

Editorial Page

The Big Move

The big move has now been completed for the Acton Free Press and as this is being hammered out our view has changed from the view of a bare wall to the much more pleasant sight of autumn in the school grounds.

We might say it has been an interesting three days. The move was completed by Saturday night with just a few minor remnants to be moved as time permits. Monday morning the plant was back in production.

As is understandable weeks of planning went into the operation and if it was a little hectic that could be forgotten in the fact that the deadlines were adhered to.

Yet there's a certain nostalgic feeling left. You see the Free Press had occupied the original section of the Mill St. building for about 60 years. Present generations, in fact, never knew it in any other location.

The present address of the Free Press now becomes 59 Willow St. rather than the more familiar 56 Mill St. Of course, for the convenience of those who wish to place classified advertising, leave news items, or pay accounts either address will continue to be available. The Mill Street location will be a branch office and become known as Dills Stationery with Mr. R. H. Elliott in charge. It will offer the complete facilities of a stationery and office supply centre, when renovations are completed shortly.

We didn't discover any caches of gold dust or buried treasure in the move. The sum total of pennies and dimes that had strayed wasn't over \$1. A number of interesting things turn up in every home though. The back of one type cabinet carried its original address to H. P. Moore via G.T.R. which of course was by Grand Trunk Railway.

There were pictures that turned up like the one of the Mosquito Bomber named Acton in honor of the original war-time promotion of Victory Loan Bonds and including Amos Mason, Ted Force and Arlof Dills.

There were engravings left over and filed after their use at least three decades ago.

The upstairs of the Mill St. building was hardly touched. It contains numerous other "treasures" yet to be properly accommodated. Such things as an early spinning wheel and the historically-valuable A. T. Brown collection of glass negatives taken of early Acton around the turn of the century, still remain untouched.

The big old newspaper press still rests on its original foundation in the Mill St. building. Back of it is a history of countless editions of the Free Press that recorded the activities of the town and district for over 20 years. Still in limited use, its main activity of printing the weekly editions has now been delegated to newer and faster equipment.

Perhaps the oldest and one of the few pieces of equipment that remain from before the ownership of the present publisher is a perforator. One of those things that makes it easy to tear along a given mark. The principle of newer machines has changed little and the thousands of little individual needles still do effective work.

Perhaps it's the changing of the seasons so close to the changing of premises that plants a faint feeling of nostalgia but the wider aisles, the newly panelled offices, the more attractive lighting and the generally improved working conditions do compensate for "the big move."

Editors and publishers of the Free Press have always attempted to keep pace with the growth of the community and physical limitations have always been overcome. Acton is growing as are its requirements in newspaper service and commercial printing. This is the growth that justifies and requires our growth.

It is our sincere hope that our move will be satisfactory and that our continuing growth will require utilization of even larger sections of the 27,000 square foot building.

School Bus Stop

Driver ignorance about the stopped school bus laws is causing concern to the courts and the Ontario Provincial Police.

Recently 15 drivers each were fined \$12.50 including costs by one Justice of the Peace, for failure to stop behind a stopped school bus.

One of the most prevalent misunderstandings is that when a bus pulls off the travelled portion of road they do not have to stop. This is not correct and it does lead to a dangerous situation.

It only takes seconds for a pupil to alight from a school bus and get to the road. A car behind a school bus that fails to stop would reach the front of the bus about the same time as a home-bound pupil that had to cross the road in front of the bus.

Regulations under the Highway Traffic Act state:

● That the bus must carry the words "School bus" in black letters on the front and

rear as high up as possible, and also on the rear the words "Do not pass when bus is stopped".

● That the bus must alternately flash its two amber signal lamps on the front, placed as high and as far apart as practicable, and also its similarly placed red signal lamps on the rear, when it is slowing down to stop.

● That when a school bus is stopped with its signal lights flashing, all overtaking traffic must stop behind it.

While there is a great deal of confusion about the regulations the words painted on the back of school buses should be adequate to warn motorists of the need to stop behind a school bus when it stops.

Motorists have a responsibility to know and abide by the regulations but it is also important for the youngsters themselves to exercise due caution by looking each way before crossing highways.

Just as safety is everybody's business so is caution.

A Need Met

Just as factual, objective reporting is the substance of good journalism, so is honest advertising the lifeblood of a good newspaper.

Recognizing this, weekly editors applaud the recent action of Justice Minister Fulton in introducing an amendment to the Combines Investigation Act that seeks to deal effectively with deceptive advertising.

