

Editorial Page

Opposition Timely

The action of the Packinghouse Workers, Local 479, the Acton Chamber of Commerce and the Beardmore Company in registering their opposition to the proposed air pollution by-law at last week's council meeting was both timely and justified.

Contrary to council's reassuring words that nothing would be encouraged that jeopardized industry, the delegation of Glenlea residents at an earlier meeting was assured a by-law would be prepared.

On the strength of this, those opposed were wise in registering their opposition early. Too often citizens sit back until after legislation is approved before registering their objections.

The majority feeling about the by-law would seem to be abundantly clear too. A petition signed by 835 people is indicative of the opposition such a by-law has aroused. There is little wonder either. No one is anxious to have his employment jeopardized and we have no doubt that council is not anxious to jeopardize the economy of the town.

Already this year the town has survived the upheaval and economic problems

brought about by the closing of a large industry. Here too people argued it could never happen. But it did.

No one has threatened that Beardmore's will close if the by-law is passed. But neither has there been any assurance it won't.

There have been arguments the by-law doesn't have to be enforced and arguments it will, if passed, be enforced.

In the light of the expressed opinion of the majority, we can see no reason why council should incur the cost and confusion of proceeding further in the preparation of the by-law.

Passing by-laws should never be regarded as a convenience in pacifying delegations with the decision to enforce the legislation left over for further wrangling.

We feel sure the company is sufficiently aware of the odor problem and will move as quickly as possible to reduce it by whatever methods may be developed.

There seems no justifiable reason for further discussion on the by-law which is only gaining an unwelcome notoriety for the town and claiming many man hours in inconclusive discussion.

Just Plain Talk

W. H. Evans is president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, a group that has not been notably successful in winning public support. Judging by his recent Toronto speech, Mr. Evans may change all that. He talked the kind of language Canadians can understand, and he made his points in good blunt English.

"To hear some people talk," he said, "you'd think that employers took positive delight in lay-offs and payroll reductions. Nothing could be further from the truth. I know of no employer who isn't highly pleased when business conditions are so good that he needs to increase the size of his labor force."

That is the kind of straight-forward talk that is understood. There is not a newspaper in the country that couldn't use some extra hands about the place; there is scarcely a farmer in this district who isn't short of help; every store in town could do with another helper if business improved. But without adequate profits, there cannot be full employment.

For these sound reasons, those who balk the legitimate aims of the manufacturers and other sections of the business community are all wrong. They cannot cripple employers and at the same time create employment. Business people, like Mr. Evans, should never tire of putting that point across.

Commendable Action

The recent action of council in choosing a Thursday evening for Nomination is a welcome innovation.

Friday night, with the stores of the town open until 9 p.m., has precluded the possibility of many businessmen attending the nomination meetings.

The business district of the town is, of course, one of the important elements in the town's total complexion. This change in night then should assure their attendance at the significant event.

Acton nominations this year, according to our calendar, will be held on Thursday, November 19.

It is important that the leadership of the town be active and representative. It is on this night that those who may be dissatisfied give fair hearing to reports of pre-

sent officials and also place their names for positions.

It is useless folly to be a complainer if you don't have sufficient interest to attend and support your complaints.

On the other hand too if you are satisfied with the work of civic officials in the various groups it is only right that you should indicate that satisfaction at the Nomination meeting.

Nothing can be quite as discouraging to a conscientious civic official as complete silence on his or her efforts.

Make a date now to be on hand for the Nominations and the usual civic meeting that follows. It's a date that directly effects the administration of government closest to you. Let's not be apathetic about it.

\$1,000,000,000 Wasted

By world standards, Canada's fire losses are a national disgrace.

No European nation even remotely approaches us, per head of population, in our evident consuming tendency to burn up ourselves and our possessions.

More than one billion dollars is the sum of property destroyed in the last 10 years. This is an appalling economic waste, far exceeding the loss of any other decade in our history. On the human side, 5,355 persons have died horribly and thousands of others have been scarred and disfigured for life.

The tragedy is that most of the fires were caused by human carelessness.

The men who have had to fight these fires believe that new generations can be

taught to be more careful. Heed their practical advice.

