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For Memory's Sake

The old grandstand has gone from Acton Park. We know it was old and decrepit and unsafe but it had many memories for some of us.

The grandstand in those days was on the other side of the park on the lot on which Mrs. Ken Mackenzie has her home.

It was a good place to play on a rainy day in summer. You could carve your initials on the seats and be quite comfortable.

But then there were the ball games, the garden parties and the fall fairs etc. when the old stand was taxed to capacity.

We're glad to note the Parks Management Board has plans for a modern replacement. The park needs a grandstand for many functions held there.

Wide Open Spaces Close Up: A trip through the countryside on most any highway in this district shows a constant exodus of home owners who are building new homes where a plot of land can be secured that allows more than that on which the building stands.

Excuse Us Please!

Next week your newspaper, The Free Press, takes its annual holiday and there will be no issue on August 2nd. We dare to hope that we will be missed and the issue of August 9th will be keenly anticipated.

More and more industry is finding that it is necessary to close down completely to crowd in the holiday period for all. In this day of specialized work and automatic machines, new employees or replacements cannot be obtained in short order.

So if you'll excuse us for a week we'll be with you again on August 9th refreshed and ready to serve you regularly with your local news and views and commercial printing needs.

Immigrants are Fewer

Canada is again this summer an eager bidder in the European labor market, says Michael Barkway in The Financial Post.

After last year's go-slow policy it isn't easy to get the people we want to come to Canada. There's virtually no unemployment to scare them away from their home countries.

The immigration pipeline, which in the first postwar years could be filled by pressure from the European end, can now only be filled by suction from this end.

The current efforts are producing some results. The pace has been increased compared with last year; but the intake will still be the lowest since 1950.

Fast Growing Crime

Every year thousands of merchants across the country lose money by cashing bad cheques. Cheque fraud is described by some authorities as the fastest-growing crime in Canada today.

More than half of the cheque-crooks booked last year were amateurs, with no previous police records. About 20 per cent. of the passers were women.

(a) Passing completely bogus cheques, with phony signature or endorsement or both, drawn on a non-existent or collapsed bank account and sometimes on a non-existent bank.

(b) Forgery of the signature of the maker or endorser on a legitimate cheque.

Newspaper reports have indicated a particularly significant increase in the use of completely fictitious payroll cheques, privately printed by the crook with the name of a respected company, made out for a reasonable payroll sum.

The racket thrives on a fundamental human weakness—carelessness. Cheque fraud can be retarded, if people will merely think twice before cashing any cheques, small or large, for anyone they don't know personally.

- 1. Don't cash out-of-town cheques. 2. Be especially careful when clerks are very busy. 3. Demand better identification than a driver's license. 4. Guard blank cheques and cancelled cheques. 5. Don't cash cheques for juveniles. 6. Don't cash post-dated cheques. 7. Don't cash cheques that are written in pencil or show signs of alteration. 8. Don't be impressed by big company names on cheques.

Brief Comment

Next public holiday will be Civic Holiday which provides the long week-end for August.

You may not realize it but behind the scenes preparation is being made for the annual fall fairs in this district.

Grain crops will soon be ready for harvest in this district and the fields are golden. In spite of our earlier fears, the crops look good, too.

The frequent rains may have dampened holiday time at the beaches, but here at home they have been most helpful in the summertime problem of watering lawns and gardens and easing the heavy call on town water supply.

Some day the people will realize just how much of every dollar they earn goes to taxes. Then they may call for a tightening of the strings of municipal, provincial and federal purses.



INTERESTING PLACES more often than not have intriguing entrances. From an Esquering township road the photographer's eye has been stopped by the carved and painted entrance arch to one of the district's more charming private residences and grounds. It is shown here in half light, half shadow.

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

One of the happiest women in the world is an 82 year old missionary's widow in Eritrea. She is checking the final proofs of the Bible in the Trigrinya tongue.

Mrs. A. Windquist whose husband starting reducing the language to writing over 60 years ago and translating the Scriptures from the Hebrew and Greek recently finished this task herself. For 50 years since his death she has worked on the monumental manuscript which is currently in process of publication by the British and Foreign Bible Society.

As she sits pouring over the quaint characters her heart beats a bit faster as she passes from page to page. Multitudinous memories well up in her mind. The seemingly endless search for the best word to express the true biblical meaning and the constant checking to express the right idea, sweep back from over a half century of ceaseless effort.

The print dances on the table before her very eyes. She can hardly believe what she does. It is a dream come true—a strange peace and satisfaction floods through her soul. A life's ambition is realized.

According to Rev. W. J. Bradnock, M.A., London, England, who reports Mrs. Windquist's present activity, translation work is now being carried on in 240 languages around the world. Each of these will require from ten to 40 years to complete. The work will be done by teams of Bible Society Secretaries and missionaries of many denominations working with the natives.

At the next game practically no one showed up and Georgetown was forced to call it quits for the year. Many of the players refused to leave the lacrosse scene and went to Hamilton where they tried out for the senior squad.

AT THE Churches. UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA, Acton, Ontario. Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., B.D. Minister.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA, KNOX CHURCH, ACTON. Minister: Dr. David H. Marshall.

BAPTIST CHURCH, ACTON. Rev. Ray H. Cesterus, Pastor. Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave. Phone 206w.

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

YOUTHS AT PLAY, LADYSMITH, B.C. (CP) - City council has passed a by-law permitting youths of 16 to patronize pool parlors.

REMEMBER THOSE Good Old Days

BACK IN 1936

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 30th, 1936

St. Alban's annual garden party on Tuesday evening, drew a good attendance, who enjoyed the varied and well-rendered program provided by the Stirling Concert Company.

A man, with his wife and little family of four, trading along the highway last Thursday, drew the pity of many along the route. The babe rode in a small wagon and on another larger express wagon the father pulled along the household effects owned by the family.

Mr. Cameron Leishman has been notified by Mr. R. Winter, Supervising Architect of Public Buildings, that he has been appointed caretaker of the government buildings in Acton.

The feeling is growing that a cement pavement should replace the wooden walk on Mill St. from John to Main.

Acton Civic Holiday will be held on Wednesday, August 8th. Acton Fire Brigade expected to arrange a cheap excursion to Hamilton and Niagara Falls but owing to the demand the G.T.R. refused to arrange for any special excursions for the date.

The funeral of the late John Early of Nassagaweya was held on Saturday, largely attended by friends and neighbors.

On Wednesday evening the annual garden party held under the auspices of the Acton and Osprunge Women's Institutes in aid of the cemetery was held at Mr. George Robertson's.

Out of the 200 trophies that Good-cove's were selling at 10c each only about 20 are left.

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