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Responsibility Placed

The tumult of the Monday federal election has hardly died down following the resounding mandate given the Progressive Conservatives across Canada and here in Halton.

The decimated Liberal ranks can only be compared with the more decimated ranks of the CCF and the complete defeat of the Social Credit party.

Our congratulations to Sandy Best who piled up an even bigger majority in this election than in the last. Our congratulations too, to the defeated candidates Ken Dick and Jack Henry for their sincere campaigning efforts.

The victory in Halton for Sandy Best is of course his second and as a member of the powerful Diefenbaker government he will be charged with the responsibility of effective representation for Halton in the deliberations at Ottawa.

The Conservative majority is a powerful one, the most powerful accorded a government since Confederation. The 209 seats they have captured place them in a position of dominance over the mere 47 seats of the Liberal opposition. The CCF has lost its leader and deputy leader, both very capable parliamentarians. The Social Credit party is without a seat in the new parliament for the first time since 1935.

We were pleased that the prime minister will be calling parliament to convene as soon as possible. The unemployment situation and trade problems will have to be dealt with at the earliest possible moment. The path is clear for decisive action by the government to which the people of Canada have accorded such a powerful mandate.

Just Little Things

With two new industries scheduled to start operation in Acton this year, and both with a good number of employees, we are likely to have more than the usual number of new home owners locating in our midst. They will all be strangers and unfamiliar with the way of life here. There will be many little ways in which we can make these people welcome. They will want to know many things about our town and we can all help them in getting settled.

So if you have new neighbors or you meet strangers on the streets who inquire about places or functions in town be kindly. Some towns have "Welcome Wagons" that call on few citizens and give them a welcome parcel that helps them get acquainted with business places. That is something perhaps for the Chamber of Commerce to investigate or consider but there are so many little things that every citizen can help with that means so much to newcomers.

There are the churches and social groups, the Y.M.C.A., the park facilities, the public services, recreation places available and lodges, the delivery of milk and the collection of garbage, the mail system, the places to see about municipal services or other services which are part of every day life which are unfamiliar to new citizens.

It can be so helpful and appreciated if you are friendly to the stranger in our midst. Take a little time, go a little out of your way to help newcomers get settled. Be a booster for your town with everyone you meet. It's surprising how this friendly spirit grows and makes everyone impressed with the joy of becoming part of Acton.

So this year and every year speak kindly of our town when folks come into your place of business. Take a little extra interest in answering their questions and explain all the facilities we enjoy here. Help the stranger get acquainted and be sure he knows all the good things about Acton. Speak well of your town.

Mean More to More
This week Christians around the world mark the sorrow of Good Friday and the joy of Easter Sunday in traditional ways. We cannot offer any new interpretations of the significance of the occasions because the original events and our understanding of

them have not been radically changed over the years.

We can still read of the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem, the last supper, the betrayal by Judas, the trial before Pontius Pilate, the agonizing trip bearing the cross to Golgotha and the final crucifixion on Good Friday.

We can still read of the entombment of Christ, the appearance of Mary Magdalene and the other Mary at the sepulchre, the word of the resurrection, and the triumph in the words "He is not here, for He is risen as He said."

The events have not changed and we are not so presumptuous as to offer any new interpretation. But perhaps this Easter the events will have more meaning for more people than ever before.

Perhaps Easter will have a deeper meaning than the end to exams, the holiday and the gala array of new clothes. Perhaps this Easter will mean more to more people.

Grass Fire Season

Fire departments always look on the spring as a busy time. It seems the local brigade isn't going to have any reason to alter that opinion either, as the nice weather brings the first grass fire calls.

Fires are pretty dangerous things. Each year more than 50,000 Canadian homes are damaged by fire at an estimated loss of over \$21,000,000. More than 500, over half of them children, die annually as a result of fires.

Grass fires can be just as dangerous as any other type of fire too. They have their beginnings in a number of ways including the careless motorist who throws his cigarette butt from the car window without extinguishing it. Of course there is the intentionally started grass fire that gets out of control and endangers nearby buildings.

We've never heard firemen complain about attending these fires. In fact we've often heard them say they're glad to get there before the fire can get to any buildings. But we've often wondered why people start grass fires without adequate assistance to control them, just as we've often wondered why motorists can't realize the danger they throw out the window with their cigarette butt.

At this time of year the fields in many cases are surprisingly dry. Under dry and carelessness can be dangerous with fire. Do your part to be safe with fire.

Honor Jack Miner

Little did the parents of the late Jack Miner realize some 93 years ago on April 1st, 1865 when the Canadian Naturalist was born in the suburbs of Cleveland, Ohio, that not only Canada and the United States, but England and the civilized world would honor and pay tribute to the man who the last 13 years of his life became Canada's best known citizen. When he died he ranked fifth in fame on the Continent with Edison, Ford, Lindbergh and Rickenbacker.

