

Salvation Army Speaker At World Day of Prayer

The Women's World Day of Prayer was well observed last Friday in the United Church, Women of the United Church, Presbyterian Church, St. John's Anglican Church and Stone Church and Centre Inn Church took part. Included were Mrs. Frank Taylor, who substituted for Mrs. Fred Hosking, Mrs. John Freeman and Mrs. K. B. Walker.

Mrs. H. Kelington of the Salvation Army was guest speaker for the occasion. During the service, Mrs. H. Bonnor contributed a vocal number, "How Great Thou Art". Mrs. Lloyd of the Stone Church was organist for the service.

Men's Meeting
Monday evening, a meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church in the interests of the Presbyterian Men in the Presbytery of Guelph. Under the leadership of one of those present, a song of fellowship was enjoyed, followed by devotions. Everyone was made welcome by the host, Rev. Dr. George Aitken.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Max Milne on the occasion of their 42nd wedding anniversary on Saturday, which was celebrated at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hunter, Bradford.

Sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. Albert Crabtree in the passing of his father, Frank Crabtree, Guelph, Monday.

In his 77th year, Survivors include Mrs. E. Breslin, Toronto; Frank, Guelph; George, deceased; Manney, Ariss; a sister and brother, Maud and Albert, England. Funeral was held Wednesday from the Tovell funeral home with interment in Woodlawn cemetery.

Mr. James Meek of Ridgeway was home for the weekend.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Opposes Parking Recommendation But Offers Own Suggestions

Editor, Acton Free Press.

Dear Sir:
Reviewing the findings of a committee chosen from the Acton Chamber of Commerce, as to a suitable location for a public parking lot in your last issue of the Free Press, may I make a few observations?

In the first place, is it necessary at this time? At the present time, there are six business places, as well as two or more business offices vacant on our front street. If all these places were conducting business, and the town was a real thriving town, one could understand the necessity of another parking lot.

In the second place, can our town afford to buy expensive property and demolish good homes to make a parking lot. With the almost unbearable indebtedness of the town we are all aware of, this added expense, together with other unexpected expenditures this year toward education, water and sewer problems, it seems as if it would be a very unwise venture at this time.

However, if the recommendations made by the Chamber of Commerce Committee are vetoed by the Council, may I suggest three locations that were not mentioned in the findings.

(1) The block of land formerly used as bowling greens and tennis courts on Mill Street, which could have entrance and exits on four different streets. It is for sale and obtainable.

(2) The property on the corner of Park and Lake Avenues. With the demolition of two houses, it would be an excellent situation with the lots extending up to the park boundary. It would serve a two-fold purpose: used as a parking lot for downtown shoppers and also to serve for park and arena patrons. Recently after a hockey game, I was shocked to see the street on both sides of Park Avenue lined with

cars right to Mill St. I am told that is a usual occurrence when there are functions at the arena. That night I speak of, there was barely enough room for cars to go through, along with pedestrians trying to get to their cars, with high snowbanks at each side. A parking lot at this location would have relieved all this congestion and danger zone.

(3) The vacant lot on the corner of Park and Knox Avenues across from the park gates — an ideal spot with no expensive buildings to buy and demolish.

Any of these properties is within a couple of blocks of the stores, and no one complains about walking that far (and lots further) when shopping at other centres.

Another feature may be that the second property is considered in a residential zone. That may be true, but with the elasticity in the Zoning By-law here, as witnessed by a Queen St. East property being changed from residential to a business zone recently, I am certain that problem could soon be overcome.

With entrances by way of Knox and Park and Mill and Park, either of the last two properties seem exceptionally good sites for a parking lot for the convenience of the public.

Before closing, might I suggest that if a survey of our main streets and those leading to them, were made, I think it would be found that it is the business men and their stalls that are filling up the parking places, not farmers and people who would like to do business with our business men.

Counting up the parking areas, I find there are at least six lots of various shapes and sizes within a stone's throw of each other right in the middle of town.

Yours respectfully,
A TAX PAYER.



