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The Year Just Past

Where does one start to review a year. Historians look at periods decades later and can trace developments giving them suitable titles but to give a suitable name to a year hardly finished we find difficult.

Even without a name the year has been one of changes in Acton as it would in any municipality. The town constructed a new fire hall, the problem of water has been under discussion and now construction is underway to augment the town's supply.

The town has experienced some losses. The Wool Combing plant closed and Baxter's moved to their new location. But there have been some gains with announcement of completion of sale of industrial land to the H. K. Porter firm, and sale of the Wool Combing plant to the Canada Packers.

The first Soap Box derby was staged in Acton and attracted a lot of local interest. There was a community night that saw many participating in an event of folk dancing and special events.

A new fire area agreement was successfully negotiated and the protection is to be augmented with a new truck. A public meeting on the zoning by-law netted no serious complaints and the legislation under study for many months appears destined for approval early next year.

The St. John's Ambulance Corps received its charter, the possibility of artificial ice in the arena has been discussed, the United Church is to build a new Church, and the National Film Board picked Acton as the site for a movie.

There have been many more highlights in the year. The major issue of the town's construction of an industrial sewage treatment plant has still not reached the final stages with the town agreed to the construction but negotiations with industries still ahead.

Where does one conclude a year end review. There have been many other highlights in 1957. There have been moments of achievement and disappointment in the life of every citizen. While only the major events are chronicled the smaller more personal events still form a part of the fabric from which a town's year is woven.

25 Years From Now...

"The little plastic palace people were dreaming about a few years ago will still be a dream in 1983" is the prediction of Jeannine Locke in January magazine article. After consulting experts in the scientific, industrial, educational, food and architectural fields, she paints a fascinating picture of life in 25 years time.

Miss Locke visualizes a closed-circuit television service that will not only "let you see (in color) the roast you're ordering from your butcher, but will act as baby sitter" will then be as common in Canadian homes as a washing machine is now.

Housewives will only need to spend ten minutes per day on cooking chores and "total time spent in doing the weekly wash should be no more than two minutes".

In supermarkets, conveyor belts will bring food to the customer, and an electronic computer will add up the bill as purchases are made.

"The Canadian city of the future will be a greener and more pleasant place for families than the one you live in now," she continues. There will be highspeed trains and helicopters enabling people to commute distances as far apart as two hundred miles.

In 1983 our children will be "healthier, wealthier and less hardworking" than their parents. They will spend weekends in Caylon or Sweden as easily as we take a trip to the States now.

Many farm organizations are now holding meetings and banquets. These groups are the voice of those engaged in agriculture, and that voice is only as strong as the support the farmers give the organization.—Picton (Ont.) Gazette.

100 Years From Now...

Eight foremost scientists predicted that science will create these thrills during the next 100 years:

You will be able to control the size, shape and function of your body. You will talk with your mind, never moving your lips.

You will never get mentally or emotionally sick. Emotions and impulses will be controlled by drops or pills.

There will be lavish excursion hotels at scenic spots on the moon, the surface of which will be subdivided among nations. And you will be working a four-to-eight-hour week.

You will also be able to pick the sex of your child and decide whether you want twins, triplets or just one.

Your food will be made out of sunshine raw materials and drinking water from the sea.

Most of the food will be vegetable and synthetic, but it will taste as well as natural food.

There will be more than 7,000,000,000 people in the world. But none of them will go hungry.

Mail will come in the form of radio signals carried by satellites high above the earth.

These were just some of the remarkable developments for the future dreamed up by eight scientific experts.

But What of 1958?

What are the prospects for Canadian business in 1958?

Results of the latest Financial Post business survey reveal a sturdy element of optimism. Nearly 75% of senior executives asked for their forecast expect that 1958 sales will be better than 1957 or as good.

Half of those replying predict a gain in sales by their companies next year. Nearly one quarter expect 1958 to be about the same sort of year as 1957. A minority of slightly more than one-quarter look for a decline.

Financial Post outlook survey have revealed some decline in business expectations over the past half-year. Of those executives who in mid 1957 predicted 1958 sales, 23% look for major gains, 50% for modest increases 18% for no change and 9% for decreases, mostly modest. Current forecasts by these executives modify the optimism of midsummer, when in fact the boom was just cresting. Today, of these same executives, only about half as many look for major gains, fewer look for modest gains and most predict little change or lower sales.

