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## Happy Birthday Milton!

Last week Acton had old-fashioned visitors arrive in old-fashioned style and greeted by present day officials and with a real old-fashioned welcome. Visitors passing through wanted to know what was going on that had a thousand people turn out and line the main thoroughfare. It was a real neighborly demonstration of the kindly feelings that have always existed between these two Hamilton communities.

As editor of the papers in Milton and Acton we have enjoyed a dual capacity that in some instances might have been difficult but over many years in this capacity we have had only kindly acceptance.

But long before this close business relationship we had much evidence of comradeship between the two towns. We well remember our days in the band when Bill Dewar and Bill Collins and others played in the Acton Band and when Acton bandmen marched side by side in Milton band. Fact is we can recall when in the same parade some bandmen helped out in both bands.

So on this centennial occasion we can make a double barrelled wish for a grand birthday party and know that in the next century this side-by-side growth will continue. From Mayor Tyler and every citizen comes Happy Birthday to Milton from all of us in Acton.

## Business Without Profit

In these days of so much emphasis on so much social welfare and various endeavors to make for a better standard of living, recent events have brought home a consideration that sometimes is overlooked but is still fundamental to our present way of living.

The statement of the Wool Combing Corporation in closing their plant in Acton points out this industry cannot carry on operations here in the light of the fact that it cannot meet competition from Britain. Last year there was an approximate loss of some \$50,000 on the Canadian operation. No business can long operate on losses. Its 17 years operation have been beneficial to Acton and to Canada. We regret the decision, but in the light of circumstances who can expect continuance of a non-profitable operation. There is no question of quality, efficiency or workmanship. It's just not profitable to operate here.

The Canadian Pacific Railway is proposing to close down its passenger service on two lines operating out of Orangeville. It's reported that on one line the average of five passengers a day used the facilities. Automobiles and buses have taken over the business. Passenger service on those two lines just isn't profitable any more. Fourteen towns and villages will be affected by the change.

In nearby Brampton the Peel Gazette has announced that the paper has ceased publication. Rapidly mounting costs made the company cease its newspaper work and devote all its time and equipment to commercial printing work. The Gazette was one of Canada's prize winning weeklies on several occasions. It has operated since 1934 but is forced to leave the field for more profitable operation.

In the days ahead we may expect more changes to meet changing conditions. These are just the current examples taking effect in this district. These are not quoted to create any fears of panic or depression but rather to draw attention to the fact that all forms of enterprise must prove profitable to be attractive to any operation. Without the profit incentive any operation proves unattractive to people and capital.

## Changes Past and Present

The federal election and nine days of wonder left are nearly over. The wrong and the right predictions (if there were any) have been analyzed and some of the results are coming out from a rather muddled verdict. There is at least evidence that the voters wanted and got two things. They got both a change and a strong opposition.

We didn't make any pre-election predictions but if we had they would have been wrong the same as most people. We haven't heard of betting money being won or lost in the verdict although there must have been some folk who wagered on the outcome.

Now to get back to the business of keeping Canada in her place among the world nations and her past record of prosperity. This is not the first nor will it be the last of political upheavals. The first big swing came in 1879. The next one came along in 1896 and lasted until 1911 when Borden formed a coalition government which lasted until 1921. The in and the outs were frequent for both the Liberals and Conservatives between 1926 and 1936. Now again has come another switch in the old party lines.

Through all the changes Canada has gone steadily ahead and in the present turmoil will continue to make progress. We may have another hectic in and out period. There will likely be changes but after all Canadian voters have the final say on their form of government and majorities are not long in the wrong.

## Brief Comment

For the next few months highways to the holiday resort country will be crowded and especially on week-ends.

Yes, it's been hot the past week—but then that's what we expect in the summer months isn't it?

Regulation of hours of sale in many lines is still a real problem and far from being uniform. It's difficult to get unanimity here, too.

Nothing in life is more precious than youth. A formative time, a time of learning, a happy time when there is so much to be done that is interesting and worthwhile.

For a country that has probably the most democratic in the world, it is amazing the lack of interest and lack of knowledge the average Canadian has about politics—Westlock (Alta.) Witness.

Boating facilities are again being added to the usual toll of life taken by motor car accidents. . . . and as is the case with most of the terrible toll of motor accidents, carelessness is the main factor.—Fort Frances (Ont.) Times.

