

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Back in 1912

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, May 16, 1912.

A large gang of engineers and surveyors have been at work in Acton and vicinity during the week in connection with the new electric railway. The lines are permanently laid out and it is expected that construction will begin in the near future.

The first league football game between Acton and Guelph was played here Saturday evening. Being the first game, it took players on both teams a while to get warmed up, but when they did, it turned into an excellent match. At the end of the first half, the game was scoreless, but the Page-Hersey team from Guelph was rewarded in the last minute of play when J. Louch, with a well directed shot, scored the only goal of the game.

With gratifying promptness, the government is already taking action in the matter of the proposed new post office and customs house to be erected here. Officials of the Public Works Department were in town this week, accompanied by D. Henderson, M.P., and were looking at available sites. In an interview later, Mr. Henderson stated they desired the central location on Mill St. in the centre of town, but no definite decision has been made.

The results of the first year examinations at the School of Practical Science, University of Toronto, show that both Harold Nicklin and Warren Brown passed with honours. Howard Black, who is now residing in Toronto, also passed. Arthur Kenney was also successful in the examinations at Toronto Dental College. This quartette of bright young men all took their matriculation course at Acton High School.

H. Windham, a laborer at Milton brick yards, was struck by a westbound freight train while walking along the tracks near Milton on Monday night. An arm and leg were cut off and the injured man was put on an east-bound freight to be taken to Toronto hospital, but died before the train reached Streetsville. He was 26 years of age.

Mr. James Moore, Bower Ave., who was painfully shaken up when he fell from a shakeladder a couple of weeks ago, is able to be up and around again but has been instructed by his doctor to take things easy for a while.

Back in 1942

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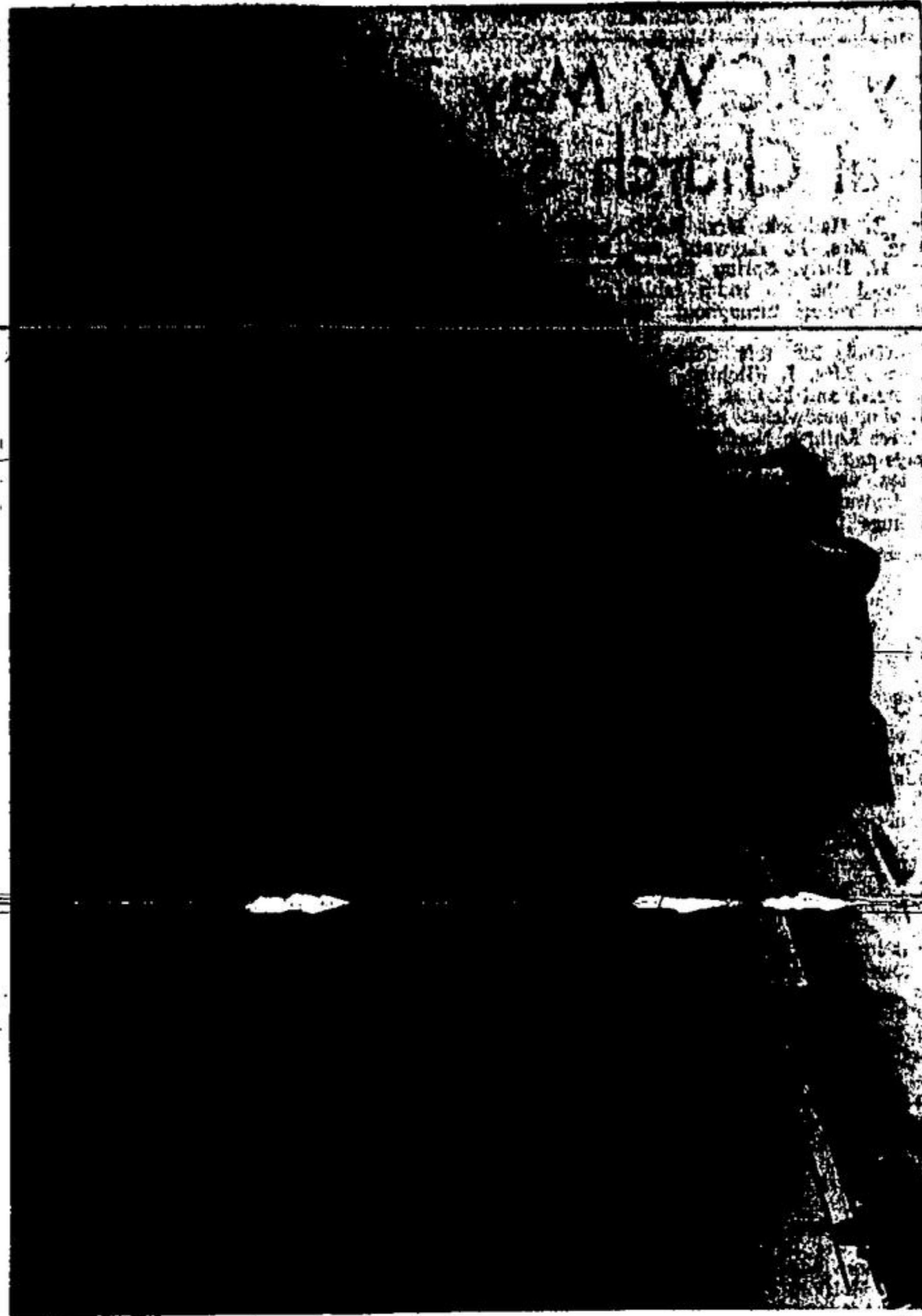
The Y.M.C.A. circus, staged Friday and Saturday nights, pleased the large crowds in attendance and under the supervision of secretary Johnny Gray and capable explanations from ringmaster Charles Kirkness, the four groups gave an excellent exhibition of tumbling, pyramids, drills, etc., that made a fine program. On hand to add to the splendid show were two clowns from the Y, Ken Hassard and George Hollinger, who put plenty of zip into their performances. The annual event gives everyone not connected with the Y an opportunity to see what is taking place throughout the year.