On April 17, 1947, some three years after the death of the late Jack Miner, the Canadian Government by an act of Parliament created what is known as National Wild Life Week to always fall on the birthday of the late Jack Miner.

Today, the 7th and 8th grade school books of the United States carry an eight page biography of Jack Miner, whose life was considered by the U.S. educators so important that they wanted every child in their forty-eight States and Alaska acquainted with the facts about his life and his contribution to his generation.

Senator T. A. Crerar, who was Canada's first Federal Minister of The Canadian Wild Life Service and now one of the senior members in the Canadian Senate, said "I doubt if there is in any field of work in Canada anyone who has contributed more and has rendered Canada a greater national service than Jack Miner."

At the time of Jack Miner's death tributes were paid him by Kings, Queens, Presidents and Prime Ministers and as high as ten thousand eight hundred people have visited his grave in one day, more than ever visited the grave of the late President Roosevelt in that time.

During the week of April 10 the people of Canada pay tribute to him by observing National Wild Life Week in the schools, in the churches, in the service clubs and in the open fields of our great Dominion.

Brief Comment

HUMAN FREEDOM
A free press will always remain the greatest power in preserving freedom for all.—Estevan (Sask.) Mercury.

EXPERIENCED WORKERS
The fact is that technological advance has placed a premium on such qualities as skill and judgment—qualities that are unquestionably more fully developed in older and more experienced workers.—Campbellton (N.B.) Tribune.



—Photo by Esther Taylor

Easter Greetings

G. A. D. About

Progress in Transmitting and Oil

I'm writing this on Monday morning the last day of March. There's one topic I'm not going to touch on for sure and that is the election, because tonight you'll all know the answer and this would appear until Thursday and perhaps like a well-known magazine, I could be terribly wrong as said magazine was last June. End of next month I'll be filling out another government document which will be more difficult, no matter how simplified it may claim to be.

The other night as we watched TV, I got thinking of the progress made in recording and transmitting sound. I recall well the first sound I ever heard from what we called a talking machine. That must have been 50 years ago.

It was in the summer holidays because I was home in the morning, just sitting on the porch with some playmates. We lived down by the park and I saw a neighbor, Mrs. Harry Jeans, go into our house and some other neighbors for what I suppose nowadays would be called "coffee break" only then we called it just a neighborly call. Suddenly we heard music coming from somewhere but we couldn't trace it and then Mother came around the house and invited us in to hear the machine. That was my introduction to the gramophone age.

The first records were in the shape of cylinders and the machines had first small and then bigger and more ornate horns. This form of home entertainment ousted the stereopticon views and the family album for entertaining visitors. The machines were first portable and later became pieces of furniture. The recording and reproduction were improved and they gradually became more common.

I never got around to being able to afford one but shortly after we were married, my then employer, H. P. Moore, had secured a more modern machine and he loaned us his old one with the big horn. I played "Colonel Bogey" and other band marches on it until the records began to scratch quite a bit and then along came radio.

First radio I ever heard a squeak out of was one built by Jimmie Dobie, who was with the CNR here for several years. I was invited up to his home on Brock Street and put on a set of earphones while he made the adjustments. I heard some voice say "This is New York" and that was all the program we received that night.

The homemade sets developed into bigger gadgets with more knobs and finally developed into contraptions on which the earphones were abolished and every one in the room could hear the programs. Sometimes they were good and other times the reception could be terrible.

The nights they were the worst was when you invited friends in to hear your set. Usually the evening wound up by you blaming the weather for the bad reception. First they were all battery sets and I had a contraption that was as expensive as any in town. When the electric machines came in, I splurged our savings on a cabinet model that brought us many hours of enjoyment.

Really, I bought it as a birthday present for my wife, which happened to be about the same time as the World Series baseball games. Such purchases by men have been made before and have

since been timely and thoughtful for personal reasons.

And now we have TV, and you can not only hear but see programs over the air. Which reminds me of early elections before such sound transmission. The only way you could get early returns was to hire an operator to keep open the telegraph wire at the Post Office and pick up the messages being sent in to the daily papers.

These were given to a boy to take over to the Town Hall, where a crowd of citizens would hear them read. Actually, you just couldn't get a complete country-wide return until the next day or so when the daily papers had given the summary. There weren't then over 20 telephones in the whole of Acton and long distance was something you used only in cases of emergency.

Tonight you'll be listening in the comfort of your home and hearing complete returns from across Canada. We've progressed a great deal in the last 50 years in the mechanical transmission of sound and pictures.

The other day there came to my desk the annual report of the Imperial Oil Company. It received more than passing study because it had been sent by my friend, Mr. Frank Pendergast, and a month or more ago I had had the opportunity to make a tour of the new head office building of this great Canadian industry and learn at first hand what was back of all the figures and pictures shown in the report.

I could see from Mr. Pendergast's office window on the twentieth story of the new building, a Toronto that didn't even exist 40 years ago. The city limits north of Toronto were at the C.P.R. viaduct on Yonge Street and for a nickel you could get a ride that far in a jiffy from downtown.