Provision of fire protection from a town to outside municipalities is one of the most difficult phases of municipal business. Many ratepayers feel that services which they provide for themselves should not be given away.—Napanee (Ont.) Post-Express.

In the face of increasing costs of operation . . . municipal councils and school boards are faced with a terrific problem. Unfortunately their critics are too prone to castigate them . . . but fail to offer any constructive solution.—Melfort (Sask.) Journal.

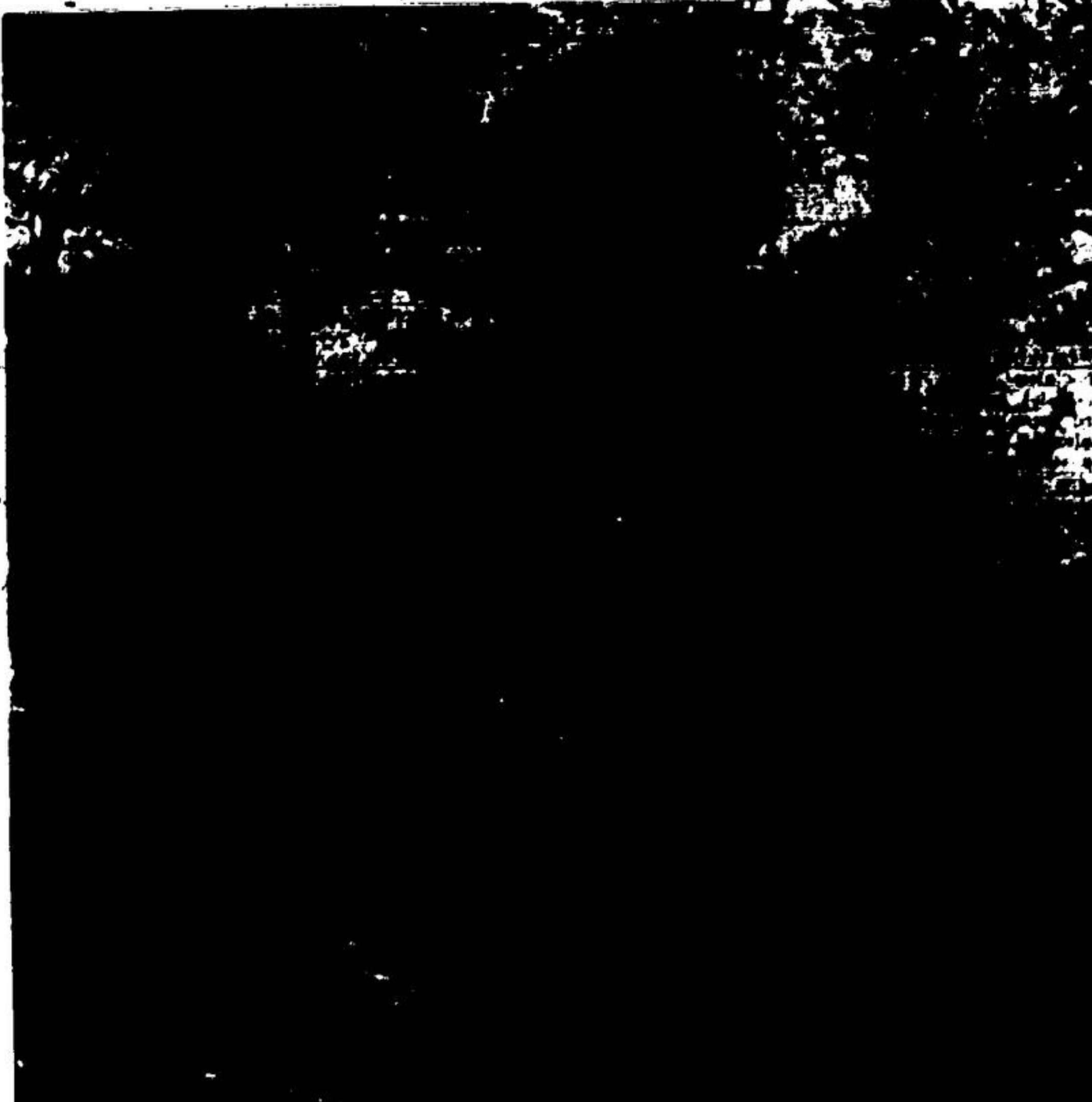
Courtesy does pay, and in many ways. It not only keeps customers coming, but it sends the stranger or the visitor away with a good impression of your establishment and the town in general. Let's not wait for a courtesy week; do it all the time, make it a habit and it will come naturally.—Huntingdon (Que.)

