

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Back in 1909

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, April 1, 1909.

Last Thursday evening, the Junior hockey team drove to Erin to play the team there. The Erin team seemed very anxious to beat Acton and had as strong a team as they had ever had. They played against Acton two weeks previous. They started at a very fast pace and although Acton has had practice for a month, the boys hung on and only by a hard struggle was Erin able to win. The game was by no means as one sided as the score would indicate, 8-2 in favor of Erin. The Acton boys were away off in shooting but otherwise played a fine game.

Reeve Swackhamer has been engaged the past week with a new entrance with double oak doors at "The Acton". A fire escape has also been installed, and a doorway leading to it from the third floor. Other exterior renovations are also in contemplation.

Word was received this week that under no conditions was gambling to be allowed at fall fairs. A letter from Mr. J. Lockie Wilson of the Provincial Agricultural Society advised all directors that wheels of fortune or other gambling devices would not be tolerated. It was also pointed out that directors who allow gambling are subject to heavy fines and that grants to the offending societies would be cut off.

Dr. J. M. Bell has sold to David Storey of Nassagaweya, 60 feet at the rear of his property on Frederick Street adjoining Dr. Gray's property. Mr. Storey will erect a two-story brick residence this coming summer and then retire from his farm and take up residence in town.

Rev. R. E. Kellomaki, the newly appointed rector for St. Alban's church, will arrive from Passaic, N.J., this week to take over the parish here.

The new anti-cigarette law prohibits the sale of tobacco or cigarette paper to anyone under the age of 16 years, whether for his own use or not. A heavy fine is imposed on anyone supplying such a person.

Back in 1939

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, March 30, 1939.

The regular meeting of the Young People's Union on Monday evening was in charge of George Switzer. It was decided to continue the meetings until May 1 and that the roll call next week should be answered by a favorite verse of scripture.

Their impressions of the temperance conference were given by Betty Watts, LaVerné Smith and Dr. Morrow. Howard Switzer gave, a very interesting account of the history of the community.

Council this week received a letter and judgment from the Board of Transport regarding installation of crossing signals at the Mill Street C.N.R. crossing and it was reported that an order had been issued to the railway limiting the speed limit of all through trains at not over 25 miles per hour and that all switching movement of trains must now be flagged. It was pointed out that crossing signals would not be installed.

Acton Tamers defeated Whitby 6-3 last Thursday night to win themselves a berth in the semi-finals Soft ice in the Whitby arena forced the game to artificial ice in Oshawa. It was a hard fought battle all the way through the game with the margin of victory coming in the last few minutes. Whitby suffered a couple of penalties.

On Tuesday night, Woodstock Red Devils gave Acton a 4-3 trouncing in Galt arena in the first game of the semi-finals. "Being Acton's home game, it appeared in the first period as though Woodstock was no match whatever for the Acton boys but playing in reverse form, the Tamers faded badly in the last part of the second period and on into the third.

The win puts Woodstock at the top of the series with two wins. At the same time, Owen Sound went to the bottom of the group when Whitby defeated them 2-1 right in their own new ice palace.

The Acton arena has been closed for the season. Last skating this year was on March 22.

A Young "Square"

Have you ever heard those dead words, "a square"? If you're a teenager you probably remember the moment with a sinking feeling. In a current magazine article, Robert Thomas Allen give a piece of tender advice to any teenager who has ever stood all alone on the outside looking longingly in.

Half the battle, says Allen, in solving any problem is in recognizing it. If you're a square, he says, face it. It really isn't fatal. Being a "square" means only that you're different—that's all.

"Perhaps what some of the kids call having a good time looks to you as if they'd flipped, and you've made the mistake of showing it. Perhaps you're naturally reserved, which is often known as 'stuck up.' Whatever

it is, you don't fall into the popular pattern. You're growing up in a direction of your own. You're an individual," Allen comments.

And many of the people who were "squares" when they were teenagers, today are leaders in every field. You're on the threshold of a different world where being an individual counts for something, says Allen.

"People of your group are not quite at an age where they can appreciate an interesting personality, but they will," Allen points out.

It's good experience to try to fit into your age group, but, Allen advises don't do it "at the expense of anything you really believe in because the things you believe in will make life deeper, more varied and much more rewarding experience."

What is Easter?

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No doubt it is something of all these things but that cannot be all the significance we place on this event.

Surely it is the promise of something better ahead. Surely it is the suggestion that all the conflicts individuals experience, all the problems nations experience, are difficulties along the path to something better.

Surely it is a promise that in the events of Golgotha and later in the Garden at the resurrection there is a better life available.

a better time ahead of the difficulties of this "modern pace of living".