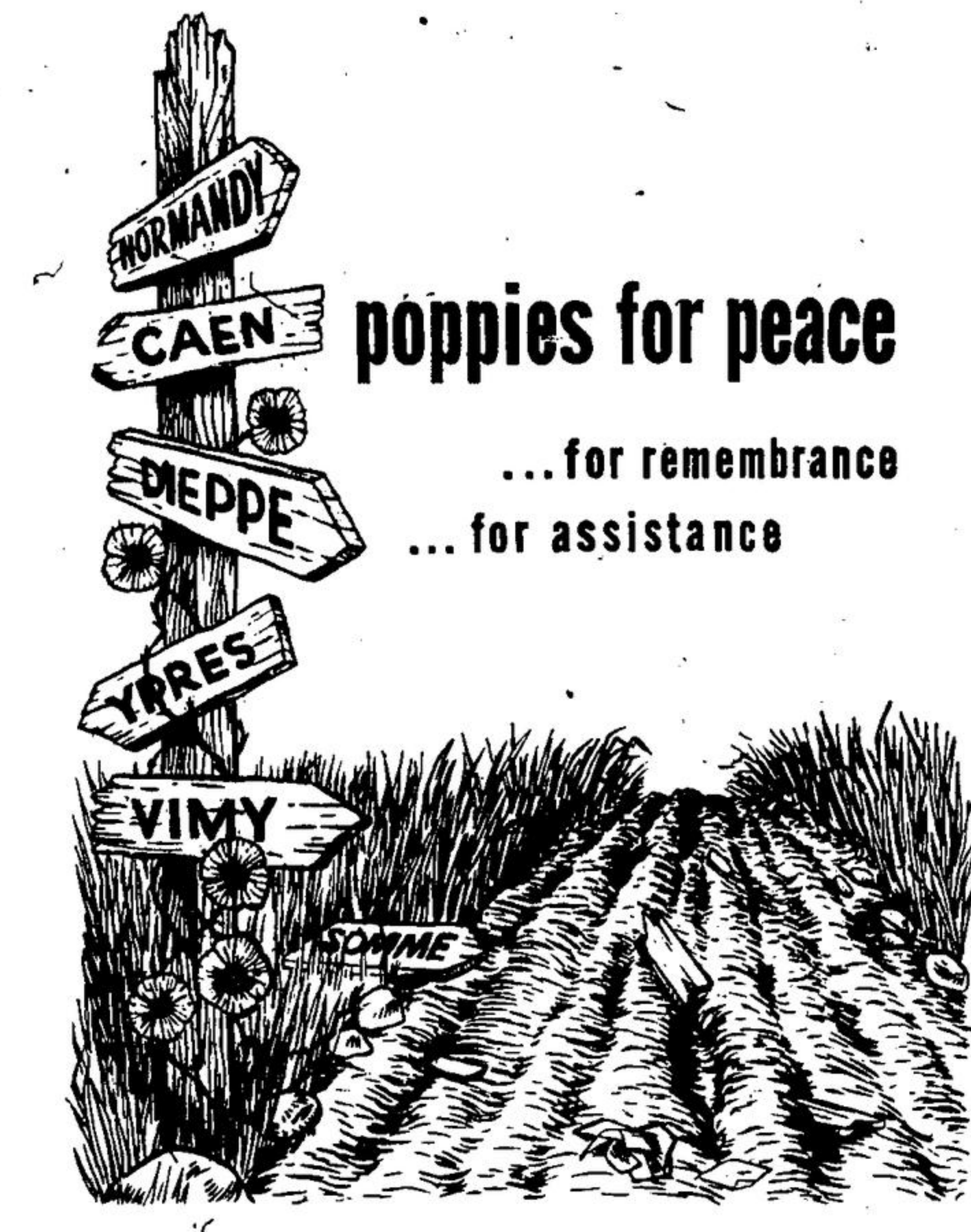
There are times when government interference in private business is needed. This is one of them.

"This provision," the Hon. Mr. Fulton explained, "would forbid any person, for the purpose of promoting the sale or use of an article, to make any materially misleading representation to the public, by any means whatsoever, concerning the price at which

such or like articles have been, are or will be ordinarily sold.

This type of misleading advertising which this provision is designated to meet consists in a manufacturer or dealership setting up, before the public, a fictitious and unwarranted regular retail price for his product in order to make it appear that the price at which he is actually offering the product for sale is more favorable to the public than it actually is.

Justice Minister Fulton is not alone in his concern over what he terms "insidious and sophisticated techniques" that are used by too many advertisers in pricing their products. He can be assured of the support of all weekly newspapers in his official move to stamp out this type of deception.



