

# THE GOOD OLD DAYS

## Acton Fair This Week

With the autumn comes the harvest season and in Southern Ontario thousands turn out thankfully to the acknowledgment of the blessings of bountiful harvests.

Symbolic of the harvest and its quality Acton this week holds its agricultural fall fair, the showplace of district agriculture as farmers display their attractive produce and their fine animals.

There is entertainment for everyone too. The midway provides its share of interest while the arena show on the Friday evening attracts hundreds for the special events there.

Most important the Fall Fair provides a meeting place for town and country. Those children who never see farm animals except from a distance have a fine opportunity to see the agricultural animals on display.

It is becoming increasingly important that town and country folks have a common

meeting annually that each can see the share played by the other in meeting the everyday needs of a growing nation.

Perhaps someday an effective trade fair might form part of the annual agricultural event and the farm folks would have a better idea of what local industries produce and how. This would also serve to explain the operations to the other town folks who probably are not fully aware of what happens in other industries.

It is important that the annual fall fair continue and grow, that its purpose will not be lost and that encouragement to local producers remains the achievement of high quality.

Acton Fair is Friday and Saturday. Good weather and thousands of people will be most welcome, we're sure.

## Self Help—Self Respect

What child isn't delighted to earn money through sales of lemonade which he has made? True, he must be provided with the lemons, the sugar and the pitcher. But the pleasure derived from his earnings is infinitely greater than if he were given the money outright.

This fact is the basis of the Canadian Junior Red Cross International relief projects. Through its fund for International Help and Understanding, the tools for helping themselves are given to less fortunate children throughout the world.

Last year, members of the Canadian Junior Red Cross contributed pennies, nickels and dimes, totalling \$50,862 to this fund. This money was used to purchase "raw materials" as sewing machines and carpentry tools for youngsters in Ceylon, laboratory equipment for 22 schools in Korea, and occupational therapy equipment for crippled children in Germany.

In 1955, Canadian Juniors provided a

number of farm animals, farming equipment and housing materials for a community of orphaned Korean boys. Today, these boys are happily self-sufficient with a thriving, productive farm that is growing every year.

This newspaper is proud of our young readers who are members of the Canadian Junior Red Cross and salutes "Junior Red Cross Week in Canada." They are a vital group of the more than 45 million children who share mutual ideals and principles of 71 nations of the world.

From British Columbia to Newfoundland, over 1,270,000 students will be enrolling in 39,000 branches this week. In this province, there are 578,724 boys and girls in our elementary and high schools who are members of the Canadian Junior Red Cross.

These citizens of tomorrow, through their many Junior Red Cross projects, are helping children in other lands to maintain their self-respect. At the same time, our youth are making fast friends.

## Colorful Autumn Ahead

Nature begins to tint the broad leaves of northern forest trees in mid-September. In northwestern Ontario, from Lake of the Woods east to the Canadian Lakehead and throughout Northern Ontario above Highway 17, the land, seen from a plane, becomes a beautiful carpet of gold (of yellow birch and poplar) and green (of spruce, pine and hemlock) with startling accents of brilliant scarlet (of sumac).

Along Highway 17... throughout the "Sun Parlour" and Blue Water countries, Manitoulin, French River, Parry Sound, Huronia, Caledon Hills, and the Midlands, the Lake Nipissing, Loring Restoule, Magnetawan, Algonquin Park, Muskoka and Simcoe districts, the Haliburton, Kawartha and Rideau Lakes, Land O' Lakes areas; the Ottawa and St. Lawrence Valleys and the Bay of

Quinte and Lake Ontario shores... sugar maples increasingly add deep red, scarlet, orange and gold to the colourful scene and elms, beeches and other hardwoods vary the aureate hues, as autumn creeps daily southward.

In Ottawa's great and beautiful system of public gardens, uncountable thousands of yellow and gold chrysanthemums combine with the flame-tinted hardwood trees that line the city's scenic drives, to create a natural masterpiece. Ontario's many other communities are also beautifully treed and become colourfully beguiling.

Ontario is truly beautiful in the autumn. Our own Halton county has its share of beauty and drives along the country roads can be very enjoyable.

## Spotlight on Civil Defence

Appointment on Tuesday of Lieut. Commander W. B. McGregor, Burlington as Civil Defence Co-ordinator brings into focus Civil Defence Day on Friday.

The county appointment indicates a growing concern for the development of an adequate organization that would be in action in the briefest possible time following national or natural emergency.

Nurgence Hazel hit this area during its brief life but it was not as serious as in other locations. Still there were bridges out that went unmarked and the emergencies that could have developed during the power black out could indeed have been more severe.

Halton County has established its headquarters in Milton with a transmitting tower adequate to serve the area. It will be necessary to continue the organization of groups in specific fields, that can be called into action when emergencies hit.

Firemen and police are already pretty well organized. Halton's Mutual Aid fire system is the envy of many counties. Auxiliary police have been trained in preparation for emergencies. Ahead there is the need for organizing the other important life lines for an emergency.

