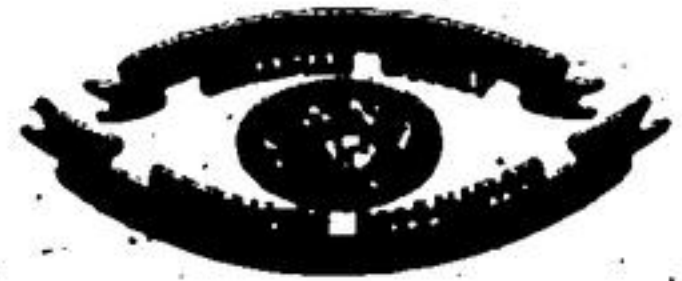


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### Twenty Two Years

This is Y.M.C.A. week and Acton is one of the smaller towns which knows from experience of the benefits which accrue from such a world wide association. For 22 years Acton has enjoyed not only Y.M.C.A. benefits in all age groups but the benefit of revenue from municipal offices, library and Masonic hall at a rate that was very favorable and in a location that is ideal.

There were many misgivings when Acton undertook to fulfill a Y.M.C.A. program in a town of this size. There was no pattern even at headquarters for operation in such a limited population. In the town itself there was opposition to acceptance of the funds which were an outright gift of the late J. A. Murray to his home community. It was a venture into the unknown 22 years ago.

The years since have presented their problems. The years have been rich in experience. The good it has accomplished can never be measured in dollars and cents. Sometimes we think Acton citizens do not fully appreciate all it means to the town as a whole. Perhaps it is because of the quiet and continuous service it renders year after year that it is taken for granted.

It was perhaps a disappointment that a recent drive for funds did not meet its objective. Finances and public support will always be needed to keep the Y.M.C.A. effective but Acton was fortunate that the building and first equipment was given debt free by a citizen who realized the potential for good that could be accomplished.

This is Y.M.C.A. week the world over. In any way you can, by word or deed, contribute to the Y.M.C.A. it will be appreciated. You can surely attest to the work of this world wide organization because we in Acton know from experience of 22 years. Small towns can operate a Y.M.C.A. successfully.

### Where You Are

Reports from across the country indicate that motion picture theatres have weathered the storm brought on by the general adoption of television as a primary need in almost every home. They are now enjoying a definite return to popularity, states The Owen Sound Sun Times.

The reports are gratifying. Well conducted theatres, particularly where discretion is used in the matter of picture choice, are an asset to their community. They have payrolls, pay taxes in quite substantial amounts, use machinery which must be replaced from time to time, provide business to several other business places in their home community and are a valued centre of entertainment.

Over in Chesley which is not far from Owen Sound, the Enterprise reported that the local theatre was closing its doors. It is like the weather, it depends on where you are as to what you have.

Like many other folk we would regret to see closing of local picture theatres. They form an important part in the community life which will not be filled by T.V. Each has a place. We believe much of the TV attraction will wear off with time. Once the motion picture theatres are closed it will be difficult to attract investment in that field again.

The color and size of the present motion picture presentation so far surpasses the TV showing of a similar event that we believe the public will not long be satisfied with the miniature presentation of television. It is quite foreseeable too that the cost of telecasting may climb so much that it is unprofitable for advertisers to pay the price. There may be more commercials on the programs and objectives are getting scarce now.

### Brief Comment

"Claude is such a sensitive child that if no account must be punished."

Looks as if the Gordon Report is going to be a subject of popular debate, possibly for the next 25 years. It paints a glowing picture for Canada which is at least popular to all.

### For a Happy Life

If you choose to work, you will succeed; if you don't, you will fail. If you neglect your work, you will dislike it; if you do it well, you will enjoy it. If you join little cliques, you will be self-satisfied; if you make friends widely, you will be interesting.

If you gossip you will be slandered; if you mind your own business, you will be liked; if you act like a boor, you will be despised; if you act like a human being, you will be respected. If you spurn wisdom, wise people will spurn you; if you seek wisdom, they will seek you.

