



MAN RADIO OPERATORS Gordon Clegg, Guelph, and Constable Ron Rupert of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment set up camp last weekend at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. MacArthur, R.R. 2, Acton. From 2 p.m. Saturday until 10 p.m. Sunday, the men made 2400 contacts with other radio operators. Points were reached as far east as Belleville and south to the Bahamas. Mr. Clegg is shown making a call as Mr. Rupert stands by to take the message.

Let's Make Them Welcome...

This weekend the Y's Men's Club is sponsoring the first hydroplane regatta in Acton Park. For many months now the club has been planning and making the physical arrangements for this project. The proposed program will, it is expected, bring many people to Acton and Acton Park who would not normally visit us. The impression these people take home with them of Acton will be based largely on the reception they receive while they are with us. Perhaps the one thing that makes the best impression on any visitor is a friendly welcome. Members of the Club will be doing their best to make the visitors welcome. All the citizens can help by being a little friendly too. Some citizens may be able to manage a bit of a smile for the day, others might even be able to get a little nod of the head, added to the smile and the most bold may even be able to crank out a feeble "hello".

We hope the Club has a successful event, the visitors have a happy day and Actonians can survive a day of being friendly. It will be good for us all.

OPPORTUNITY

Back of Truck Ablaze Luckily Little Traffic

When Mr. J. A. Bullock was returning from Guelph on Friday morning with several cartons of eggs in his truck, he suddenly stopped at the school and almost immediately the back of his truck was blazing. Fortunately there was little traffic in the village at the time and he was able to drive up the second line and stop. With the aid of several fire extinguishers the fire was put out before too much damage resulted.

Fall Off Bike

Rennie McArthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis McArthur, sustained injuries when he fell from his bicycle on Thursday while returning home from school. In some manner he fell off while going down the highway just opposite Mr. Howard's barn. He was admitted to a Guelph hospital for treatment and released later in the week.

Mrs. John Isaacs underwent surgery at Guelph General Hospital last Thursday and is convalescing.

Miss Shirley Groves, first year graduate of Lakeshore Teachers' College, is supplying to the junior room at the local school, due to the illness of her sister, Mrs. Curry.

Congratulations to Gabriel Bruce who passed his first year exams at O.A.C.

Mrs. T. Fives was taken sick on Monday and later moved to Guelph hospital for observation and treatment.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Sinclair, new Irons Jachowal, whose marriage took place recently.

Mrs. Edith Sharples has sold her place on the corner of the First Line and 17th Street and she and her daughter, Margaret, will soon be moving to Guelph.

Air Force News

John and Sherlock Aitken left last week for air force bases in

the west, John to Penhold, Alta., and Sherlock to Winnipeg, Man.

On the occasion of his seventh birthday, Billy McKenzie entertained a number of his classmates on Saturday afternoon.

Fencing Bee

A number of men of the community worked on Saturday at the community grounds, second line and put up a new wire fence.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bruce and family attended the Thompson reunion on Saturday at Elora Gorge Park.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Reim and family of Boston are holidaying this week with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Win Wrang.

Mr. and Mrs. David Kemie and son of Guelph moved last week into one of E. Fisher's houses on the corner of the highway and the First Line.

Oning Highway

Workmen were busily engaged last week on the Highway from the village to the Acton limits.

David Tucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Tucker, Third Line, passed his second year exams at the Institute of Technology, Hamilton and is employed with a textile firm in Quebec for the next days.

W.I. Meeting

Fifteen members and two visitors were in attendance at the Women's Institute meeting held Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Stan Fuller.

The vice-president, Mrs. A. McCrae, was in the chair and Mrs. C. Storey read the minutes, financial statement and correspondence.

An invitation was received to attend the Wellington County Historical Research Society meeting on June 26 at Guelph.

It was decided to have a refreshment booth at the ball games and Mrs. S. Fuller, Mrs. D. Winer and Mrs. E. Archibald.

OBITUARY

Mrs. W. Robertson Had Lengthy Illness

Mrs. William E. Robertson passed away at the Clarkburg hospital on Wednesday, May 15, after a lengthy illness which was borne with Christian fortitude.

