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An Anniversary

Anniversaries seem to be popular around this part of the country lately. And this week the Free Press observes a birthday-its 83rd.

There are a number of things to reflect on at the ennual milestone. One can look back or shead. But perhaps a mixture of these reflective ingredients would be most suit-

When Joseph Hacking distributed his first issue of the Acton Free Press in the warm July days of 1875 no doubt he envisioned something of the future that is the Acton of today. His action was not without courage. It took considerable effort and zeal to organize and publish a paper.

It's quite probable too that the citizens of Acton were proud of the new community endeavour and pleased to have their own newspaper. News of the outside world was not as plentiful as now and the hard working citizens were not as surrounded by news media as at present.

Editors have come and gone through the history of the paper, equipment has changed, the speeding years have altered procedures and attitudes are different.

The situation isn't entirely different, though. When we publish today's paper we'll be just as proud of it as Joseph Hacking was of his first issue. Editors through the years . have developed that attitude to the Free Press and this, we feel, is what has kept it an award winner and leading Canadian weekly.

It is to be hoped this doesn't sound like bragging. The progress and the heritage are not a single man's making. A hard working staff, technical advances, and a loyal readership all contribute to the success of any publication. The Free Press has been fortunate in having this happy combination during its

And as we reflect on this birthday, we can look ahead to. Addition of a new building and installation of a new press represents a major expansion for the Free Press. Publishers, like other business men, must be prepared to advance in keeping with the needs of an area. Because of this an expansion program has become necessary.

As we continue to look ahead, too, and face a new year it always seems fitting that we reaffirm our goal of keeping Acton first and keeping Acton's newspaper the best.

Ponds and Pebbles

Here is a story with a moral, the first chapter of which we can only deduce:

A couple of weeks ago a mother-a father? - was dining in a greater New York hotel where a state teachers' convention was in progress. She, or he, noticed two teachers sitting at a nearby table and felt somehow impelled to drop a pebble of gratitude, into a great pond of need.

The second chapter is reported news: The two teachers finished their luncheon and asked the waiter for their cheques. No charge, he told them, and when pressed he handed them a note.

Don't take any money from these teachers, said the note. I have two boys in school; I owe so much to the teachers. And, added the waiter, no tip, please. 'That's my little token of the same.

That was the pebble. And the ripples? The story was 'spread from the convention platform. Also, no doubt, from the delegates assembled to thousands of teachers back home, and perhaps, by some newspapers, to thousands more.

It would be our guess that many a teacher hearing of it, bending a bit under today's burdens laid on by over zealous critics, looked up, as did Elisha's servant, and glimpsed, if but for a moment, the hosts of people like the most of us around her.

And the moral?? A wary old one put in odern terms: Never sell your pebble short The good one. The pond you drop it in albigger than you think - Christian

The Forward Look

With Dominion Day, this year, coming midway between publication days, it is a subject that is timely either before or after the day and we have chosen this year, to publish our thoughts after the holiday. Like some others; over the daring age of youth, we spent the day at home and watched the cars go screeching by. The headlines of the holiday tell the story of the toll of those who just didn't make a safe return.

But let's not dwell on the holiday tragedies, but give more concern to this great landof ours on this 90th birthday. These are great days for Canada in all of its ten provinces, its cities, towns and hamlets and its expansive farm lands. It's a land youthful and offering great opportunities for those who will go out and get it. It's a land which is developing and enjoying the lessons taught by experience in other lands., These 90 years since confederation have been wonderful, but the years ahead can be a greater era than any Canadians now living have ever enjoyed.

Considering the broad expanses within our borders we will find that Canadians have ample elbow room and can look after many more people. The natural resources of what was once considered barren land can hardly be comprehended by everage citizens of this great country.

Canadians of 1957 may well look back with appreciative hearts for what the past has provided and forward with confidence to the promise of being the greatest nation in the world. Let us not be boastful but a responsible people in making Canada great in all

Those Little Things

The little fellow sick in hospital would not get better, according to the best advice.

The news grieved the neighbors in the block where the boy lived. But one of them had an idea, which was quickly accepted. They took up a collection, bought the youngster a tricycle and took it down to the hospital room. Maybe a look at it would give him just a little pleasure before he joined the Angels, they thought.

The child was too weak to see the tricycle on the floor. So while the few in the room tried to hold back their tears, the tricycle was lifted up close to the bed where he could see

A brief flash of pleased interest in the boy's eyes was a reward for the trouble tak-

But that was not the real reward. Almost mireculously, the boy took a turn for the better-and recovered. Maybe he decided he just had to have a ride on that bike.

It makes one wonder if we do put enough emphasis on some of the little things, like being good neighbors even.

Scenic Beauty in Halton

In this summer season of heavy highway traffic we find an urge to make our direction to the country roads of the district.

This we find can be most rewarding, even without crossing the county line. Halton abounds with scenic beauty that many would willingly drive miles to see if it was extensively advertised and directional signs posted. Don't get us wrong, we're not advocating a mass posting of signs, but we do feel leisurely drive can provide some rewarding

Even without leaving town, Acton Park or more officially Prospect Park, can provide some pleasant scenery and certainly many out-of-towners are finding it a fine stopping

Acton is the envy of many surrounding municipalities for its fine park. Formation of the Parks Board and assistance of other organizations is quickly making it even more attractive. The old swimmin' hole ain't what it used to be.

