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Not What it Used to be

We can readily recall the days when the salesman who called on us could tell us about new products, give news of the trade and were generally quite familiar with your requirements.

Nowadays they come in and remark on the weather, with which we are already familiar. From there on they are apt to ask when you are going on holidays and with a down at the heel expression tell you they will do their utmost to struggle with life until they get theirs. Or they may confide they are just recovering from infection secured at the beach last week-end and hope to go back for more next week-end.

If you haven't by this time told them you don't want anything today you may get a run-down on their general health and why they missed calling on you last month.

Persevere long enough and you may be asked if you have any requirements from their situation. Some of them have left the order book in the car and may have to be supplied with a piece of paper to make a notation. No need any more to show samples or quote prices—they are all uniform—or tell of something special coming along.

Maybe we've met the wrong kind lately and the bunch that call in the next few weeks will be more concerned about business for the organization they represent. But there are ways to greater efficiency than weather and holiday discussions with casual callers.

Up to only a few years ago, points out The Financial Post, Canada had to have a big export of beef cattle in order to keep the domestic market healthy.

Now we are producing more beef than ever before but we are eating all of it ourselves. Cattle are coming on the Canadian markets at the rate of around 33,000 a week and Canadians are consuming them all. Before the war whenever the weekly run approached the 20,000 mark, or less than two-thirds of today, prices began to sag.

There are two reasons why we are eating more beef—more prosperity and more people.

With moderate prices people are eating beef freely and regularly not just occasionally. But more important is the fact that we have more people, almost 16 millions compared with less than 12 millions prewar and all that increase and more has been in urban population, in food consumers not food producers.

It is that growth in population, that growth in the domestic market that is solving many of our former farm marketing problems. And population growth will continue to solve these problems provided we are sensible and let prices and production follow their natural courses.

Aside from wheat, in which Canada is a major world producer, practically everything the farmer will be growing 25 years from now will be absorbed by the domestic market.

More People in Home Market

Leisure time is a costly gain. As the work week shortens, governments on all levels are obliged to provide more recreational facilities. The situation is startlingly reminiscent of ancient Rome.—Farmer's Advocate.

Glad to note that Ontario's Minister of Education has turned thumbs down on adding an auto driving course to the already overcrowded school program. Better to have more proficiency in the present course than a smattering of miscellaneous knowledge.

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Balking Along the Way

Everyone expresses a desire for tax cuts. It can be taken for granted that such a move finds unanimous approval but the method of getting them often meets with widespread disapproval.

Recently a Canadian airbase was ordered closed down as being of no further use at present. Six thousand people were reported to have signed a petition of protest. A few days later manufacture of a certain type of plane was discontinued. Again a protest against the cut in expenditure of public funds on this machine.

This week it was announced that Canada had made a gift of several planes to Germany. Must have had more than we needed, so perhaps it was just as well to slow down production for a while.

It's 11 years now since the close of hostilities. Surely it's time that the conferences and peace talks that have followed should be showing some effects in leading to a world at peace. Just this week indications are that Britain will cut its expenditures on war materials in order to reduce its taxation load.

There have been many changes in the past 11 years. It is to be hoped there will be many more in the years ahead and more of them leading to world peace. If the world and the people who populate it are to survive there must be a means other than war to adjust differences of opinion and boundaries. It's unrealistic to petition and balk at every point along the way to a lasting peace.

Brief Comment

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Sunday and Profits

Sunday law is meant to ensure to the people the benefits of Sunday, and neither its purpose nor its effect is to impose distasteful duties upon anyone. The Annual Report of The Lord's Day Alliance, just published, makes this statement, but also goes on to say that without law, however, Sunday privileges would rapidly disappear.

The Lord's Day Alliance contends that such a disappearance would come about not because of any wish of the majority, but rather by the lack of concern on the part of a greedy minority. Their desire to increase financial profits rather than to promote human welfare if unrestrained by law would turn Sunday into another day of business.

Every time we recall the hot weather of last summer we are thankful for the moderate temperatures of this year.



OUT ON THE WATER for summer fun, holidayers, week-enders or just relaxation seekers often find it as crowded at the beach as boats, big and small, water skis, surf boards and swimmers vie for room. Here a small cruiser glides through the St. Lawrence Islands National Park. (Canadian Travel Bureau Photo)

The Bible Today
REV. G. F. FARSON, District Secretary.
Upper Canada Bible Society

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mark Special Days On Dutch Line Ship

R.M.S. Naasdam, Holland-America Line
July 6, 1956.