Last year the company invested more money in plant and equipment up to \$144 millions. The daily output of Imperial's refineries averaged 267,000 barrels. This great enterprise of Canadians retained almost half of the company's net earnings for use in the business. The company has 2,242 oil wells and 143 gas wells capable of production. I found on perusal of the report many things I didn't know about getting big and staying big.

The report was excellently produced, illustrated and presented. Being a printer who likes new work, I turned the pages to find out what company had produced such a fine example of printed material, only to find on the last page in small type "Sampson-Matthews Limited, Toronto."

And here came renewed interest in Imperial Oil's report. Over 45 years ago, "Chuck" Matthews and I were apprentices at the Free Press. The same Chuck Matthews is now head of "Sampson-Matthews", assisted by his two sons in carrying on the best class of printing available anywhere in Canada.

Yes, I'm much, very much, interested in Imperial's report. I'm personally interested but I don't own a share of stock in this great Canadian company. But I'm mighty proud to even have known those who have made such outstanding contributions to Canadian business enterprises.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

BACK IN 1938

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 14th, 1938.

Fire in the roof, fanned by a stiff east breeze, threatened the cottage occupied by George McHugh this morning. The fire brigade made a mad run and with a few buckets of water the blaze was stopped in its early stages. It was thought a spark from the chimney was the origin of the fire.

The literary meeting in the Continuation School on Friday was in charge of Parin I. with Erwin McKewen acting as chairman. A debate, "Resolved that it is better to be a pupil in a small school rather than a large one," was the main feature of the program.

The affirmative side was taken by Gordon Healy and Gerry Paringer, and the negative side by Margaret McPhail and Polly Parry. The judges decided in favor of the negative, the score being 43-45.

The C.G.I.T. held their meeting on Saturday at the home of Mrs. Archie Kerr. After a short singing, Kathleen Faray and Audrey McArthur took the devotional part of the opening exercises.

The officers for the year were elected with the following filling positions: president, Bessie Sparrow; secretary, Audrey McArthur; treasurer, Viola Sparr; and janitor, Isabel Schwabmer. The meeting then closed with prayer and a delightful lunch was served.

The Brampton badminton club held their annual Invitational Tournament on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Acton Y badminton club were represented for the first time.

The locals made a very creditable showing in the 11th division of the tournament. The Acton players were delighted with the spurious contest and it is hoped that next year they will have a larger group entered in this special event.

Taken from an ad. tomatoes, 2 lbs for 12¢; spinach 2 lbs for 12¢; potatoes 15 lb pack 12¢; celery 7 stalks 12¢.

Two months in jail was the sentence of George McDermott in Post Credit police court on Tuesday when he failed to prove that signatures on beer delivery slips were not his. In addition his home was declared a public place for a year.

A new drain has been opened on Willow Street from Church Street southward through the old brickwork and filled the tile which was laid on Saturday. On Monday afternoon the fire brigade was called out and they flushed everything clean.

A delightful evening was spent in the Knox Presbyterian church with the Goforth Mission Band on Tuesday. A very interesting and creditable program was presented by members of the Mission Band under the direction of Misses Minnie Holmes and Queenie McIntyre. Every song recitation and dialogue was well rendered.

The fresh invigorating air of April was much to the bastion's winds of March.

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THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

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GOOD FRIDAY 10:00 a.m.—Lenten Vigil Ante-Communion SUNDAY, APRIL 6th, 1958 EASTER DAY 8:00 a.m.—Holy Communion 9:45 a.m.—Children's Service Lenten Mite Boxes returned at this service 11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class 11:00 a.m.—Festival Choral Communion 4:15 p.m.—Holy Baptism 7:00 p.m.—Lenten Communion JOHN'S CHURCH ROCKWOOD GOOD FRIDAY —11:15 a.m.—Lenten and Lenten Communion EASTER DAY 9:30 a.m.—Festival Choral Communion	SUNDAY, APRIL 6th, 1958 9:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m.—Junior Church and Church School 11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship
ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE 33 Churchhill Road P.A.O.C. Rev. Kenneth J. Reid, Pastor 75 Cook St., phone 648-W Services for	BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON Rev. Ray H. Coesterus, Pastor Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave. Phone 206-W Good Friday—B.Y.P.U. Associationally Bally Strided SUNDAY, APRIL 6th, 1958 EASTER SUNDAY 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School 11:00 a.m.—Worship 7:00 p.m.—Pastor's farewell service. 8:15 p.m.—B.Y.P.U.
SUNDAY, APRIL 6th, 1958 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship 7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study Friday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassador A Friendly Welcome to All!	PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH, ACTON Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D. SUNDAY, APRIL 6th, 1958 9:45 a.m.—Church School 11:00 a.m.—Easter Sunday Worship 7:00 p.m.—Easter Cantata by Knox Choir 8:30 p.m.—Senior-High Fellowship at 8:15 a.m.