Books of Remembrance

Two wars of the late 19th century are recalled by the announcement that the names of Canadians who died in Egypt and the Sudan and in South Africa are to be recorded in a Book of Remembrance. Another will record the names of 425 Canadians who died in Korea.

The announcement came within a fortnight of the dedication, by Governor General Massey, of a Book of Remembrance for Canada's dead of the Second World War.

A total of 275 men died in the Nile Expedition, 1884-85 that went to the relief of General Charles Gordon and in the South African War of 1899-1902. The troops who went to Egypt formed the first Canadian contingent to take part in an imperial war overseas.

Both books will be prepared by Alan B. Beddoe, federal heraldic expert, and his staff of calligraphers who made the first two books. Like the present ones, they will be of calfskin vellum illuminated with heraldic designs and unit insignia.

The Second World War book, which contains 44,910 names, was dedicated last Nov. 11 in the memorial chamber of the Parliament Buildings which it shares with the First World War book. That, however, is only a temporary repository for the second volume. Eventually it is to be placed in the new National Memorial Shrine to be erected at nearby Nepean Point overlooking the Ottawa River.

The first World War volume records the names of the 66,451 Canadians who died in the 1914-18 fighting.

Daily a new page is turned in each book and a catalogue-calender of names and dates enables relatives to time their visits on days when the names of their loved ones are honored.

At this time of looking ahead as well as back it is gratifying to realize the contribution of those in the past will be remembered for their part in our future.

Brief Comment

Could the present trend in delinquency have some connection with too much TV and too few good books? It would be interesting to know how many of the leather jacket boys... have read the old classics... that were sought after in the days before radio and TV.—Stanstead (Que.) Journal.



"THIS IS WHERE I TURN OFF - GOOD LUCK!"

G. A. D. About

Off With the Old, on With the New

These mid-week holidays have me confounded, especially when they are smack in the middle of the week. To meet our publishing schedule, I was informed that my copy for the issue before New Year's had to be available before Christmas was over, and my article for Christmas was just finished.

Well, this column will, of course, need to deal with year-end thoughts and perhaps of more importance, a forward look into 1958.

What of 1957 in Acton? It was a good year for the most part. True, we lost some industry, but the year also saw negotiations finished that will more than replace in the years past year saw a start on the fulfillment of this bright industrial picture for the town. Those who follow in leadership of Acton's industrial welfare will need to set their sights high to keep even with the record of 1957.

Some of my readers may wonder why I am continually interested in Acton's industrial welfare. The reason is simple. When I came to Acton with my parents over sixty years ago it was because there was employment available here for my father and other older members of the family.

Taken as a whole over the years, there has always been jobs available. Maybe they have not always been as lucrative as jobs in other places but they have been stable and the location, here, has been pleasant to live in. There have been a very limited number of people who have acquired great wealth in Acton but they have loved and worked here and there has not been an extreme poverty even in the days of world depression.

Acton is essentially an industrial community. So industrial development is of utmost importance to everyone here. A year-end review given elsewhere in this issue goes into the accomplishments of the past year, among other items which have made the news in Acton and district.

My wife says that I am not good at predictions. She says that my predictions are based on my wishes and the years have proven that in many instances she has been right. So it is with some hesitancy that I launch into any forecast but we will go this far and predict that if the plans made in 1957 are allowed to come into being, 1958 will see a good year of industrial and other progress in Acton. To

Rockwood Resident Celebrates Birthday

A former resident of Brookville village in Nassagaweya township, Levi Easley, who now lives in Rockwood, is celebrating his 90th birthday today (Tuesday), December 31.

He makes his home with his daughter, Stella, Mrs. C. Hefferman and still finds life very pleasant. His wife, the late Mrs. Easley, died a few years ago. He has a son, Mr. E. Easley, who lives in the town of Rockwood and runs the general store and the post office.

There were no telephones in those days and to get help a horse was sent with a message fastened to him to Campbellville, the nearest place. It was a Dr. McTaggart's horse and had just been purchased from there. Help came but the horses were lost.

Mr. Easley was born near Waverburne where he lived until he was 21. He married Harriet Anne Stark. He has four children still living, 16 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Easley enjoyed a fair share of travel in his earlier years when he went to the Canadian west. He has also made many hunting trips to the Parry Sound district. He likes to recall an exciting tale when he came upon a hole and was so curious to know what was inside that he went in. It had been raining and no tracks were visible.

It wasn't long before he realized he was almost face to face with a bear. He got out quickly, aimed his rifle and fired. That evening he and his fellow campers had bear steaks for supper. He skinned the bear and brought back the head, which he still has.

