

# Editorial Page

## Success Out of Failure

Seeing the long list of promotions from local and district schools got us thinking about those whose names might not have been there. Perhaps it's a hangover from our own school days to think about the times the names weren't there.

Actually failure of any kind is a challenge. Every year sees its quota of failures in schools and in businesses, in laboratories and on farms and in every avenue of human endeavor.

Failure may not be entirely our own fault, or it may come from striving after the wrong goals and playing our instincts false. More often, though, it is bred by the fear of failure, by pessimism and defeatism.

There is no shame in failure where there has been genuine effort. Dishonouring as it may be at first, many of history's illustrious sons and daughters have shown that failure — even repeated failure — can be but the prelude to a success which is all the sweeter and more noble for being long delayed.

When you think about it, some of the

most unlikely people have spent most of their lives being regarded as failures. Sir Winston Churchill is a classic example. Had he died at 65 he, like his father would certainly have been written off as just another brilliant and erratic failure. Instead, he has lived on to cover himself with glory and earn an undoubted place among the giants of all time.

There is in existence the chronology of the life of another man whose example may give pause to all those who have been brought to the point of despair by failure. It reads as follows: failed in business '31; defeated for legislature '32, again failed in business '33, elected to legislature '34; sweetheart died in '35 had nervous breakdown '38, defeated for Speaker '38, defeated for Election '40, defeated for Congress '43, elected to Congress '46, defeated for Congress '48, defeated for Senate '55, defeated for vice president '56, defeated for senate '58, elected president '60. The man, Abraham Lincoln.

## A National Pastime?

Every summer, as the holidays roll around, the death toll of drowning victims rises to astronomical heights. This is not caused by people not knowing how to swim, either. Some people prefer to drown themselves by diving into shallow water, without first ascertaining the depth. Others swim straight out as far as they can, either because of a desire to get away from it all for a while, or to impress their girlfriends. When they attempt to reach shore again, they find they have gone too far and lack the strength to return.

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Apart from observing the rules for water

safety, the next best thing is to be sure that a knowledge of artificial respiration is at hand. Many a person who has seen a victim of drowning, feels certain that he is dead, because of the lack of eye reflexes, breathing and heartbeat.

The first and last thing to remember about the application of artificial respiration is to begin it right away, and not to cease until rigor mortis has set in, this last being a stiffening of the limbs which indicates death most certainly.

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## Who is This "Other Guy"

Over the next two summer months—July and August—hundreds of people will be killed, thousands maimed and injured and cars will be wrecked around the clock. These traffic accidents will happen in the best of weather and in many cases under ideal travelling conditions.

In view of this it might be a good idea to see who is going to cause all this death and destruction. According to a survey of driver attitudes in the United States the answer is nobody.

Nine out of 10 adults questioned (and all those with a record of traffic violations) rated themselves above average in driving skill, and better than average at obeying traffic laws. Typical traffic safety slogans such as "Drive Safely", "Slow Down and Live" were not intended for them or so they said. Each one questioned was sure that he drove safely and that traffic education was directed at the "other guy".

Safety officials believe that drivers in Canada think along the same lines and are equally convinced that their driving skill and

obedience to traffic regulations are above reproach.

It would appear that people really want to be good "law-abiding" drivers. In wanting to be good drivers, we tell ourselves we are and therefore convince ourselves we are. It is always the "other guy" who is the bad driver.

It would seem the average driver behind the wheel lives in two worlds: one a mental world of fantasy where he sees himself as a good driver and the other world of hard physical facts where he often unknowingly commits the driving sins, large and small, which cause traffic accidents.

While this schizophrenic condition is of undoubted interest to psychiatrists it is also cause for thought by every Canadian. Because of it we are paying an annual toll of more than \$300,000,000 in cash, and some 3,000 lives, plus about 66,000 people maimed and injured. It is time that all drivers discovered that there is no room even on a divided highway for a split personality.

## Local News Networks

Perhaps we may be excused this week if we take a look at Canada's weekly newspapers while editors from across Canada are gathered in Regina for the annual meetings of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association.

It will be the 40th convention and editors and publishers of weekly newspapers from Newfoundland to Vancouver Island have gathered in the famed prairie city of Regina to discuss the problems that confront them in this highly mechanized and rapidly changing world.