If everyone were truly tidy-conscious there would be no paper litter. Maybe those who throw cigar boxes on the street (for example) act in the same way at home by throwing them on the floor, but we doubt it.—Estevan (Sask.) Mercury.

It would be a wonderful thing if car and truck drivers everywhere would adopt a driving style influenced completely by a desire to observe all regulations; to practice common courtesy; to be humble in opinion as to individual rights. The magistrate could then close up his court.—Estevan (Sask.) Mercury.

Why should a city meddle in the taxi business, asks the Edmonton Journal? "Why should it set taxi fares any more, than the price of shoes? Why should it say how many taxis should operate any more than how many shoe stores should carry on business? Why should it concern itself with the wages of taxi-drivers more than shoe store clerks?"

The public, in the final analysis, will say how many taxis can operate and how high fares they will pay.



"Spring Pals"

—photo by Esther Taylor

## From Ginger Farm to Halfway House

# Domestic Animals an Interest

By Geraldine P. Clarke

I am sitting out on our back porch. A welcome breeze is blowing, robins are singing from the treetops—a sure sign of rain. Not more than fifty feet from our back door a killdeer is nesting. We are not surprised, as ever since we came here have been very busy on our lawn—and they are so tame.

Have you ever seen a killdeer's nest—that is, if you can call what we are a nest? In a slight hollow in the grass, the mother bird has laid four speckled eggs—big eggs considering the size of the bird. No attempt has been made to line the nest. It is just a hard, dry hollow on a rough piece of lawn. We would never have known it was there except that the mother and father bird came and chattered Partner away when he was mowing the grass.

There are very few cats in this neighborhood so we are hoping the nest will be left undisturbed. Other species of wild life around here are a family of cotton-tails, a couple of grass snakes—and mosquitoes. When we are watering the plants we think there are plenty but compared with the farm, we know they are not over-abundant. Any time we drop in at the farm to look around, the mosquitoes greet us in swarms. They get a good meal while we are there but what do they live on, I wonder, when there are no people around. Quite apart from the result, the Federal Election last week was quite interesting in the places we went to and people we met. One visit was near here, to a home where they keep white rabbits, chinchillas and a dog like Rusty.

Some of the chinchillas are worth \$600 apiece. Lovely little things with fur like chaffin' violet. Apparently they are easy to feed and keep clean—much less work than rabbits. But imagine one of these wee things being worth as much as many a highly bred registered cow! It doesn't seem reasonable but there it is. And think what it would mean to lose one.

As for the rabbits—there always had a sneaking fancy for rabbits so I think Partner was quite relieved when we came away without any. There was a new litter too, little white lots of fluffy wee bobby piglets. So I imagine I might have bought a pair had we wanted them. If a really rather fatal to show one's interest in domesticated livestock I have already been offered a cat and been promised a canary. A bird would be something new in our house. At the moment, we don't want anything at all to tie us down. We are too busy doing some of the things together we have always wanted to but never could because as Partner used to say, "he was tied to the cow's tail."

Last Friday we spent the day on a farm near Shelburne. We were almost in time for breakfast! The weather was grand when we left here but north of Orangeville we drove through heavy rain. We thought it was coming as the lovely Caledon hills were shrouded in mist.

Partner managed to milk three cows before we came home and found he hadn't forgotten the art. The cows were registered Jerseys—and the calves like little fawns—without any spots, of course. During the day, the skies cleared and we were able to feast our eyes on the lovely scenery.

But when the humidity closed in and the drive home was not too pleasant. We got back soon after eight, meeting a considerable amount of traffic heading north presumably to summer cottages. Which I hope they found less stuff than our house when we got back. The weather was grand when we left here but north of Orangeville we drove through heavy rain. We thought it was coming as the lovely Caledon hills were shrouded in mist.

### THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

<b>BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Ray H. Costerus, Pastor Parsonage, 118 Beaver Ave. Phone 3896	<b>UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA</b> Acton, Ontario Rev. Gordon Adams M.A. B.D. Minister Parsonage—29 Beaver Avenue Phone 60 Mr. George Elliott, Organist and Choir Leader 76 Beaver Ave., Acton, phone 6
<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 23rd, 1957</b> 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship 7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship Wednesday 8 p.m.—Mid-week service	<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 23rd, 1957</b> 8:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m.—Junior Church and Church School 11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship
<b>THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA</b> St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont. Rev. Eric H. Jones, B.A., L.T.C., Rector	<b>PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA</b> RNOZ CHURCH, ACTON Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D.
<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 23rd, 1957</b> 8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion 9:45 a.m.—Church School 11:00 a.m.—Matins No evening service.	<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 23rd, 1957</b> 9:45 a.m.—Church School 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship 7:00 p.m.—Evening Service
<b>ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY</b> Meeting in the Y.M.C.A. Pastor—Rev. E. J. Baker 81 Cook St., Telephone 6407	
<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 23rd, 1957</b> 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship 7:00 p.m.—Evang. Service Wednesday 8 p.m.—Cottage Prayer meeting and Bible Study	

## Mrs. Hugh Reed Hostess to W.I.

Greenock Women's Institute held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Hugh Reed on Thursday evening with a good attendance of members.

The meeting opened with the president, Mrs. Calvin Aitken, in the chair. The Institute Ode was sung, followed by the Collect in unison and the singing of a hymn. Roll call was answered by telling a current event.

After the reading of the minutes, several discussions took place regarding a bus trip and paper drive. Plans were made to cater for a 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 15.

The program consisted of a report of the district annual meeting held in Hildburg on June 29 by Mrs. Aitken and Mrs. Will Johnson.

A reading, "I don't like to be a kicker" was given by Mrs. Hensley, and a story of the old songs by Mrs. C. Aitken, with Mrs. Reed as organist.

A Cornic Strip contest was won by Mrs. Ballentine. The meeting closed with the Institute Grace and the Queen's Church was served by the committee in charge.

# THE GOOD OLD DAYS

## BACK IN 1937

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, June 24, 1937.

H. N. Farmer, clerk & treasurer, resigned from his position after serving the town of Acton for 14 years.

On Tuesday evening, the three broke into the home of Thomas Kennedy, three—Eugene, and stole a sum of money and stuck certificates to the value of \$1,300. A suitcase and a number of other small articles were also taken.

Acton defeated Brampton 9-5 last Saturday. The Maroons turned in a brilliant display of pitching, and the fielding was superb after the first inning.

Mr. George Cowie has disposed of his blacksmith business to Mr. Joe Hensley of Haldon, who has taken on possession and is now operating the shop.

Quite a number from Acton attended the donkey baseball at Georgetown last week.

The committee of the Acton Fair Board, headed by chairman W. J. Murray, had splendid cooperation from the directors and friends when they spent a couple of days in a real old-fashioned bee and made considerable improvements to the Acton park and the fair track for Tuesday and Wednesday. Trucks were secured and placed in the park to hold the fair.

When the Acton Fair is held this fall, the committee will have a lot to show for their efforts.

The New Hamilton road, the main escape from Acton, is in a very poor state of repair. It is in a very poor state of repair.

Couch McGee of Acton, who is a member of the Taylor-Foxley Co. received a fractured leg in an accident in the Quebec park last week.

The special and benefit show given by Mrs. V. B. Hume, president of the W.I. Institute, was a success.

Head estate and business affairs are reported to be being made. There are many things being made.

There is a big tap, of course, but how can one be sure the tap wouldn't come away from the wall? Has anyone any suggestions to offer? Seems to me that it is something that might be taken up by Good Housekeeping or a Welfare Agency.

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Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, June 20, 1907.

Revie Swackhamer and Councilors Gray, Bell and Williams (Councilor Spright was away on a fishing trip), announced that steps had been taken to prevent the long needed new entrance to the new cemetery. A sketch of a design is to be presented during the week of an archway, including cement posts, steel and wire ornamental work and an arrangement of gates for pedestrians. The cost is to be about \$75.

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