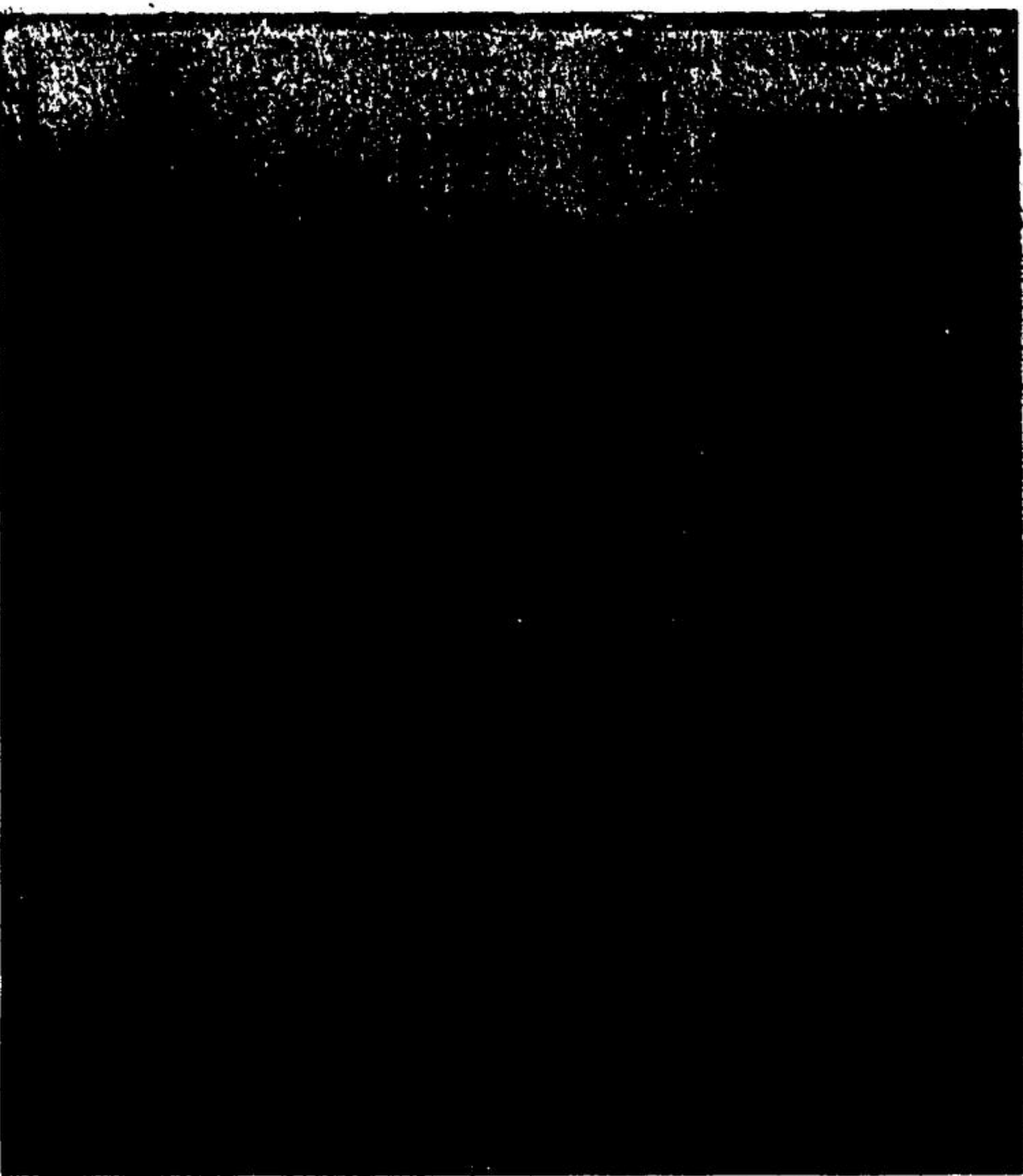
DON'T GIVE FIRE A PLACE TO START!

Brief Comments

It is certain that we cannot be rich and lazy at the same time. As individuals, we should re-examine our attitude toward work, security and leisure. As voters we should examine our beliefs as to what we think the government can and should do for us.

Ned J. McKinnon, president Canadian Bank of Commerce

The Canadian Gas Association has produced a helpful book on home accidents and how to avoid them. It contains a wealth of material under the title Home Safe Home. A reading could be helpful in eliminating hazards in your home



—Photo by Esther Taylor

"The Urge to Jump"

Sugar and Spice . . .

BY BILL SMILEY

A news story the other day told of the crash landing of a 20-year-old Spitfire, last survivor of its breed of the Battle of Britain. Far from making me nostalgic, it gave me a certain satisfaction. "Probably," I said to myself, "one of those clapped-out dogs we flew at Red-

pilots from India. And how well we got along, though so different in outlook and upbringing! The only ones who scrapped were the Indians, among themselves, because they were a Sikh, a Moslem, a Christian and a Hindu and couldn't abide each other."

That's what they gave us to train on—Spits that had been through the Battle of Britain, and flew as though they'd been through the Battle of Hastings. No, I'm afraid I didn't get sentimental about the gallant little Spitfire, when I read of its demise. I got so many bad scares while flying those things that I always looked on them with a jaundiced eye afterwards.

