THE GOOD OLD DAYS

20 YEARS AGO

From the files of the Free Press, July 8, 1943.

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Grandson Kenneth Nelson spent the weekend as a result of injury received during a house fire. The youngster was in his pyjamas and his mother was hanging clothes out on the line when she noticed smoke issuing from the upstairs. Dashing to the bedroom, Mrs. Nelson smothered the bedclothes on fire and grabbed the youngster and ran outside with him. Dr. W. G. Kenney was called and treated the child before he was rushed to Toronto hospital. The burns were severe and the child died the following day.

During the meeting of the Lakeshore W.I. this week, it was agreed to purchase six cases of milk for shipment overseas. The W.I. also agreed to purchase wool material for quilting and to fill a box of candy in each local serviceman overseas.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, July 13, 1913.

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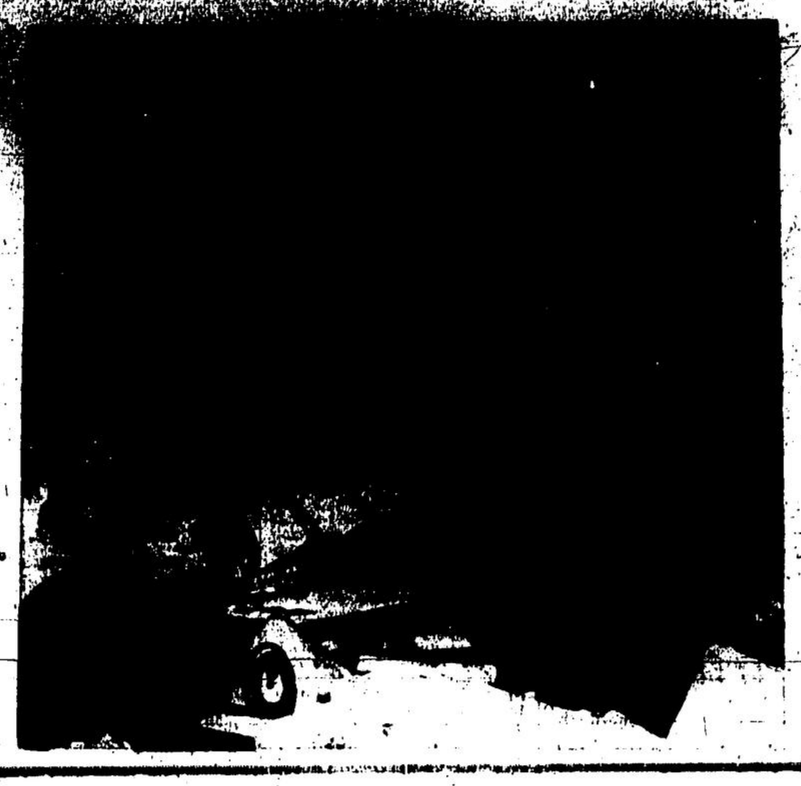
Both senior and junior baseball teams went to Georgetown on Saturday to play a double header. The junior game, after much arguing and poor sportsmanship on the part of the Georgetown team, walked off the field at the end of the ninth with the score tied 12-12. The Georgetown team entered their senior battery in the ninth inning much to the disgust of the Acton fans. In the second game with the seniors, Georgetown defeated Acton 7-3. Apparently the old rivalry with the two towns still exists and some of the Georgetown fans could take a lesson in sportsmanship from Acton fans.

Mr. Chas. A. G. Matthews, who left the Free Press after seven years of faithful service, to take a position in Toronto, left last week for Winnipeg to fill a more responsible position with Stone Limited, Lithographers.

The work for painting and decorating the Methodist church has been let to P. C. Browne, well-known contractor from Toronto. He is noted for his designs and last year completed work on St. Joseph's Church here.



Flags, Flags, Flags . . .

We've heard several complimentary remarks about the appearance on Acton streets, of the display of flags.

Acton is one of the few towns that seems to go all out in a public display of flags and it's all because of the co-operation between the Chamber of Commerce and the Hydro Commission.

