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Just Two Minutes?

Two minutes. Just two minutes to remember so much. Two minutes on Sunday to remember the sacrifice, the service, the bitter struggles of men and nations to preserve our way of freedom, our understanding of democracy.

Our existence was challenged, our freedom and that of other countries was under attack when many left the small towns and cities, the little villages, and hamlets, the farms and crossroads. When they left they didn't know what lay ahead but there wasn't time to ask too many questions or take too many precautions. They were needed and that was it. Just two minutes to remember?

In time of war the people at home are not without fear, bitterness, sadness and a feeling of emptiness. Mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, wives and sweethearts were left and too often that terse telegram bore the tragic news. Just two minutes to remember?

Friendships were formed in the closeness of men living with men in distant lands or on the home ground. Friendships grew from the companionship of being linked in the same struggle, being sent to do the same job and the teamwork that resulted was something that released new force. Too often the links of friendship were severed as some members of the team died in the bitter struggles. Just two minutes to remember?

There is so much to remember. As last post is sounded and heads are bowed on Sunday, who can remember all the sacrifice, the sorrow and the suffering, who can remember the victory for freedom to which so many contributed?

Perhaps as the notes of Reveille are trumpeted we may lift our heads and recall that:

"Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We shall remember them."

Not a Dark Situation

One of the annual complaints of the many that can be heard from time to time in Acton's council chamber is the lack of adequate or proper lighting on this street or that, this corner or another corner.

Currently, council has for several months intended a survey of all town lighting, with a view to improving or increasing where necessary. The survey has yet to be made, no doubt considered of secondary importance to the raft of complaints and projects, all demanding "immediate" attention, with which this year's council has had to contend.

So while there are no doubt corners and curbs in Acton which could take a little more light, the situation is not entirely dark.

Extension of new sidewalks on Mill Street during the past year has been accompanied by erection of high, steel standards from which hang globular lamps. They are of the same type already installed on Mill Street's central blocks and certainly do not detract from the appearance of Acton's commercial district.

Lighting improvement is not confined to the commercial area. In the town's two large subdivisions, Glenlea and Lakeview, the town and P.U.C. wisely insisted on steel street lighting standards and installation of hydro service poles at the rear of the homes. There has been some criticism from Glenlea that the lights are not strong enough. This may be so; however, if the taxpayers there and elsewhere are willing to pay more on the yearly lighting service cost, council would no doubt be happy to put in higher wattage bulbs.

Improvement of town street lighting is necessary, just as improvement of other municipal services is necessary as time wears on them or growth forces change. In that respect complaints are reasonably founded. But it's difficult for council and its employees to make this improvement, along with all the others, "immediately".

Canada in a Leader's Role

Over the week-end Canada authored an historic document and assumed a position of leadership among the world's members of the United Nations. Canadians, sometimes given to self-depreciation on a national scale, can realize with pride that the stature and imagination of their statesmanship in the U.N. is asserted by this proposal and this leadership—stature and imagination which should hardly be found in a "secondary" nation.

And although the actions of the Hon. Lester Pearson and his fellow delegates evoke pride, they are implicit with consequence despite daring, heavy with seriousness despite drama. These actions could mean the end of the Middle East disruption, or could conceivably prod the eruption of World War III.

In placing before the U.N. a plan for a police command in the Middle East, Mr. Pearson did so with the imminent approval of the government of this country. The police command, it was carefully noted, would not be manned by any troops of the United Kingdom, Soviet Russia, France or the United States.

Canadians heard this resolution for a U.N. police force overwhelmingly accepted in the early hours of Monday morning's emergency session of the U.N. general assembly. They also heard a Canadian, General E. M. Burns, named to command the force. Not one country voted against it, although several including France, Great Britain and Russia abstained on the vote. Such a vote outcome in itself puts further emphasis on the consequential character of the proposal.

The United States is pressing that Canada's proposal—supported in sponsorship by Columbia and Norway—be activated as quickly as possible. This is disturbed opposition from Britain and France.

In a few days then, Canada has taken advance guard role in U.N. attempts to reduce the Middle East crisis. The role has its aspect of incongruity:

Canada has experienced the shrug-off, been at times disregarded as a protegee of Britain or discounted as a skirt-trailer to the U.S. Now America fans support for Canada's lead and Great Britain, in the confounding position of having been branded an aggressor in the U.N., finds Canada is not with or against the motherland but expressing its own course of leadership toward abetting a solution of portentous events in Egypt.

This is a time in history for responsible statesmanship. It is a moment in time when Canada, emerging as a great nation, is showing the world it possesses and will provide responsible statesmanship.

For Our Senior Citizens

More than once, on Sunday when Halton Centennial Manor Staff residence was opened, did the phrase occur, "Halton can be proud of the care it is giving our senior citizens."

We think the phrase is justified as we returned the Manor building with its gleaming corridors, attractive furnishings, and pleasant location. The staff residence that was opened is in harmony with the residence in all those respects. This building, we were told, will house the superintendent and about 20 staff members, leaving additional accommodation in the Manor itself for more women and some married couples.

