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Start and Stop?

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Every [illegible] have to have sand applied [illegible] for the motorists. This year [illegible] was just started to clear it away [illegible] nearly June and it's been a very dry spring and the worst of winter still [illegible] pavement to roll up in [illegible] town in [illegible]

[illegible] improved cleaning [illegible] seems plain folly to [illegible] other parts of new streets as [illegible] have the [illegible] supply [illegible] all summer [illegible] keep our town [illegible] than the one by of [illegible] attention [illegible]

A Life Saver Perhaps

As every motorist knows from personal experience, a breakdown on the road can be [illegible] and embarrassing. It can also at times cause injuries and fatalities.

With the longer evenings and the calendar nearing toward the summer days and vacations ahead, the Provincial Department of Transport is urging a safety check of your car.

After the wear and tear of fall, winter and early spring driving they recommend a check by qualified mechanics found at all the [illegible] shops covering wheel alignment, [illegible] exhaust system, [illegible] and windshield wipers.

Locating the troubles before they cause breakdowns can make these summer months more enjoyable and more comfortable [illegible]

The cost of such a car check is [illegible] a fraction of the cost of one [illegible] that can save you time, [illegible] or perhaps even your life.

The Art of Doing Nothing

One of the curious paradoxes in modern society is the fact that though most of us work fewer hours and have more leisure than our grandfathers did, we appear to have less time. Ours is a busy, almost a frenetic, busy society. The man who sets out to enjoy idleness or even to indulge in the lost forgotten art of contemplation, looked upon as something of an oddball.

Never is the capable people in town are so shamefully being badgered to join this organization or that one, or to accept this or that executive position. To yield to all requests of course soon leaves them loaded down with so many jobs that they can't do any of them properly.

The suggestion that the town is over organized is often repeated. But which of the organizations are the superfluous ones? It would take more courage than we possess to risk an opinion even if we felt competent to advance one.

The situation is not a local one. The same situation exists in many communities and the amount of good work accomplished by the organizations is tremendous.

But a certain amount of idleness can be beneficial. And contemplation, the art of considering an idea or a problem with steady attention, has great positive values that we scorn at our peril. As our shorter work hours buy precious time for living, there comes an obligation to use that time to best advantage. There is a great difference between waste time and a healthful use of leisure.

Failure to Appreciate

We seldom appreciate a thing until we have lost it. A recent example is the loss Georgetown experienced in the burning of the theatre there. While the building is apparently being rebuilt the citizens of that community are without a theatre.

There has been no such serious interruption of the theatre business here and perhaps that is one of the reasons we still fail to appreciate its existence.

Difficulty in continuing any business is experienced if there is little support for it. Small town theatres have not found it easy during the past several years to continue. Local facilities have been improved and many good pictures have been killed.

In one small town where the theatre closed merchants found it to their advantage to patch up the theatre and continue its operation even at a loss. In another smaller centre the municipality actually purchased the theatre to continue its operation.

It's quite true that Acton citizens appreciate a thing until it is lost. Perhaps yet we'll come to appreciate the local Kosy as the people of Georgetown have come to love theirs by far.

We hope the increasing crowds and interest are indicative of the trend back to the local theatre.

Those Modern Dwellings

Gone are the days when a healthy young Canadian contemplating marriage and a home of his own cleared a stretch of wooded land with his axe and using some of the felled logs, built himself a cabin into which to take his bride. Life now is more complicated and municipal housing regulations, require standards, comforts and conveniences undreamed of in pioneer days.

Modern dwellings, though as far from the pioneer cabin as the car is from a saddle horse, still appear to be within reach of a large proportion of Canada's wage earners. Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation statistics indicate.

In 1955, the latest year for which figures are available, the corporation says 49.8 per cent of the families in urban areas that took out National Housing Act mortgages to build homes were in the middle third family income group of $3,513 to $5,423. This includes incomes of dependents as well as of the family head.

But only 6.8 per cent of borrowers were from the lower third income group under $3,513. This indicates large numbers of low income families still cannot attain home ownership under the NHA.

The CMHC figures which apply only to centres of 30,000 population and over show that 43.4 per cent of borrowers were from family groups with incomes over $5,423.

Another CMHC statistic shows that the percentage of double-up families those sharing the same dwelling with one or more other family groups, declined from 9.8 per cent to 7.7 between 1951 and 1956. Of the 285,336 doubled-up families in 1956 more than one half were living with relatives.

This is an encouraging figure. Social workers say one of the most important requirements in a home is that the family has privacy for each of both privacy for the individual members and even other families.

Machines Take Over

Back in 1858 men and animals did 1.65 per cent of all work performed in the United States, according to Robert P. Goodman writing in Parade. Machines did the rest. The work force was 7,500,000.

Today machines account for 98.8 per cent of the work performed. Men and animals do the other 1.8 per cent. The work force is 67,000,000.

One hundred years ago man worked on his job 10, 12 or 14 hours a day. Home was a place to recuperate from fatigue.

