



—Photo by Hazel Mack.  
**TRI-COUNTY YOUTH FOR CHRIST** group members conducted the Sunday service at Eden Mills United Church. Shown from the left are Joe Baker, Yvonne White, Arlene Thomas, and Lloyd Webb, members of the group.



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**W.A. MEMBERS** of the Eden Mills Scout and Cub group recently gathered to prepare kerchiefs for the newly-organized group. Shown here are Mrs. T. Morden, Mrs. R. Hayward and Mrs. E. Kirby working on the project.

### Tri County Youth for Christ Group Conducts Sunday Service

Sunday afternoon service in Eden Mills United Church was in charge of four members of the "Tri County Youth for Christ" organization. Joe Baker of Wingham delivered an inspiring address that was particularly directed to the younger members of the congregation. Mr. Baker is also a talented singer and took a small part in the musical program that was a large and important part of the service. Miss Arlene Thomas, Pinkerton, played the piano for the entire service. Miss Yvonne White from Clifford thrilled all with her excellent singing that would be a credit to a much older girl. She has never taken singing lessons. Lloyd Webb, Pinkerton, was the fourth member of this quartet who sang and played a trombone.

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Expresses Thanks for Assistance Asks Help of Boaters, Swimmers

The Editor, "The Acton Free Press", Acton, Ontario.  
 Dear Mr. Editor:  
 I am sure that I speak for all the Y-M-C-A Men Swimming Instructors in expressing appreciation of the publicity you are giving to our activities during the summer season in helping the town's youngsters to learn or improve their swimming technique.

In your latest issue you published a picture of me with one of my pupils, little Rich. It was not too long before Rich will take to the water under his own motive power, but he has an additional problem to tackle, in that he has to learn from the surface, instead of "from the bottom up" like other youngsters. I hope with deep sincerity that Rich's plucky efforts will encourage any other youngsters with similar problems in the neighborhood to follow his example.

In taking on Rich for swimming lessons, I have only taken on a job any other of our little gang of instructors would be equally willing to tackle, given the available time. The only thing we do in fact lack is time, for we are woefully deficient in numbers. We would all like to see the youngsters get the very best value for the time and energy they are putting into their swimming, and that end would be easier to achieve with an adequate staff of instructors to enable us to reduce the size of the classes and thus increase each pupil's proportion of individual attention.

May I take a little more of your time to mention that I have been immeasurably helped and encouraged in the case of Rich Krastler by the ready and warm response to my request for specialized guidance from Gus Ryder, whose work with swimmers with a problem is unique and wonderful.

One other matter I would like to mention is that I would greatly assist us in handling our classes at the beach in the park, if other swimmers and users of the beach very swimming area would try to give-up a little elbow room and keep hazardous obstacles such as rafts and boats well away from the classes. The Intermediate Class swimmers in particular must go

All four are young and with the exception of Mr. Baker, still in their teens and still attending school. Their particular group represents Bruce, Huron and Grey Counties. Each also belongs to a different denomination as their group is non-denominational. "Billy Graham is one of the big boys in our world," said Joe Baker, pointing out that they are connected with the great evangelist. It is planned to have this inspiring, hard working little group return in the early autumn to Eden Mills United Church. Their Christian zeal that was equally matched by musical talents has genuinely inspired enthusiasm, particularly with the young people in the church. Their return visit will be eagerly looked forward to.

### Scouts, Cubs W.A. Prepare Kerchiefs

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Eden Mills Scouts and Cubs met on Friday afternoon at the United Church in the Christian education room. Purpose was to cut and stitch the blue and grey kerchiefs for the boys, numbering 27.

Mrs. Peggy Abrams was in charge of the work. Mrs. Lillian James and Mrs. T. Miller operated the two sewing machines. Cutting and basting were done by Mrs. E. Kirby, Mrs. T. Morden, Mrs. H. Mack, and Mrs. Mary Macbride.

Scottish traditions are strong in parts of Nova Scotia, where Highland Games are almost as popular as in Scotland.