AT HOME decorations for the high school dance on Friday pointed Sunday afternoon by a group of eager and helpful students and the roving camera caught two of the gals balling the paint with brushes as they worked away on the floor. Pictured above are Eyske Bessem of Acton and her friend Brenda Wright of Eden Mills.

EBENEZER Plan Irish Supper During U.C.W. Meet

Mrs. W. Early was hostess for the March Ebenezer United Church Women meeting with 16 in attendance. President Mrs. M. Hayward opened the meeting with prayer and Mrs. W. Darby led in devotions, the theme being, "Praise the Lord for His judgment and mercy".

"Crises" is the Greek word for judgment. Through the crises of life, the Lord comes to "judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with His truth".

Mrs. Darby offered a special prayer for the sick. Mrs. E. Ward read psalm 96 and Mrs. R. McLean read an article of interest from the Observer. The study book chapter was reviewed by Mrs. M. Moffat.

Plans for the Irish supper, which had to be postponed until the 23rd, were on the agenda, along with arrangements for the World Day of Prayer service, which will be held at Ebenezer on Friday in fellowship with the Nassagaweya Presbyterian members. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. W. Darby and a social half hour followed.

We are pleased to report that Mrs. A. Diamond, Mrs. W. Freeman and Mrs. M. Thomson are home again after spending some time in hospital.

History Students Tour Museum, Art Gallery

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One room was devoted entirely to a display of the relics discovered in the excavations of Pompeii, the city which was destroyed during the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D. The students enjoyed comparing the crude implements of the carpenter, the doctor, the blacksmith and other tradesmen, with the precise instruments used in the modern day.

Raise The Roof
During the lecture on the classical Greek period, the students were shown a wall mural depicting the Palace of King Minos, at Knossos on the island of Crete. The guide explained that because of the excessive heat, there were no windows; however, the roof of the inner courtyard could be raised to let in the cool night air. The many passages and rooms in the palace gave rise to the legend of Theseus and the Minotaur.

A recent innovation, the miniature scale model of the famous Athenian Acropolis, brought exclamations of awe and appreciation from the students. The guide informed the group that the Acropolis was the fortified hill in the centre of Athens, to which the inhabitants retreated in times of danger. Each time a victory was won, a new building was erected on the Acropolis.

Prior to hearing the buses, the students were allowed ten minutes to view the Museum by themselves. Many of them were interested in the Egyptian room. Although they were tired the students agreed that they had spent an enjoyable day amongst great cultural achievements.

There are about 1,000 pupils between seven and 20 in the six Canadian schools for the blind.

After the rehearsal, Saturday, March 3, a buffet dinner was served at the home of the groom's parents.

Attendants in Emerald Green At Brown-Dedels Vows Saturday

Baskets of white snapdragon and yellow mums decorated Acton United Church on Saturday, March 10, for the double-ring ceremony which united in marriage Nancy Mae Dedels and John Thomas Brown. The Rev. Dwight Engel performed the ceremony with George Elliott playing the organ.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dedels of 73 24th St. W. Long Branch. The groom who lives at 52 22nd St., New Toronto is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown of Limehouse.

The bride wore a white satin gown with lace bodice with a net veil and carried a bouquet of red roses and white hydrangeas. Her attendants were Norma Cunningham, her maid of honor, her sister Dianne Dedels as bridesmaid and the groom's niece Betty Campbell as flower girl. They wore dresses of emerald green broadened taffeta with matching hats. The senior attendants carried bouquets of white mums and yellow carnations while the flower girl had similar blooms in a basket with a matching head-dress of flowers.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Harold Dedels, Joe Brown, the groom's brother, was groomsmen while the ushers were Vic Watt and Dave Dedels.

Many Guests
At the reception in the Legion Hall, guests were present from Kitchener, Guelph, Streetsville, Oshawa, Ross, Port, Milton, Hamilton, Georgetown, Stratford, Port Credit, Limehouse and Acton. Mrs. Dedels wore a beige nylon dress with brown accessories and a corsage of rust colored mums while Mrs. Brown wore royal blue satin brocade with pink accessories and a corsage of pink carnations.

The couple left on a wedding trip to Niagara Falls. The bride left wearing a pink wool two-piece dress with a corsage of white mums. They are making their home in New Toronto.

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