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Merchant, Lodgeman, C. K. Browne Celebrates 90th Birthday Saturday

Acton's newest nonagenarian, Charles Kelly Brown, will celebrate his 90th birthday this Saturday and is looking forward to reaching his 100th birthday.

Born in Vasey, a small community near Elmville, he came to Acton 35 years ago to manage the Beardmore Co-op store, where Gordon's Hardware is presently located.

In 1939 he started in his own business, in a portion of where the I.G.A. store is now and sold tobacco and confectionery supplies. From there he moved to his present location on Mill Street North, below the school lane.

Although ill-health prevents him from taking an active part in the business, his wife operates the store.

Loves to Chat

Occasionally he visits the store and loves to sit and chat with many of his old friends. Seldom seen without a cigar in his mouth, he likes nothing better than to joke with the small fry, his regular customers.

Quick tempered at times, he has no enemies and always has a friendly word for everyone. A staunch Conservative, he has been active in the organization for years and has never missed casting his vote since he was 21—always Conservative, he claims.

Until last year, he had never missed marching in the Orange parade July 12 and determinat-

ion and keen interest forced him to attend last year's parade in Oshawa. He observed the parade from his wheelchair and chatted with many of his lodge associates afterwards.

Many Titles

He is greatly admired in the Orange Lodge and is a past master of the local lodge, past master of the Hornby district lodge, past master of the Black Lodge, Olive Branch, Guelph, past commander of the Scarlet Lodge, Hornby and honorary grand master of the Ontario West region. He is also a member of the Queen City Masonic Lodge in Toronto and a past council commander of the Woodmen of the World.

"C. K." as he is better known to everyone, credits his long life to hard work.

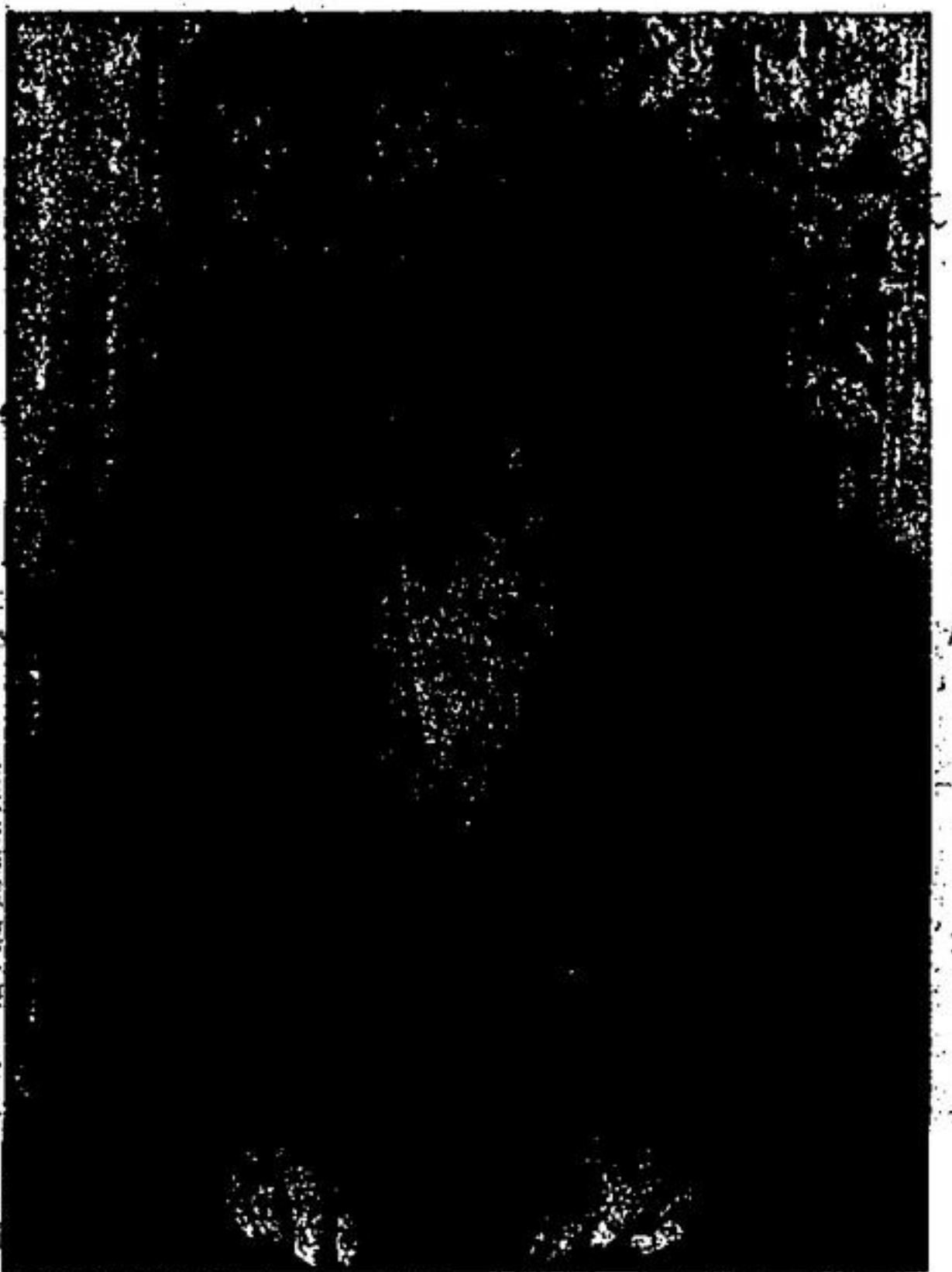
A serious but jovial individual he always has a joke for certain members of the Free Press staff, but admits he looks forward to seeing the paper each week.