It was learned this week that Miss Jessie Young, formerly of Acton, who is a graduate nurse, is an instructress at the St. Thomas R.C.A.F. training school for hospital assistants.

Since the public lavatories opened in the Y.M.C.A. eight years ago, there has been quite a nuisance created for the caretaker to maintain them. Seemingly, some people delight in creating a public nuisance by plumbing and accessories. The drinking fountain at the post office has been abused and it is understood that gum is being pushed into the drain holes, causing the water to overflow onto the street. It is also reported the horse trough is being abused by children and grown-ups and it has been closed. Chief Harrop has been informed to keep a sharp watch out for offenders and if brought into court, the penalty for destruction will be high.

With just three more days left in the official campaign for the Red Cross, Acton and district have not reached the half-way mark toward the \$3,000. In an interview with some of the canvassers this week, they noted their discouragement at the response. In spite of the splendid start, it looks as though the finish is a long way off. Perhaps young folks are tired of giving, but if they are, it should be remembered there are quite a number of sailors, soldiers and air-men tired of fighting.

Ladies from Knox church attending the W.M.S. Rally in Hespeler were Mrs. H. L. Benite, Mrs. J. Inglis, Mrs. R. O'Hara, Mrs. H. Mainprize, Mrs. G. Murray and Mrs. R. M. McDonald.



—Staff Photo
KEN MARCHMENT is caught by the camera as he paints at a precarious angle while doing the signs at the entrances to town. The signs have now all been completed and are quite attractive. Mr. Marchment painted the individual plaques at his home but the overall lettering was done at the site of each sign. Attached to the signs are the crests of various organizations as well as the crest for the town of Acton.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reader Questions Editorial on N.D.P.

The Editor, Acton Free Press, Dear Sir:

After reading your Editorial dealing with a small paragraph taken from a statement by Mr. Hazen Argue on the reasons for his resignation from the New Democratic Party, I have come to the conclusion that instead of discouraging, to prove what is not in doubt, you were injecting into your readers minds a doubt as to the democratic principles of the N.D.P.

You say that opinions may differ as to whether Mr. Argue, in stating that the "Class control of a national political party now acquired within N.D.P. constitutes a dark and sinister threat to democratic government in Canada" was going a bit too far.

The "Class Control element" that Mr. Argue was referring to was no doubt organized labor. Let us examine this group. It is an organization of Canadian workers, who are these workers? At least 40% of Canada's men and women. Do they constitute a threat to the democratic principles of Canada? How much more of a threat do the powerful Canadian Chamber of Commerce and The Federation of Canadian members, are the backbone of the old line parties.

In view of the organized business domination of these latter parties, I have no doubt that any business man or industrialist would have qualms about making a statement such as Mr. Argue's, knowing he would be inviting adverse criticism of his own party and any indignation or ridicule would be well deserved.

As to the validity of Mr. Argue's statement, a run down of the New Democratic Party candidates will show that the party is made up of people from all walks of life. A further examination of the financing of the N.D.P. will show that the major contributions do not come from the Unions, we only wish that we had more support from organized labor.

John Brendan Ahern.