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### By George Arlor Dills

Well, there were 25 boxes and pieces and they're all accounted for. This week the new Free Press building has looked like Christmas morning. You know, with paper and wrappings all over the floor. Only it's different from Christmas. Whoever heard of getting a "bull assembly" in their stockings or a ten-horsepower motor and an upper and lower bed or two side assemblies.

Oh, in case you have forgotten, I am carrying on from where I left off last week and talking about the new press that arrived at our plant. You know, it wasn't at all like Christmas in another way. It was no Santa Claus visit at all. There had to be cheques that were certified by the bank and lots of other papers which had no resemblance to Christmas cards. Oh well, we'll talk more about this later when the pattern of the ju saw puzzle starts to take form and when you see the product of the new equipment.

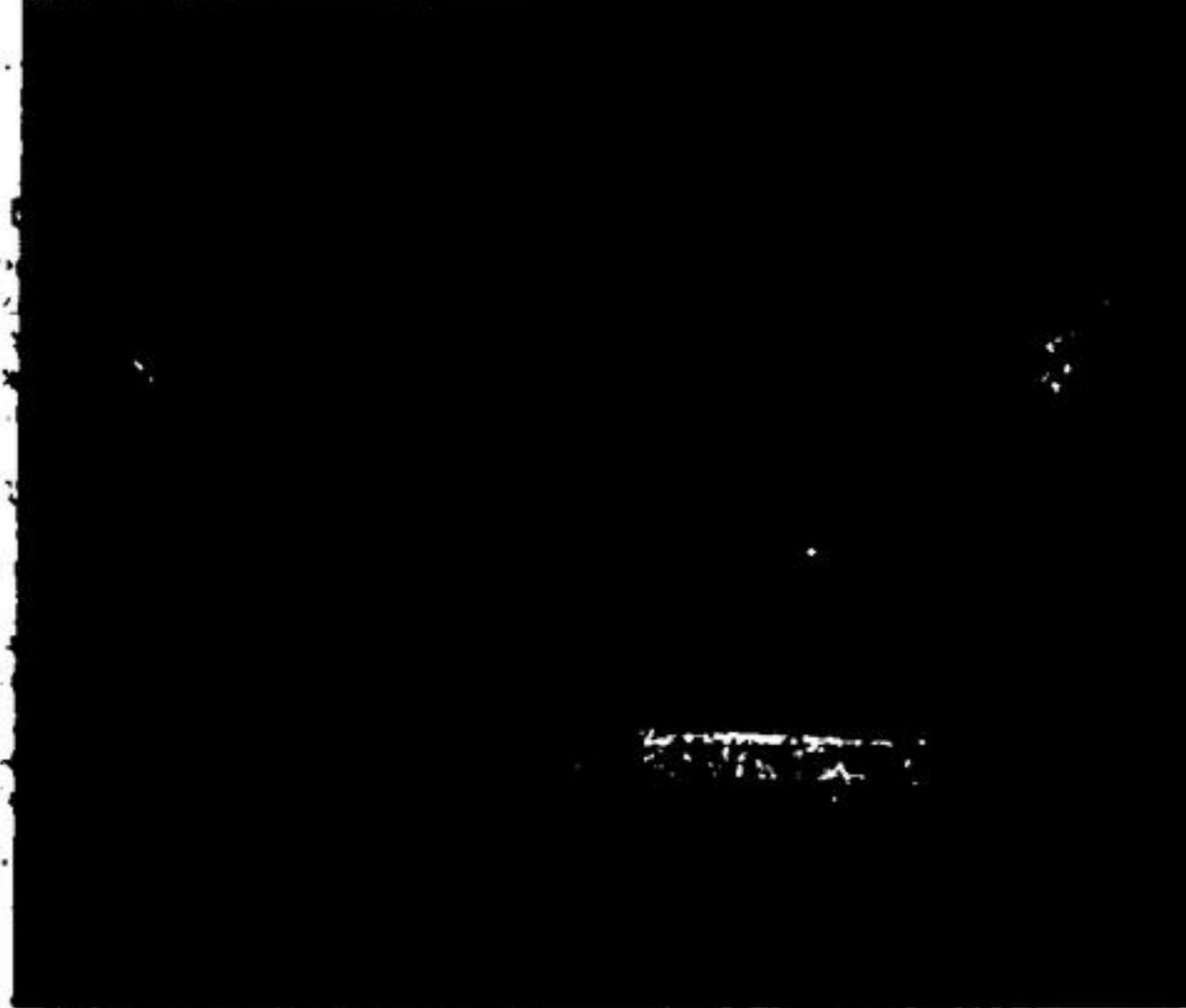
It took me four days to figure out what was wrong with the Orange parade recently witnessed. Many familiar faces were in it and some new ones, too. The big banner was in better condition than many I have seen. The band had good, strong drummers and the tunes on the flutes were shrill and the same familiar ones. Don't recall "Orange Feather" or "The Battle of the Boyne" or "King William," but they trilled nicely and brought back memories of many an Orange walk. The colors were the familiar orange and blue.