Lowella Kate Stewart was the daughter of the late Josiah Stewart and Maggie Shaw and was born October 2, 1893, in Rockwood. Later the family moved to a farm on the Everton line, still later moving to Ospringe where the family had the general store for a number of years.

On June 5, 1912, she was united in marriage with William E. Robertson, and moved to the farm on R.R. 1, Guelph. In 1933, they retired and lived at a new home on the corner of 24 Highway and the Erasmus-Erin Township. On September 5, 1938, her husband passed away and due to ill-health she was forced to give up her home.

The past few summers she has resided at Thornbury and it was from there she entered the hospital at Clarkburg.

Mrs. Robertson was a devout member of Everton Church of Christ Disciples, where she gave leadership in the Women's, Missionary Societies and later the Christian Women's Fellowship.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Duan Kingbury (Ruth) of Bruceville; Mrs. Malcolm McLeod (Helen) of Thornbury and a son Bert of Acton, ten grandchildren and one great grandchild. A brother, David Stewart of Ospringe, and a sister, Mrs. Robert King (Verna) of Guelph.

The funeral took place from the Rumley Shoemaker Funeral Home in Acton and was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Byron F. Howlett.

Interment was in Everton Cemetery with Vernon, Edwin and Alick Stewart, Alvan Lovell Stewart, MacDonald and William Stewart acting as pallbearers.

Funeral expenses were

borne by a committee.

A cash donation was voted to the local Presbyterian church for use of the church for the recent district annual.

A letter of appreciation was sent to Mr. Howlett who donated the meat for the meat pies served at the dinner.

Mrs. McCrae gave a report of the district annual. Gail Fuller played several selections on the accordion.

Mrs. Storey made the presentation of a cup and saucer to Mrs. E. Sharples who is soon moving to Guelph.

Plant Auction Sale

An auction sale of ships, bulbs and plants was held with Mrs. G. Grundy acting as auctioneer.

Fruit bread and cookies were served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. C. Storey and Mrs. A. McCrae at the conclusion of the meeting.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL EARLY

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 18, 1942.

Word has just been received that Acton has won the first prize for the Dominion of Canada in the Community Contest in connection with the fourth Victory Loan in its class.

The services marking the hundredth anniversary of the Sunday School of Knox church provided a time of the reunion and the choice of having Rev. John Waldie come back to the church his grandparents, his parents and himself had attended was very fitting. Rev. Elbert Thomson drew attention to the fact the Sabbath School was established January 1843 by John Burns Esq. and preceded the establishing of the church three years later.

The school was organized in the school house on lot 24, third concession, Espringe, with Mr. Burris taking charge of the senior division and Mr. James Lindsay the Junior division. Mr. Duncan Kennedy Sr. was next superintendent. Other teachers at the opening of the school were Messrs. James Lindsay, Alexander Grant, Alexander McDonald, Lachlan McDonald, Isabella McDonald and Robert Swan.

Mr. John Marshall of Nassagaweya observed his ninetieth birthday.

New officers of the Y.M.C.A. board are the following: honorary president, Amos Mason; president, W. J. Beattie, vice-president, J. W. Wolter; secretary, Charles Heald; treasurer, M. Schreder with committee chairman E. S. Force, W. G. Mason, W. J. Benson, R. R. Parker, Thos. G. Jones, and auditors R. R. Arnold and W. H. Clayton.

Gloom was cast over the Ospringe community by the news of the death of Roy Edmund Webb following a hunting accident.

Funeral services were held Monday for Mrs. John Henry Tarzell, one of the oldest residents of Linchouse.

Council has been asked to cooperate to arrange an equitable distribution of coal so that all may get some fuel. There is likely to be a shortage of 20 per cent in Acton this year.

Pressure Up

Water pressure in town is within 15 pounds of full pressure according to a report given by clerk-administrator J. McGeachie to council Tuesday evening. Increasing the pressure to full had been withheld for several weeks until an adequate supply of pressure relief valves could be obtained by local plumbers for installation in private homes where they had been requested.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of June 12, 1913.

The new provincial curfew went into effect on Monday. The police have the power to arrest after one warning any child under sixteen years of age in a public street or place after nine o'clock without a parent or guardian.