Never once have small children gone out of his store disappointed when they came in with a penny for a small purchase.

The Free Press joins with his countless friends in wishing him a happy 90th birthday and a speedy recovery to good health.



SLATED FOR DEMOLITION in the near future is the home owned by Jack Smith, Main Street north, in order to make way for a new post office in Acton. This week Sandy Best M.P. for Halton made an official announcement the new building would be erected. A portion of land owned by the Dominion Hotel and the entire lot owned by Mr. Smith are under option and legal negotiations are being transacted to finalize the purchase. The Smith home is shown on the right and the property adjoining the Dominion Hotel pictured at the left.



90 YEARS OLD Saturday, Charles Kelly Browne is pictured above wearing his Orange Lodge regalia. Mr. Browne, who was born in 1870, has lived in Acton for the past 35 years. He is proprietor of a tobacco and confectionery store on Main Street north and holds many titles in the Orange Lodge. His many friends join with the Free Press in wishing the nonagenarian a "Happy Birthday".

Choose New Acton Post Office Site Govt. Takes Options on Properties

The dark shadowing the prospects of a new post office was lifted this week when Sandy Best, M.P. for Halton, announced that legal negotiations to procure a portion of the Dominion Hotel property and land owned by Jack Smith, on Main Street north, have almost been finalized.

In making the announcement, Mr. Best reported it was the Dominion government's intention to erect a new post office there. Although final plans and designs have not been completed, it is believed that construction will get underway as soon as the path is cleared officially.

Two families are living in the Smith house with Miss Midge Chapman occupying the north side and Mr. Smith occupying the south side. The Dominion Hotel property being procured entails the vacant section on the north side of the present building.

Mr. Best noted that several sites had been reviewed before

final decision was made by the Public Works Department. It was found the properties involved were the most economical based on a square footage basis.

Although nothing definite was stated it is believed the total property under option involves approximately 2,700 square feet. Mr. Best also noted it is hoped to build a large parking area at the rear of the proposed building.

Curiously was aroused last week when surveyors were in town taking stock of the area

surrounding the building site. Rumors began flying once again.

Conservative Meeting During a Conservative committee meeting Monday evening at the home of President Jack Holmes, the Member of Parliament announced the location of the new post office.

For some time negotiators from the department have been looking at several proposed sites and a number of properties have been under consideration.

Mr. Best also commented on the proposed arrangement suggested by the Department of Highways for the intersection at Mill and Main Streets and noted he would personally support the installation of stop lights at this spot.