### HOUSEWIFE DECIDES

Once in a while, a person who has been laid off for lack of work will argue with sincere conviction that poor times, or recessions or depressions are planned by "the bosses." A moment's thought will remind anyone that "the bosses" do best when goods sell easily at good prices.

The housewife is one person who has much to do with prosperity, or lack of it. If she decides not to spend, or to spend less, on luxuries or the more expensive kinds of food, or not to buy a new stove, her decision is noted by boards of directors, whom she causes furiously to think.

All who have to do with the making and marketing of goods and services should always remember that the housewife has views on quality, kind, style and price.



—Photo by Esther Taylor

## "September Motif"



● **TIMES DO CHANGE** and now it seems the popular garden parties of earlier days are giving way to chicken barbecues. Outdoor summer events have lost some of their popularity in the district with the unpredictable weather probably playing a share. The barbecue business is now getting specialized just as garden parties used to be. To be sure of the finest organization was being in a barbecue service that looks after the details like hanging the chickens. And it's certainly one way to really enjoy a chicken.

● **NIGHT SCHOOL** activities are warming up again with the list of courses being offered varying and attractive. With new schools costing as much as they do it's a good thing parents and taxpayers can get some value from the facilities themselves. There's the importance of self-improvement too and with more leisure time most teachers, hobbies are a good place for self-expression.

● **I GOT THE BEST** laugh in years the other day when I watched a sack-clad one as it chemically sales pitch trying to demonstrate the new hula hoop for watching youngsters.

● **ONE READER** reports traffic on country roads Sunday was much heavier than usual. That beautiful bright day just got all the Sunday drivers out for another look before the long winter, I guess.

● **IF NEWS WENT** in straight lines, it would probably never get there. News of an event in our family went from Acton to Sudbury to Beekwood to Milton. Perhaps it took a little longer, but who can beat those lines of communication.

unless perhaps it be the newspaper.

● **ACTUALLY** I thought I am collecting was one of those hobbies that not too many people bothered about now. That's how come I got a surprise at the number of enquiries for the stamps from Bombay I talked about last week. The demand has exceeded the supply and if those who haven't got theirs yet are patient, I'll get them to them as soon as possible.

● **BLESSED ARE** they who are blessed are they who sing in the morning. Whose faces have smiles from their early adorning. Who come down to breakfast accompanied with cheer. Who don't dwell on trouble or discontentment. Whose eyes smile so bravely, whose lips curve to say, "Life, I salute you! Good morning, new day!" — A Great Soul

● **IT'S GETTING** to be pretty expensive stuff. It's going to work out for about \$15 a can," commented a magistrate as he fined two men for illegal possession of liquor. They were arrested when police found eight cans of U.S. beer in their car.

● **ORANGEVILLE** Council has a complex problem on its hands. A former resident, skilled 45 unframed paintings valued at \$10,000. They are the towns if they provide a suitable place where they can be placed on public view. The town is presently facing heavy sewage system costs and as one councillor put it, "It's going to cost money, it's a choice of either sewer or art."

The paintings go to the city of Vancouver if Orangeville doesn't accept them.

● **THE \$5 A MONTH** now paid our older citizens may not seem large. But points out The Financial Post the average couple receiving \$110 between them would have to have saved about \$13,000 to buy an annuity at age 70 that would pay them that much for life. If they didn't want to eat into capital, it would take about \$13,000 invested at 4% to produce \$110 a month income. That's in addition to every Canadian's retirement "savings" which is not to be sneezed at.

● **ONLY ONE** U.S. mailman in five escapes a dog bite during his career. And it's probably up and back for him too. Bramford Expressor.

## W.M.S. Members Tour Lovely Garden

The Women's Missionary Society of the United Church met at the home of Mrs. C. W. Mason on Tuesday of last week with the president, Miss M. Z. Bennett, presiding. The meeting opened with a hymn, prayer and the Lord's Prayer in unison.

For community friendship, Mrs. E. Clarke reported several new people in town. For Christian stewardship, Mrs. Gordon Johnson reported Scripture service was taken by Mrs. H. H. Forrester and her group, Mrs. B. Veldhuis and Mrs. G. Adams.

The society has collected several pounds of nylon hose to be sent to Japan to be used for different purposes. Mrs. Bell sent a parcel of children's hose and mitts which will be used for mission work.

A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Mason for her home and to the lunch committee. Lunch was served by Mrs. Pince and her group. The guest speaker for the thanksgiving meeting will be Mrs. Shilton of Alliston.

A stroll through the very beautiful garden which Mr. and Mrs. Mason are very proud of is always enjoyed and the ladies appreciate the chance of holding meetings at this home.

## Record Session Minute and Half

**TRAFALGAR** — The township council adjourned last week following the formal motion to do so, but within one minute the council began an session again upon the discussion of the third reading of a by-law had been omitted.

Officially and legally the council then re-convened, the by-law was duly read, and once more the members adjourned. Times of the second session—one and a half minutes.

