

A Commendable Success

School concerts have always found a warm reception with Acton audiences and the operetta presentations last week met with deserved approval.

Playing to packed audiences on the two evenings last week the operetta won high praise from the hundreds who attended. Children are always gleaming in their acting and it is this quality that make the presentation so welcome.

Music Supervisor Glenn Banks deserves credit for his organization of the presentation and back of him was a small army of other workers that contributed to the success of the program.

An evidence of community spirit that is a welcome sight is often a by-product of such events as the operetta. This is the case this year too and in all the event could be considered highly successful. The participants and behind the scenes workers deserve the credit of the community.

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Incidental to providing this service to workers and employers, the Commission would be placed in a much better position to check on the availability for employment of claimants. Canada's unemployment insurance plan was created to help the unemployed through periods of genuine unemployment. We are all losers when those who are unscrupulous abuse the plan.

Need Employers' Help

It is not unusual to hear remarks passed about persons who would rather draw their unemployment benefits than work. The implication is that there is no particular difficulty about doing so.

The fact is, however, that every person who is in receipt of benefit must declare every time he receives money from the Unemployment Commission, that he is able, ready, and willing to work. Moreover, anyone refusing an offer of suitable employment is likely to be disqualified from receipt of benefit.

In order, however, to test the sincerity (or insincerity) of a person's declaration that he is able, ready, and willing to accept work, the UIC must have a suitable job opening to which that person can be referred. Here

is an area in which employers might well work more closely with the Commission.

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The Siberia Treatment

The able Canadian writer Scott Young, who currently is sports columnist for the Toronto Globe and Mail, elicited some interesting comment from hockey authority when Blair on the recent departure for Czechoslovakia of the Belleville McFarlands to defend Canada's ownership of the world's amateur hockey championship.

Mr. Blair, whose Whitby Dunlops team gained the title for Canada last year, says that any Canadian hockey team entered in a world tourney plays under a handicap—a tension created by knowing that if it fails to beat Russia, the teams members will be pilloried when they get back to Canada.

"The Russians played the best game of the tournament against us," Blair says of the 1958 games. "Their attitude was, 'If we lose, so what? We'll try again next year.' When they got back to Moscow, playing an exhibition game with the U.S. team, they got a five minute ovation when they stepped on the ice. Why? Because they'd put up such a good game against us. Can you imagine that happening to us if we lost?"

Leaders Behind the Youth

Over 24,000 Canadian men and women provide the leadership for Canada's more than 5000 Wolf Cub Packs, 4000 Boy Scout Troops and 400 Rover Crews and every one of them gives of time and ability without remuneration of any kind.

With Boy Scout Week still fresh in our mind our thoughts turned to the leaders rather than to the youths. In addition to these uniformed leaders there is a similarly large group that takes care of the leadership job for Brownies and Girl Guides.

Back of those who wear the adult uniforms are the members of the Group Committees, Ladies' Auxiliaries and District and Provincial Councils and Committees. In all more than 50,000 men and women give of their time in the interests of the Boy Scout Movement.

The 127 per cent. growth in the Boy Scout Movement during the past 10 years has resulted in a high demand for intelligent, well-equipped and interested leaders in all the youth organizations.

The first census of the Canadian Scouting was taken in 1914 with the incorporation of the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association. At that time there were 14,477 Scouts and leaders in Canada. By 1919 the membership had increased to 25,000 and in the next four years following the conclusion of the first world war membership doubled.

The growth of the organization is proof of its popularity as a multitude of social outlets aimed at the child and teen age audience increases. The capability of leaders on a program built over the years from its

founding by Lord Baden-Powell is one of the reasons this youth organization has continued to expand.

Our hats are off to the dozens of volunteer leaders in this community and those across Canada who provide the guidance that groups of this kind can continue to offer their challenge to an increasing number of boys and girls who are the better citizens for that training.

We Can All Help.

The seriousness of the Avro situation in Acton following the government cancellation of the Arrow program is becoming increasingly evident.

Intelligent editorial comment seems almost impossible in the confusing and rapidly changing situation.

We offer our sincere sympathy to those who are now unemployed.

The situation is just as distressing as when the local Wool Combing plant closed and Baxter Laboratories sought a new location.

The announcement that a self-help meeting has been called by the men concerned is an indication that they are prepared to help themselves. The organization will probably follow the same pattern as those formed in Milton and Georgetown last weekend.