Surely it is a challenge to men everywhere to strive for that better road, that higher plane, that broader thinking that must ultimately lead through human brotherhood and betterment, through strife and strain to the supreme goal of world wide fellowship and friendship through common bonds.

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Not Too Small

Planning for the future is one of the most difficult jobs where increasing growth is continually astounding.

Thus the problems of planning a new county administrative building are something of a challenge. It must not be so large as to look extravagant yet it must be large enough to cope with an unpredictable growth and avoid costly expansion later.

So the scene is set in Halton, as members of county council consider the construction of the new county building.

Halton organizations are increasing rapidly and the need for more and more office space is one of the results. Presently the Halton County Civil-Defense organization is located in rented Millon quarters. The council is considering the need for a full time welfare officer and there is always the possibility that sometime in the future a county planning department might be established.

The need for most of these departments is the direct result of a mushrooming population that has seen county census figures soar from 40,000 to almost 90,000.

A new registry office was one of the first extensions to county administrative facilities and it is only natural that the effects of the county growth would next be felt by the county administrative section.

It can only be hoped that, in the name of expediency, too small a building is not constructed on too small a lot.

25 Years of Achievement

On Saturday night of this week Halton's agricultural community will be marking an important event as the county's Junior Farmers celebrate their first quarter century.

It was in 1934 that the present Junior Farmer organization was born with Cecil Chisholm as the first president.

There were Junior Farmer groups in the county long before that of course but perhaps not organized on the same scale. A. G. Kirstine was the Agricultural Representative in Halton at the time the first executive of the present organization was named.

Members of the present executive have been busy for many months searching out the history of the organization and compiling pictures to illustrate what has developed into an inspiring record of achievement.

Beside the agricultural clubs that have

grown under the guidance of the Halton Juniors there have been the hockey leagues, the drama festivals, the public speaking competitions, the debating championships and a host of other activities. Halton's name has been upheld well as the county representatives have competed for provincial honors.

It is fitting that some special reunion has been organized to mark this record of achievement and reflect on the past glories, the past fun and the past friendships. It will be a fitting stage too from which the Junior Farmers of the future may consider the responsibilities they have in upholding the name of Halton through the Junior Farmers of this county.

Heartiest congratulations, Halton Juniors, on your past 25 years of achievement.

Caution and Care

With the first warmth of spring suns, young boys often get to exploring. It's always possible that blasting caps may be found and there's a frenzied flurry of publicity warning of the dangers.

Perhaps in the calmness of the moment we might note that blasting caps are small copper or aluminum cylinders about as big around as a lead pencil and between one and a half and five inches long. They contain a highly sensitive explosive and are used to explode dynamite.

An experienced person knows how to handle them safely but in the hands of an

inexperienced person they are extremely dangerous.

When a cap explodes, hundreds of small pieces of metal fly out in all directions, sometimes as much as 200 feet and even at that distance can cause blindness.

Boys and girls should know what a blasting cap looks like and what great damage it can do. If found it should be left alone. Others should be warned and a report to firemen or police made.

Spring is often the time lost blasting caps are found. Caution learned now may be helpful later.



—Photo by Esther Taylor

"Easter Worship"

Jim's JOTTINGS BY JIM DILLS

● **WATCHING THE** Junior Farmer Drama Festival in Nelson High School last Friday night I couldn't help but be a little envious of the magnificent auditorium. Well upholstered seats, complete stage lighting, and extensive back drops make it an ideal spot. As the adjudicator noted to me he was learning that Junior Farmers knew about lots of things besides farming. The effort was quite commendable.

● **MARCH** is pretty well on the march right now and it will be interesting to see if the exit is as lion-like as its entrance was lamb-like.

● **THE FIRST** day of spring was nice enough until the cold set in towards evening. Some Spring is having a hard job keeping up to the crocus this year.

● **APPLICANTS** FOR jobs on the Kentucky Dam, when the project was starting, had to take a written examination. One chap read the first question "What does hydrodynamics mean?" hesitated, then wrote "It means I don't get the job."

● **SAW** A photograph in some American newspaper this week that caused us a little sadness. It was a photograph of a 17-year-old boy sitting in a high school classroom alone while many other boys and girls sat apart from him. He seemed to be sitting several rows from the front, where all the seats were empty and we counted seven rows behind him which also were empty. He was virtually in a position of isolation and looked conspicuous all alone. He was neatly dressed and had a white shirt with collar and tie. The boys in the room wore the uniform typical of the

modern teenager, leather jackets, with brass buttons, blue jeans and dirty turned-up trousers. The lone boy was Lewis Cousins, and under the new order requiring the authorities of Norfolk, Virginia, to allow a certain number of colored pupils to be admitted, he entered the Maury Hill high school. The least that can be said about the occasion is that there were no incidents.

