

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS

### Back in 1912

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, May 9, 1912.

A considerable quantity of fall wheat in this section was badly damaged by the late frost. A number of farmers have followed up their crops and are seeding this spring again.

Friday afternoon, little Herbie Agnew, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Agnew, met his death in a drowning accident at Fairy Lake, when he fell in at the water weir. About three or a little before, he told his mother he was "going over to Grandma's", Mrs. Robert Agnew's, on Park Ave., just a few yards away. After spending a little time at his grandmother's, he left for home, but instead of going there, he went through W. N. Anderson's garden and on to the Mill Dam.

About half an hour later, the poor little fellow was seen floating in the pool in the waste gate by Robert Wallace Jr., who gave the alarm. Reeve Hynds, Dr. Holmes and Chief Lawson rushed to the scene and found the body in about two feet of water at the gate. They worked over the little body for some time in the hope of resuscitation but without avail.

In running down Mill St. to the dam where little Herbie Agnew was reported to be drowning, Chief Lawson made a mistake and sustained a severe strain of the ligaments of his left knee last Friday. He was completely incapacitated for four or five days but is now getting about on crutches.

The old Speight paint shop on Agnes St., which has stood there for nearly 40 years, was torn down this week. A new brick residence will be erected in its place.

Mr. Frank E. Holmes has opened undertaking parlors in the Athurs Block, and expects a fine new hearse and outfit in a few days. He was apprentice under Mr. Johnstone and also W. R. Stone, Toronto, and is therefore well qualified for the business.

Mr. R. Sinclair is building a garage on Willow St. for the new motor vehicle he expects to arrive one of these days.

### Back in 1942

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, May 14, 1942.

This week, Red Cross workers are calling at every home asking that Acton and district give \$3,000 to carry on this work among the wounded, the bombed victims, prisoners of war and the relief of those who suffer most from war and its horrors. Splendid boosts were given from Mason Knitting Co., who donated \$300, Wool Combing Corporation, \$300 and Canadian Wool Company \$200. These donations are a real start for the project.

When the temperature on Saturday and Sunday nights dropped to freezing and on the morning following, frost covered the ground and water was frozen, there was fear for the early gardens, blossoms and the crops that were this year exceptionally well advanced at the time. However, it is believed the frost caused no serious damage. Early potatoes coming up through the ground were nipped but will recover. The season is fully four weeks ahead of usual and maples have been out in leaf for over a week.

The housing problem in Acton grows worse. Folks are now occupying former stores where available as dwellings.

Reports at the annual meeting of the Acton Women's Institute revealed a most successful year. New officers include: honorary president, Mrs. T. Lappin; president, Mrs. J. F. Wilds; first vice-president, Mrs. R. L. Davidson; second vice-president, Mrs. G. Lazenby; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. J. E. Gamble; directors, Mrs. G. H. Lantz, Mrs. H. McCutcheon, Mrs. W. Marshment.

Entries at the Halton County Music Festival from Acton this year were limited. Due to wartime conditions and transportation, the same was found with most schools in the county. Yesterday, Acton had only an entry for the junior choir. Under the direction of Miss Marjorie Ricketts, musical supervisor in Acton school, the choir won first place and the trophy. There were four entries in this contest.



ANNIVERSARY SERVICES on Sunday at Ballinafad United church were held both morning and evening. Pictured above left to right are Don H. Smith of Copetown, guest soloist during the evening service; guest minister Rev. William A. Gibb, Caledonia and organist Mrs. J. Black of Ballinafad. Large congregations attended both services.

## Film Depicts Universal Problems During Retarded Association Meet

The North Halton Association for Retarded Children held its general meeting, Thursday, April 26, at the Martin Street High School in Milton, with G. G. Addison, president, in the chair.

Those present were privileged to see a new film recently obtained from England, where it was produced, entitled "Growing Up with the Mentally Handicapped." The film dealt with the universal problem of too many patients and too few staff in institutions. Consequently, it is impossible to give the individual attention necessary if these children are to reach their potential.

In an experimental effort to rectify this situation, a large country house was purchased and its children selected from an institution. These were then divided into two groups of eight each and two house mothers were put in charge of each group.

Set Up as Two Families They were then installed in "Brooklands", the name given to the house, where they were set up as two complete families. Here the children had freedom of movement and freedom to use materials. Paint, sand, wood, water were at their disposal and more important, a house mother was always ready and willing to help or play. The project was a huge success. The children showed great improvement, both academically and socially. This has proved beyond doubt the home environment is desirable.

The film was followed by Mrs. Jeanine Hall of Burlington, a gifted speaker who spoke on Research into Retardation. As a member of the Ontario Association for Retarded Children Research and Development Committee, Mrs. Hall is well informed and her talk covered many aspects of research. She said never before had there been such widespread interest in research into retardation and if we are to help future generations, we must support research programs now. Mrs. Hall spoke of a new test perfected for P.K.U. It is a blood test taken during the first few

days after birth while the baby is still in hospital.

New Techniques Members also learned skull surgery is now possible and a technique has been perfected to correct some skull abnormalities which, if not corrected, result in brain injury. Mrs. Hall said extensive studies are being carried out into the causes of Mongolism.

