

BACK IN 1939 BACK IN 1909

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On Monday afternoon, Rockwood and Acton Continuation Schools played a game of hockey in the arena in Acton, with the local boys coming out on top by a score of 5-2.

Rockwood opened the scoring with Wayne and Les Howell scoring one goal each, but their lead was short lived when Len Lambert tapped in three for the locals, followed by a single from Gord Beatty and Lorne McEwen. The Acton Continuation School players showed a definite edge over the visitors but both teams battled hard to win the game.

Lloyd Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Robinson, had the misfortune to fall on the ice at school last Friday and fracture his collarbone. All wish him a speedy recovery.

The Acton Rural Hockey League semi-finals got under way in the arena on Monday night with the Band and Rockwood coming out on top in the two games played. Sam Simpson and Don Byler were the goal getters for the band in the first game while Duhy, Barden and Harmer notched the counters for Rockwood in the second game. Federal services were held this week for William Williams, who had lived in Acton for 58 years after coming from Cornwall, England, when a young man.

Mr. R. J. Wallace lost his valuable team of black Percherons in a peculiar accident last Thursday afternoon. The team was hauling the town grader on the ice at Fairy Lake, clearing away a section for Mr. Orville Brown, who is cutting ice there.

The work had been completed when a large section of the ice about 20 feet square broke off and the team and grader were plunged to the bottom of the lake which is about 12 feet deep at that place. Although every effort was made, it was impossible to get the team back from the heavy grader, and they drowned. Orville Brown, who was on the machine at the time and the driver of the team had a narrow escape from going under with the team.

On Monday afternoon while skating on Henderson's Pond near the power house dam, Miss Hazel Mason inadvertently skated onto a thin coating of ice over one of the partitions where ice cutters had been cutting ice. Miss Mason was skating alone but her mishap was noticed by other skaters who raised the alarm and in a few minutes helping hands had rescued her from her perilous plight.

The Bowers went to Brampton last Friday evening to play a return match to the one played here a week ago when the Bowers defeated Brampton. The game Friday was very fast with only one penalty being handed out.

The Brampton boys thought they did not get a fair deal in the referee in Acton but they paid back what they claimed with interest in their own rink. The score was 8-3 for Brampton. The Bowers would like to meet Brampton in Georgetown with a Georgetown referee. Knox church choir was invited to hold their weekly practice last Friday evening at the home of Dr. Gray, Frederick Street. After practice they were very hospitably entertained to tea by Dr. and Mrs. Gray. Kind words were spoken of the value and efficiency of the choir and a social evening was spent.

At a special meeting of council last week, members authorized the clerk to advertise for a Municipal Officer at a salary of \$600 per year with duties to be as follows: municipal assessor, collector of taxes, collector of electric light revenue, sanitary inspector, caretaker of town hall, caretaker of public park, caretaker of Fairview cemetery, commissioner of streets and walks, constable, poundkeeper, truant officer and such other work as may be required in connection with the work of the municipality. At the regular meeting of council on Monday evening, council opened the tenders for municipal officer but withheld judgment until a special meeting on Tuesday evening when they decided to engage the services of W. D. Smith, Mr. Carnahan, the present officer, did not apply.



"WINTER DUSK"

Photo by Esther Taylor

Jim's JOTTINGS BY JIM DILLS

SOME OF the things that are done in the construction industry are surprising. Reading the other day where C.N.R. engineers have solved the problem of tunnelling through quicksand by freezing the quicksand. The quicksand is above the roof of Mount Royal Tunnel in Montreal and reconstruction of the tunnel mouth required digging into the sand to freeze the sand. The railway brought in freezing equipment 1000 times more powerful than a home refrigerator, comprising two electrically driven compressors and a heat exchanger. The equipment circulates chilled brine through a grid of pipes extending into the quicksand. The operation takes about five weeks of steady pumping.

IF THE groundhog didn't see his shadow on Monday there would have to be something wrong with his eyesight. The sun shone brightly and if my recollection of that old fable about the groundhog is correct, that means six weeks more of winter.

THOSE ZERO and below zero days on the weekend keep us ever mindful of what surely must have been one of the steadiest winters in many a year. Hardly a break. It won't be too bad, though, if Spring and Summer arrive and remain just as steadily.

IF YOU want to heed the words of Sir Robert Watson-Watt, British scientist noted for his development of radar, you won't make any long range plans. He said recently he is not optimistic the human race will survive for another 10 years. He said he is less worried about educating retarded children than about educating retarded adults who threaten the destruction of the world. Optimistically, he explained, however, that the next 10 years were critical and if the human race had not destroyed itself by then there was hope men would learn to live together. To prove his point, though, he said eight ounces of a substance he knows exists could wipe out all life on earth. A sobering thought.