We hope the situation will be resolved through the efforts of these people and all others working on the problem. We can all help in this because Acton needs citizens and citizens need jobs.



Photo by Ethel Taylor

Can Spring be Far Behind?

Jim's JOTTINGS BY JIM DILLS

**THEORIES, THEORIES** and more theories seem to have been developed on the discontinuation of Arrow production. Perhaps most of them cross an editor's desk but there isn't a conversation that doesn't get some comment in on the subject. One considered it a set for the provincial Conservatives to get some real support in an anticipated election by coming up with the answer. Another looks on it as a golden opportunity for those with ideas and initiative to get into a business that the town needs, thus adding a service to the business community. Another sees a mass exodus to the U.S. of a lot of highly trained personnel, and there are dozens more theories, the supply of which will continue as long as the crisis.

**IN THIS COLUMN** I try to maintain an optimistic note but in the face of the crisis this town has been shocked with it is difficult. Its effects will undoubtedly be far-reaching.

**IT IS IMPORTANT** for us to maintain a degree of optimism though. These who are out of work at least as I write this on Mondays are not completely downhearted. After all, they are not the only ones who have sought employment, but the shock of such a wholesale and inhumane method for the government to make its decision had certainly set in.

**LOOKS LIKE** winter is with us for a while with that heavy dropping of wet snow on Monday. Flood conditions are possible authorities have noted—as any fool can plainly see by just looking at the snow banks. If it all melts in a hurry with the frost in the ground, naturally the creeks and streams are going to be full.

**I'VE DISCOVERED** how this do-it-yourself slogan gained such popularity. On Saturday I tackled some basement painting with the assistance of a one and three year old. It would have been much easier to do-it-yourself. The clean up time involved was certainly more than tripled.

**BUDGET TIME** is not too far ahead for municipal councils. A sign of the times is the establishment of budgets and requests for grants at the local municipal level. Just never seems to be enough money for all the good ideas.

**THE MARCH** issue of the Reader's Digest reports that few problems have so harassed the Post Office Department as the problem of how to check the flow of obscenity through the mails to the nation's juvenile population. Ever check the reading habits of your family?

**A RECENT DIBS** report shows that Canadian households became better equipped in 1958 than ever before, reports the Financial Post, and also that ownership of the basic appliances that go with a modern standard of living is now very widespread. Over 96 per cent of Canada's 4,173,000 households have electric power; over 86 per cent have mechanical refrigeration; nearly 87 per cent have washing machines; 96 per cent have radios; 70 per cent TV. In 1958 the number of one-car families in Canada rose to 2,364,000 from 2,209,000 the year before, and the number of two-car families rose to 290,000 from 238,000. "Low-saturation" appliances, such as home freezers, showed sharp gains.

**IT WASN'T** hard for a fashionable man to trip over his own

feet during the Middle Ages. One kind of shoe had a pointed toe so long that a chain had to be used to hold it up so the wearer could walk.

**PICKED UP** this clipping from some recent mail. The suggestion was that these are the five things in life which we ought to learn. Here they are:

1. Learn how to laugh. A good laugh is better than medicine.
2. Learn to tell a helpful story. A well told story is as welcome as a sandwich in a sick room.
3. Learn to keep your problems to yourself. The world is too busy to linger over your ills and sorrows.
4. Learn to stop complaining. If you cannot see any good in this world, keep the lid to yourself!
5. Learn to greet your friends with a smile. They carry too many frowns in their own hearts to be bothered with any of yours.

OBITUARY

John James Donaghy Was Albion Farmer

The last member of his family, John James Donaghy passed away at Eden Mills on February 16. He was in the past five years, he was in his 81st year.

Mr. Donaghy was born on July 8, 1878 in Albion township, son of the late James Donaghy and Jane Reardon Donaghy. His five sisters predeceased him.

He was married at Caledon East to Mary J. Robinson, who survives him. They had no family.

Mr. Donaghy was a farmer in Albion township for many years. They moved to Eden Mills 11 years ago. He was formerly a warden of St. James Church, Caledon.

Rev. Balch of that church conducted the funeral service on February 19 at Caledon East and interment was in the church cemetery there.