Dear Arlo:

We are cruising along tonight off the southern coast of England and will dock tomorrow morning to disembark the Southampton passengers. Today the Atlantic is just like a pond and has been for most of the way over. It did rain one day but otherwise we have been able to be out in the sunshine all day. The temperature rose sharply when we entered the "Gulf Stream" and water temperature changed from 44 degrees to 60 degrees in a two hours period.

You and Mrs. Dills are in for a thrilling trip especially if you sail the trip down the St. Lawrence is beyond any words to describe.

We are carrying beyond capacity with nearly 1,000 passengers and nearly all tourists, with only 39 first class. The meals have been above par excellence at all times (we haven't missed one) and they don't forget the special days. On Dominion Day our Canadian Ensign was alongside the Dutch flag. Our group, which is mostly teachers, sang O Canada at dinner and everyone at dinner stood to attention. On July 4 the Stars and Stripes flag took its place beside the Dutch flag and at dinner the Americans sang their national anthem and everyone stood again.

On Sunday we attended divine service in the lounge when Rev. Harold Husted of Plainfield, N.J. 1st Baptist Church was the speaker. He was most inspired when he spoke on Canadians and Americans being ambassadors of good will when returning to the land of our forefathers whether the British Isles or Europe. A group of teen age girls from Birmingham, Michigan, U.S.A. assisted as a choir for the services.

We have just passed Bournemouth, so will soon be at our first port of call—Southampton—where I hope to mail this letter. Kindest regards to everyone in Acton and we hope your anticipation of your trip is as well realized as ours has started out to be.

Sincerely,
The Buchanan's.
(Editor's Note: Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Buchanan are on a trip to Europe. We knew this letter would be of interest to their many friends.)

Man learned to make paper from wood by watching the wasp.

"Bring out your soybeans, sesame, rice and eggs! Let us help you market your produce!"

Such words as these are challenging farmers today in out of the way places of Korea, and incidentally, challenging the economic and transportation problems left over from the recent tragic war.

Thus, with imagination, inflation and difficulties with distribution of goods are alike attacked by Rev. Young Bin Im, the man behind the recent work of translating the Bible into the common script or "Hankul." As the General Secretary of the Korean Bible Society, Mr. Im has decided that Bibles must be taken to the people. If, he reasoned, people could not afford Bibles because they could not dispose of their produce, this itself could become the barter with which they might secure them.—The Korean Bible Society is associated with the British and Foreign Bible Society. This is the policy of the latter also.

His method is to load trucks with Bibles, Testaments and Gospels. As these are unloaded along the way, the same means of transportation returns almost filled with bushels of rice, baskets of eggs, peas, soybeans and sesame.

Mr. Im feels he is providing a double service by meeting the farmers' desire for Bibles and their lack of opportunity for disposal of their crops.

Mr. Im's activity shows the striking contrast between the situation today and the time in 1882 when the first Korean Translation of the Bible was made. Then it meant death for anyone to possess or circulate the Scriptures.

Suggested readings for the week: Sunday, Psa. 127: 1-5; Monday, Psa. 128: 1-6; Tuesday, Psa. 140: 1-13; Wednesday, Mark 12: 1-17; Thursday, Mark 12: 18-44; Friday, Mark 14: 1-42; Saturday, Mark 14: 43-72.

AT THE Churches

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Parsonage—39 Bower Avenue
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Mr. George Elliott, Organist and Choir Leader
78 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 6
- SUNDAY, JULY 22nd, 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.T.D. Rector
- SUNDAY, JULY 22nd, 1956**
(TRINITY VIII)
11:00 a.m.—Matins and Sermon.
- AIRPORT SITES**
DAWSON CREEK, B.C. (CP) — Two new sites south of here are being studied as possible locations for a new \$40,000 municipal airport.
- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Minister: Dr. David H. Marshall
SUNDAY, JULY 22nd, 1956
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**
Rev. Ray H. Conroy, Pastor
Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave.
Phone 209
- SUNDAY, JULY 22nd, 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 648
- SUNDAY, JULY 22nd, 1956**
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.

REMEMBER THOSE Good Old Days

BACK IN 1936

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 23, 1936.

A provincial department has made its report on the garbage disposal-situation for Acton and recommends a municipal dumping ground, a municipal collection by a contractor who has a contract with the municipality, control of dumping and burning. Acton has now no regular garbage collector. There is a contractor who does this work under individual contracts. A dumping ground has been provided for the town by Beardmore's at the end of the Crescent.

A. B. Root and his daughter were slightly injured when their car overturned in a ditch east of Brimham. Judging by the large attendance and the conduct throughout the first open air community church service on Sunday evening was a marked success.