● **THE EXPRESSION** "two bits" recalls the days of Captain Kidd and pirates who preyed on Spanish ships. The Spanish "dollar" was worth eight reales, hence such money was called "pieces of eight". Each real was worth 12 1/2 cents and called a "bit". When U.S. currency was established people called the 25 cent piece "two bits". Just thought you might be interested.

● **TO THE** familiar advertising slogan of "Milk from contented cows" there may soon be added another similar phrase, "Beef from tranquilized steers." Recently experiments were conducted in the United States with a new tranquilizing drug, which was injected into steers a few days before they were slaughtered at a Kansas City packing plant. The effect of the drug, it is reported, is to induce a devil-may-care mood in the animals, which lasts until they are slaughtered. Untroubled beasts fidget, lose weight, get off their feed with worry and fight. An experiment conducted with newspapermen also revealed that the majority of them, after tasting steaks from both treated and untreated animals, were agreed that the meat from the tranquilized steers was better. The invention of the new drug, asked whether it was good to use on people, said "I don't know. I've never eaten people."

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● **A MAN** may make mistakes, but he isn't a failure until he starts blaming someone else.

● **HENRY**, RUSHING off to his office, discovered in a final glance in the hall mirror that he had forgotten to put on a tie. He scolded his wife, Sylvia, for not having noticed the omission and then hastened to repair it.

Just as he was about to leave the house Sylvia called him back "Henry," she asked, "what color of dress am I wearing?"

Henry sheepishly had to return to the breakfast-room to find out.

● **NOTICED** THE other day that speed limit signs on the southern out-skirts of Acton had been moved considerably closer to the built up portion of the town. It does seem a more realistic location. Provided they're more strictly adhered to. The previous thinking was always to give sufficient warning but I've never agreed with it. A realistic location I think will get more action for the limit.

● **NOTICED** THE Public Utilities is having trouble at the disposal plant with the sand getting into the system. Two had that sand can't be reclaimed and sold to the highway department for further use.

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THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
33 Churchhill Road
P.O.C.
Rev. Kenneth J. Reid, Pastor
75 Cook St., phone 649-W

SUNDAY MARCH 29th 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
Thursday 8 p.m. - Christ Among Nations
"Christ is Your Answer"
A Friendly Welcome to All

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARY ANGELICAN
Rector: The Rev. H. B. Stokreef, L. Th. S.T.B.
185 Jeffrey St., phone 265

EASTER DAY
March 29th 1959
8:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Beginners' Class
11:00 a.m. - Choral Eucharist

MID-WEEK CELEBRATION
Easter Monday 30 March, 1959, 10 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

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

SUNDAY MARCH 29th 1959
9:00 a.m. - Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. - Junior Church and Church School
11:15 a.m. - Morning Worship

BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON
Pastor
Rev. Gordon M. Holmes, B.A. B.Th.
115 Beaver Avenue

SUNDAY MARCH 29th 1959
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - The Lord is Risen Indeed - The Junior Choir will sing
7:00 p.m. - "He Loves" The choir will render the cantata. The First Easter
Wednesday 8 p.m. - The mid-week Service for Bible Study, Witness and Prayer
All are Welcome

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

SUNDAY MARCH 29th, 1959
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Easter Worship
7:00 p.m. - Evening Service Easter cantata by senior choir

Hold Banquet On Anniversary

On their 41st anniversary, Bon-mockburn Women's Institute held their monthly meeting last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. U. Sinclair, highlighted by an annual rotary banquet. The members were served a bountiful and delicious turkey supper. 16 members and two guests were in attendance. Mrs. C. South, gave the address for the evening.

All speakers, the members, set their own business meeting. The meeting opened with the 12:45 Wednesday, there was a social hour. Among the speakers were: a good address by the President, Misses M. and J. McDonald.

Business Deal With
A deal was made by the business world in Acton in the Halton Motor Festival and plans for a monthly car show. Several articles for the journal and children of the United States were contributed by the suppliers.

Several gifts were given out. Gifts of a cup and saucer each were given to Mrs. C. Sinclair and Mrs. M. Holmes in appreciation of their leadership of the Third Moral Course. Gifts of a cup and saucer to Mrs. S. Matthews and jewellery to Miss M. Morrison were in appreciation for their leadership of the 4-H club, which is sponsored by the Institute.

The rest of the evening was spent playing court whist. Prizes were won for the highest scores by Mrs. H. Hazenburg and Mrs. W. McDonald.

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