Of course, there's the Beaver Dam and all four townships abound with interesting roads. From some of the roads in Nassaga-Weye one can get a beautiful view of the Niegara Escarpment. Back from some of the roads are spots common to fishermen but seldom seen by a speeding traveller.

Halton Community Park at Lowville is an attractive picnic ground too with a strong stream and plenty of open space as well as shaded areas. --

There are commercially developed areas in Halton that are attracting literally thous--ands on week-ends. One at Limehouse and one at Terra Cotta are two we've heard of and

Municipalities are noting the need for conserving some park areas, too, with Trafalgar establishing centres. An extensive park area at Homby is rapidly coming along with community and municipality co-opera-

Halton is beautiful and its beauty is quite visible if you're not in a big hurry.



-Frame by Enther Taylor

Lupin Spires

From Halfway House

Visit Old Farm for Centennial

By (iwendoline P. Clarke

Locally the big news this week is centred around centennials centennials at Milton and at Oakville - in both of which we are slightly involved We didn't get to the official opening of either but on Saturday we went to Milton and saw the big parade. The rest of our family was there, including our three grandsons

It was really a wonderful parade with floats and antique vehicles, bands, Indians from the Brantford Reserve, war veterans, guides, scouls, fire brigade, town council, 4-li Clubs and of course the inevitable Beauty Queen Usually one parade is much like another but there seemed to be something a little different about this one-it showed more imagination and ingenuity than most.

For instance, there was an old democrat drawn by a team of mules. Where they got them from I don't know for mules these days are few and far between-that is, the four-footed variety. The twolegged type are not quite so scarce. Probably the young people had never seen a democrat but in the old days it was the favorite conveyance for taking the family , to

church. There was a genuine old Stage Coach that had already been touring various towns, cities and villages advertising the Milton Centennial. Its passengers were dressed in 19th century costumes and really looked the part.

There was also a covered wagon, complete with pioneer settlers and their children, just as they must have appeared a hundred years ago. Possibly a few details were not quite perfect but the effect was

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SUNDAY, JULY 7th, 1957.

(Trinity III)

11.00 a.m.—Choral Communion. 2.30 p.m.—Holy Baptism of in-

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SUNDAY, JULY 7th, 1987.

10.00 a.m.—Sunday School. 11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship. 7.30 p.m.—Evengelistic Service. Wednesday, \$ p.m.—Cottage Pray-er meeting and Bible study.

8.30 a.m. Holy Communiors

930 am.-Matins

Rockwood).

THIS SUNDAY'S

the same. There were genuine ed and taken away. And in spite old-type fire lee's followed by ethers comparable to the changing beauded up, the motor and parts of

It took about an hour for the entire parade to pass the spot where we were standing so that is surely an indication of its size and length There were, of course a number of clowns and I am beginning to wonder if clowns are such a good idea

Some of our former neighbors were with us, among them a fiveyear-old gar! Mary is absolutely terrified of clowns At one Santa Claus paracte a clown came up and took her hand and she was almost petrified. This time, directly she raw the clowns on the road. started to scream and ran off and hid behind a car There she stayed throughout the parade. She just wouldn't come near the road aga, a.

David wasn't too happy about the clowns either, but he stood his ground. Plenty of other children 1 officed were more or less scared too, so I am wondering if something, couldn't be done to change the situation. Couldn't they be required to stay in the middle of the road where their antics would probably amuse but not frighten the children? It is the close approach of the clowns that scares the little ones. I felt so sorry for Mary missing all the fun because of her fear of the clowns.

Before we watched the parade, we went up to Ginger Farm and found the house occupied by a young couple with four small children. They had moved in only the day before, so of course, they were only half unpacked. But oh dear, the things that happen when a place is left unoccupied.

Plants and shrubs had been lift-

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Thursday, July 4, 8 p.m.-Prepar-

9.45 a.m.—Church School.

Holy Communion.

9.00 a.m.-Morring Prayer.

Church School

10.00 a.m.-Junior Church

11.15 a.m .- Morning Worship.

Minister

of the fact that the house had been the water pressure system had been taken away And yet, in all the time we were living there we could be away all day, leaving the place unlocked, and nothing was

ever touched or stolen

We were glad to find nomeone in the house because they have already adopted Joe Poor Black Joe was a problem He was such a nervous cat we knew he would never settle down in new 'surroundings, so we left him to his old baunts but went up once a week to take him food, which, incidentally, he never seemed to want. He was fat and in good condition, but we thought it would finally be necessary to have him mercifully put to sleep before the cold weather came around again Now wadon't need to worry. The family

has a cat and Joe has a family. On Sunday, we went to Oakville for the day and Bob and family took us to see the unveiling of an addition to the Cenotaph and the ceremonial parade of seven bands. headed by the Lorne Scots with their kilts and bagpipes, with the usual following of veterans and

That is something we really enjoy, although it makes one's heart ache to see the brave showing the "vets" put on, particularly the "old sweats" of World War I. some of them limping and shuffling and doing their best to hide it. trying to keep step with the military music-still defenders of the Commonwealth at heart, brave testimony to the fact that "old soldiers never die."

