EDITORIAL

Keeping the Peace

A new thought for Remembrance Day? How can there be a new thought when the remembrance of those who died in wars to end wars is still the significant feature of the annual remembrance day? And why should it be different?

We have come through, as a civilization, the first world war, the second world war, the Korean conflict, the cold war, troubled times, shellings at Formosa, trouble in the Suez, Arab-Israeli conflicts and other hotbeds of discord.

In any of these conflicts there are those who were lost and those we should remember. Specifically of course our day of remembrance being observed in town is in honor of those who lost their lives in the two world wars and the Korean conflict.

It is the names of these men and women that are etched on the monuments in towns and cities across Canada. It is of these we are reminded in an age when it is all too easy to forget the past and look at the troubled times ahead.

Perhaps on this day of Remembrance we might bow our heads in humble appreciation to the supreme sacrifice so many paid for us and at the sound of the trumpet lift our heads with a renewed determination to do our part in the keeping of the peace in our time.

Sympathy in Sorrow

Springhill . . . a more than significant disaster and miracle.

The people of this community, while not close to the scene of the Nova Scotia mining disaster, are close in spirit as they consider in terms of human lives the terrible tragedy that has befallen this town of 7000.

We can rejoice that some have been saved miraculously and were found by the rescue crews. The long night vigils their friends and wives kept and the prayers of the miners themselves were duly rewarded.

The name of Springhill can't help but conjure up the tense look of waiting miners and the dogged, grief-numbed faces of wives and children.

An underground convulsion known as a "bump" suddenly wrenched Cumberland pit No. 2 trapping 174 miners.

Difficulty and disaster are not new to the community. Five years ago levelled the business section and there is a history of disaster in the mines where lives have been lost.

We can extend sympathy as one community to another. It is our hope that those who remain in Springhill will not have further disasters to mar their community.

What Teenagers Can Do

The mother of a teenage student and Ralph N. Peterson of the guidance department of the Spokane public schools became engrossed one day in the ubiquitous complaint of the teenagers about not having anything to do.

They came up with the answer, several of them for that matter, and they are gaining in circulation.

"Always we hear the plaintive cry of teenagers 'What can we do? Where can we go?'"

"I can make some suggestions. GO HOME!

"Hang storm windows. Paint the woodwork. Rake the leaves. Mow the lawn. Shovel the walk. Wash the car. Learn to cook. Scrub some floors. Repair the sink. Build a boat. Get a job.

"Help the minister, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army. Visit the sick. Assist the poor. Study your lessons. And when you're through . . . and too tired . . . read a book.

"Your parents do not owe you entertainment. Your village does not owe you recreation facilities. The world does not owe you a living, you owe the world something. You owe it your time and energy, and your talents so that no one will be at war, or in poverty, or sick, or lonely again.

"In plain, simple words, 'GROW UP', quit being a cry baby, get out of your dream world, develop a backbone, not a wishbone, and start acting like a man or a lady."

"I'm a parent. I'm tired of nursing, protecting, helping, appealing, begging, excusing, tolerating, denying myself needed comforts for every whim and fancy, just because your selfish ego instead of common sense dominates your personality, and thinking and requests." Great Falls Leader.

The Party Line

"The communist Party . . . supports those authors . . . who, with the people, are glad in the success of the nation in building Communism and find bright colors to show these successes."

That policy statement by Nikita Krushchev indicates the nature of trouble the Nobel prize-winning author Boris Pasternak is in.

Through the central figure in the book Doctor Zhivago the author has chosen to enlighten the world on some of the darker colors of Russian Communism. That, of course, is why the book was forbidden publication in the Soviet and denounced as "artistically squalid."

John Gunther in his "Inside Russia" tells us that "Free literary expression was crushed . . . exterminated during the Stalin period, and it goes without saying that it is still held down; nothing even approaching true intellectual freedom exists, or will be permitted to exist."

Such suppression of freedom is of course one the the things free world residents hold against the Russian way of life. Their news services and newspapers must all serve the common political purpose.

It is a difficult situation for us to understand. For so many years freedom of speech and freedom of the press have been a part of our way of living they have been passively accepted.

In this passiveness however lies the danger that accompanies any form of lethargy toward an important part of our way of life. Newspapers today seem more than ever to encounter those who think it best certain things not be printed.

