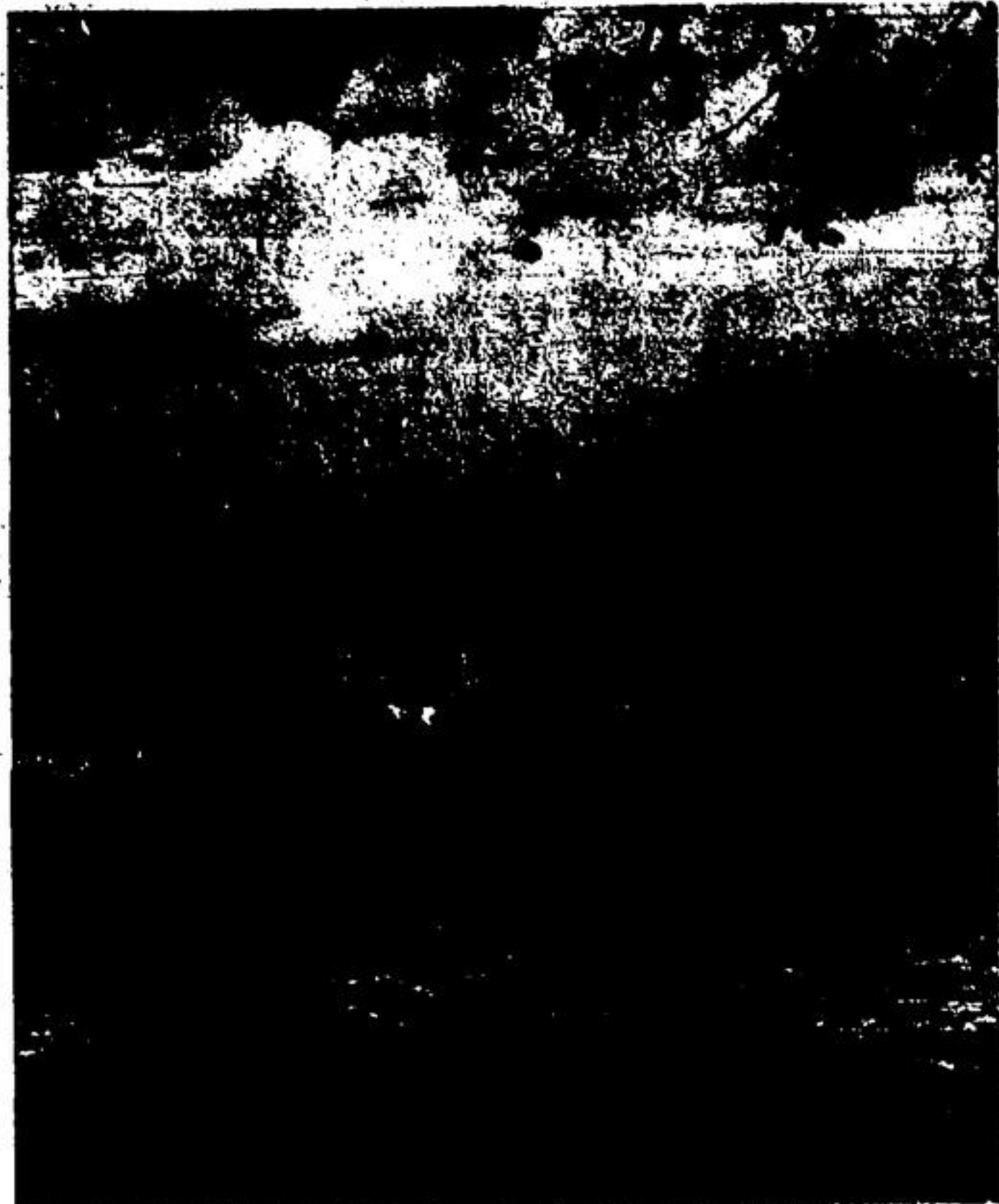
We're going on holidays too at the end of the month and skipping the first issue of the month of August. There are five Thursdays in August, anyway.

Nowadays a man may be lucky enough to get to work without being hit by a machine, only to discover when he arrives that one has taken his job.—Lachute (Que.) Watchman.