The Lucknow Pipers Band will be a drawing card of the Canadian Games here next Wednesday held by the Sons of Scotland. Prizes are on display in Mr. P. J. Hayward's window.

Sir Wilfred Laurier says, "It is our policy to help the British Empire by taking our share in building up a Canadian navy, built in Canada, manned and maintained in Canada."

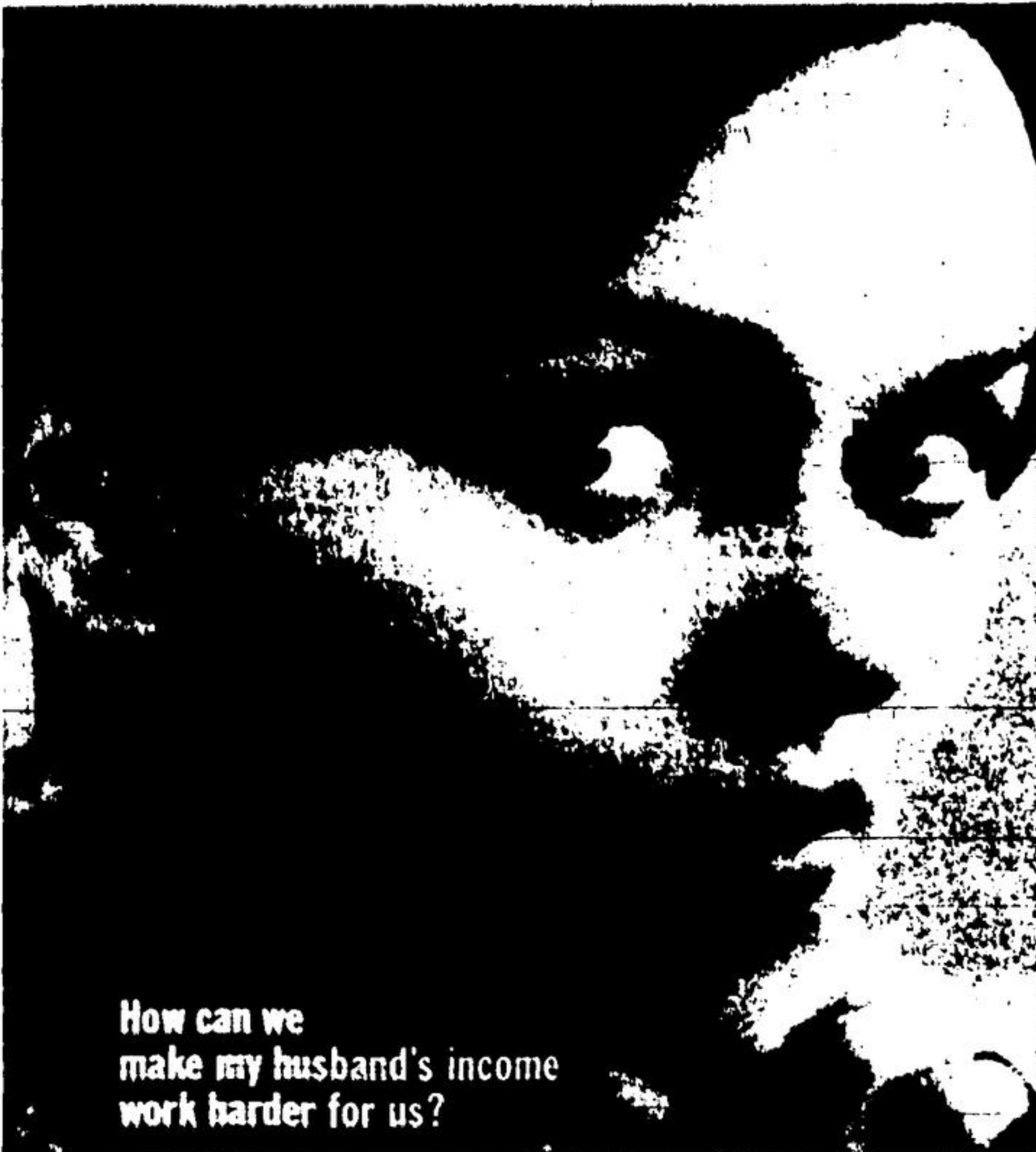
At the school board meeting it was moved by Robt. Scott, seconded by Jno. Kenney, that the following teachers be re-engaged at the salaries named, Miss B. G. Humphries \$775, Miss M. Z. Bennett \$625, Miss R. Clark \$525, Miss E. Holmes \$475, Miss I. White \$475, Miss E. Robertson \$475. Tenders for the building of three additional rooms were received and reviewed.