If you adopt a pose of boredom, you will be a bore; if you show vitality, you will be alive. If you spend your free time playing bridge, you will be a good bridge player; if you spend it in reading, discussing and thinking of things that matter, you will be an educated person.

If your goal is social prestige, your life will be empty; if your goal is to serve society, your life will be full. If your goal is to live fully, you will be free to live. If you are concerned about how much you know, you will be stupid; if you are humble, you will be wise.

If you try throughout life's journey to recall and enlarge what you have learned of the cultural and intellectual and spiritual heritage of the past, so as to stand on the giant's shoulders and see further, to follow knowledge, like the sinking star, beyond the utmost bounds of human thought, you will travel joyfully.

You will never arrive at your goal you will never know all that you try to know but in trying you will become what you could never otherwise have been, and the world will be a better place by virtue of your quest. By Dr. Sydney Smith, in Torontoensis.

### A Necessary Custom?

We watched via TV recently much of the inaugural proceedings of President Eisenhower in the United States. It was a truly magnificent show and an impressive ceremony. It lasted many hours, in fact more hours than were anticipated. As we watched the saying came to mind, heavy is the head which wears a crown.

In this day of making every undertaking greater than its predecessor we are apt to overtax the human frame. The president was subject to a very heavy strain that lasted much longer than the work day of the average citizen. He rode for hours in parade standing in a car and constantly waving and bowing and always with a smile for the crowds along the way.

He ate a mid-day meal besieged by cameramen and under conditions which were far from homelike. It was a cool day and during the inaugural ceremony was for some time without hat or overcoat. He stood most of the time on the reviewing stand for a four hour parade. Every one of the units passing must be saluted and acknowledged with arrangements called for attending not one but four inaugural balls in Washington.

It was a great day for a great nation but the question arises can we get men who are strong enough physically to stand up under the demands of the duties of office and maintain the demands of the show attached socially. Maybe the social whirl should be handed over to the wives of great men as their part of equal rights for both sexes. May be we should analyze the duties of great men and ask how much is necessary, and how much could be taken from their shoulders.

### When and How

With the installation of dial phones all around Acton, citizens may well wonder when Acton will be included in the change-over to automatic service. It may not be any improvement. Dial phones may even have disadvantages over the present system. There has always been a desire on the part of people to be alike. If the next door neighbor gets a new gadget, the tendency is to be uniform. Usually it makes for improved service.

We do not doubt that when the change is made a wider extension of service will be given, preferably one that will take in the North Halton Area. Halton has always had a north-south development. The Urban Board, the fire protection plan, high school administration and other developments have proven advantages for this area.

It is generally felt that an extension of the telephone service to cover Acton, Milton and Georgetown and the townships of Esqueness and Nagsawagawa would be most advantageous. We know such a move will have its problems for the telephone company, but we hope that with two of the towns already with exchanges now designated as Triangle the Acton change to dial will be included in the same group. The earlier the change is made the more it will be appreciated.



Shades of Seasons

### Chronicles of Ginger Farm

## Rural Mailmen Face Puzzles

By Gwendoline F. Clarke

Well, we thought Christmas 1956 was really a thing of the past but apparently it isn't. For last week we got a letter and two Christmas cards. They had been wandering around in the various mail routes and delivered to every other Clarke in the district except us.

The reason? Wrong initials. When Partner first came to Canada he was nick named John. Sometimes Jack and the name stuck although his real initials are J. F. Occasionally someone makes a slip and puts John on an envelope. That was all right years ago but more recently other Clarkes have moved into the district and now I believe there are at least two John Clarkes so we can't blame the mailman.

I expect Daughter will be getting overdue Christmas mail too, as we know definitely of one card that was sent to her and a small parcel containing gifts for the boys to an address that they left 18 months ago. Other cards mailed from these two correspondents came here to be forwarded I suppose Daughter had forgotten to give her new address or these people had forgotten she had moved.

