# A Preferred Class

Acton like every other town is a free enterprise community and establishment of a business here is normally accepted as the right of an individual. Permission to operate stores in the town is not necessarily given or asked of council.

Businesses are not normally established on any special invitation from council. While the occupation may be a useful and profitable one council rarely asks individuals to establish special services or retail outlets.

It would appear however, that there is a preferred class. Council has taken upon itself the extension of an invitation for the establishment of a liquor store here. Obviously those who sell liquor have not yet decided that Acton requires such a service or they might have been more anxious to establish themselves here without receipt of any invitation.

We may well question the requirement of such an outlet in Acton. As we read newspapers daily we find it hard to believe the tax income in comparison with some of the highway fatalities and domestic difficulties that often arise as a result of too much liquor. To say that drinking will not increase with the establishment of another outlet is indeed a fallacy. Business down through the ages has proven the value of opening new outlets if it is to expand.

Why do we need a liquor store? We spend money on campaigns to keep liquor off the highways to avoid the havoc that results from drinking drivers but we do not do anything to curtail the number of outlets or the ease with which supplies are obtained.

Acton needs a place where the unemployed could register to avoid weekly trips to Guelph, that they might obtain the benefits available to them.

We are firm in feeling that Acton was not being served well when council decided that one of the retail outlets to which they should extend a special invitation is a liquor store. Action on an unemployment office would be much more advantageous.

# Any Site Here?

Does this community have historic sites worthy of the recognition afforded when a special blue and gold marker is erected by the Archaeological and Historic Sites Board?

We got to wondering about it the other day as we read of another site being marked by this active group formed in 1957.

Since the summer of that year the Ontario group has been marking more than 120 sites with gold and blue plaques including all the authentic historic data.

Just last week a historical marker commemorating the Haggarts Brothers Agricultural Works was dedicated at Brampton. The marker in this case was erected by the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority. It was a five foot stone pillar and plaque bearing replicas of medals won in international competition by the one time leading implement company.

Marking of historic sites is indeed a worthy one that should be extended and continued in these hectic days when history is so quickly trampled in the path of progress.

Halton County is woefully lacking in protection of its early history. Oakville and Burlington have museums but beyond that and a dusty case in the hall of the county buildings there is little protection for that which is historically important.

# Our Hardy Eskimos

Eskimos, our northern neighbors, are generally considered a hardy lot and it came as a surprise to learn from a recent report that 23 per cent of Eskimos born are dead within a year.

The death rate within the first year of life accounts for about half of all Eskimo deaths and about half the infant deaths occur in the first month.

That we might intelligently compare the situation we turned to the recent report of the Halton County Health Unit where Dr. Bull points out Halton County with its population of 85,000 had an infant mortality rate of 16, just half what it was 10 years ago.

Speaking at the Lambeth Conference in London, England, Rt. Rev. Donald Marsh, Anglican Bishop of the Arctic stated that "One of the major problems is that everything is now handed out to the Eskimo in the form of relief, family allowance and so on." He concluded that "this saps the independence of the Eskimo."

Steadily rising infant mortality among the Eskimos is a serious situation and one that can be indicative of the problems ahead in development of the north. These Eskimos, we once thought extremely hardy, are apparently being softened as the effects of so called civilization reaches toward it.

The effects of civilization should be to strengthen rather than deteriorate the conditions and the ability of people to survive.

We'll need hardy souls if Canada's north is to be developed.

# The Hungry Fighters

The effect of receiving things on silver platters can have disastrous effects not only in business but also in the field of education.

Murray G. Ross, vice-president of the University of Toronto, has called for "more hungry fighters" for the class rooms. Canada's universities need the kind of person that is highly motivated by a burning desire to succeed or to excel.

Dr. Ross saw the hungry fighters of Russia and China during his recent travels. In those countries he was struck by an awareness of backwardness, a desire to catch up, a vision of future greatness, a determination to do one's share in a great collective effort. Back in Canada he senses a feeling that progress is inevitable, that great personal effort is not essential in life, that striving for excellence in antiquated.