In speaking of research, Mrs. Hall mentioned the importance of autopsies as most discoveries have been made through post mortems. Although this is a delicate subject, parents are urged to give this serious consideration, since an autopsy needs the parents' consent and must also be performed within six hours after death. Co-operation could result in a startling discovery which might mean instead of three mentally retarded children in a hundred being born today, only two in a hundred tomorrow. This is the aim of the research teams. Much has already been done. There are 175 known cases. Because of this large number, more research is of prime importance.

Mr. Addison concluded, pointing out that the North Halton Association's school is faced with the problem of furnishing the new school with a minimum of funds. Public support is urgently requested.

Four Piano Pupils Perform in Recital On Friday evening the four piano pupils of Mrs. O.J. Moran entertained their mothers and a few neighbors and friends, at their home on Arthur Street, in their annual recital.

Jessie Ann Davidson, John Davidson, Ruth Lamb and Billie Hansen gave a delightful and creditable performance in piano solos and duets with their teacher and with one another.

Mrs. Robert Algie contributed much-enjoyed mandolin solos accompanied by Mrs. Moran, and Miss Isabel Anderson gave readings.

The children presented Mrs. Moran with a pot of pink chrysanthemums and the girls assisted the hostess in serving a delicious lunch.

### BALLINAFAD

## United Church Congregation Holds Anniversary Service

Anniversary services were held in Ballinafad United Church on Sunday, May 6th, the 85th. Mr. Beaton, the minister, introduced the guest speaker, Rev. James Ormlston, B.A., B.D., of Toronto, who was for some years a missionary in Angola and in the recent Congo crisis, worked with many of the refugees. A male quartette from Brampton sang also the junior choir, which all enjoyed.

The evening service was taken by Rev. Wm. As. Gibb, who was student minister at Ballinafad for four years. All were quite pleased to see and hear him again and to see the "family." Don Smith of Dundas sang two solos. Mr. and Mrs. Gibb are now at Caledonia. All enjoyed a social hour with Mr. and Mrs. Gibb and family in the basement after the service.

To Finish Road Preparations are underway to finish the good road down through to Ballinafad. Valuers of the land were calling on everyone last week.

Mr. Beaton attended church at Sarnia, where he was licensed to preach before his ordination in June at Sault Ste. Marie.

Owing to the dental convention next week, Dr. Reid's office will be closed.

Don't forget this Sunday is Mother's Day.

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With Mr. Brown on the staff at present are Elwood Bolton, truck driver; Harry Edwards, William Brennan, Jack Ridgeway and Elwood Tosh.

## Old Smokey

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## THIS SUNDAY'S

## Church Calendar



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SUNDAY, MAY 13th, 1962

8.30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.

9.30 a.m.—Family Eucharist and Church School.

11.00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist and Sermon.

3.00 p.m.—Children's Confirmation Class.

7.30 p.m.—Evensong.

All Are Welcome!

### BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON

Pastor: Rev. James M. Rudd, 39 Nelson Court, Phone 853-0925.

SUNDAY, MAY 13th, 1962

9.45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.

11.00 a.m.—Morning Service.

7.00 p.m.—Evening Service.

Wednesday — 4 p.m., Mission Band; 7.30 p.m., Prayer meeting.

All Are Welcome

### UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA Acton, Ontario

Minister: The Rev. Dwight I. Engel, B.A., B.D.

Organist: Mr. George Elliott, M.A.

SUNDAY, MAY 13th, 1962

9.30 and 11 a.m.—Divine Services.

(A nursery is provided for infants during the 11 o'clock service.)

The Church School

9.30 a.m.—The Senior School for those in grade 5 and higher.

11.00 a.m.—The Junior School for pre-schoolers to grade 4.

7.30 p.m.—Young People's meeting. All over 14 welcome.

All Welcome

### ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE P.A.O.C.

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Rev. Kenneth J. Reid, Pastor 75 Cook St., Phone 853-1357.

SUNDAY, MAY 13th, 1962

10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.

11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.

7.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.

Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study.

Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.

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### CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Rev. J. Nutma, B.A., B.D., Minister 301 Queen St., Box 46, Phone 853-0375.

SUNDAY, MAY 13th, 1962

10.00 a.m.—English service.

Text, Acts 9: 5, 20. "I Am Jesus... and He preached that He is the Son of God".

In this service public of Faith will take place.

2.30 p.m.—Dutch service.

This will be a preparatory service for the celebration of Communion.

3.45 p.m.—Sunday School. You are cordially invited to worship with us.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH, ACTON

Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D., Minister

Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A., Organist and Choir Master

SUNDAY, MAY 13th, 1962

11.00 a.m.—Christian Family Service with praise led by Junior Choir. The Sacrament of Christian Baptism will be administered. (Regular sessions of Church School withdrawn this Sunday only.)

7.00 p.m.—Youth Fellowship meeting.

7.00 p.m.—Guelph Presbytery Presbyterian Men's Annual Divine Service in Calvin Church, Filsinger Road and Village Street, Kitchener. Everyone Most Welcome

### EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH IN ACTON Y.M.C.A.

Pastor J. H. Wilson Phone 853-2137

SUNDAY, MAY 13th, 1962

9.45 a.m.—Father, bring Mother and the family to Family Bible School.

Rev. E. A. Tomlinson, Canadian Secretary, Sudan Interior Mission, guest preacher at 11 and 7 p.m.

11.00 a.m.—"Are the Heathen Lost?"

7.00 p.m.—HEAR a challenging message on the open doors in Africa. SEE the film, "Rip- tide."

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