The flags are actually the property of the Chamber and the Hydro employees hang them on the poles when the occasion arises.

Some of those who commented, noted they had driven through a good many towns on the Dominion Day weekend and didn't encounter an equal display in any other centre.

It is a commendable community effort and it is this type of co-operation that builds any community.

Sugar and Spice . . .

BY BILL SMITH

Why do Canadians drink so much? Each year, the black line on the boozing chart inches higher, and we are told horrifying facts that every man, women and child in this country puts away 16 gallons of booze and 14 gallons of beer, or some such.

Now I know that while you may drink that much, Aunt Mabel, I don't and my kids don't and I doubt whether their grandmother does, so somebody is really knocking back the stuff.

Who is the culprit? The villain is not the Canadian temperament but the Canadian weather.

For eight months of the year we are adjured at every turn to have a nip to keep out the cold. During the other four months, we slosh it down by the bucket to beat the heat. Like right now. At this very moment, at 5 o'clock on a July day, the mercury past 90, it is horrifying to speculate on the number of Canadians who are toiling in their back yards, or at a cottage, or on a beach, or in an air-cooled bar, clutching a cold beverage. And getting steadily hotter.

I find it difficult to criticize them. I've just been through one of the worst weeks in my life, in the middle of the worst heat wave of the summer, and I feel nothing but sympathy for those who turn to drink in the hot weather. I have been building a picnic table.

The Old Battleaxe has been niggling about one for a couple of years. All through February and March she kept seeing them advertised at low, low prices. I wasn't interested. First, I wasn't in the mood for picnic tables while I was shovelling snow in every daylight hour to spare. Secondly, the tables were all of the type that you have to put together yourself, and I had had enough of that caper.

In my time I have put together everything from baby's cots to prefab cupboards and unpainted bookcases to backyard swim pools. Inevitably, the baby's cots have turned out looking like [illegible] and the swimming pools like baby's cots.

Result: I go into a dour, flaming, unadulterated hurry, my kids scatter properly around, just out of reach. The kids quietly go into another part of the house and turn the radio on full volume.

Ignoring the debacles of the past, I decided to humor Thy Heckler, buy her a picnic table, and wrestle it together. But suddenly, we found, all those hot bargains had vanished. Picnic tables had soared in value.

"The heck with this," my wife said. "We'll do it the economical way."

We went to the mill, where they cut out the planks and too befores, I think they call them. I was a little relieved that she did not want me to chop a tree and make my own planks. Lumber was only $19.95. Saved six or ten dollars already. They didn't have any of the regular plans for picnic tables, but they had a plan for a kiddies' table, and the fellow said it was the same principle.

Using tried and true methods, I did not set to work. I called a couple of husky confreres and told them to drop around for an ale. I just happened to have a couple of spare hammers when they arrived. I claimed I had asked them around for a nail. Three hours, a dozen ales and a hundred nails later, we had various pieces of [illegible] called tenoning, [illegible] seemed to have my [illegible] with the pieces left over, [illegible] quit and went swimming.

Undaunted, I played my next card. Called another friend, an expert in woodworking, and got him to lean on some tools. Cunningly, when he arrived, I begged him to show me a bit of his skill, mentioned how smart his kids were and spoke of his wife's charm. Within an hour, he had the thing standing up. He told me how to finish it, and left.

I started to put in a screw nail. The table began to sway like a shot stallion and the whole ruddy structure collapsed on my left instep with a heart-rending rumble. Hopping swiftly, I got out the axe and was about to administer the coup de grace but my wife and kids grabbed me around the legs and hung on.

I got the expert back, bribed him with cold drinks, and he finished it. There are about 1,100 nails and bolts and screws in it, but it stands tall, a monument to sheer ingenuity.

Got my daughter to paint it at $5 cents an hour. Lumber, hardware, beer for the bunglers, gin and tonic for the expert, stain and varnish and wages for the painter, and a doctor's bill for a bashed foot brought the total to about $41.