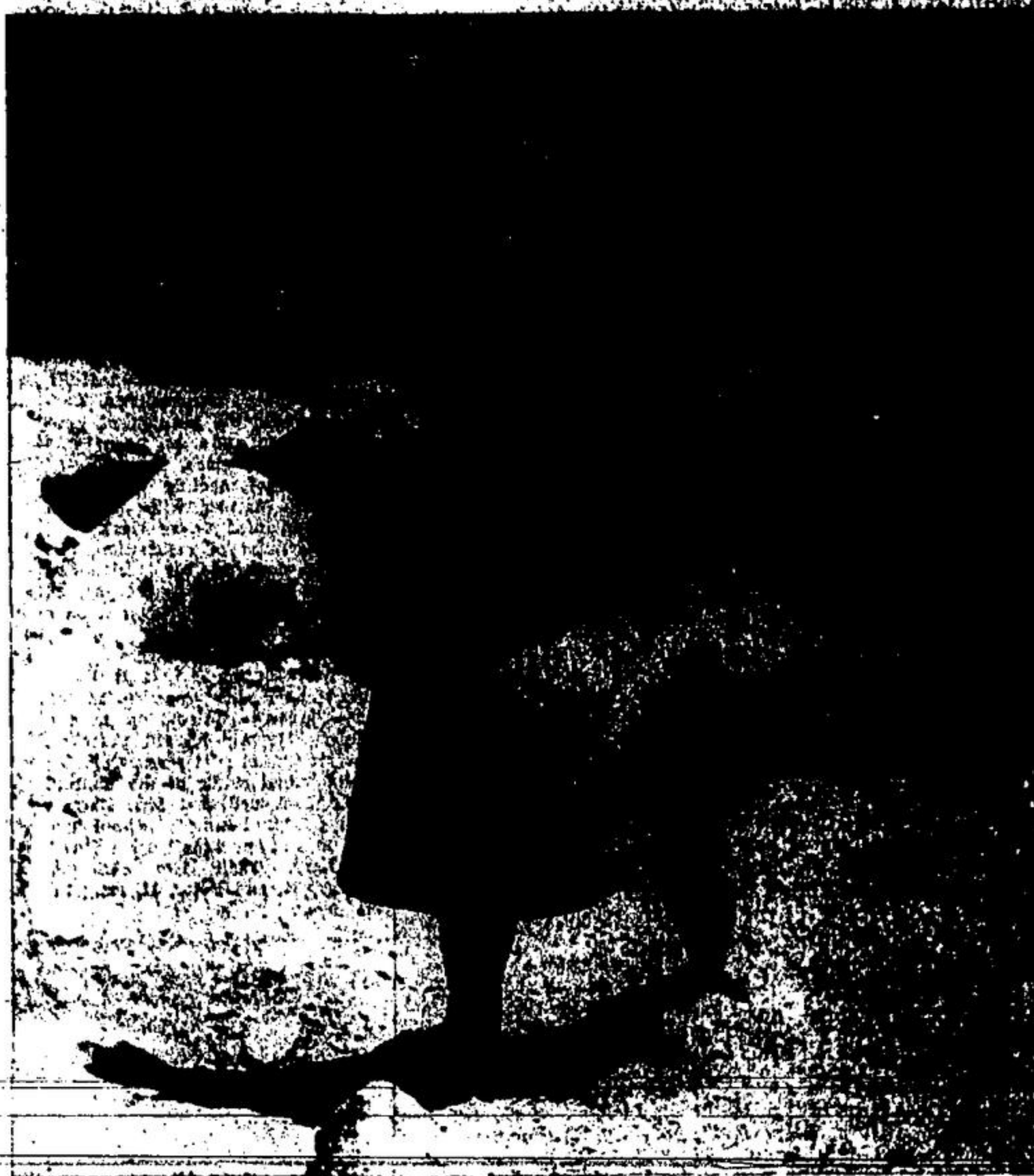
Your weekly, like the 745 across the country, has changed in format and mechanical methods of reproduction but its basic responsibility as a communications network for the community is still the same.

Gone are the days of the casual deadline and the gone fishin' sign, which were mainly fables anyway. Today the job of publishing a weekly newspaper is one of the biggest in the publishing field.

Not only does the weekly of Canada compete for business against new and powerful media, but it also has to do an improving job of reporting local news and interpreting the community to itself. Higher education and living standards make this mandatory.

Working together through their association weekly editors over the years have built a strong esprit de corps, introduced highly competitive awards, improved the ethics of the weeklies, and extended their sphere of influence into the chambers of governments.

The weeklies of Canada are undoubtedly facing new problems and new achievements and the shop talk, the deal swapping and the fellowship at the CWNA meetings in Regina, will undoubtedly stimulate the many attending to new goals and accomplishments in the interests of small towns across Canada.



—Photo by Esther Taylor

## Water Baby

## Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL SMILEY

Something that has been swishing around in my mind for a long time was crystallized when I read of the overwhelming reception the people of Chicago had given the Queen, during her visit there.