The vice-president pointed out that Russian learning is superior through teaching is inferior to our own. The Soviet student has been trained since grade one to listen carefully, to work at home or in the library on his own, to accept the fact that much learning depends on his own work. The Canadian student wants the teacher to inform him, interest him and humor him without asking him to exert himself.

Our way of life is not especially conductive to the breeding of "hungry fighters" but unless we hurdle the vague illusion that progress is inevitable we may indeed be smothered in education as in other fields of advancement.

# Her Way to Riches

An investment consultant reports finding a lady with an ingenious home-made system for buying and selling securities.

The lady enschewed the services of a broker and told her bank what and when to buy. But she bought only securities of companies that were advertised regularly in her favorite magazine. She figured that if the company was sound enough to buy advertisements regularly it was sound for her savings.

This reasoning might be discussed as a kind of unfathomable, female logic.

The consultant, however—Michael William McCarthy, managing partner of Merill Lynch Pierce Fenner and Smith—points out, "It is possibly more than a mere coincidence that so many companies that are consistent advertisers also have consistent earnings and dividend records."

In any case as an investment program, it has certain obvious advantages over ouija boards and sticking pins in newspapers.—The Financial Post.

— Photo by Esther Taylor

"Melancholy Days"

# Jim's Jottings

● GOT AROUND the other day to clearing out a file labelled "editorial". For some time it had been collecting items I thought might be useful in the weekly preparation of editorial comment. It's really amazing how some of these things pile up and the file had gotten so thick that something really had to be done about it. This led to an unusual housecleaning and disposal of many topical and controversial articles that might have been discussed in editorial columns if the necessary research had been followed through. Space is often quite a limitation.

● HUNTING PARTIES seem to be the popular groups these days as they return from northern haunts with inanimate deer slung over their cars or trucks. Hunters I have talked with have reported a good supply of deer in the northern bush. I'm afraid I'd never make a hunter though. I'd be sorry for the deer.

● WOW! DID you see that Mountie on the Ed Sullivan Show Sunday night? Fortunately for lovers of the colorful Mountie garb, the made-up character only had fleeting seconds on camera. Other than a few gold stripes and a hat that bore a vague resemblance to that of the Mounties, I could see little similarity.

● SPRINGHILL disaster funds are springing up all over the country as well meaning citizens seek an outlet through which they may help those less fortunate in the grief-stricken Nova Scotian community. Here the fund appears to be well underway and worthy of consideration by those groups who direct their efforts to service and community work.

● I PICKED up this poem the other day that seems to have a cheering thought:

I've got a heap of troubles
And I've got to work them out,
But I look around and see
There's troubles all about.
And when I see my troubles
I just look up and grin
And count all the troubles
That I ain't in.

— Richard

● CAR manufacturers must be noticing some of the economy-interest small cars are attracting. The Financial Post noted recently that while last year 33 of the models of 1958 automobiles needed premium gasoline, this year only 27 require premium gasoline.

● IT MAY BE worth checking your attic for old stamps. A Canadian collection sold for $45,000 in a recent auction in London, England. It included a 12 penny black worth $7,700. Dealers in the United Kingdom report the market has never been better.

● APPARENTLY I'm one of the few in the district who haven't been over the new Burlington Bay Skyway. One driver told me recently he had driven a considerable distance and cut the time in half compared with the time the same trip took on Thanksgiving Day through the old Burlington Beach road.

● DARKNESS seems to creep in earlier since the return to standard time and one of the particular problems that accompanies it is the number of bicycles without lights. On two different occasions I came dangerously close to not seeing them in time. I can only hope that other motorists are as lucky and that the number of after dark cyclists without lights decreases.

# Tips on Touring

By Carol Lane

Woman's Travel Authority

For the friend on your Christmas list who has everything including a car, a gift for the car may be the answer.

Here are a few of the more interesting car extras available in specialty shops this year. (Prices may vary.)

Road flares, the size of a long firecracker and able to burn in both wind and rain, are a handy safety precaution for the flat tire changer at night. A bundle of four sells for 89c.

**Warning Flasher**

A little more elaborate is the "Warn-O-Flash", which plugs into the cigarette lighter and flashes a red beam, marking the roadside repair site. It sells for $3.98.