But it did start me thinking about one of the happiest times I have ever had, and remembering some of the best friends I ever made. We took a three-months operational training course on Spitfires in the heart of Shropshire, in the dead of an English winter, than which there is nothing dead-

er. On a winter night, we'd mount our bikes, about a dozen of us, and head off down the black road for one of the neighboring pubs. In the off of the wet night we'd troop, sprigs as high as the sky, into the warmth of the fireplace, and the shining pewter, and the barmaid's cheeky salutation.

And the locals would turn from their darts or dominoes and shake their heads as they smiled a welcome. And the punts would fly, and in no time at all the pub would be rocking with good cheer and good fellowship and good singing in a dozen different accents.

The singing was the best part. Have you ever heard a Frenchman singing "I wanna gale jus like ze gale wol marree deer-de Dad"? Or a Norwegian yodeling "Valtereng Matrold"? Or an Australian bellowing "Along saw-law de la palatse, le jour de glowler is arrivy"?

On our way home, we'd practice formation flying on our bikes with no hands, which frequently meant winding up in a thorn hedge. The climax to the race back was a race down the steep hill to our huts, with no lights, no hands and very often no brakes. There'd be tremendous collisions, with cursing, laughing bodies flying in all directions, at the bottom.

It sounds pretty silly, and it was. But we were all very young, and very gay, even the Europeans, though their gaiety had an edge of bitterness to it, a touch of violence.

My special friends were Nils, Van, Singh and Paddy. We flew in the same flight, ate and drank together, and pursued various young women together. I've never seen one of them since, but in those days we were as close as brothers are supposed to be.

Nils was a long, skinny Norwegian, who had made his way across the North Sea in a fishing boat with two others. He was solemn and shy until he had a few beers, then turned into a Viking. Van was a saturnine Belgian ex-army officer, who had escaped via France and Spain, rotting in a Spanish jail for six months before getting to England. Both had trained in Canada.

Singh was the son of a wealthy Sikh family in India. He had all the paraphernalia, hair down to his waist, which he tucked under one of a series of brilliant silk turbans; curly black beard; flashing brown eyes and white teeth. He laughed all the time. When he had a hang-over, he would tell the flight commander it was a religious holiday for him, and he couldn't fly. They never caught on.

Paddy was a lugubrious Irishman with a soft Dublin accent, a very dim view of the English, and a wonderful gift for making you laugh. A brilliant pilot but a reckless one. They're all dead now. Nils shot down in France. Van crashed, burning a few miles from his home in Belgium. Singh flew Hurricane in Burma and was missing. Paddy went into the Company one day, when he was flying to see how low he could go, without touching the water.

But I often warn myself with the memory of those halcyon, hilarious months: I can close my eyes and see them, grinning and a little bit crazy, and I can hear them in their assorted accents, trying to cope with the Alouette as I led them through a fast round. And I'll still think of them when I'm seventy.

MORE DANGER

The exodus of Canadians from their homes to suburban and country homes brings increased danger from lightning-caused fires. The greater ease of the modern home and one-story plant, with more electrical appliances, more circuits with outside leads, receiving broadcast antennae, oil and storage tanks and concrete slab construction in direct contact with moist earth are factors.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Back in 1909

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, October 7, 1909.

During his sermon in the Methodist church on Sunday evening, Rev. T. Albert Moore, general secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, incidentally remarked that complaints had been made to the Attorney General of the province of the sale of papers from the Sunday morning train. Both sellers and purchasers are liable to fines for this illegal practice.

Mr. G. A. Block states that he has leased the stables at the Dominion Hotel and will look after the horses of the travelling public. He also by this plan ensures stable accommodation for the numerous horses he is constantly handling in his business. He will also hold semi-annual sales here of stock implement and other articles.

Miss Mamie Mastles arrived home from a three months' visit in the Old Country. While there she visited many friends and took a trip through Scotland, calling at the principal cities.

Joe Devlin, an itinerant umbrella mender, was found guilty of an attempted housebreaking last Wednesday by His Worship Reeve Swackhamer and sentenced to a month in the county jail. The prisoner said he was the worse for liquor or he would not have attempted the acts complained of.

Mr. Sam Laird testified that he had seen the man tear off the screen window of a rear room in Mr. John Husband's residence on Young Street and then proceed to enter the house. He caught him and ordered him away and then laid the information.

Acton Fall Fair, held on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, proved a big event and the secretary and president were kept busy throughout the two days filling in entry forms as exhibitors kept swarming to the fair grounds.

The entries were the largest in a number of years and the exhibits were placed in the hall in such a manner that they were beautifully displayed. The grain, cattle and other displays certainly attracted many visitors.