I think it's time we shook off our selfishness, did the fair thing, and offered to let the United States become part of Canada. It's downright hogwash for a measly 17 million Canadians to be sitting here in this big, fat, wealthy country, while 150 million neighbours are crowded into a much smaller area that is practically depleted of natural resources.

It's like a miser, with a million in the bank, sitting all alone in his great big house, too cheap to spend the fuel to warm it, while his happy-go-lucky cousin, who has spent his inheritance, lives in a trailer with ten kids and has to work like a donkey just to keep them all fed and warm and clothed.

Aside from the selfishness angle, it would make sense if we took in the States, Canada would be the biggest country in the world. Follow that up with 20 years of wide-open immigration, and we'd have half of Europe over here. Then we could look those Chinese and Russians right in the eye and say, "Slow down Babe, or you'll get a fat lip!"

There's never been any real animosity between the two nations, so there'd be no trouble that way. Oh, they've tried to grab an odd few hundred thousand square miles of ours in border disputes, but that was before we became a nation in our own right, and they haven't taken an inch since. They tried to conquer the country, back in 1812, but made a botch of it.

Anyway, most of our ancestors were hooping spuds in Ireland, stealing cattle in Scotland or pulling the forelock to the square in England, when that was going on. Since then, aside from the Fenian raids, a typical Irish fare, we'll merely give them back the land their forefathers fled, or were run out of, and all would be forgiven. Of course, most of that land is in and around New York City, and runs, they tell me, as high as two or three hundred dollars an acre. As recompense to the dispossessed of Wall St and Madison Avenue, we'd have them ten square miles of tundra for each acre of N.Y. real estate. That's fair enough, surely.

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Politically, there'd be no problem. Instead of having ten provinces, we'd have 59 or 60. It would be a nice blow to Texans to learn that they were numbered among the middle-sized provinces. But think what fun it would be at a Provincial-Federal tax conference, with 59 provinces depending on justice from Honest John, or whoever was Prime Minister.

Of course, if they were allowed in, the Americans would have to change their habits. No more walking into a drugstore and saying, "Give me a lift of bourbon!" They'd have to line up like good Canadians, consult the heavenly phar, present their permits, and buy a lift from the government, with

proper humility and gratitude for the privilege.

No more of those easy divorcees. They'd have to learn that in Canada, it doesn't matter if your husband is a drunk, a wife-beater, insane, or has deserted you. You still can't get rid of him unless he's an adulterer and you can prove it.

And you, I don't think we should just throw open the border and let them come tramping in here to wallow in our wealth and culture. That would spoil them, right off the bat. And besides, they wouldn't appreciate it if they got it for nothing. No, I'd charge them a nominal sum, say \$100 a head. That would retire Canada's national debt, but we'd immediately repudiate it, and start off with a clean slate.

It might be a little hard on the U.S. farmers who are making so much money in subsidies for not growing stuff that they've sated. But we could relocate them in the muskeg, and put them to killing mosquitoes.

Of course, there'd be the question of wages to put the millions who flocked north when they saw the gates opened. Personally, I'd have it in the agreement that the first 25 million of them would be settled north of a line from Hudson Bay due west to the Rockies. That would keep out the carpet-baggers, and open up the north. And we'd feed a lot safer with 59 million Yanks between us and the Russkies.

I can really see no hitch in the plan. We use the same currency. We both speak English, though I'd prefer to become bilingual, like us, and able to toss off a couple in French like "Papa est encore mieux le patron du chien."

And just think, there would be less trade and those things closest to our hearts, our cars, our liquor and our smokes would be a lot cheaper.

## Do You Notice Any Difference?

The Free Press has got a new look. At least that's what printers say when what they mean is that we have a new kind of type for use in headlines and advertisements. It's a really very heavy condensed type and it's in three sizes, 14 point, 24 point and 36 point. It's the only type used in the paper, and provides an outstanding effect.

Play up the headlines, have it looked like this.

## 18 Tempo Medium

## 18 Tempo Heavy

## 18 Tempo Heavy Cond.

These headlines are all mechanical. All type faces belong to the same family meaning they show family resemblances that result in a uniform and pleasing impression.

# THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Back in 1909      Back in 1939

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, July 22, 1909.

Mr. W. H. Gurney, glove manufacturer, whose factory at Wingham was destroyed by fire a fortnight ago, has secured larger and better premises, and has commenced business again with a new vim and determination which means success.