Among those attending the funeral from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Robinson of Toronto and Mrs. Murray Dean of Toronto and Mrs. David Henderson of Milton. Mr. and Mrs. Clara Dickert of Acton and Mr. Sam Judge of Eden Mills.

Daughters of Knox Hold Church Service

On Sunday, February 13, the Daughters of Knox held their evening church service using the World Day of Prayer program.

Mrs. H. Price, president, conducted the service, assisted by Mrs. A. Holmes, Mrs. E. A. Hansen and Mrs. Wm. Spelvoel. The junior choir was present to sing several selections.

Mrs. H. Coles introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. W. M. Geigie, from Parkdale Presbyterian church, Toronto, who gave a very interesting talk. Rev. A. H. McKenzie closed the service with prayer.

The Daughters of Knox served a delicious lunch and a social hour was enjoyed.

Back in 1909

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, March 4, 1909.

The cities are evidently getting rid of the framed within their borders for the country is being visited by them in large numbers. Barely a night passes with the cells in the town hall unoccupied.

One night last week, Officer Carnahan had seven of them under lock and key. On Monday night last there were two of them occupying the downy couches.

Last Thursday evening, a team from Milton played a match with the Rovers. The first half ended 1-1, but in the second half Acton scored two more and the score stood at 3-1 at full time in favour of Acton.

Everyone is looking forward to the disappearance of the snow and the arrival of an anticipated early spring.

Last Friday afternoon, an accident occurred at the Glove Works which had a very serious aspect for a few minutes. The feed pipe of the boiler blew off and the steam escaping into the furnace expelled the fire, smoke and soot with great force out of the front stoking doors.

The smoke completely filled the works from basement to upper storey in a few minutes. Contamination reigned amongst the scores of employees, for there was every appearance of fire waging into the premises. All were quietly notified to leave the building which they did in safety. The cause was soon ascertained and excitement subsided.

Acton hockey team won the third game of the Acton - Erin series in Erin last Saturday evening 8-6, in one of the roughest and most unsportsmanlike games on the part of Erin ever witnessed. The first half was rough but the second half was wild, resembling a wild Indian melee.

A G. T. Beardmore, the referee received a treacherous blow when he endeavored to stop the trouble. There was a wild scuffle between the goalies for Acton had a half dozen men hanging on his neck. Only through the efforts of some of the Erin people was the nightmarish able to be controlled.

Back in 1939

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, March 2, 1939.

Once again Acton Tanners won the group championship in O.H.A. Intermediate Hockey when they defeated Fergus two games in the best out of three series for honours. The final game was played in Galt last Friday night and the 3-2 score hardly indicates the play.

Red Brown in the Fergus net was again up to form and was called upon to stop twice as many shots as were on the Acton net. Woods in the Acton net turned in a splendid game and stopped shot after shot. Bayliss, the rookie defenseman, received credit for the first goal for Acton after the first six minutes of play.

Fergus counted two goals in the first period and led with the scoring. Terry led the score up in the second period and did standstill. Minute Walters, scored the winning goal in the third period, when he retrieved the puck from a scramble and flipped it in the net.

The entire Acton team outplayed the Fergus lads and but for the efforts of Brown in the Fergus net, the score certainly might have been piled up. Acton now enters the finals when they meet Bolton in Bolton tomorrow night with the return game here on Monday.

A banquet and dance concluded the three month club career in home economics and agriculture which have been held in Acton. The Dublin Women's Institute catered for the dinner which was attended by well over 200 people. J. E. Whitehead, district agricultural representative, acted as toastmaster and a program consisting of local talent was presented following the dinner. Diplomas and pins were presented to the successful graduates.

The First Acton Boy Scout Troop held their sixth birthday party last Saturday evening with about 200 parents and guests present for the occasion. Instead of the Scouts doing all the entertaining, the visitors were supplied with cards and asked to go through nine scout tests. They were of course provided with information before the tests began.

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 1st, 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

Thursday, 8 p.m. - "Black Gold", a sound color film on the African continent of T. L. Osborn.  
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**SUNDAY, MARCH 1st, 1959**  
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
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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Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., B.D. Minister.  
Mr. George Elliott Organist and Choir Leader

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1st, 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.

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 1st, 1959**  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - "Love Remembered" Communion Service  
7:00 p.m. - Song Service "Jacob's Dream"  
A Cordial Welcome to All

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

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1st, 1959**  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship  
7:00 p.m. - Evening Worship