No doubt the two instances I have given are typical of what often happens sent in and read out. As far as the country is concerned it is a wonder more mail isn't lost. Years ago, first names and initials were not too important in rural areas. Mail carriers knew pretty well who got what but now it is a different story. Figuring out some of the addresses is as bad as a Chinese puzzle.

If you don't believe me, check with your rural sorting office and see for yourself. You will be surprised to find what the rural mail carrier is up against. Several families with the same surname but different initials and letters come without any initials at all. Mail for people staying with relatives in the country and the mail for them sometimes arrives at the post office without the name of the person with whom they are staying. The rural route may be given but how is the mail carrier to know where the person is staying? Foreign names are also confusing. Europeans from their letters differ only from those who are more accustomed to writing ordinary English. So that is something else for the mail carrier to figure out.

Can anything be done to improve the situation and thus facilitate correct mail delivery? But definitely we should certainly be more careful than we used to be on several points.

1. To write legibly, printing names and addresses if necessary.

2. To place our address at the head of every letter and to write our own name and address in the left hand corner of every envelope.

3. If we are expecting company to stay for any length of time, advise the post office ahead of time. This can be mailed addressed to Mrs. Mary White or Mrs. John Doe, R.R. 1, should be delivered to your address.

4. Advise Mary White immediately she comes or better still before she comes to tell her correspondent to be sure to address their letters to her in care of Mrs. John Doe.

5. Friends in Great Britain or foreign countries should be warned by their friends in Canada to address their letters in exactly the manner given, explaining that the postal system varies considerably in different countries.

If these few simple rules are followed there would be fewer mix-ups in rural mail delivery. And of course if you change your address you naturally tell your friends about it. You should also notify your former post office, give the routing to a forwarding address.

Also as we all very well know there is some mail we get regard less of where we live or whether our correct name is given or not. Special offers on magazine subscriptions, coupons for miracle soaps or detergents, accident insurance literature, some companies make their policies so attractive you might almost imagine it would pay to be in an accident. Nothing could be further from the truth. Anyone who has ever been involved in an accident knows that in many cases no amount of money can repair the personal damage to the nervous system that often is a direct result of the accident.

Yes, there is always plenty of free and unsolicited mail. To harass the mail carrier to clutter up the mail boxes and to decrease his efficiency by making him have to check the daily paper we have a number of interesting letters to carry back to the home. However, if a just one of these things advertising seems to be absolutely necessary in these days of keen competition. Town and city stores send advertising folders to counter-act competition from chain and department stores. And so it goes. Just one more facet in our modern way of life.

So much for that. Now I'll go down for the mail and see what our box contains to please or vex us for the rest of the day. Letters or advertising "who knows" at least there is an element of minor suspense until we get it.

The January meeting of the W.M.S. and Ladies Aid of St. David's Presbyterian Church was held in the Sunday school room Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Simpson opened the meeting with the hymn, "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee."

The annual reports of the W.M.S. secretary-treasurer, welcome, and welfare, cheer and praise, were read. The treasurer's report was very encouraging.

With the contributions from the Blair Evening Auxiliary, the St. David's Girls' Group and Grace Mission Band, the objective was exceeded by a considerable amount. All the reports were encouraging. Nine ladies from the Auxiliary attended the W.M.S. Presbyterian meeting held in Knox church, Guelph on January 8. Mrs. Greenlee and Mrs. Sharpe gave interesting reports of that meeting.

The roll call was answered by the payment of membership fees. Miss Simpson read a poem, "My Time is in Thy Hands. The offering was received and Mrs. Greenlee closed the meeting with prayer.

A social period followed which all enjoyed.

## THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

**UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**  
Acton, Ontario  
Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A. B.D., Minister  
Parsonage, 28 Bower Avenue, Phone 60  
Mr. George Elliott, Organist and Choir Leader  
76 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 8

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1957  
9:00 a.m.—Church School  
9:45 a.m.—Morning Prayer  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School and Church Service  
11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship

**PREBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**  
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON  
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D.  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1957  
9:45 a.m.—Church School  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship—German: "Marks of a Christian" third in series—Junior Congregation during sermon, ages 10 to 17 years.  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship  
8:15 p.m.—Senior High Fellowship at the Manse.

**CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF ACTON**  
Rev. Ralph Greenoebor, Minister  
18 Bower Ave., Phone 608  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1957  
9:30 a.m.—Dutch Service  
11:00 a.m.—English Service  
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service  
This is the official opening of our church basement.  
Everyone heartily welcome.

**THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA**  
St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont.  
Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th., Rector  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1957  
9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion  
9:45 a.m.—Church School and Bible Class  
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class  
11:00 a.m.—Choral Communion  
7:00 p.m.—Evening

**BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON**  
Rev. Ray H. Costerus, Pastor  
Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave., Phone 266  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1957  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship  
7:00 p.m.—Evening  
8:15 p.m.—B.Y.P.U.

**ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY**  
Meeting in the Y.M.C.A.  
Pastor: Rev. E. J. Reid,  
81 Cook St., Telephone 546  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1957  
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.

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS

### BACK IN 1937

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, February 6, 1937.

At the meeting of Nagsawagawa council on Monday night, appointments were made, followed by Chas. Norrish, Campbellville, was appointed clerk; L. W. McMillan will be assessor and Chas. Darby was made collector.

Lakeside chapter of the I.O.O.F. assembled in annual meeting last night at the home of Miss Lucy Edwards with the honorary regent, Miss Emma Robinson, in charge. Mrs. George Somerville conducted the election of officers which included regent, Miss Margaret Hylde, first vice-regent, Mrs. A. J. Buchanan, second vice-regent, Mrs. Cecil Nellis, secretary, Miss Lucy Edwards, treasurer, Mrs. Alfred Fryer, corresponding secretary, Mrs. V. H. Humberly.

Many a female heart flutters at Robert Taylor appears on the screen but all to no avail because Hollywood reporter say all his time is taken up with Barbara Stanwyck.

In the first game of the Acton and district Rural Hockey League Dublin defeated Eden Mills 5-0. The Eden Mills team were out classed from the start and "Blow" in the nets had a slack evening. Dublin have yet to lose a game and they look like real contenders for the Humberly cup. In the second game the Jones boys were noised out by "Heavys" Agnew's Storey Buchanan, so "Blow" scored the only goal for the Red and White while "Blow" and Lambert scored for the Glovers. The last game was won by Leane Riffles who out-kick of Leane Farmers to win by the score of 4-1. Woods refereed the game.

Hunters in the district report that deer are a common sight.

Inferna claimed so many of the staff of the Mason Knitting Co. this week that the plant had to be closed for a few days.

Lamp-lighters still ply their trade on the streets of Toronto. Four men are employed in turning on street lights to hand where it is cheaper than installing a switch system.

### BACK IN 1907

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, January 31, 1907.

The election to fill the vacancies on the municipal council was held on Monday. There were a number of plumpers for each candidate but the majority of the ballots read either for C. C. Wright and Williams. Mr. Hurst cordially thanked those who had voted for him although he was not successful. The vote he received was larger than the Free Press' till settle with the Free Press later," he said.

Mr. J. B. Lake, who for nearly four years has ably filled the post of foreman at the Free Press, has decided to open a printing office at North Bay in view of the rapid growth of that town to feel there is an excellent opportunity for him there.

Councils and Boards of Trade between Hampton and Stratford are endeavoring to get G.T.R. to put on an afternoon train to Toronto, so as to reach the city about four o'clock and return about 11 P.M. It is getting harmoniously in the matter.

Complaints are being made again that freight trains are being allowed to stand for many minutes over the legal allowance across the crossing at night.

On Friday night a keen game of hockey was played on the ice here between Hampton and the local team. The visitors struck a few goals but the home team was too good for them and the game ended with a tally of 9 to 2 in favor of Acton.

Rev. P. C. L. Harris of Guelph has received the appointment of foreman of the "Home and Children's Aid Society of Guelph city and Wellington county. Mr. Harris has suggested the organization of a branch of the society in Acton.

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