The work of replacing the wood and sheet metal buildings of the Acton Tanning Company with steel and reinforced cement, which has been in progress all summer, is continuing and it is believed completion date will be in the near future.

Back in 1939

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, October 5, 1939.

The Board of Directors of Acton Murray Memorial Y.M.C.A. have engaged Mr. W. J. (Bill) Bethson of Toronto to be supervisor, succeeding Mr. W. C. Jones. He started his duties yesterday and is now getting into the swing and planning activities for the coming season.

Force Electric Products' team, entered in the Commercial Bowling League in Guelph, Ont., the first of their games Tuesday night, when they defeated Capital Garage, Acton won 7-0. The Force team is comprised of the following players: M. Root, N. Morfin, B. Morlin, W. Corry, J. Adamson and J. Morton.

A group of boys at the Acton Public School organized a softball team and have played home and home games with Milton and Georgetown. They have won one and lost one with each team and are playing good ball.


The following is the lineup of the Acton team: catcher, Harold Robson; pitcher, Wilson Gordon; first base, Rien Veldhuis; second base, Lloyd Robinson; third base, Victor Masters; shortstop, David Dills; right field, Jack Kentner; centre field, Calvert Rowles; left field, Edward Russell; subs, T. R. Lamb, Allan Gordon.

The silent policeman at Mill and Main Streets broke the silence about midnight last night when it was hit and dragged along the pavement. Incidentally, the policeman as well as the silence was broken.

On Saturday evening, many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas gathered at Woodside school to hold a shower and honor the newlyweds. After the presentation of the gifts and the reading of an address, the group enjoyed a dainty lunch and dancing.

Plans were laid last night at a special meeting in the council chamber for the formation of a Red Cross branch in Acton. The meeting was arranged by Reeve McCutcheon and attended by members of both branches of the I.O.G.E., three Institute branches, the Acton Legion, council, clergy and ladies' organizations of four churches. Plans were laid for the formation of this branch and a general meeting will be called, at which time a guest speaker will be present to outline all details.

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THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
 Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, P.A., B.D.
 SUNDAY OCTOBER 4th 1939
 8:45 a.m. - Church School
 10:00 a.m. - Bible Class (15 - 25 years)
 11:00 a.m. - Fall Communion, theme "Keeping the Feast" Pre-nuptial services children cared for at the manse during service
- THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN**
THE MARTYR ANGLICAN
 Rector: The Rev. H. B. Stokreef, L.Th., S.T.B.
 125 Jeffrey St., phone 263
 The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
HARVEST FESTIVAL
 SUNDAY OCTOBER 4th 1939
 8:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist and Church School as well as 1939 Confirmation Classes both adult and junior
 11:00 a.m. - Choral Eucharist, Novena in Parish Hall, Guest preacher the Rev. H. G. MacDonald, B.A., S.T.B., Canadian Church House, Toronto, Ont.
MID-WEEK SERVICES
 Monday, October 2, 1939 - 4:30 p.m. Junior Confirmation Class, 7:30 p.m. Senior Confirmation Class
 Tuesday, October 3, 1939 - 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist The celebration marks the beginning of the Annual Meeting of the Women's Auxiliary and Clerical Chapter of the Diocese of Halton
- CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**
 Rev. J. Nutma, B.A., B.D., Minister
 301 Queen St. Box 46 Phone 688
 SUNDAY OCTOBER 4th 1939
 10:00 a.m. - English
 2:30 p.m. - Dutch
 "The Church of the Back to God Hour"
- UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**
 Acton, Ontario
 Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., B.D., Minister
 Mr. George Elliott Organist and Choir Leader
 SUNDAY OCTOBER 4th 1939
 9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer (Holy Communion)
 10:00 a.m. - Junior Church (Grades 4-6)
 11:15 a.m. - Morning Worship (Holy Communion)
 11:45 a.m. - Sunday School (Up to Grade 3)
 At both services, children under 5 are cared for in the Nursery
- ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE**
 33 Church St. Road
 P.A.O.C.
 Rev. Kenneth J. Reid, Pastor
 75 Gask St., phone 648-W
 SUNDAY OCTOBER 4th 1939
 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. - Christ Ambassador
 "You Are Always Welcome"
- BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON**
 Pastor
 Rev. Gordon M. Holmes, B.A., B.Th.
 115 Baker Avenue
 SUNDAY OCTOBER 4th 1939
 9:45 a.m. - Church School
 11:00 a.m. - Public Worship Communion & Service
 7:00 p.m. - S.O.S. fourth in the series on abbreviations. Others to follow: D.V., OHMS
 Wednesday, 8 p.m. - Prayer meeting
 All Are Welcome