**AT SCHOOL** — In the 1956-57 school year there were 3,297,450 students enrolled in Canada's publicly-controlled schools.

## BACK IN 1908

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, September 17, 1908

In order that all the members of the congregation might have an opportunity of seeing them in their home, Rev. and Mrs. Barker held a reception at the newly acquired Methodist parsonage on Willow St. yesterday afternoon and evening. Assisting during the popular function were Mrs. Thurlill, Mrs. John Stephenson, Mrs. A. Y. Brown and Miss Clara E. Moore, Katie Spaight, May Moore, and Ethel Coleman.

Dr. Coote is rearranging and improving the house he recently purchased on Main St.

As a result of the continued dry weather, the pasture and lawn have become very parched and dry. The two G.T.R. passenger trains that meet at Rockwood at 3:30 p.m. almost had a serious collision last Wednesday night. The train that leaves Clapham for Toronto at 8:10 always waits on the siding at Rockwood for No. 9 from Acton to pass.

That night No. 9 steamed into Rockwood a little earlier than usual and before No. 10 had gotten safely on the siding, the pilot on the engine of No. 9 struck the last parlor car of No. 10, lifting the rear trucks of the car off the rails. The car was set on fire but the blaze was promptly extinguished and none of the passengers were injured.

Mr. Spencer Husband has sent the Free Press a novelty in the shape of a lawn mower, both parts being perfectly formed from stem to blossom point.

Dr. Gray attended the meeting of municipal representatives which met in Toronto on Wednesday of last week to consider the power schemes of the Hydro Electric Power Commission.

The direct lines named when the contracts were under consideration a few weeks ago did not include a number of towns anxious to have the power but it was at the meeting decided to favor the admission of the municipalities of both in the east and west, and these included Acton and Georgetown.

The provincial detectives are of the opinion that a great many untriable members are housebreakers and sneak thieves. Should any one give one of the sneak thieves a job, they would be wise to keep an eye on him until he has completed the work and made his departure.

## BACK IN 1938

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, September 17, 1938

Between 1:30 and 2:00 a.m. on Monday morning, a 12-ton trailer, loaded with equipment of a wild west show, was struck by a freight car that was being shunted on the C.N.R. railway crossing on Mill St. and overturned. A freight car was being left on the siding, and was cut loose from the train in the yard.

The driver of the truck failed to notice the car coming down the track and the trailer was struck about four feet from the rear end and overturned. The two men riding in the cab were unharmed. Damage to the freight amounted only to a splinter off one corner.

Acton Fair has passed its silver jubilee and records show that more than 100,000 people have seen the exhibits since they were first shown and again good weather contributed largely to the enjoyment of the event.

Next week will be known as Open House Week at the Y.M.C.A. Special events will be held to which everyone is invited.

The little old meeting house at Crossways Corner, was filled to capacity on Sunday afternoon when the building was dedicated to the Charles W. Lambert memorial chapel. Mr. W. Lambert, who died in 1908, whose layday days were spent on a farm near the Corners had made possible the maintaining of the church and had handed over the building to the community for a place in which to worship.

Another block of the Mill Street paving is being done. Three blocks are now completed.

Jack Kentner, veteran hockey player was chosen coach of the junior club at the annual meeting of other members of the executive included president C. Cook, vice-president W. Coon, secretary treasurer E. Don, manager H. F. Holmes, mascot Percy Woods.

Fire of unknown origin demolished a large barn on the farm of James Thompson, about one mile north of Acton, early Sunday morning. About 100,000 lbs. of hay and \$2000 worth of stock and hay were destroyed and several cows were destroyed in the blaze.

Apple blossoms in September are a bit later than in June. Mr. J. D. Smith of the market is thought to be a fair judge of the fruit. On Friday Apples were growing on the same tree from which the blossoms were plucked.

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## THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**  
**KNOX CHURCH, ACTON**  
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st, 1958**  
11:00 a.m.—Bible Day Service (Children's worship with adult congregation)  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship  
7:00 p.m.—Sunday evening forum

**THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR**  
Rector: Rev. H. B. Stukreef, L. Th. S.T.B.  
185 Jeffrey St., phone 285

**FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW, Apostle, Evangelist**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st, 1958**  
8:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist  
9:45 a.m.—Church School  
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class  
11:00 a.m.—Choral Eucharist

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Phone 60  
Mr. George Elliott Organist and Choir Leader  
76 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 6.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st, 1958**  
9:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer  
10:00 a.m.—Junior Church and Church School  
11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship.

**BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st, 1958**  
9:45 a.m.—Church School  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship  
Special: Mr. Norman McLeod of Brampton  
7:00 p.m.—BYPU  
Monday, 6:30—Junior Choir rehearsal  
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer meeting

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Rev. Kenneth J. Reid, Pastor  
75 Cook St., phone 619-W

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st, 1958**  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship  
The evening service is withdrawn due to the World Conference of Pentecostal Churches being held in Coliseum Arena, Exhibition Park, Toronto, September 14-21.