Today I take my part as grandmother on a float representing our Scotch Block Women's Institute. I feel quite qualified to take that

Ends Three Year Term CALENDAR CALENDAR

To Teach in Guelph Teacher at School Section No. 11." Eramosa Township, since school opened in 1964. Edward Kirkland will end his term here with the closing of school for the

Mr. Kirkland will begin the fall season as teacher of grade 5. Torrance school, in Guelph. His work in the first school Eden Mills has ever had, has been excellent and he has been most highly thought of by pupils and their parents

alike.

Nothing has been too -much trouble for "Le" Kirkland whose pretty wife has always been willing, with him, to help out with pienics, skating parties, corn roasts and anything that helped to make the school life of the children at No. 11 pleasant.

Born in the village of Grand Valley, Mr. Kirkland first taught at S. S. No. 8. East Garafrana Township. He also taught at S.K. No. 4. Speedside, in Belwood village and at S.S. 2. Eramosa Township. Altogether he has taught 11

Best wishes from all go to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kirkland when he takes up his new. position

THE GOOD OLD DAYS =

BACK IN 1907

Taken from the losue of the Free Press, Thursday, July 4,/1907

While setting a tire at his blacksmith shop one day last week a chip of steel flew off his hammer and struck Mr. A: Stephenson the forehead above his right eye. It penetrated the skin for an inch or so and has not yet been removed. Mr. Stephenson had a bad black eye as a result but has felt no other serious effects.

There was a fine gathering of Acton Orange Lodge on Wednesday evening of last week in society hall, W.M. George Campbell presiding Differet Master William Smith and Past Grand Secretary Robert Birmingham were in attendance, and several stirring speeches were made.

Misses Minnie Holmes and Minnie Bennett are at MacDonald Institute taking short courses There were numerous manifestations of whiskey products on the

streets during the Dominton Day holiday. the fire half Monday between W D. Anderson and Donald McG.rg-

or, the former was summoned to appear before H P Moore, J.P., on Tuesday. He pleaded guilty and the fine and costs amounted to \$4.36 The second home game in the CLA, series was played in the park here on Saturday and was won by Acton Hespeler was the

contesting team. Acton outplayed the visitors from start to finish and the ball was almost constantly in the proximity of Hespeler's goal. The score was 7-4 Caretaker Carnahan has Fair-View cemetery in most attractive

condition. The drives and walks have been put in splendid order. The street committee did a praiseworthy act when they put on a team with a mower and cut the long grass on the streets last Satur-

The committee of the fire brigade worked like Trojans to make their big demonstration on Dominion Day a success and the "esult was a gratifying consummation of their efforts From early morning. crowds had been arriving in town and by noon a very large number of people were here to witness the

Mr Thomas Ebbage was turning a piece of timber the other day when it flew out of the lathe and struck him in the face. The impact of the blow was so forceful that it threw him backwards over a pile of pump timbers. His face was painfully bruised and his back severely injured

BACK IN 1937

Proce, Thursday, July 8, 1937

This week the Beardmore Company removed the cutsole department machinery and equipment to the new quarters at the tannery at the south of Elgin Street. The warehouse will also be in the building at the plant there. The present buildings at the CNR. will be closed and the business all conducted from the one plant head-

Contracts for the completion of the new social room at the YMC. 'A have all been awarded and the work should be complete in time

for the fall opening of the Y. Fire completely destroyed a barn and other farm buildings on the farm of Wilfred McDonald fourth line. Esquesing township, causing damage estimated at \$10,000 None of the McDonald's stock was lost in the blaze, and few of his imple-

ments were damaged Born - At 54 Banff Road, Toronto, on Thursday, July 8, 1937, to As a result of some hot words at Mr. and Mrs Eugene Mel'herson, a

Last evening Milton and Acton Tennis Clubs played an enjoyable tennis tournament on the courts D Acton, with Acton winning 8 to 4

The first open air band concert of the Acton Citizens' Band on Sunday evening was an appreciated event. It was held in the park following the church services. The Band had 25 members present. with several of the Junea. Band making their first appearance Bandmaster Bert Mason was in charge and a varied and pleasing program was rendered

The fat, crowd of fans in attendance at the Downings Act in game on the holiday morning were treated to a good exhibition of the pustime, which resulted in a win

for Downings, by a score of 5-2 The visitors used three twirlers, while Acton used Lambert and N. Morton, the latter holding the

Visitors scoreless. Tom Watson and Jack Van Greizen. Boy Scouts attending the National Jamboree in Washington. DC, have written several letters to the Free Press

Playing air-tight basebal; behind the most sensational pitching performance by Norm Morton, Acton handed the Milton nine their first setback in ten starts, in the brick town last Saturday Morton limited the home team to five scattered hits The entire Acton team turned in one of the amartest defensive games witnessed this season and were full value for the win-

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