But lest we feel too smug and complacent about all those lovely buildings and attractive landscaping, perhaps it should be pointed out that this is no more than senior citizens of Halton should be able to look forward to.

They have made their contribution to the life and development of Halton and to their respective municipalities. If this country is to keep pace morally and spiritually with its industrial and residential development, then it must show signs of caring for others.

The construction, improvement and enlargement of Halton Centennial Manor would, we hope, give true indication of this county's desire for a well-balanced program of development and improvement.

Drivers in the Fog

For nights during the past week treacherous blankets of fog hung over most of southern Ontario. Driving, under its best conditions a steady challenge to the province's increasing number of motorists, is nearly at its worst: In this part of the country sustained foginess is not a common condition. For that we can be thankful.

Daily papers have dozens of stories lately where accidents, some of them fatal, have apparently been contributed to or caused by the fog. But it isn't the fog that causes these mishaps.

In the greatest majority of accident cases, it is the failure of the driver to decrease his speed, increase his caution and generally adjust his driving to the condition of weather and highway. This observation is not original, by any means. Police, safety workers and insurance companies have been attempting to do it into the conscience of motorists for years.

The man who stands to benefit fully is the one who drives a car, and that's you and me.



—Staff Photo

Lest We Forget

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Troubles—Here and Abroad

By Gwendoline F. Clarke

It is a little difficult these days to keep one's thoughts concentrated on ordinary, everyday affairs. Of their own volition, they go wandering off to the Middle East, to Hungary, to Nova Scotia and to a little village not far from here where striking truck drivers put on an active demonstration resulting in the loss of a leg to a policeman on duty.

And all last week we had mild, foggy weather, which was anything but cheerful. And most of the problems are with us yet. As far as the Middle East is concerned, no one can foresee the outcome. The same applies to Hungary. We can only hope that eventually action by the United Nations Assembly will justify its existence.

The Springfield disaster... how can we assess the terrible anguish of the families belonging to the trapped men—or of the men themselves. Happily the number of survivors is greater than anyone dared to hope for. The truck drivers' strike... if prolonged, that is something that may touch us all quite closely.

And finally the weather... we certainly can't change that. We have to take what comes and make the best of it. The most we can do is avoid unnecessary risks along the fog-shrouded roads.

Here at Ginger Farm our immediate problems have been concerned about the weather, and with coughs and colds. Fog has kept us more or less housebound, which is rather a nuisance, as there are several visits we intended to make—but why take a chance travelling the highways unless you have to? However, conditions are

improving. I heard planes going over last night and this morning. A welcome sound to niece Babs as her husband is flying in from Sudbury next Wednesday. I hope by then all the colds will have cleared up. Talk about a coughing chorus, we certainly have it here. During the day it has unexpected complications. Because of the cold, none of us can hear too well and we all speak indistinctly with a sort of croak so that we have trouble in making each other understood. We do a lot of guessing—and we don't always guess right. If the sore throats continue, we shall have to take to lip reading!

But of course our worst troubles are at night, last night being beyond average. In between my own restlessness, the children crying and Babs and Partner coughing, something happened that added insult to injury. It was two o'clock in the morning. The telephone rang loud and insistently. With my heart in my mouth and nothing on my feet, I ran to answer it. What had happened... it must be something drastic for anyone to ring in the middle of the night. The long distance operator called our number—and I waited in anxious suspense. Then a voice said, "Hello, is Betty-Lou there?" Betty-Lou, indeed! It didn't take me long to inform the party that Betty-Lou wasn't there, never had been here, and I didn't know any Betty-Lou anyway!

Then I went shivering back to my bed. The night was warm, so I suppose the shivering was merely the result of apprehension. For a while all was quiet, and then Nancy started crying again—more teething troubles. All in all, it was quite a night. Now as I write, it is

afternoon and everything is remarkably quiet—the children's after-dinner nap has lasted for over two hours. Here's hoping it isn't the lull before the storm.

Saturday we had an interesting little outing. Partner took care of Nancy while Babs and I, with Carol in tow, visited a nearby exhibition and sale of Arts and Crafts. It is an annual event taking place the first week in November. For the last three years I have worn a fur coat for the event. This year I was too warm even in a lightweight suit—one more instance which points to the extraordinary weather we are having.

As usual there was an outstanding display of handicrafts of all kinds—exquisite costume jewelry, beautiful hand woven articles, including the loveliest fine wool stoles I have seen anywhere. One of these times I am going to be really extravagant and treat myself to one—might have done this time but light grey was one color they didn't have. There was also a lovely collection of pottery and a fine display of oil paintings. The art, a remarkably versatile person, was demonstrating old English lettering, which, to the average person, would be as difficult to do as an oil painting. I wonder how it is some people are so gifted? Must be that for most of us the right genes were not around before we were born. Pursue that subject any further and we would soon find ourselves involved in the old controversial topic of heredity versus environment. To my knowledge, which is responsible for what has never yet been satisfactorily explained.