The closing hours of city stores is not a problem of city council. So why not revoke all opening and closing laws and let city businessmen run their own affairs?—Grand Forks (B.C.) Gazette.

Premier Frost earns high marks indeed for foresight in setting up his Ontario Water Resources Commission. Like the Ontario Hydro with electric power, this new organization will develop sources of pure water and pipe to municipal systems.

Since bottles of one sort or another seem to be the inevitable accompaniment of motorists, the High River (Alta.) Times suggests that "there should be some special container, as part of standard car equipment to take care of this accumulating debris. As it is, the litter tossed from passing cars can be a menace to others, and in any circumstances is a blot on nature's beauty and cleanliness."



A TYPICAL JULY has usually plenty of reason to beat the heat. Last year's July being a case in point, with a near 90 degree heat wave all month long. This July is so far different with cool, wet days that usually characterize late April. To youngsters in Fairy Lake it's still summer, however, and the temperature isn't that important when school's closed and there's an inviting place to go swimming.

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

The first Bibles to be published in Russia in 38 years are now at the press. Described as handsome marine blue volumes, they contain the Old and New Testament and a few illustrations. An inscription claims they were published with "the benediction of His Holiness the Patriarch of Moscow and all Russia, Alexei", the spiritual head of the Russian Orthodox church.

A decree issued over the signature of Krushchev himself in November 1954 states categorically that the churches must be left free to conduct their worship without hindrance or interference by State authorities; priests and ministers should be regarded as loyal citizens and insulting attacks should be strictly avoided. Concurrent with the publication of this decree came the announcement that the fight against religion with ideological weapons was to be stepped up, in the conviction that Christian beliefs will eventually die out.

Russian churchmen, with the Bible in their hands, have a new weapon to use in their fight against atheism.

The churches in Russia are permitted to hold services of worship now. This was not the case 20 years ago according to Rev. Theodore Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance who visited Russia recently as well as at that time. Reporting to the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec in assembly in Brantford this month, Mr. Adams said that freedom to worship is the extent of religious liberty.

Suggested readings for the week: Sunday, 1 Sam. 17: 30-58; Monday, 2 Sam. 11: 1-17; Tuesday, 2 Sam. 12: 1-14; Wednesday, 2 Kings 2: 1-15; Thursday, 1 Chron. 11: 1-19; Friday, 1 Chron. 16: 7-36; Saturday, Psalms 116: 1-19.

Our doctor would never really operate unless it was necessary. He was just that way—if he didn't need the money he wouldn't lay a hand on you!

At the Churches

AT THE Churches

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
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Mr. George Elliott, Organist and Choir Leader
76 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 6

SUNDAY, JULY 15th, 1956
9:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
10:00 a.m.—Junior Church and Church School.
11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship.

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

SUNDAY, JULY 15th, 1956 (TRINITY VII)
8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11:00 a.m.—Choral Communion and Sermon.

William Jennings Bryan: The humblest citizen of all the land, when clad in the armor of a righteous cause, is stronger than all the hosts of error.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
—Mr. William Bell
Minister: Dr. David H. Marshall.
9:45 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship.
A warm welcome awaits you.

BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON
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Phone 206w

SUNDAY, JULY 15th, 1956
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship.

ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY
Meeting in L.O.L. Hall, Crewson's Corners.
Pastor: Rev. K. J. Reid, 81 Cook St., Telephone 640w.

SUNDAY, JULY 15th, 1956
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
1:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Cottage Prayer meeting and Bible study.

REMEMBER THOSE Good Old Days

BACK IN 1936
Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 16, 1936.

George Bernard Shaw, on the eve of his 80th birthday, has announced his retirement from public speaking.

A match, lighted and thoughtlessly tossed over the fence as a young lad played in the park, resulted in a fire that destroyed the frame barn on Richard Rawson's property on Lake Ave. and threatened all the buildings in that section of town until extinguished by the fire department. Some other buildings were ignited by flying embers.

Mr. Pallant has leased the Kenney Bros shoe store and plans to reopen it next month.

Mr. Alex McDonald, Main St., has been placed on the retirement list of the Beardmore and Co.

There is a splendid opportunity for moderate-priced houses in Acton. The demand is keen.

The marble fireplace from Beverly House has been purchased by the Y.M.C.A. and will be installed in their social room.