Another odd possession that is seldom seen today is a long-sider tin horn. Mr. Easley found it when doing some repairs on the roof of the store in Brookville. It had somehow got into the upper part of the house, no one knows how. It still emits a mighty blast and is much valued by its owner.

In excellent health except for a hip injury, Mr. Easley insists he can walk to Guelph but for the injury, he feels that "good" He does walk some and every May 1 finds him down at the river, as good a fisherman as any, trying his luck.

Neighboring Brigades To Assist Youngsters

Acton and Guelph St. John Ambulance Brigades, as one of their many projects for the coming year, will play host to the Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides of Acton, in St. Alban's Parish Hall in January.

The two Brigades will show films and answer questions on practical application of First Aid, to the groups, in order to assist the Acton Boys and Girls in passing tests for Scouting and Guiding work.

THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON Rev. Ray H. Conterus, Pastor Pastorage, 20 Bower Avenue Phone 206-W SUNDAY, JANUARY 5th, 1958 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship 7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship	UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA Acton, Ontario Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., B.D. Minister Pastorage—20 Bower Avenue— Phone 60 Mr. George Elliott Organist and Choir Leader 76 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 6 SUNDAY, JANUARY 5th, 1958 9:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School and Church School 11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH—ACTON Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B. A. SUNDAY, JANUARY 5th, 1958 9:45 a.m.—Church School 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship 7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship	THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont. Rev. Evan H. Jones, M.A., The Rector, 16 Jeffrey St., Tel. 463 SUNDAY, JANUARY 5th, 1958 2nd Sunday after Christmas 8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion 9:45 a.m.—Church School and Bible Class 11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Classes 11:00 a.m.—Choral Communion MONDAY, JANUARY 6th, 1958 EPIPHANY 9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion
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School Group Journey by Bus

On Sunday, December 15, a group of 32 adults and children travelled to Toronto by bus from Rockwood to see the lovely presentation of The Christmas Story at Holy Trinity church. Most of the children were pupils of Mrs. Muriel Armstrong, who arranged the trip.

There is a cast of 92 persons in the pageant that has been presented each Christmas season for 22 years. Costumes were designed by a London-New York firm originally and are magnificent.

Familiar characters from the Bible seemed to come alive as the age-old story of the Nativity was acted out. Expert lighting techniques as well as the fine music made the pageant something that will always be remembered.

Carol singing was enjoyed on the trip to and from Toronto, emphasizing the significance of the Journey.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

BACK IN 1908

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, January 2nd, 1908.

Births: In Acton on Saturday 21st December, to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mackenzie, a daughter; in Acton on Saturday, 14th December, to Mr. and Mrs. F. Swackhamer, a son.

Married: Storey - Brown, at the residence of the bride's parents, Main St., Acton on Thursday, 26th December, by Rev. J. C. Wilson, B.A., Thomas Storey, Nassagaweya son of Robert Storey, Acton, to Nellie, youngest daughter of James Brown, Acton.

Sunday last was review day in the Methodist Sunday school and a feature of the service was the presentation of diplomas to the primary graduates. Those graduates were Misses Jessie Thompson, Agnes Scott, Violet Thomas, Ethel Craig and Isla Taylor, and Masters Gordon Bauer, William Thomas, Cliff Rice and James Faulkner. The diplomas, neatly framed, were presented by Messrs. H. P. Moore, superintendent and W. H. Souders, secretary.

Seldom indeed, if ever before, has a company of entertainers been secured for a local function where the audience was so universally delighted as with the Royal Scots concert, given under the auspices of the Methodist Sunday school orchestra on Christmas night.

On Christmas night a team of Acton hockeyists went to Erin and won their first game by a score of 5-4 in a warm contest with the Erin stick-handlers.

Impressive watchnight services were held in the Methodist and St. Alban's churches.

Total eclipse of the sun on Friday forenoon.

The annual nominations meeting for the municipality, held at noon on Monday, resulted as follows: receive, H. Swackhamer, councillors, Alex. Bell, Thomas Gray, H. J. Jeans, Wm. R. Kennedy, Thos. E. Price, Chas. C. Spaight and Wm. Williams, school trustees, Geo. H. Agnew, John S. Coleman and John A. Mowat.

MORE MINK
KIRKLAND LAKE, Ont. (CP)—Trappers in this district of Northern Ontario report that minks are on the increase.

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