Mr. Anthony Stephenson has disposed of his blacksmithing business to Mr. Charles Taylor, who comes to Acton well recommended. Mr. Stephenson was a superior blacksmith and built up a very profitable trade.

During Saturday evening's heavy electric storm, the barns of H. E. Hall of Trafalgar were struck by lightning and totally destroyed. The loss will be heavy as the insurance was only \$1400 on buildings and contents. Mr. Hall had just finished buying that evening and about 40 tons were destroyed together with five calves and some implements. The barns caught fire so quickly that nothing could be got out.

The bricklayers are about ready for operations on Mr. J. Bell's new house on Church Street.

Mr. W. S. Chisholm, manager of the Merchants Bank, has received from Messrs. Henry Barks and Son, silversmiths, Montreal, a fine silver cup to be offered for competition, probably for a herd of cattle at the Fall Fair here next fall. It is a fine silver cup, stands on an ebony base, and is eight inches high and about five inches across the top.

The weather has been agreeably cool this past week. Great prospects now are evident for a bumper raspberry crop. The peach growing districts also give fine promise.

At the baseball match on Tuesday evening between Stivers and The Clerks, the former won by a score of 8-7. At the meeting of the officers of the town league Tuesday evening, the executive of the fair committee decided that after paying for ball's and bats required for games, to place the balance of the proceeds of the collections in the bank to be held for accounting purposes next year.

The selling of ice cream and ice cream soda on Sunday, even in a restaurant, as an infringement of the Lord's Day Act, was a decision given Monday by the magistrate.

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, July 26, 1939.

Last Friday at noon, Miss Margaret Gavin was severely injured when she was struck by an automobile driven by a Toronto woman. The accident occurred on Mill St. just at the noon hour. Miss Gavin was crossing the street opposite the post office. She was struck by the side of the car and thrown heavily to the pavement, sustaining a bad bump on the forehead, a severe shaking up and bruises. She was later removed to the hospital for x-rays.

Knox Presbyterian church was the scene of a pretty wedding Saturday when Miss Elizabeth Orr became the bride of Mr. Kirby Williams. Rev. H. L. Bennett officiated. The bride was attended by Miss Velma Murray as bridesmaid and Christie Lamb as flower girl. Friends were Ted Hansen and Norman Wright. They will reside in Wingham.

Acton Citizens' Band gave a splendid concert in the park on Sunday afternoon. The band is making steady improvement under Bandmaster McManis and Acton is added proud of them and their performance.

Quite a number of men, women and children took advantage of the opportunity to inspect the Chrysler Road car used by Their Majesties Edward VIII and Mary II on Saturday afternoon at 10:30 a.m. when it was on view for the first time in this country.

The car is equipped with such innovations as a self-propelled steering mechanism, special 12-cylinder 24-horsepower engine.

In the monthly meeting of Acton Ladies' Guild, held at the home of Mrs. C. K. G. and Mrs. J. L. G. on Wednesday, Mrs. F. T. G. was the hostess. The ladies played bridge and did not forget to contribute to the fund for the purchase of a new piano.

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## THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

<p><b>UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA</b> Acton, Ontario Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., B.D. Minister Mr. George Elliott Organist and Choir Leader</p> <p><b>SUNDAY JULY 19th 1939</b> 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Church School meets with congregation at 11:15. Classes in this department approximately 11:40 11:15 a.m. Morning Worship</p>	<p><b>PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA</b> <b>KNOX CHURCH, ACTON</b> Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D.</p> <p><b>SUNDAY JULY 19th 1939</b> The Church of the Holy Spirit will worship with the congregation of Acton at 11:15 a.m. at 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.</p>	<p><b>THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN</b> Rev. T. Roy H. B. Stokroff, L. Th. S.T.B. 185 Jeffrey St. phone 265</p> <p>The Eucharist Sunday after Trinity <b>SUNDAY JULY 19th 1939</b> 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist. Gospel preached by the Rev. Canon G. Jacques, Director of public relations for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind V. A. Woodhouse</p>	<p><b>BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON</b> Pastor Rev. Gordon M. Holmes, B.A., B.Th. 115 Beaver Avenue</p> <p><b>SUNDAY JULY 19th 1939</b> 9:45 a.m.—Church School 11:00 a.m.—Public Worship 7:30 p.m.—Open air service on the church lawn Wednesday, 8 p.m.—The mid-week Service for Bible Study, Witness and Prayer. All are Welcome</p>	<p><b>ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE</b> 33 Churchill Road PAO.C. Rev. Kenneth J. Hood, Pastor 35 Cook St. phone 648-W</p> <p><b>SUNDAY JULY 19th 1939</b> 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship. 7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic.</p>
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