Here's what was wrong. It was that modern touch of a smooth purring white and black motor car with a red blinker light on top and its excellent behavior. The uniform of the officer was smart but it didn't compare in color with the regular King Billy donned when he assumed the role on the Twelfth. Napoleon in all his glory was no running mate for the leader of an Orange walk.

But it really was that fiery White Clydesdale (usually one from the tannery team) just as unfamiliar and frightened as the lone rider that lent the real glamor. If the horse was up on his oats and a bit skittish, it was so much the better. He kept the crowd back and the inexperienced rider at attention.

But we've gone modern and a nice quiet motor car, and a sleek, well dressed police officer has unseated King Billy and pushed him from his throne of glory.

And, now something about industrial development in Acton. For years, Acton was known as a leather town. There were three tanneries here and we made gloves. There were other small tanneries out in the township in the early days. Philip Drummond had one down at Speyside and every fall fair time turned up with a display of his craft at the fall exhibit.



A SUGGESTED CHANGE in regulations on financial procedure for the post office won a set of bathroom scales for postmaster F. Terry recently. Shown making the presentation is District Director of Postal Service, R. H. Reeve. Also present for the presentation was J. Barrett, district personnel officer.

Then there was the Storey Glove Leather tannery on Main Street just this side of the CNR tracks. They made light leather for gloves and mits and the waste emptied into the little stream that crossed the street near the Highway Garage and emptied directly into beautiful Fairy Lake. The little flow ran in many colors according to the color of the leather on that particular day.

Of course there was the Acton Tanning Company for harness and belting leathers and good old Beardmore and Co., who put the sole under most of the feet of the country. You worked mostly at leather in Acton in those days.

Now we make underwear, plastics, electric appliances, cooling systems, punch presses, fire brick, footwear, etc. But we're still producing leather and milling flour in the original locations.

These days we wonder about new products. What industries will find Acton advantageous for their operations and people? Who will dwell here and find it a good place to live and work? As in the past and as the circle widens and Canada grows, Acton will find its place.

It's a long day since the grain mill and the village smithy were the sole places where the sparks



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Water was the sole source of power—either in its flow or converted into steam. The railway was the only mode of travel for distances and horses were the beasts of burden.

Well, enough for this week. Next article is as much a mystery to me as it is to you.

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### Eden Mills Troop Holds First Hike

Eden Mills' Boy Scout troop held their first hike on July 17 when leaders Tom Bold, Bob Abram, Wilbur Lindsay and Terry Hamilton set train signs for the others to follow.

One of the things the boys had to do was to build bridges often to get across streams. They did this with tree stumps. Later, they played games, and enjoyed winners and chocolate milk.

The 16 boys are anxious to receive their Tenderfoot badges which they hope to do in September. First however, they have to study in order to pass the 10 tests necessary.

This newly formed Scout Troop is already a lively and active group. They will undoubtedly be stiff competition for other troops once they begin to know the rules of scouting.

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