

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editorial Reader Disputes Logic

19 Jeffrey Ave., Acton, October 2, 1956

Editor: Acton Free Press.
Dear Sir:
I very much dispute your conception of the moral duties of a newspaper editor. In your editorial of last week, "A Question of Taste," you included among these duties that of censor of news.

You said that the preclusion from his newspaper columns of all reports of conduct that do not conform with the community's (in other words, the editor's) concepts of decency, is part of the editor's "responsibility-in-charge" in preserving "the fabric of friendship that covers his townsmen."

And I for one, certainly don't agree with such sentimental logic. I realize full well that in assuming this weighty responsibility, your motive is admirable; you are trying to protect the small town weekly from the sensationalism that has brutalized so many of the daily newspapers in this country. But where you go wrong, I think, is in inferring that even to mention these cases of indecent conduct is to subscribe to sensationalism.

Sensationalism is the distortion and inflation of this sort of news item and to report it without resorting to hysterics and luridness is surely the real measure of the responsible editor. Certainly to omit the horrendous details is permissible, but to omit the report in its entirety for fear of scandalizing the sensibilities of a few delicate readers is unrealistic and defeatist.

Another important factor you seem to overlook is the fact that, in the case of criminal conduct, a report of the case, giving the offender's name, is one of the strongest punitive measures we possess. The social stigma resulting from newspaper publicity is often more efficacious a cure and deterrent than a fine or imprisonment. In fact, that is surely why the law permits portage at all.

But to imitate the proverbial monkey that covers its eyes, ears and mouth so it can see, hear and speak no evil is to protect the evil doer, not the society. Which society, incidentally, I think, composed of maturer people than you give credit for.

Yours truly,
A. R. Needham

C. G. I. T. News

On Monday, October 1, the C.G.I.T. meeting opened with the worship service led by Mrs. Greer. A flute-organ was shown by Mrs. Greer. Mrs. Hansen conducted the crafts.

The business part of the meeting was opened by Jane McPhedran. The sales of the Gold Pin were given to each girl. Betty Lemmon made a motion that we open a bank account. The roll call was read with 15 girls present. The meeting closed with taps.

St. Alban's Services For Harvest Festival

Harvest Thanksgiving Festival services in St. Alban's church on Sunday were marked by first communion for the newly confirmed. Music included the anthem, "Sing to the Lord of Harvest," and Rev. E. Jones' sermon was on "A Thanksgiving Compact."

Last Thursday evening the first service of the harvest festival heard an address by Rev. W. O. Straw, rector of St. Patrick's church in Guelph. Rev. Straw took as his text a phrase from the second verse of the tenth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke: "The harvest is great, but the laborers are few."

Rev. E. Jones introduced the speaker and conducted the worship. The altar was draped in white with white mums in golden vases on the altar. Each window had a small vase of fall flowers and vegetables on the ledge and baskets of gladioli and ferns adorned the front of the church.

Movies of Europe Shown Knox Ladies

With moving pictures and commentary, Mrs. A. J. Buchanan and Mrs. J. J. Stewart, who were on her trip to Europe this summer with ladies of Knox church and other friends. The Daughters of Knox were hostesses to senior groups Monday in Knox Sunday school room.

Dr. A. J. Buchanan showed the moving pictures while Mrs. Buchanan pointed out highlights such as Mrs. Schmidt, wife of a former Y secretary here, and two of her children.

Betty May Lambert Showered by Friends

A group of former school friends gathered at the home of Miss Nancy Lambert to honor Miss Betty May Lambert, whose marriage to Russell Arble takes place early in October.

The first of the evening was spent in games and contests with prizes for the winners. The guest of honor was seated in a specially decorated chair, where she was presented with many lovely gifts from her friends.

Her cousin, Miss Nancy Lambert, assisted in opening and displaying the gifts. Lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by her grandmother, aunt and mother, Mrs. Maplesden, Mrs. Earl Lambert and Mrs. Hector Lambert. The bride-to-be thanked all for their many tokens of best wishes for her future happiness.

Mrs. E. Jennings Is Hostess to W.A.

The Woman's Association of the United church met at the home of Mrs. E. Jennings on Tuesday. Mrs. H. Burns presided. The devotional was taken by Mrs. S. Holmes and the roll call on Bible characteristics was dramatized.

Plans were made for catering to a wedding, the bazaar and turkey supper in the near future. The ladies are still busy quilting with several quilts on the go.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Mrs. J. Cheyne, Toronto, Mrs. J. J. Stewart, Rev. O. Foreman and Mr. Krantz in their recent bereavements. Best wishes were sent to Mr. and Mrs. A. Dills with the hope for full recovery to health and return home.

One new member, Mrs. W. J. Beatty, was present. Mrs. Jennings served refreshments with the lunch committee assisting. Mrs. T. Gordon, Mrs. J. Fatt, Mrs. W. Allan and Mrs. W. Murray. A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Jennings for her home and to the lunch helpers.

All Long showed moving pictures of her trip to the west coast to an interested group in the United church last Friday. Collection was for the Sunday school.

Personal Notes

Of Actonians Visiting Out-of-Town Points and of Visitors in Acton Homes

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Smith have returned home to Acton from Port Arthur and Fort William. Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Burn, Mary Ann and Gary of Toronto spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hinton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ganble are celebrating their 53rd wedding anniversary this week. Friends extend sincere congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon of Beausville, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wilds of Vineland, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Wilds.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Whorton, Hamilton, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Loyal McCutcheon Sunday when they sang at the Baptist anniversary.

His many friends are sorry to learn that Mr. Harold Wilkes is ill and was hospitalized in Toronto. He is certainly missed from the bus depot. Rev. and Mrs. Frank Swackhamer, Toronto, visited with Mr. and Mrs. James Adamson on Sunday, when Mr. Swackhamer was the anniversary speaker at the Baptist church.

Calling briefly in Acton Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. Eddie J. Moore of Washington, D.C. Mr. Moore was shocked to hear of the fire in the old building where he attended school.

Y's Men and their wives attended the annual regional conference at Belleville last week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Arble, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Al Duby, Mr. and Mrs. J. McGeachie, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McKenzie, Mr.

To Invite Executive To Meet in Acton

At their meeting in the Y.M.C.A. on Monday, members of the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary decided they would invite the executive of the inter-provincial Ladies' Auxiliary to hold their next meeting here. The general meeting is being held in Guelph this month, with several of the ladies planning to attend. A home baking sale was planned for December.

Mrs. D. Rogers presided for the meeting which concluded with refreshments. Mrs. M. M. Nellis, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. C. Leatherland, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lidkea, Mr. Clarence Rogmvaldson and Mr. Doug Manning.

Mrs. William Maddox and Mrs. George Fryer represented the Acton Women's Institute as delegates to the two-day convention of the Women's Institutes of the Guelph area, held in Guelph last week. Mrs. William Ballentine, convener of Community Activities and Public Relations for the area was elected provincial board member, of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario for this subdivision.

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