P.O. Crowded Postmaster Frank Terry pointed out this week that a general increase in mail was due to additional industry and added population.

Mr. Terry said "The outside appearance of the present post office looks very impressive but actually there is only about 1,000 square feet of working space for the postal clerks."

The postmaster pointed out that presently additional working space has been set up at the Michigan Bulb plant on Bower Ave. to handle their mail and suggested everything should be housed under one roof.

He considered it would be a long time before Acton would have door-to-door mail delivery as the department would not consider it until there are 2,500 calls; Acton has only 1,800.

The present post office staff consists of postmaster Mr. Terry, assistant postmaster Gordon McKeown, Mrs. J. Chapman, Mrs. Chris Britton, Vic Brister, Dave Dodson and Mrs. Marj Masters.

Council Will Bid Mayor Johnny Goy said this week council will put a bid in for the present building for use as a municipal building. It would be an excellent location for town offices, assessor's office, council chambers and, if desired, hydro commission.

Miss Chapman and the Smith family have not received any official word which they have to vacate their premises.

Picnic tables have been set up in pretty spots along No. 25 highway.

Drive for Artificial Ice Began Monday With Lions Club Initial \$500 Donation

A campaign for artificial ice has been sparked by the town's newest organization, the Lions club. At a meeting Monday it was agreed to immediately allocate \$500 to a special fund for that purpose.

The club plans to make raising funds for artificial ice its major project.

Already plans are taking shape for a variety of fund-raising events. But the club's 15 members expect there will be enthusiasm and co-operation throughout the town.

Set Wheels Rolling President Alec Johnson says,

"It's our hope to set the wheels going towards the artificial ice program. All interested citizens and members of all the organizations will get behind this project, as was indicated at the local organizations meeting."

(Meetings were held last winter to discuss the formation of an arena commission.)

Pointing out the club will not take charge of the project or administer, but just contribute to it, he added, "We have no idea what is going to happen to the arena—but we intend to see artificial ice in Acton!"

While the project has been talked over at several Lions club meetings, the decision to start the fund off with an encouraging sum of \$500 was made at a board of directors meeting Monday evening. Lengthy discussions of several possible projects concluded in the decision this one would be most beneficial.

Artificial ice would be to the advantage of all the members of the community, the men agreed. In the winter there would be hockey, a figure skating club and curling club. A cement floor under the ice could be used for roller skating, dancing, carnivals and trade fairs in the summer.

Help Blind Club members also intend to support other projects, in the field of health and welfare, community betterment, education, safety and civic improvement. Lions clubs in general make a special effort to help the blind.

"What we'll do in these fields depends on what will come up," Mr. Johnson said. Meanwhile,

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Kindergarten Entries Below Expectations

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Administration of Arena Still Puzzling Question

The Lion's club allocation of \$500 to a fund for artificial ice this week brings up again the puzzling question of the administration of the arena.

Mayor Johnny Goy brought the Free Press up to date yesterday. Letters have been sent to Ken Hardman, tentative chairman of the local organizations committee, and R. R. Parker, chairman of the parks board, suggesting the problem of arena administration be met in the late summer when council, the board and the committee would meet together.

Possible Solutions Possible solutions include formation of a community centres board, or the turning over of the arena to the parks board.

Collapse of the curling rink put a temporary halt to things, Mr. Goy said, "We (council) couldn't

Erect New Cairn at School Use Corner Stone, Old Bell

An old school bell and a corner stone from the demolished section of the former public school were utilized by the Amalgamated Home and School Association and have been mounted on a cement base, to form a cairn at the Robert Little school.