Talking to a neighboring editor last week he recounted his difficulties with the local council that last spring held its budget debate in a closed session.

Such things a few years ago would have aroused an electorate. Today the threats against "the right to know" are noted with a lethargy that is alarming.

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All the news can't possibly be good.

Brief Comment

Business is international and nowhere is that truer than in Canada, says Vincent Egan in The Financial Post.

Competing in Canada are more than 5,000 subsidiaries of foreign companies. At least 3,750 are subsidiaries of U.S. companies, 950 of U.K. firms and 300 of parents in other nations.

This ownership keeps growing, and no diminution is in sight.

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When Canada's new Estate Tax Act takes effect January 1, the cost of dying in the central provinces will become sharply higher than in the other eight provinces.

Alone among the 10 provinces, Ontario and Quebec will continue to impose succession duties even after Ottawa has abandoned succession duties in favor of a tax on estates.

The result will be a marked difference between total taxes in these two provinces and in the other eight.

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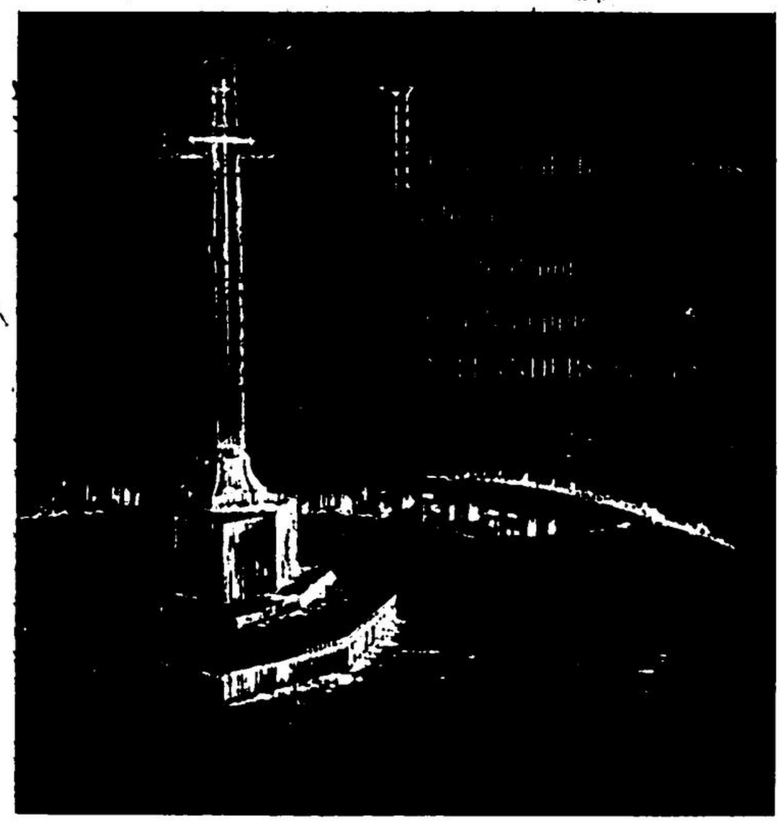

G.A.D. About

Some Difficulties Overcome

There is no doubt I made a slight miscalculation when I estimated that my time in getting back into writing this column would only be a couple of weeks. I did not realize all that would be involved in the procedure and that it would involve alterations in our home and alterations in my method of writing this column.

The last few weeks I have overcome a lot of these difficulties. I have got off of the top flor and moved onto one floor at home but it is some different from being about and knowing what is going on.

The past week I have procured a sound recording device which I hope will put my thoughts back in their proper place in the column. But like everything else that is new, it takes some time to get accustomed to a new method of writing and the old method has not yet returned. I presume that only practice will bring any degree of excellence in writing on the machine with tape whirling in front of you and keeping track of what is being recorded.

Since coming home I have been able to have one quick trip around town to view some of the things that have been going on during the past few weeks, all of which has of course been reported in my only method of communication, which is what I read in the newspapers. Both in Acton and in other places about, I read of many changes that have taken place and new things that have gone on.

In the first place, the drive about town impressed me with the number of buildings that are underway and nearing completion. The general tendency seems to be for Acton's Mill Street to grow longer and longer and I noted with pleasure that the widening of the old street had been completed up to the railway track and there will be more and more room for parking on the east end of the street than there has been formerly.