THIS SUNDAY'S Church Calendar

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Community of Ontario & Quebec
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon
144 Tidey Ave. Phone 853-1615

SUNDAY, JULY 14th, 1963
11.00 a.m.—Worship.
"Our Christian Vocation — Reconciliators."
7.00 p.m.—Evening Service.
"His Very Own."
Don't forget the Community Drive-In Church at Toth's Shell Service Station, Saturday, July 13, at 8.45.
You Are Cordially Invited
Welcome To All

WARNER BAPTIST CHURCH
All Services in Y.M.C.A.
Pastor: J. H. Wilson
853-3137, 853-3016
In Acton Y.M.C.A.

Hear . . . Open-Air Campaigners at Drive-In Community Church, Saturday, July 13, at 8.45 p.m., B. Toth's Service Station, 318 Guelph St. E.
SUNDAY SERVICES, JULY 14th
9.45 a.m.—The Family Bible School continues throughout summer.
11.00 a.m.—"God's Grieved Spirit," pastor.
7.00 p.m.—"God's Answer to our Sense of Need", pastor.
*Special music at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. E. Presly, Acton.
Cottage Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, July 17, 8 p.m., 80 Rosefield Terrace—Topic, Jehovah Witnesses (2).
Visitors! Welcome!

ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
33 Churchill Road
P.A.O.C.
Rev. S. M. Thomas, Pastor
853-2715

SUNDAY, JULY 14th, 1963
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Service.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Service.
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Bible Study and Prayer.
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.
Don't forget the Community Drive-In Church at Toth's Shell Service Station, Saturday, July 6, at 8.45.
You Are Cordially Invited

BETHEL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Student Pastor, Jerry Hoytema

SUNDAY, JULY 14th, 1963
10.00 a.m.—English service.
3.30 p.m.—Dutch service.
[illegible] p.m.—Sunday School.

TRINITY CHURCH
(The United Church of Canada)
Acton, Ontario.
Minister:
The Rev. Dwight I. Engel, B.A., B.D.
Organist:
Mr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.

SUNDAY, JULY 14th, 1963
Divine Service
10.00 a.m.
Combined service of Knox Presbyterian and Trinity United in Trinity Church.
Nursery during service for young children.

ROCKWOOD EMMANUEL BIBLE CHURCH
(Associated Gospel Churches of Canada)
Main St., Rockwood.
Pastor: Ray Wiseman.
SUNDAY, JULY 14th, 1963
9.45 a.m.—Sunday School.
Classes for all ages.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Service.
"The Transfiguration".
7.00 p.m.—Evening Service.
Join with us as we continue our studies in the Book of Revelation.
Special Notice: Vacation Bible School, July 15-19, 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. — Leslie, "the talking dummy". Gospel magic. Handicrafts. Free to all boys and girls, ages 6 - 13.
You Are Welcome.

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185 Jeffrey Ave., Phone 853-2694

SUNDAY, JULY 14th, 1963
Trinity V
10.00 a.m.—Matins and Sermon.
Preacher, Mr. L. Duby, Divinity Student.

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, JULY 14th, 1963
10.00 a.m.—Combined Service with United congregation in Trinity United Church.
Preaching, Rev. A. H. McKenzie.
10.00 a.m.—Open session of Church School in Knox Church.
Everyone Most Welcome

EVERTON

Salvation Army Band Entertains At Sunday School Rally Picnic

The Eramosa Township Sunday school rally was held recently at the local Church of Christ Disciples.

The Salvation Army band from Kitchener was under the leadership of bandmaster Bert Starr. It was a varied program with trumpet solos, trombone solos and a male chorus of some 30 voices as well as several full band selections.

Picnic Supper

A picnic supper for the guests and their families was provided by the ladies of the Rockwood United Church, while the families of the district sat around on the church lawn to enjoy a picnic and fellowship with friends.

The evening service began with a song service led by Mr. Bill White of Toronto. Without the aid of instruments, he succeeded in involving the entire congregation in a four part choir as they sang several well known spirituals. "Trampin'", "Jericho" and "Steal Away to Jesus."