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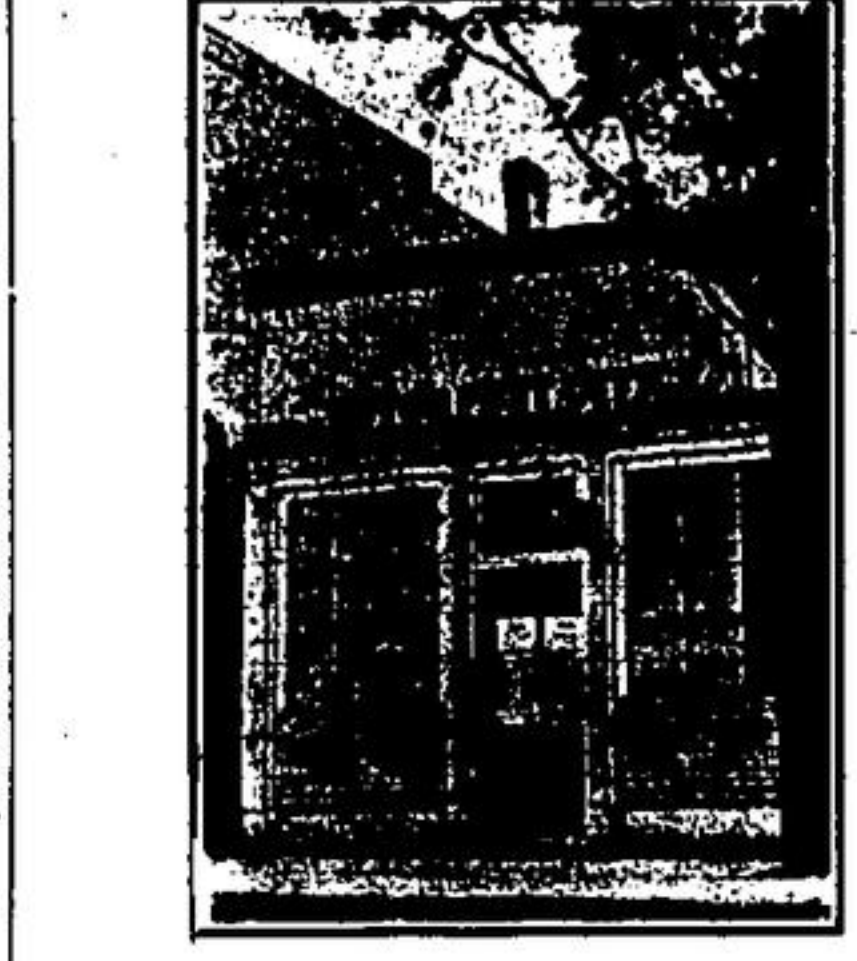
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A CAIRN was erected at the Robert Little public school by the Home and School Association and admiring the new edifice are two school inspectors and members of the school board. Pictured left to right are Tom Watson and Murray Smith of the school board and inspectors W. F. McNeill and R. F. Bornhold. The cairn consists of a cement base housing the corner stone from the demolished school and topped with the old school bell.



First Post Office, 1844



Present Post Office, 1913

Wins Consolation Prize In Irish Sweepstakes

A telegram brought glad tidings to Doug Coleman, co-owner of the Acton Creamery, on Tuesday when he was informed he was a consolation winner in the Irish Sweepstakes. He won \$100 pounds—equivalent to \$275.

Holder of ticket number LMT 351137, he has been buying tickets for the past 25 years and this is the first time he has been lucky.

Asked what non-de-plume he used he answered "Tight Girdle!" He remarked his wife had informed him to use "Loose Girdle" next time and he might collect more money.

Two things are foremost in his mind to use his winning for. He will either sport a new matched set of golf clubs or take a plane trip to the Grey Cup rugby finals out west this year.

Butter First When he had his picture taken, the winner insisted on gazing at a pound of Clover Gold butter, manufactured at his creamery. Asked why, he remarked "The telegram only indicates 100 pounds but the butter is worth millions!"

He is now looking forward to the day when he wins the jack pot in the Irish sweepstakes and if that happens, intends to take at least a week off work.

Skids on Curve Damage is \$550

An Islington man's car skidded out of control on No. 15 Sideroad about a half mile east of No. 25 highway, Esqueville township, Sunday at 6 p.m., cracking a telephone pole in two and hitting a tree.

Loose Gravel The 1959 Meteor of Paul Colbourne, 22, was travelling east along the sideroad when he came to a curve in the road. Loose gravel caused the car to slip out of control and to ram into two objects on the south side of the road.

Damage to the car was estimated at \$550. The driver suffered no injuries. North Halton O.P.P. Constable Bill Bennett investigated the accident.