The members of Acton Camp of the Woodmen of the World paraded to Fairview cemetery Sunday and decorated the graves of their deceased brethren and in the evening attended the Methodist church in a body.

Last Thursday's Toronto Star published a picture of Prof. A. P. Coleman of Toronto University. He is the grandson of the late Rufus Adams Sr. whose residence was on the site of the present residence of Mr. D. Henderson, M.P., Bower Ave. Rufus Adams was 6th generation of a New England family of United Empire Loyalist stock. With his brother, Rev. Ezra Adams, early in the last century he settled in Espringe and built the first sawmill and grist mill in Acton which was then called Adamsville. He died in Acton in May, 1856. Rufus Adams' eldest daughter, Mary Electa Adams, was one of the American pioneers in the higher education of women; she was considered one of the most refined women of Canada. She was principal of Wesleyan Ladies' College, Hamilton. Son John Quincy was buried in Acton in 1849.

Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Landsborough wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Norma Ruth to Mr. Lloyd Gordon Park, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd A. Park of Petrolia, Ont. The wedding will take place on July 6, 1943, at 3 o'clock in the Acton Baptist Church.



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Surely Father's Day is the most insignificant occasion in the calendar. Everybody knows which Sunday in May is Mother's Day, but there's a good deal of confusion in the minds of most people about the other one. And were it not for our good friends, the merchants, who urge us not to forget "Dear Old Dad", it would probably slip by as quietly as White Sunday.

It's not difficult to understand this vagueness. Not too many years ago, every day was father's day. But in the syzyphony of today's family, father is the lost chord. The family circle no longer centres on father. It has become an arc, the pendulum swinging between Mom and the kids.

From the time we can lip "mamma", we are fed a lot of pap about motherhood. Mother can do no wrong; Mother is a brave little soul; Mummy knows best; Mom works too hard; Mother is always there when she's needed; nobody can cook like Mom; Mother's nerves are bad; what could we do without Mamma; and so on. There's a certain amount of truth in it all, but what I object to is turning Mother into a hushed basket, under which father's once-bright light is well hidden.

Oh, for the good old days when Father was head of the house and everybody knew it. When he sat down at the head of the table, there was a respectful, if not fearful, silence. The kids sat in rows at each side, silent until spoken to. The women scurried around with proper humility, fetching the steaming dishes, holding their breaths while Father tested the carving knife, sighing with relief when he waxed benevolent under the charm of food.

In those golden days, Father's comfort, wellbeing and peace of mind were the prime requisites of a happy home. His lightest opinion was gospel. His wrath was awful to contemplate. You didn't need household gods; you had Father.

When Father used to dole out the housekeeping money, with demands for stringent economy, Dad turns over the pay envelope, intact, and without a murmur accepts the glad tidings that mother has just bought a new refrigerator on the never-never plan.

Where Father used to have a fine punch, an acknowledged symbol of his success in life, Dad has a mean little put-belly that merely suggests he doesn't get enough exercise. Where Father kept the children in line with one hard look and the occasional clout on the ear, Dad whines that he'll cut off their allowance if they don't do what their mother tells them.

Anyone care to join me in a movement to convert dithering Dad back into firm Father?

Grow beards, get rid of the blubbers, take away the wife's set of car keys, cut the kids down to size, do some bellows around the house.

What's that, Mac? You're sorry, but you have to go out and bring in the clothes?

Well, I'm a little busy myself. I have to take the kids for a swim, the dog for a walk, and the storm windows off.

Mortals will some day assert their freedom in the name of Almighty God—Mary Baker Eddy.

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