THE ONE who complains he is not getting enough usually is not giving enough.

IF YOU ever have the opportunity of attending a ceremony in which New Canadians receive their citizenship certificates, be sure to take it. A measure of humanness and dignity seem to make the event the important one it should be.

"And Khruishev?" "You are quite right," said the inspector. He turned to the teacher and said, "He is a year ahead."

THIS LITTLE clipping from The War Cry seemed to have an important message. "These seven things I have tried: Laughing at difficulties and I have seen them disappear. Attempting heavy responsibilities and I have found them growing lighter. Facing a bad situation and I have found it clearing up. Telling the truth and I have found it the easiest way out. Doing an honest day's work and I have found it most rewarding. Believing men honest and I have found them living up to my expectations. Trusting God each day, and I have found Him surprising me with all His goodness."

IF YOU'VE given any thought to "surveying" the situation in Cuba, you should know that a 24 carat diamond set in the floor of Havana's Capitol building is the starting point for measuring all distances in Cuba.

A BACKWOODS community had a reputation for not keeping its ministers more than three or four months. Finally, the bishop sent a young preacher, and after two whole years, he was still on the job. Surprised, the young preacher pressed the board chairman for an explanation. When he could avoid it no longer, the chairman explained: "Well, I'd rather not tell you but, if you must, here's the reason—we folks out here don't really want any preacher at all, and you're the closest we've come to it."

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THE story of Christianity in New Guinea is also the story of the Bible Society. "Altogether all the growing literacy on the island has been the work of teachers and missionaries and translators, and the natives prize above all their possessions this Book which has brought them such light. About 15 dialects in New Guinea now have some part of the Scriptures which are read and re-read in the villages and market places, and homes of the people by trained native teachers and evangelists."

Suggested Readings Sunday, Luke 20: 19-26, Monday, John 8: 48-59, Tuesday, John 9: 1-15, Wednesday, John 9: 18-41, Thursday, John 10: 1-18, Friday, John 10: 19-42, Saturday, Genesis, 3: 1-24.

Words of Encouragement

The provincial speech from the Throne given last week held several references that offer some encouragement to the tax burdened municipalities. The references are not often detailed in their explanation but further details are released as the government's program is introduced.

Following are some excerpts from the full text:

"Our trans-provincial highway, 401, will be completed in 1963—four years ahead of schedule." With this town so close to the main artery the completion date has a definite significance for the area.

"To compensate municipalities which are obliged to make statutory payments on behalf of insured indigents, the Province this year will pay to each municipality an unconditional grant based upon its hospital

indigency experience over the last three years." Indigent patients have always been a problem. It would appear the introduction of the new hospital insurance program will alleviate this by having the municipality insure those indigents. Their hospital care will then be taken care of through the hospital plan.

"Assistance to municipalities, school boards and other local agencies will again be increased across a broad front. A number of amendments to municipal statutes will be introduced." While this item is a generalization it is to be hoped the grants may be introduced on a basis that would relieve the taxation on real estate—the municipalities' only method of raising funds.

In this election year Ontario citizens will be watching the developments of Queen's Park anxiously and with interest.

Residents Accept a Responsibility

After a year in Canada, a disgruntled immigrant argues, in a recent magazine article, that Canadians are self-satisfied phonies, either blind to their own shortcomings or "remarkably consistent" liars.

Actually we're sick and tired of new Canadians who gain for themselves a degree of notoriety by the publication of their blunt and destructive analysis of the residents of this country.

If they accept residence here they have the same responsibility all Canadians share to make this country a better place in which to live. The writing of magazine articles, we can only hope, is to earn their passage to their native land where they must obviously be much happier.

Unfortunately such articles create a hardship for the thousands of new Canadians who are satisfied with this country—who see in its vastness a challenge—who see in its freedom an opportunity.

This week we had the privilege of seeing more than 40 new Canadians receive their Canadian citizenship papers at the Court House in Milton. They were proud and happy. The ceremony was colorful and impressive, carrying with it a dignity in keeping with its importance.

Undoubtedly these people found things in Canada that were not perfect. So far as we can learn there is no country in the world that can yet claim habitable perfection.

The constant flow of derogatory comments on the country will do little to improve it. It will do little to improve the continual acceptance of new Canadians.

We can only hope that the flow of magazine articles by discontented new Canadians will gradually give way to at least a balance of articles by those who find our Canadian way of life to their liking.

Government and Efficiency

Canada's Auditor-General Watson Seller, the watch dog of the federal treasury has come up with his annual crop of questionable expenditures.