A metal clamp that slips neatly between door frame and window can be used to hold a glass, baby's bottle, or soda bottle firmly in place. It's good for motorists with children. The price is $1.00.

If your driver likes to plot his course as well as follow a road map, he may like an illustrated car compass that can be attached to the dash board. It sells for $3.98.

**Reading Help**

For the after-dark traveller, a map visor that clamps onto the sunshade and contains a light for help in reading roadmaps would be a useful item at $14.95.

A man who likes to shave in his car or doesn't have a car radio might be intrigued by a clever little converter that plugs into the cigarette lighter and turns it into a 110 volt a.c. outlet. $18.95.

And finally for those who really have everything, there's a portable refrigerator ($149.95) or a portable air-conditioner that plugs into that all-purpose cigarette lighter ($59.50).

**OBITUARY**

## Killed in Accident Interred Last Week

Last Thursday evening, November 6, funeral services were held for Roy Herbert Hall at the Skinner-Middlebrook Funeral Home, Port Credit. Mr. Hall was killed when struck in the chest by a flying piece of steel at the St. Lawrence Starch Co. where he had worked for a number of years. He was a brother of Mrs. Herbert Fryer, a one time resident of Acton and a nephew of Jimmy Loutitt.

Among those attending the services were Mrs. H. Fryer, Eden Mills, Mr. and Mrs. N. Fryer, Acton, Mr. and Mrs. J. McDermott, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wynn, Mr. and Mrs. H. French and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Fletcher, all of Guelph.

# THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

**UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**
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Mr. George Elliott
Organist and Choir Leader

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16th, 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.

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16th, 1958
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study.
Friday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.
Sunday evening Evangelistic service withdrawn to co-operate with Salvation-Healing Crusade. Evangelist M. Cerullo. Nov. 13-23, 2 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. daily, Tabernacle Auditorium, 43 Benton St. Sundays, Memorial Auditorium, Kitchener, Ont.

**BAPTIST CHURCH**
**ACTON**
Pastor:
Rev. Gordon M. Holmes, B.A. B.Th.
115 Bower Avenue

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16th, 1958
9.45 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 and 7 p.m.—Anniversary Service. Rev. Gordon M. Holmes. Special music. A cordial welcome to all.
A Cordial Welcome to All

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16th, 1958
9.45 a.m.—Church School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship withdrawn in favor of the Baptist Church anniversary service.

**THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR**
Rector: Rev. H. B. Stokreef, L. Th., S.T.B.
185 Jeffery St., phone 265.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16th, 1958
24th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
8.30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
9.45 a.m.—Church School.
11.00 a.m.—Beginners' Class
11.00 a.m.—Choral Eucharist.
Wednesday, November 19, 8 p.m.—The Holy Catholic and Apostolic Rite of Confirmation. The Lord Bishop of Niagara.


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# THE GOOD OLD DAYS

## 50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press Thursday, Nov. 12, 1908.

At the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute in the town hall last Friday afternoon, Christmastide was the topic uppermost with the ladies. Various dainty articles were exhibited as suggestions which the members might make for Christmas presents by Mrs. A. T. Brown, Mrs. John Harvey and Mrs. H. P. Moore. Mrs. George Havill gave a series of recipes for home made Christmas candies.

Rev. George W. Barker, pastor of the Methodist church, has been invited to the pastorate of the Methodist church, Wingham, at the opening of the next Conference year in June, 1909. After due consideration Mr. Barker has signified his acceptance of the invitation, subject to the action of the transfer and stationing committees.

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## 20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Nov. 17, 1938.

A quiet wedding was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson on Saturday afternoon, November 12, when their daughter, Lillian Orma, became the bride of Robert Earl Marshall, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Marshall of Acton. Rev. H. L. Bennie of Knox church officiated.

Mr. George W. Mason, secretary of the Y.M.C.A., has just received word confirming the engagement of Mr. W. C. Jones of London, Ontario, as new supervisor of Acton Y.M.C.A. Mr. Jones is a man well experienced in Y.M.C.A. work.

Last Friday the 20th anniversary of the signing of the armistice [illegible]

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