New industries are making quite a contribution on the north - west end of town and I was quite amazed to see the progress on two new factories that will add a lot to the general welfare of Acton. The H. K. Porter firm has quite a commendable construction and apparently is getting well settled in a new location. I was also interested to see the Micro Plastics building which is making another contribution to Acton's industrial life and will take the industrial section of the town along the west side of the railway. It is a good industrial location.

Apparently what is known as the business section has expanded a good deal in the past few weeks and I noted with interest the progress that has been made on the Van Gils block and the story that was told of the number of removals and changes that were about to take place in Acton in the commercial or retail section of the community.

But of course, you who have been getting about normally will notice these things and not be so impressed with what has been going on over many weeks.

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Correspondence on my desk has been accumulating during the past few weeks and I hope very soon to answer many of the very fine letters which I have received. In the meantime those who read the column will have to take for granted as a general answer that I have appreciated very much the fine things that have been said and the many words of encouragement that have been given in the last weeks that I have been away from the desk.

Let me assure you that this means of writing does not come easily. I am entranced by the whirling of the dials rather than the paper that would normally be in front of me. The column this week is really a short run to try out the effect that can be obtained in the new method of expression.

No doubt everyone reads of the marvels and the changes in the ways of helps that are available to the handicapped: hearing aids and speech aids and all sorts of assistances which according to the instructions are very simple and easy to become accustomed to. They are no doubt filling a great need and as time goes on, we hope to be able to record our thoughts on tape with the same ease we used to have in putting them down on paper. We then recorded out what we did not like and added something else. We have instructed the one who copies the tape to leave plenty of space between the lines so that the may be accomplished when the proof comes to us.

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We are making no predictions regarding the future of this column but it will undoubtedly follow the pattern as in the past alternating with Janes Jottings and not be a regular weekly feature. It all depends how we get along writing on tape and getting about because undoubtedly we cannot write a column G.A.D. About when G.A.D. is not about.

From time to time we will fill in with reminiscences and articles of historical interest. Having been connected with Acton as long as we have and appearing at most of the public functions from time to time it is difficult to lay down the pen immediately. It is also difficult to take up the tape just as quickly, so for this week a fond farewell and we hope that we may be able to see you again in this column from time to time.

LIMEHOUSE

Bermuda Resident W.M.S. Speaker

(Intended for last week)

Mrs. W. Mitchell was hostess for the Fall Thankoffering meeting of Limehouse W.M.S. on Tuesday evening of last week with about 30 attending. Mr. Darcie, a native of Bermuda, was guest speaker, entitling his well prepared talk "Does Your Religion Touch You?"

Compares North and South

He compared the church service of the south with that to which we are accustomed, telling us of the expressiveness of the southern while ours has become so quiet that perhaps civilization has pressed and pressed religion into one segment. The speaker was introduced by Mrs. A. W. Benton and Mrs. J. Roughley gave the courtesy report.

Scripture was read by Mrs. Smethurst and Mrs. Mills led in prayer. Rev. A. Calder was the appreciated soloist accompanied by Mrs. Roughley. Mrs. A. J. Buchanan of Acton brought greetings from her group and Mrs. W. T. Sinclair expressed the good wishes of the Georgetown society. A social hour followed the benediction by the minister.

Church Service

Mr. McIlroy, student at Knox College, conducted services at Limehouse Presbyterian church last Sunday while Rev. A. Calder was guest preacher at his home church anniversary services at Beaverton.

We regret that Mr. and Mrs. James Finlay are both in hospital, but we wish them both improvement in health soon.

Archie McDonald is convalescing in Guelph General Hospital following an abdominal operation.

HIGH INCREASE

From 1940 to 1957 the average cost of plant and equipment to create one new job in manufacturing in Canada increased from $8,433 to $11,440.

THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
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Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., B.D.
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Mr. George Elliott
Organist and Choir Leader

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9th, 1958

9.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer
11.15 a.m.—Morning Worship.
10.00 a.m.—Junior Church and Church School.
7.30 p.m.—Y.P.U. Fireside

Children under 5 minded at all services.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9th, 1958

10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7.30 p.m.—Evangelistic.

Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Prayer and Bible Study.
Friday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9th, 1958

9.45 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—"More Than Servants Friends"
7.00 p.m.—Bright song service. Sermon subject, "Bring the Book."
A Cordial Welcome to All

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9th, 1958

9.45 a.m.—Church School.
11.00 a.m.—Service of Remembrance
7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship.
8.15 p.m.—Church School staff meeting.

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9th, 1958
23rd SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Remembrance Sunday

8.30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
9.45 a.m.—Church School.
11.00 a.m.—Beginners' Class
11.00 a.m.—Mattins and Sermon.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Nov. 10, 1938.

Plans for a fitting observance of Remembrance Day have been arranged not only for Acton, but in Nassagaweya and Rockwood tomorrow, and citizens generally will observe the day as a public holiday in accord with official designation.

A Hallowe'en masquerade held in Lane School last Thursday evening by the U.F.Y.P.O., was a real success and the large number of splendid costumes gave the judges a difficult job. Among those who won prizes were Laura Johnston, Wilmer Davidson, Gordon Leslie, Mrs. J. J. Stewart, Mrs. Charles Davidson and Howard Johnston.

The November meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was the annual meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. McCutcheon. Mrs. J. Walker, president, was in charge. Winners in euchre were Mrs. G. W. Moore, Mrs. W. McCutcheon and Mrs. Earl Lambert.

Powerful new floodlights have been installed by the Canada Packers at the plant, and the [illegible] Beaubien Company [illegible] on the former street [illegible] Johnston. The light [illegible] on the [illegible] period.

Good progress is being made on the alterations to the Acton Post Office, which will be a marked improvement.

Acton Chapter, Royal Canadian Legion, [illegible] the first of a series of full dress dances held in the Legion hall on Sunday evening. Jeff Lee, an appreciative audience. Mr. [illegible] Barr was chosen as the lucky one and complimented the hostess on the success which had been achieved in winning first place at the competition in Toronto. Bandmaster A. H. Perrett was in charge.

Another evidence of the mildness of the season was shown by Free Press this week. A few branches of lilac have replaced a bed of roses picked in November by Mr. Ed. Spread on Main Street. The lilac bush is in full [illegible] and [illegible] flowers. The bush had [illegible] position where it is sheltered on at least two sides by more not fully revealed.

We still have Indian Summer to look forward to.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Nov. 5, 1908.

The annual plowing match of the Esquesing Agricultural Society will be held on the farm of Mr. Richard N. Brown, Acton, on Friday, 13th of November, when $160 will be offered in prizes.

A quiet but very happy wedding took place at St. Alban's church at 2 o'clock last Saturday morning when Mr. Walter Howell Flood and Miss Bertha Mortimer were joined in bonds of holy wedlock.

The frame of the shed at the Disciple Church on Church Street was purchased and removed last week by Mr. Thomas P. Watkins. He will re-erect it on his farm to replace the drying shed lost by the recent fire. This shed was erected by the ladies of the Methodist Church when their first church in Acton was built on Lot [illegible] Concession. Recently was the [illegible] The [illegible] of the Disciples Church in [illegible].

The [illegible] were awarded in the early evening [illegible] after Nassagaweya [illegible] Hall to a crowded room of the [illegible] Sunday.

Mr. H. H. Wilson [illegible] of [illegible] to the city.

Mr. [illegible] November 9 has been proclaimed a day for general thanksgiving to Almighty God for the many benefits bestowed on us during the year. Let us [illegible] and [illegible].

The usual evening services in the Methodist Church conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon have continued during the week with continued interest and a large number of persons have signified the desire to give themselves to Christ and his service.

The world's food week of Hallowe'en saw the lifting of the waste [illegible] which hounds at the Corporation Park men not boys should do. As a result [illegible] for 24 hours. [illegible] any [illegible].

The fire [illegible] came [illegible] at [illegible] of the [illegible].

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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.).

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Standard Time
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Daily 6.41 a.m. Daily except Sundays 10.00 a.m.; 7.16 p.m.; Sunday only 8.01 p.m.; Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown 9.02 a.m.; 6.23 p.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown 10.11 p.m.
Westbound
Daily 11.44 p.m.; Daily except Sunday, 8.30 a.m.; 6.50 p.m.; 7.45 p.m.; Saturday only 2.22 p.m.; Sunday only 9.43 a.m. (flagstop); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph 7.05 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. 6.12 p.m.