Gathers Stones Coast-to-Coast W.I. Speaker Makes Jewellery

The Busy Bees held their May meeting on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Stan Robinson, with 11 members and two visitors present. The president, Mrs. M. Hayward, was in the chair, and the meeting opened with all repeating the Institute Ode and the Mary Stewart Collect. The roll call was answered by naming a birthstone.

An invitation was accepted from Campbellville W.I. to attend their 25th anniversary on May 25 at 2 p.m.

Delegates Picked
Delegates were picked to go to the District Annual on May 22 at Boston Church. Plans were also made to attend the Achievement Day of the Supper Club to be held on May 26 at the Williams Avenue High School in Milton.

Homespun Wool
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. N. Hoey of Moffat were exhibiting this week at a crafts display in Kitchener. As well as their well-known printed fabrics, they now have wool from their own sheep spun into yarn.

The guest speaker at the meeting was Mrs. Pyatt of R. R. 1, Campbellville. She spoke on all the different kinds of stones she had collected from coast to coast and showed jewellery she had made from them. Her talk was most interesting to everyone. Mrs. Beck gave the thought for the day, "Don't Find Fault." Everyone sang "Tiptoe Through the Tulips."

The meeting closed with God Save the Queen and the Institute Grace. Mrs. D. Henderson acted as courtesy convener and thanked Mrs. Robinson for the use of her home and the lovely lunch.

Problems of Downtown Churches Study of Knox Afternoon W.M.S.

The problem of the downtown church was the study of the afternoon auxiliary W.M.S. of Knox church, Acton, when the Home Helpers held their annual meeting on May 10 at the home of Mrs. O. Moran.

Miss Charlotte Moore, the secretary of this group, told of the changing condition in the cities and brought out the many problems in the form of questions. These were answered from the experiences of a large city church suffering loss of membership from removal of members to new subdivisions. Their homes are being taken over by foreigners who attend churches of their own or by people remaining for such short periods that no connections can be made.

From these answers one learned of the frustrating condition and the many ways the church is trying to help.

During the worship service several short passages of scripture were read in union and prayer offered by Miss Moore. She thanked Mrs. Moran for her home and Mrs. T. Anderson who presided over the meeting.

Honor Memory
Mrs. Anderson read the hymn "O happy home where Thou art loved the dearest" as a tribute to the late Mrs. D. Waldie before asking all to honor her memory by a few moments of silence.

Mrs. Robert Algic accompanied by Mrs. O. Moran gave a most enjoyable mandolin solo.

Reports and correspondence were read and items concerning supplies and future projects discussed.

The "Little Extra" boxes due at this meeting were given to the Life Membership secretary and an appeal made to report all visits to the Welcome and Welfare secretary.

During the social hour Miss Jessie Ann Davidson entertained with a very pretty piano solo.

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THIS SUNDAY'S Church Calendar

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33 Churchhill Road P.A.O.C.
Rev. Kenneth J. Reid, Pastor
75 Cook St., Phone 853-1357.

SUNDAY, MAY 20th, 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.
You Are Always Welcome

BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON
Pastor: Rev. James M. Ridd
39 Nelson Court, Phone 853-0925.

SUNDAY, MAY 20th, 1962
9.45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
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 20th, 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

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

SUNDAY, MAY 20th, 1962
10.00 a.m.—English service.
2.30 p.m.—Dutch service.
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 20th, 1962
9.45 a.m.—Church School.
10.00 a.m.—Minister's Teen-age Bible Class.
11.00 a.m.—Divine Service.
Sermon theme: "Keeping Up with the Horses."
(Junior Congregation for boys and girls, 3 to 7 years, meets during sermon.)
7.00 p.m.—Youth Fellowship meeting.
Everyone Most Welcome

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH
111 Acton Y.M.C.A.
Pastor J. H. Wilson
Phone 853-2137

Our holiday tourists and neighbors are welcome at all services.
SUNDAY, MAY 20th, 1962
9.45 a.m.—Family Bible School.
11.00 a.m.—The "Mission" of the Church. Guest pianist.
7.00 p.m.—The "Message" of the Church. Guest soloist.
Pastor Wilson, at 11 and 7, will endeavor to clarify for the public the purpose, as well as the program, of the Evangel Baptist Church in Acton. Everyone is Welcome!

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN
Corner Willow and Bower
Rector:
The Rev. D. H. West, B.A., L.S.T., 185 Jeffrey Ave., Phone 853-2694.

Friday, May 18 — Junior Confirmation Class, 4.20 p.m.
SUNDAY, MAY 20th, 1962
Easter IV
8.30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
9.30 a.m.—Family Eucharist and Church School, Adult Confirmation Class.
11.00 a.m.—Choral Eucharist.
7.30 p.m.—Evensong.
All Are Welcome!

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