It is an extraordinary age we are living in but even yet we don't know all the answers. And maybe that is just as well—sometimes a little knowledge is a dangerous thing.

THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Acton, Ontario
Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., B.D.
Minister
Parsonage—29 Bower Avenue
Phone 60
Mr. George Elliott,
Organist and Choir Leader,
76 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 6

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11th, 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, NOVEMBER 11th, 1956
REMEMBRANCE DAY
9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion
9:45 a.m.—Church School and Bible Class
10:00 a.m.—Senior Bible Class
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer
7:00 p.m.—Evensong

Four of Canada's provincial capitals are the largest city of their province.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie,
B.A., B.D.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11th, 1956
9:45 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service
8:30 p.m.—Senior High Fellowship

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11th, 1956
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service
8:15 p.m.—B.Y.P.U.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer meeting

ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY
Meeting in L.O.L. Hall, Crewson's Corners.
Pastor: Rev. K. J. Reid,
81 Cook St., Telephone 549w.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11th, 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.

POET'S CORNER

BE HAPPY

By A. J. Ambrose
Just mix a bit of sunshine,
Into your every day.
Have a smile upon your face
As you go on your way.
Always have a cheery "hello"
For everyone you meet.
A smile, a laugh amid some cheer,
Is surely hard to beat.
If you hear a bluebird sing,
Join right in the song.
Oh, if you hear the church bells chime,
Start humming right along
Always look for sunshine,
Never look for rain.
Most of all be happy.
Until we meet again.

Must Pay Deficit For Street Lighting

BRONTE—Bronte council now realizes it costs more than anticipated to become what Reeve Thom-son Millward a year ago termed "the best lighted village in Canada."
The village fathers were ordered by Ontario Hydro to make good the Utilities' deficit for street lighting in 1955, amounting to \$1,129.26. "There's no way out, you must pay it," ruled village solicitor Richard Jones. Council said they were from Missouri and invited a Hydro auditor to enlighten them.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

BACK IN 1936 BACK IN 1906

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, November 12, 1936

A change of considerable importance took place this week when the head office staff of Beardmore and Co. removed from Toronto and are now operating from the Acton plant. This move means, like other moves made by this firm in the years of its operation in Acton, considerable to this community. Ten or eleven new employees are added to the staff here. Acton now becomes the headquarters of the company, instead of Toronto. A sales office will be maintained in the city.

This move necessitated larger quarters and the small office at the Main St. plant has been abandoned for the more commodious office quarters in the Elgin St. plant.

This makes three very important consolidation moves of the plant in Acton. The Bracebridge plant was closed and that business brought here.

Fire Chief R. M. McDonald was present at the brightly lit council meeting to discuss matters pertaining to the Brigade. He regretted that council had passed the resolution allowing the turning in of an alarm without having an official notified before an inspector's visit and calling out the brigade.

The fourth appearance of the Virginia Jubilee Singers in the United Church of Leaside was held in the largest crowds that has attended any local event in some time. The concert was under the auspices of the Girls' Friendly Circle and the United Men's Club.

Big Charlie Conacher has injured his wrist in a pre-season hockey game between the Maple Leafs and the Detroit Red Wings.

The majority of stores in Acton were closed yesterday all day for Remembrance Day.

The annual meeting of the Acton Rural Hockey League was held in the arena Tuesday. The question of dividing the town and rural teams was discussed. W. D. Talbot was elected president and F. Holloway secretary.

There have been few complaints about the weather this fall.

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Sir Henry Pellatt has stated that Niagara electric power will be delivered at Toronto in a couple of weeks.

The Presbyterian church in Rockwood is being enlarged and improved.

At every meeting of the township council this summer, claims have been presented for sheep killed by dogs, but the largest amount of the season was passed at the last meeting. The several claims were as follows: Samuel Trimble got \$53.33 for eight ewes and two lambs; Wm. Newton \$31.33 for four ewes and two lambs; John Price \$8 for two lambs and George Broom \$13.33 for two ewes and one lamb. Total \$107. Some dogs ought to be shot.

The November meeting of the Women's Institute, held last Friday afternoon, was one of special interest. The program was Christmas suggestions and the ladies had a fancy work they were presently engaged in executing with them, as well as a goodly number of finished articles for exhibition. During the meeting, home-made bonbons were distributed.

The Francis Green Company gave entertainments in the town hall three evenings this week and were favored with good houses. Those who attended are free in paying compliments to the company for their skillful and entertaining appearances, which were artistic and in no way vulgar.

Two passenger coaches filled with well-to-do emigrants bound for Utah, U.S., passed through Acton on the 8:30 train Tuesday morning.

A new \$8,000 Methodist church has just been opened at Appleby. There is a case of typhoid fever at Ballinfad. Milton seems to be having an epidemic of appendicitis.

The fine Indian summer weather has facilitated greatly the work of the farmers in gathering in the root crops.

Mr. John Crewson lost a fine general all-weather coat last week with inflammation of the lungs.

Isn't it about time the road machine, which has been obstructing John St. near Church for the month past, was put under cover with the other corporation machinery.

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