Misses Enid, Lois and Kathy Potter, daughters of the Rev. and Mrs. Fred G. Potter, Hamilton, sang most effectively a medley of favorite gospel songs.

An offering was taken in support of the Sunday School Association.

Illustrated Talk

Rev. Fred G. Potter, Hamilton, gave an illustrated talk to the congregation and told several stories for the benefit of the children.

Miss Marilyn Kingsbury was organist and Mr. James Thompson, Guelph was pianist.

The minister of the host church, the Rev. Byron F. Howlett, acted as chairman in the unavoidable absence of the president Robert Leslie.

Guest Minister

Rev. Meredith P. Bergman of Cambrian Heights Church of Christ, Calgary, Alberta, who with his wife and daughters, were attending the All Canada Convention at Guelph, was guest speaker on Sunday morning at the local church.

Minister's Message

Choosing as his text John 1:14 he gave a challenging message on the "Divinity of Jesus," stressing divine grace and divine love.

The speaker mentioned the theme of the convention "The Power to Witness," stating two involvments:

(1) An attitude that is truly Christian — likened to Jesus Christ.

(2) We must have a message that is true and Christian.

The church must proclaim love to all who seek and must worship in spirit and in truth.

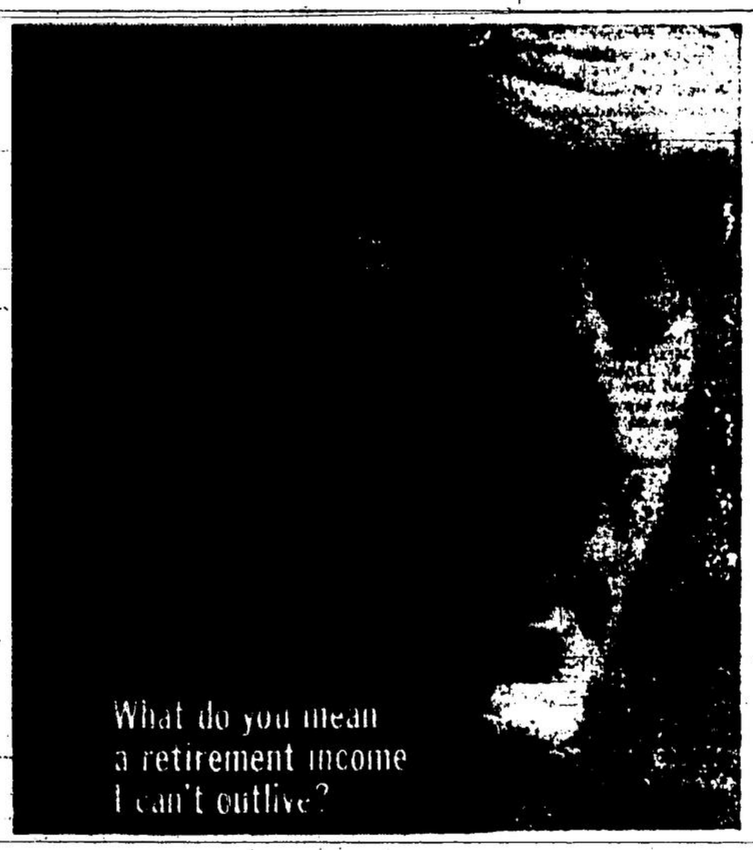
A trio, Donna, Marilyn and Gordon Kingsbury with Don Reid, Guelph as accompanist, sang a selection.

A goodly number who were attending the Convention were present for the service conducted by Rev. Byron Howlett.

Attend Guelph Church

A number from the local congregation attended the 11.15 a.m. service at the Guelph Church when Dr. Donald M. Salmon, Executive Secretary, Department of Evangelism, United Christian Missionary Society, Indianapolis was guest speaker.

Hugh B. Kilgour of Toronto conducted a dedication service for a new communion set in honour of the late Reuben Butchart, and Miss Ada and Errett Currie.



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