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Second Section

Install Teletype System at Acton Station Direct Line From Toronto Speeds Service

Citizens of a small community deep in newly-settled Upper Canada gave a hearty welcome to the first woodburner that puffed its way over a newly-laid ribbon of steel on its maiden run from Toronto to Guelph. Prophecies ranged from the ringing in of a new era to visions of industrial might for the small but rapidly growing village on the G.T.R.

Previous contact with the outside had been limited to the twisting tortuous, almost impossible trails that sufficed for roads in those days. Travel on them, when feasible, was a torture and in the spring of the year they often disappeared in mud.

So, this steam locomotive with its piles of cordwood piled behind its snorting boiler was a welcome sight for the many residents who lined the tracks to watch its slow climb up the grade from Dolly Varden. The year was 1856 — the town: Acton.

Installation in Acton station speeded up train operation as well as transmitting news of business and general interest.

Aids Communications

A few years later and the telephone joined the telegraph as an instrument for improving communications. These two systems were the main methods used for transacting business until we'd into the 1920's when another new instrument was invented. It is known as the teletype.

A few weeks ago a teletype or teleprinter if you use its proper name, was installed in the Canadian National Railway station at Acton, joining its two older relatives in the increasingly complex communication field.

On a direct line to Toronto with only one other station — Brampton — on the same line, it enables agent G. Angell and his staff to handle the volume of business much more efficiently than could be done with the two older systems.

There were living quarters, for the agent and his family; a seven-by-nine waiting room for passengers, a baggage room about big enough for a couple of good-sized Saratoga trunks and a pair of old-fashioned carpet bags, and access to it only through the passenger waiting room. The agent's office, ticket room and operator's quarters had a room about 10 x 12, and behind this was the lamp and oil room.

... Ah, yes... the good-old days.



IN CASE OF EMERGENCY the old telegraph system at the C.N.R. Station in Acton can be pressed into service and operator Jim Inglis is shown above as he sends a message on the telegraph. A new teletype has been installed at the station to speed up the service but the telegraph and telephone system will remain in case of emergency. Mr. Inglis pointed out this week that the telegraph system can be pressed into service in the event the lines are broken for the teletype and he also noted the railway telephone system will still be used for railway train orders and business. The new teletype system is very accurate Mr. Inglis stated this week.

New Invention

Equally significant but making far less noise was a new means of communication which went hand in hand with the new railroad. It was the invention of Samuel F. B. Morse in 1844 — just 12 years earlier — and it was called the telegraph.

News which before had depended of itinerant Methodist saddle-bag preachers and word of mouth could now be transmitted in a few minutes and was far less likely to carry added embellishment of exaggeration which must have been the basis for much of the news in Acton, then.

The telegraph of those days would seem primitive today, perhaps. But it opened up a new era for news hungry settlers and its

It's Defined

Just what is a teletype? It consists of two independent instruments — the keyboard, which is an automatic transmitter, and the type machine, which is an automatic receiver controlled by line signals.

The printer records both what is received from the other end and what is sent out. The code impulses received from the wire are distributed by means of an electromagnetic system in the receiving instrument.

The system also enables the type machine to print characters on a tape, the characters corresponding to the transmitted code.

This new installation makes the Acton station a modern up-to-date

Joint C.G.I.T. Sunrise Service Followed by Breakfast at Knox

About 30 neatly uniformed girls of the C.G.I.T. were joined by a good-sized group of adults for their sunrise service in Knox church Easter Sunday morning at 8 a.m. Breakfast was served afterwards.

Presbyterian and United church groups joined for the short but impressive early morning service. Betty Lemon acted as leader and led in prayer. Mrs. O. Moran played the piano and directed a quartette which sang "O Sacred Head Now Wounded." Singers were Marilynne Platt, Pat Stephenson, Gail Roszel and Gail Bultenham.

Readings Given

Julie Holmes and Dianne Angell read scripture.

Nancy Wallace read a meditation. The Master Seated at the organ. Susan Heard was hidden as she reverently read aloud words of Christ, and later a poem.

A reading, "The Meaning of the Cross," was given by Mary Wilds. Lothiane Lasby read a poem. Betty Lemon said the benediction.

Prepare Meal

The solemn service over, the girls soon had breakfast ready in the church basement. There were sliced oranges, and then cereal in individual boxes.

Suitably, this was followed by toasted Hot Cross buns with jam and marmalade. Hot chocolate steamed in their cups.

Grace was sung before breakfast and afterwards the girls chatted while they helped with the cleaning up.

The Knox girls have Mrs. Jim

ROCKWOOD

Two Choirs at Joint Service Easter Visitors in Village

Despite wintry weather Good Friday services in St. John's church, Sacred Heart church and the Presbyterian church were well attended. At the Presbyterian church, a joint congregation with members of the United church took place with Rev. G. A. B. Moore and John Birch co-operating, as well as choirs of both churches contributing in Easter music and Martin Bauer Jr. at the console of the organ. All was worked out in harmony in an impressive service.

At the United church, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed Sunday morning with a large congregation. The ten young people who participated in a confirmation the previous Sunday evening were among the others who partook of Communion.

At St. John's church, Sunday afternoon, there was a large congregation present with Rev. H. B. Stokreef, assisted by Robert Vincent, officiating during Holy Communion.

Pupils Campaign For Red Cross

During February and March, the public schools of Halton county inspected the Ontario Junior Red Cross. The contributions made by these pupils totalled \$4,289.88 and indicated the usual very fine support that the school pupils give to this worthwhile cause.

During the six month period, May to October of last year, 2,934 children in Ontario were assisted through the Handicapped and Crippled Children's Fund.

Easter Visitors

These visiting in town for Easter included: Wayne Hosking of Queen's University, Kingston, Ont.; Bruce Hosking of Hamilton; Miss Eud McNabb of Toronto; Mrs. Somerville and son of Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Craig and son of Toronto; Miss Ada Walker of Hamilton; Miss June Lawrence and Miss Sheila McNabb of Hamilton; Miss Elizabeth McPhedran of Orangeville.

Mr. and Mrs. James Milne and family spent Easter with Mr. and



A NEW TELETYPE is now in operation at the C.N.R. station in Acton and operator Jim Inglis is seen above sending a message direct to Toronto main depot, where it will be transferred to its destination somewhere in Canada. The new teletype or teleprinter, as it is better known, was installed here within the last two months. The teletype is on a direct line from Toronto with Brampton the only other station on the same circuit.

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Inspectors Speakers At Principals' Meet

The four Halton public school inspectors were featured on the program when the county Principals' association met recently at Louise Smith's home, Burlington.

At the afternoon meeting, R. F. Bonfield, principal of the Princess Margaret School, E. J. G. The Principal of the Cassin School.

TRAVELLING BEAVER

Ontario Department of Lands and Forests officials report that a beaver trapped on Deer Lake near Muskoka a week ago has been found near the mouth of the Madogueston River.

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High School

March 23, Hula Hoops and Mallets stood all square at the end of the second game and with the chips down, it was Hula Hoops who squeezed through with the win in the third by three points. Mallets finished with a pinfall advantage of 19 pins for totals and packed up the odd point. A hot 729 from D. Lindsay beat out the Hula Hoops team with G. H. 617 and 632 and T. Wilson 626 being the highlights for Mallets.

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March 24, C. M. started out to retain their top spot by taking the Mums in the first game, but the Mums, who are beginning to bloom as strong contenders with

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