Miss Nora Kenney left last evening for Montreal where she will join Dr. and Mrs. A. A. H. Kenney of Maple Creek, Sask. and sail via Montreal for Vimy.

It has been up to 100 degrees for four days in a row.

A fire that started from a spark from the chimney in the summer kitchen wiped out the building and their contents on the farm of Peter Hiltz about three miles north of Acton and threatened for some time to sweep through the entire city taking everything in its path. A wind carried the blaze across a field of hay and to the bush of Mr. Arthur Swackhamer on the adjoining farm. Neighbors soon gathered, and men from town, and with the efforts of all the spread of the fire was stopped.

Acton juvenile ball team is in third place in the league, behind Milton and Oakville. They dropped a game to Milton 12-2 last Thursday. For Acton, Gordon pitched a full game. Woods and Harvey Lawerty shared the catchers' mitt. The heavy hits were three-baggers for Bayliss of Acton and D. Sprout of Milton. Bayliss heads the list for batting averages, followed by Denney, Hewer, Tyler, F. Holmes, Elliott, Murdoch, Woods, Marzo, Jacques, Hector Lambert, Finkbeiner, Jones and D. Ryder.

BACK IN 1906
Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 12, 1906.

The garden party in the park on Monday evening was quite a success, although the enjoyable proceedings were somewhat abruptly terminated by the approaching thunderstorm. The attendance was large. Vocal numbers were given by Miss Bertie Smith, Misses Minnie and Ada Holmes, Acton Male Quartette, and Georgetown talent. Instrumental numbers on the dulcimer and violin by Mr. James Coleman, and Acton Cornet Band furnished numerous selections. Pithy and appropriate remarks were delivered by Revs. J. C. Wilson, B.A., Geo. W. Baker and the pastor, Rev. M. Wilson, M.D., who acted as chairman. Mr. Canadian was kept busy during the evening conveying parties on trips around Fairy Lake in his gasoline launch.

The Acton Branch of the Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. W. J. Chapman last Wednesday. The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. A. T. Brown, who introduced Dr. Anna Barker of Aylmer, who addressed the Ladies on the great importance of women's work. Tea was served on the lawn. Mrs. H. Woodhull invited them to her home for the next meeting.

An innovation at the Norfolk Street Methodist church in Guelph was the appearance of all the members of the church choir with out their hats.

Sunday afternoon's storm played havoc with the meadow chickens. Spring crops were considerably damaged. During the storm, the fine bank barn belonging to Clark-Joyce, on the fourth line, Esquimaux, was struck by lightning and consumed with all its contents. This was one of the finest barns in the township.

Miss Daisy Nicklin has received the information that she is the winner of a gold medal presented at Toronto Normal School. She is receiving congratulations on all sides.

Mr. H. A. Richardson of Beeton is arranging to open a produce market in Acton, and will spend Wednesday of each week here. He will pay market prices and this will be an excellent opportunity for farmers to dispose of their produce. Prices: butter in one pound prints, 16c. 12c. in pairs or tubs 15c to 16c. eggs 16c. each.

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COACHES LEAVE ACTON

Daylight Saving Time

Eastbound
8:35 a.m. (Daily except Sun. and Hol.); 8:55 a.m.; 11:35 a.m.; 2:08 p.m.; 3:08 p.m.; 6:33 p.m.; 8:35 p.m.; 10:08 p.m. (Sun. and Hol.).

Westbound
10:27 a.m.; 11:52 p.m.; 2:57 p.m.; 5:27 p.m.; 7:27 p.m.; 9:11 p.m.; 11:32 p.m.; 1:12 a.m. (Fri., Sat., Sun. and Hol.).

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Standard Time

Eastbound
Daily 5:40 a.m.; Daily except Sundays 10:00 a.m.; 7:15 p.m.; Sunday only 8:01 p.m.; Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown 8:08 a.m.; 8:57 p.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown 10:11 p.m.

Westbound
Daily 11:44 p.m.; Daily except Sunday 8:48 a.m.; 8:55 p.m. (Stop); 7:49 p.m.; Saturday only 1:30 p.m.; Sunday only 8:08 a.m. (Stop); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph 7:05 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. to detain passengers from West Toronto and beyond 8:31 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. Flyer at Guelph 8:57 p.m.