Today, with the 40 or less hour work week, the average industrial worker can produce almost four times more in an hour than he could even 50 years ago.

But the man who becomes fatigued on a new job may be given a measure to the hard work which he puts in at home. That "extra" has become known as the "spare time" balance.

The statistics indicate that new machines, instead of depriving men of work, actually create more jobs and provide more time at home. Ottawa Journal.

HAPPY INTERLUDE

We like to attend auction sales at this season of the year. If the long winter has sort of got you down, a visit to a sale provides a pleasant change. Arnprior (Ont.) Enterprise-News.

We suggest that the average American teacher or student is so wrapped up in the history and geography of his own country that he has little time to spend on the country of his neighbor. Peace River Block (Dawson Creek, B.C.) News.

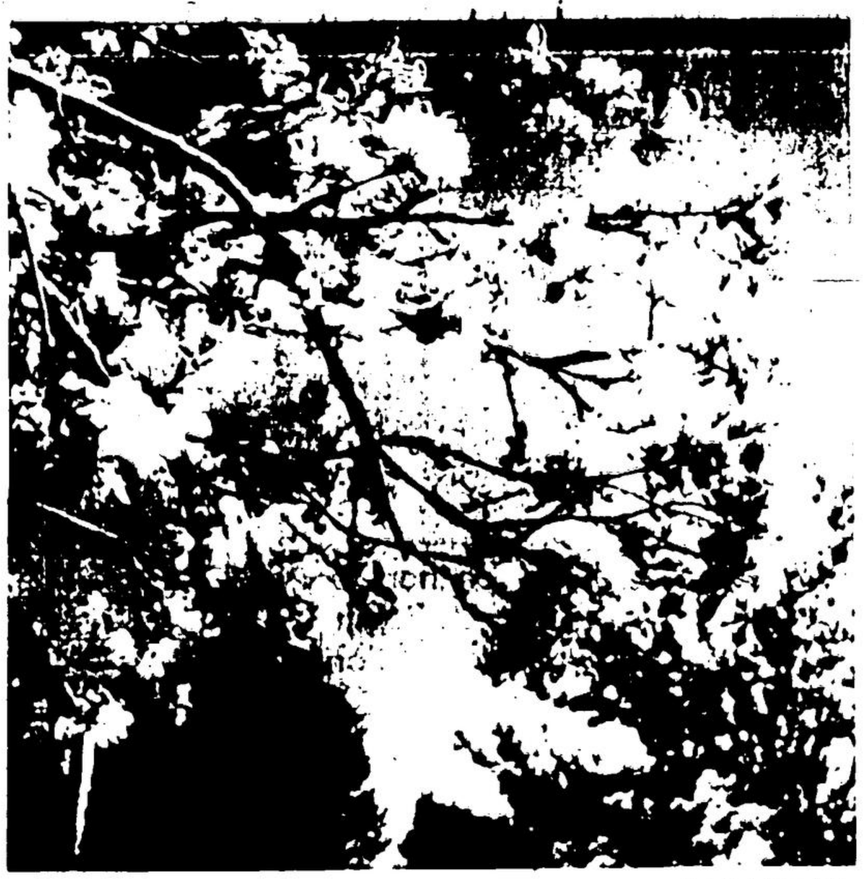

Photo by Elliott Taylor

Perfumed Petals

G.A.D. About...

Decoration Day 1958

The observance of Decoration Day in Acton dates back only a few years but in only a short time it has proved very popular. This year it occurs next Sunday, June 1st and is under the auspices of the Acton Mayor and Council.

I did intend to treat this event editorially this week but as I thought it over and so many memories kept crowding in I decided to write a little more personally in my own column.

Every year many former Actonians come back to meet old friends and every year sees more gaps of friends missing who reminds us inferred in Eastview cemetery. It provides such a fine time for old scene and former citizens to mingle as the summer is past, bertimonts and flowers are fairly plentiful.

To those who remembered Acton's Decoration Day and those who carry it on each year, it is a day of happy memories from all of us who can even this opportunity to participate each year.

There are four fine points for observance each year at the Cenotaph on Mill Street at Eastview Cemetery, at St. Joseph's Cemetery and at the old Pioneer Cemetery out off Knox Avenue. It's fully [illegible] years the Boy Scouts and [illegible] do this after [illegible] the flag marker of the names on the stones in the cemeteries. There will be a [illegible] called by few present Actonians.

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[illegible]

Many of the [illegible] that are still [illegible] ago. The [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] W. H. Storey [illegible] Acton [illegible]

[illegible]

Decoration Day Photo. [illegible] Acton [illegible] Park [illegible] Saturday, May [illegible]

[illegible]

Decoration Day Photo. [illegible] Acton [illegible] Park [illegible]

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THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA
St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1st, 1958
TRINITY SUNDAY.