A wedding of deep local interest was solemnized Saturday when Miss Meryl Eileen Grindell, younger daughter of Mrs. W. Lyle Grindell, became the bride of Mr. Charles Leonard Kirkness, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kirkness. Rev. H. L. Bennie officiated. The bride was becomingly attired in a white linen suit with white hat and shoes and navy blue accessories. She carried a bouquet of roses and baby's breath.

A hay field on the Gillies farm on the third line caused quite a blaze and several men from Acton went down to help fight it.

The fascinating adventures of a little waif and her two grizzled sea-dog friends provides the story for Captain January, tuneful Shirley Temple picture coming to the Gregory Monday. Guy Kibbee is a light-house keeper who fished her from the sea.

After an illness of many months Edward Tyler Sr. passed away on Friday at his home on Queen St. He came to Canada with his wife in 1910. He has been a citizen highly esteemed.

Final inspection of D Company was retiring Lieut. Col. Cousins at the Acton Armouries last week. Serg. Major Alger presented him with a set of military brushes and an address by Major Barber eulogized his worth.

Angus Kennedy, brother of John of Acton, passed away at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. J. Gibbons, Mill St. For years he lived in Toronto.

Babe Ruth is holidaying in Nova Scotia and attending the Pictou lobster festival.

A new all-metal, low-wing monoplane made by Vickers Ltd. is said to be the fastest military airplane in the world.

BACK IN 1906

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 19, 1906.

A crowd of happy youngsters, with teachers and friends, the members of the Presbyterian Sunday school, headed by Acton Cornet Band, marched to the 10 a.m. train on Tuesday and embarked for Waterloo where the school's annual picnic was held in that town's beautiful park during the day. A cricket match was played which was called a draw although the Acton team was in a position to win. Acton citizens to the number of 325 took advantage of the excursion and of these about 150 were members of the school.

Mr. Franklin Rarnshaw of Knatchbull raised a fine bank barn on Friday 6th inst. The sides were captained by Messrs. Colin Kitching and Elwood Wilson and everything went without a hitch. The latter won the race with the plates by about three minutes.

Councillor J. R. Nickell of Rockwood cut a field of wheat on July 17. His is the first in this vicinity.

For eight Sundays in succession, rain has fallen somewhere during the day.

The Acton Bowling club is represented at the Ontario Bowling Association's tournament at Niagara-on-the-Lake this week by one rink consisting of W. S. Chisholm, A. J. McKinnon, H. P. Moore and W. J. Gould, skip. In the second round, they went down rather badly, the score being 31-9.

Acton L.O.L. never looked better than it did when it turned out on Thursday morning—the day of the glorious twelfth—to go to the station en route to the demonstration at Guelph. Everyone had a good time, apparently, all enjoyed themselves within moderate bounds. The tendency of Orange celebrations seems happily toward the combination of sanity and enthusiasm that has been marked out as the ideal by the order's leaders. The police made no arrests.

At Monday's council meeting, the Humane Society's diploma was presented to Master Melvin Williams, who pluckily pulled a station Grace, a lad of his own age and size, out of a hole in the ice on Corporation pond February last, exhibiting extraordinary bravery and presence of mind. Master Williams, in a neat sailor suit and with eyes shining like two miniature electric lamps, trotted up to the council table and joyfully received his diploma. Master Grace, the latter a sturdy little chap with pink cheeks, walked up and shook hands with reeve Swackhamer, looking anything but as if he had been rescued from a watery grave.

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Eastbound
6:33 a.m. (Daily except Sun. and
Hol.); 8:55 a.m.; 11:33 a.m.;
2:08 p.m.; 5:08 p.m.; 6:25 p.m.; 8:33
p.m.; 10:08 p.m. (Sun. and Hol.).
Westbound
10:27 a.m.; 12:32 p.m.; 2:57 p.m.;
5:27 p.m.; 7:27 p.m.; 9:52 p.m. (Sun.
and Hol.).
- CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS**
Daylight Time
Eastbound
Daily 5:40 a.m.; Daily except Sunday
10:00 a.m.; 7:12 p.m. Sunday
only 8:01 p.m.; Daily except Sunday
Flyer at Georgetown 9:02 a.m.;
6:27 p.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown
10:11 p.m.
Westbound
Daily 11:44 p.m.; Daily except
Sunday 8:40 a.m.; 8:58 a.m. (Sun.
stop); 7:46 p.m.; Saturday only 1:28
p.m.; Sunday only 9:08 a.m. (Sun.
stop); Sunday only Flyer at
Georgetown 12 p.m. Daily except Sun.
and Sun. to detain passengers
from West Toronto and beyond
5:31 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and
Sun. Flyer at Geesh 4:51 p.m.