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Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL SMILEY

There's a deal of fluttering and pattering and muttering, of hurrying and worrying and seeping, around our town these days. There is tension in the air, and secrecy. Domestic quarrels are frequent and bitter. Women weep easily and normally soft-spoken men curse with gusto and little provocation.

Cause of all the strain, of course, is that deer season is upon us again. About dawn on Monday morning, some two-thirds of the male population will be off on the great annual frudge. Among them, they will cover more territory than did Napoleon's army on the retreat from Moscow.

Majority of these intrepid adventurers would not walk two blocks to work on a pleasant day in mid-summer. Yet they will drag themselves and a dirty great musket through swamp and slush and burn, through mud and snow and rain, for eight hours a day during the annual attack of eafad known in these parts as deer hunting.

The truth is, of course, that it is not the hunt they enjoy. Deer hunting as a sport is highly over-rated. It is much like children's long periods of endless mandatory and intense discomfort, interspersed by explosions of violence and utter confusion.

There are reasons why all those pot-bellied, flabby-muscled, short-winded characters undergo the drudgery and the exhaustion of the hunt. Seldom among them are the yearning for a venison toast,

nor yet the deep desire to indulge in the thrills of the chase.

Some of them go because they face the truth. They know that they can't spend one more day, with their wives without taking an axe to them. Smug in the knowledge that it is the one holiday on which the old lady will not insist on tagging along, they leave for the deep woods and safety with expressions of love and gratitude, the hypocrites.

Another segment is also nearing the breaking point. It is made up of the men who are running away from The Job or The Business. Nearly berserk from the attentions of boss or customers, they'll admit quite frankly, the cowards, that they don't give a damn about the hunting; they just want to get someplace where there are no telephones, where nobody can get at them.

Then there are the boys who want to play at being men. These are the types with white-collar jobs, good incomes, and iron-willed wives. For six weeks of the year, these birds are well dressed, well mannered, and well managed. So they go deer hunting, they slump around in bag boots, never wash or shave, talk rough and dirty, belch at will, and get drunk.

Still another segment of hunters is made up of men to whom deer hunting has a snob appeal. They are like the people who don't know a football team in football, but break their necks to get a

ticket to the Grey Cup game, because it's a prestige deal. This type of hunter wears expensive hunting clothes, has an expensive gun, and goes to a well organized camp, where he does a lot of drinking and poker-playing and lets the guide shoot the deer.

Then there is the vast assembly of ordinary, hardy perennial chaps, who go deer hunting just for the hell of it. They pile in a car and head north, hitting the staff all the way. When they get to deer country, they pile out and wander aimlessly and cluelessly, shouting at horses, cattle and each other, and getting lost. The second day they last till noon, then head for the nearest pub. The third day, they don't even get up till noon, manage to get in rare shape by dark, and show welly at the hunters' dance.

Perhaps five per cent of all those who go deer hunting are real hunters. They look forward to the hunt with keenest anticipation. They love the bush and the cold and the battle of wits. They work hard at it. They come home with venison and they talk about it all winter.

You'll have to pardon these random thoughts. I've just been checking my deer hunting equipment and am a little sour. My hunting jacket was the only bed on my pup would sleep on when we got him, and it's been chewed on and spewed on. I wore my hunting pants trout fishing last spring, fell in, and they shrank to pedal pushers. Last time I saw my hunting cap, the kids were picking wild strawberries into it. My hunting knife has apparently been used for trimming linoleum, and my compass vanished on a Cub's hike.

In view of all this, along with the fact that I haven't the guts to suggest it to the Old Gal, it looks as though I'll have to skip The Hunt this year. Thank goodness.

THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24th, 1959
9:45 a.m.—Church School
10:00 a.m.—Bible Class (15-25 years)
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Sermon on theme, "The Exalted Christ"
11:30 a.m.—January congregation (13-17 weeks) during sermon. Pre-natal children cared for at the manse during the service.

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

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd, 1959
8:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist and Church School
11:00 a.m.—Matins
All Are Welcome

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd, 1959
9:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m.—Sunday school for all ages
11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship. All children under 16 years of age, children under 16 years of age, children under 16 years of age.

ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
33 Church Hill Road, P.A.C.C.
Rev. Kenneth J. Reid, Pastor
75 Cook St., phone 648-W

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd, 1959
9:45 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 Ambassadors
You Are Always Welcome

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Rev. J. Nutma, B.A., B.D., Minister
301 Queen St., Box 48, Phone 686

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd, 1959
10:00 a.m.—English
2:30 p.m.—Dutch
"The Church—the Back to God Hour"

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd, 1959
9:45 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—If Jesus Be Not the Christ
7:00 p.m.—The Leftovers for God Gospel singing
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer meeting. Bible studies. Fellowship
All Are Welcome

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Back in 1909 Back in 1939

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, November 11, 1909.