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion
9.45 a.m. Church School
11.00 a.m. Beginners Class
11.00 a.m. Choral Communion

BAPTIST CHURCH
ACTON

Interim Pastor Rev. Harold Slater, Guelph, Ont.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1st, 1958
Saturday, May 31: 8 p.m. — Adult Fellowship
9.45 a.m. — Sunday School
11.00 a.m. — Morning Worship and Communion

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON

Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1st, 1958
9.45 a.m.—Church School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship.
Members of Walker Masonic Lodge attending service.

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Acton, Ontario

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76 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 6

SUNDAY, JUNE 1st, 1958
9.45 a.m. Morning Prayer
10.00 a.m.—Junior Church and Church School
11.15 a.m.—Morning Worship

ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
33 Churchill Road
PAOC
Rev. Kenneth J. Reid, Pastor
75 Cook St., phone 649-W

Services for
SUNDAY, JUNE 1st, 1958
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship
Rev. T. T. Latto speaking
7.30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service
On Sunday, June 8, our new Tabernacle, will be officially opened with dedication service, special speakers.

WOLF CUB NEWS

[illegible]

1st Acton V Pack

[illegible]

"B" Pack

[illegible]

This Saturday morning at 8.30 a.m. there is to be a special cub meeting at the scout hall for the purpose of the Cubaree Cubs attending will be given special opportunities to place on teams.

Transportation from Acton to Georgetown is needed for taking local cubs to the Cubaree on Saturday afternoon at 12.30 p.m. Approximately 70 cubs are expected to take part in the day's activities, so about 10-12 cars will be needed. If any parent can provide transportation, please contact the leader of your son's cub pack.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

BACK IN 1908

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, May 28, 1908.

A new rope was put into the flag staff at the Public School tower last Friday afternoon by Mr. Alex. [illegible] who [illegible] by his brother-in-law, Mr. Hector Gillies. It was a difficult piece of business and required the skill and nerve of a steeplejack to be completed.

The former rope had only been in a few months. It was cut down by a pair of "smart Alecks" last Hallowe'en. The present cost the town $[illegible].

The cinders used for the resting and wall of the council chamber arrived last week and are there. While it was putting it in Repairs to cinders and wall were found necessary and about [illegible] William decided that the important room of the hall was worthy of being well done.

Last Wednesday evening a number of boys were letting off firecrackers near William [illegible] blacksmith shop at Lowville. During the night the premises were completely demolished by fire. It is supposed the work of the fire was incendiary. [illegible]

There were a few [illegible] for the purchasing the [illegible] of fireworks and they [illegible] Acton. [illegible] Apparently the work of the fire-fiend [illegible] Mill Street [illegible] Hill [illegible] Mill [illegible]

Some of the young fellows who had been spending the day at Georgetown thought [illegible] have with them. A large number of them went for off together and the result at three [illegible] the best of a spring [illegible] Mr. McLaughlin [illegible]

The [illegible] ladies [illegible] and [illegible] Thursday, the [illegible] of the Lady [illegible] [illegible] by the [illegible] last week.

[illegible] Mr. [illegible] Mr. B. [illegible] TODD [illegible]

BACK IN 1938

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, June 2, 1938

While inspector Leslie P. Menzies of Guelph was driving down the road between Acton and Milton, he met with an accident which resulted in an injured shoulder and bruises as well as considerable damage to his car.

Going over a small hill on a narrow road he saw another car coming and put on his brakes. There was loose gravel on the road and his car went out of control and turned over.

The Acton senior team travelled to Oakville last Saturday and although they lost they put up a real game. Gordon pitched good ball and was well supported by good fielding. Oakville was the better team on the play, winning [illegible]

Although the road boys lost the game [illegible] Oakville. It is [illegible] the [illegible] little [illegible] the Acton [illegible]

[illegible]

The Women's Auxiliary of St. Alban's Church held a [illegible] of work on the Parish House [illegible] afternoon [illegible] Mrs. W. H. Storey [illegible]

[illegible]

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COACHES LEAVE ACTON
Daylight Time
Eastbound
6.33 a.m. (Daily except Sun. and Hol.); 8.58 a.m.; 11.33 a.m.; 2.08 p.m.; 5.08 p.m.; 6.33 p.m.; 8.33 p.m.; 10.08 p.m. (Sun. and Hol.)
Westbound
10.27 a.m.; 12.57 p.m.; 2.57 p.m.; 5.27 p.m.; 7.27 p.m.; 9.12 p.m.; 11.32 p.m.; 1.12 a.m. (Fri., Sat., Sun. and Hol.)

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS
Standard Time
Eastbound
Daily 5.40 a.m.; Daily except Sundays 10.00 a.m.; 7.14 p.m.; Sunday only 8.01 p.m.; Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown 9.03 a.m.; 6.37 p.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown 10.11 p.m.
Westbound
Daily 11.44 p.m.; Daily except Sunday, 8.30 a.m.; 6.33 p.m.; 7.49 p.m.; Saturday only 1.22 p.m.; Sunday only 9.03 a.m. (flagstop); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph 7.06 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. 5.33 p.m.