This report is the outstanding feature of the annual report on public accounts that was recently made in the House of Commons. It is not unique that some of the findings are made headline material. It matters not what government is responsible for them since they occur annually and have for a good many years.

The thing that the report should accomplish more than anything else, is that government is not noted for its efficiency in handling public funds yet more and more we continually ask government to accept our personal responsibility. More and more we demand that they give us security and comfort. The funds for such gifts to ourselves must then go through the hands of government. Our personal administration of our finances might indeed be much more efficient.

This year's report of the Auditor-General is not unique. It has examples of sloppiness,

forgefulness and confusion in government operations. And since the report reflects 1957-58 operations, the honors are divided more or less evenly between the Liberal and Conservative governments.

Government in Canada is indeed big business. Every taxpayer knows something of the percentage he must contribute toward its maintenance. But with each passing moment it seems we cry for more government assistance and governments, tuned to the notes of public crying, necessarily try to cope with the new demands. When they are accepted by the government and the decision is made to return something to the taxpayers an avenue is sought by which to claim the funds from the taxpayers to meet the demand.

More and more we taxpayers seem to forget that simple lesson in economics. Governments don't earn, they spend. The efficiency with which they spend is open to doubt when the findings of the Auditor-General are released annually.

Geographical Questions

Two geographical questions that are now merely academic but which may sometime enter the field of practical politics are: Who owns the North Pole? and Who owns outer space?

By right of Peary's expedition in 1909, the United States might assert a valid claim to the Pole. On the other hand, Russia, with more Arctic territory than any other nation, might say that that particular point fell within her sphere of influence. By effective occupation of much of the Arctic, Canada has a good claim. Norway, Sweden and perhaps Denmark can put up good arguments for their ownership. Perhaps the argument, if it ever arises in the United Nations, can be settled by deciding that the Pole is as imagin-

ary as the Equator. It only marks the limit of territory of all countries with Arctic territories.

In outer space, the imaginary lines above each country's borders keep lengthening the farther away one goes from earth. Moreover, any segment of space, because of the earth's rotation, is constantly changing its position relative to the earth and so may change ownership from hour to hour. If the United States or Russia succeeds in landing an expedition on the moon, as may be possible within the next few decades, ownership of the earth's natural satellite will become a practical problem. The solution probably will be to internationalize it, but one can foresee hours of oratory before that solution will be adopted.

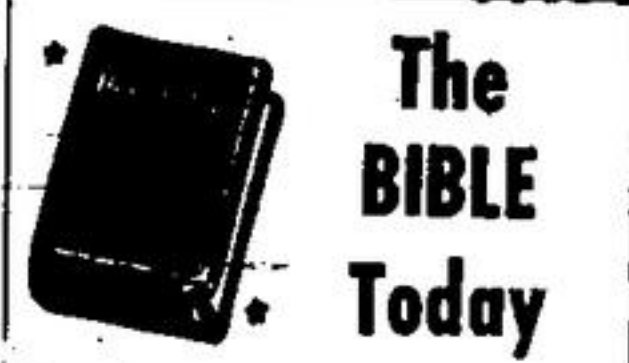
THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE 33 Church St. Rev. Kenneth J. Reid, Pastor 75 Cook St. phone 649-W SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 1959 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 7:30 p.m. - Evangelistic Tuesday 8 p.m. - Prayer and Bible Study Friday 8 p.m. - Christ Ambassadors "Christ is Your Answer" A Friendly Welcome To All

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA Acton, Ontario Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A. B.D. Minister Mr. George Elliott Organist and Choir Leader SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 1959 9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m. - Junior Church and Church School 11:15 a.m. - Morning Worship Children under 5 will be cared for at all services

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN Rector: The Rev. H. B. Stokroff, L. Th. S.T.B. 185 Jeffrey St., phone 265 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 1959 QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist 9:45 a.m. - Church School 11:00 a.m. - Beginners' Class 11:45 a.m. - Matins MID-WINTER CELEBRATIONS 11 February, 1959, Ash Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - Children's Service The children are excused from school for this service 6:45 p.m. - Evening Family Eucharist, followed by a pot luck supper in the Parish Hall.

BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON Pastor: Rev. Gordon M. Holmes, B.A. B.Th. 115 Bower Avenue SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 1959 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School 11:00 a.m. - "Baptists of the World" Communion Service 7:00 p.m. - Hearty song service "The Night the Sea Retreated" All Are Welcome PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH, ACTON Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A. B.D. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 1959 9:45 a.m. - Church School 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship 7:00 p.m. - Evening Worship



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