During the monthly meeting of the Acton Public School Board on Monday evening, the board members agreed to re-engage the following teachers: Miss Minnie Bennett at a salary of \$400; also Miss Edith Nicklin, Minnie Holmes and Katherine Kennedy at salaries of \$400, yearly. Inspector Deacon an excellent report of the teaching staff and informed the board that every member of the staff was doing excellent work.

A meeting for the purpose of re-organizing the Acton Junior Hockey Club was held on Wednesday evening, November 3, when the following officers were elected: honorary president, A. J. Lehman; president, E. R. Bugar; vice-president, W. A. Storey; secretary-treasurer, C. Clark; manager, F. A. McLean and captain, M. McEachern. It was decided to hold a concert in order to raise money to finance the club.

William Burns of Eramosa was shot in the arm near the shoulder by the accidental discharge of the shotgun being carried by his brother-in-law, William Davidson, last Friday when they were out squirrel shooting.

Owing to a protest being entered against Beardmore and Company receiving the Merchant Bank's sterling silver cup awarded them at the Fall Fair here, on the grounds that they were not farmers as required in the competition, the directors have decided that the cup should go to the next person in line according to the judges' decision.

The \$3,000 20-year park debenture matured on November 1. Mr. Thomas Hilliard, manager of the Dominion Life Assurance Company, Waterloo, which company held the debenture, was in town Thursday and collected the \$3,044.63 due.

A druggist was recently fined for selling candy on the Lord's Day. An effort was made to avoid conviction by claiming that the candy was medicated, but the magistrate found the druggist guilty of infraction of the law.

R. F. Johnson's store-window has been most attractive the past week. Being a hardware merchant, the owner has presented a winter scene with trappers' outfit, and a fair complement of minks and other fur bearing animals.

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, November 9, 1939.

The Force bowling team clinched first place for the first series of the Guelph Commercial bowling league on Tuesday night by defeating Wishing Well by a score of 5-2. This win puts the Force team up in the finals at the end of the season. Bill Curry had high three game score with 607, Jack Morton was second with 637 and had high single score of 206.

Thanksgiving readings were given by Mrs. R. MacArthur, Miss Mabel Smith and Mrs. F. Anderson and a piano solo by Miss Margaret Brown. The offertory prayer was given by Mrs. W. Cooper. A social time was spent following the meeting and plans were made for the group to hold a rummage sale in the near future.

What might have been a near tragedy last Friday at the Mill Street railway crossing ended up with a truck receiving only slight damage when it was struck by the ten o'clock train. Apparently the truck driver accompanied by two passengers failed to notice the train coming and when his vehicle was crossing the tracks, the train struck the middle of the racks. It is believed the curve of the track at the crossing and the glancing smash was all that saved the truck from being demolished and the passengers hurt. The truck was owned by the Guelph Foundry. Chief MacPherson investigated the accident.

During the school board meeting this week, all the teachers were present at the request of the board to discuss the teaching of music in the school. It was agreed that too much time had been spent practicing for the music festival in the past years and as a result, it was felt the regular studies suffered. The teachers informed the board they were quite willing to cooperate.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dawkins, Acton, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Saturday, November 4, when their eldest daughter, Helen Grace, became the bride of William Waterhouse, son of Mrs. Waterhouse and the late Mr. James Waterhouse. Rev. G. C. Gifford officiated and Miss Pearl McMillan played the wedding music.

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TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

GRAY COACH LINES
COACHES LEAVE ACTON

Standard Time Eastbound
8:22 a.m. (Daily except Sun. and Hol.)
8:58 a.m. 11:33 a.m. 2:05 p.m. 5:08 p.m. 8:22 p.m. 8:53 p.m. 10:06 p.m. (Sun. and Hol.)

Westbound
10:27 a.m. 12:57 p.m. 2:57 p.m. 5:27 p.m. 7:27 p.m. 9:12 p.m. 11:32 p.m. 11:2 a.m. (Fri., Sat., Sun. and Hol.)

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Standard Time Eastbound
Daily 6:44 a.m. (Daily except Sundays 9:12 a.m. (flagstop); 7:09 p.m.; Sunday only 8:01 p.m.) Daily except Sundays 4:27 p.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown 10:11 p.m.

Westbound
Daily 11:44 p.m. (Daily except Sunday, 8:30 p.m.; 6:44 p.m.; Saturday only 2:22 p.m.; Sunday only 9:58 a.m. (flagstop); 8:53 a.m. only Flyer at Queen's 7:45 a.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. 8:12 p.m.)

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