

Trick or Treat



SELECTING A COSTUME creates a problem for most youngsters as they prepare for their annual Halloween outing. Three youngsters are seen looking over merchandise at Hinton's store after school hours. Left to right are Kim McIntyre, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don McIntyre; seven-year-old Mary Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watson, and Cathy Lawson, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lawson, with saleslady Mrs. Jack Hargrave. "Don't forget tonight (Thursday) is Halloween and the masqueraders will be looking forward to shellouts both for themselves and for UNICEF."

Editorial Page

The Time is Now...

The Federal Government has earmarked certain funds for the provision of suitable projects "of a testing nature" to mark the centennial of Canada's formation in 1867. While the requirements to qualify for these funds have not been fully explained or any participation by the Provincial Governments detailed, we feel it would be wise for Acton to initiate action to take advantage of potential grants which may be available. Apparently grants will be made available to the provinces by the federal government, equivalent to \$1.00 per capita. We are not aware of the contribution which the Provincial Government will make available or on what terms the Federal largesse will be dispensed.

However, it would be wise for Acton, without delay, to initiate steps to share in this bounty. It may be assumed that the

Federal and Provincial grants will represent only a small portion of the cost of approved projects. We would suggest a committee, outside Council, be established to investigate the procedure for having a project approved. The committee should also study projects which would be beneficial to Acton and suitable as memorials of Canada or Canada's centennial.

Local projects which could be considered could be a library building to alleviate the crowded and small facilities of the public library; a full development of park land in Glensie subdivision; construction of a grandstand and band shell or a swimming pool and sports field in Prospect Park.

If action is undertaken now, the project could be completed and in use in Centennial Year, 1967.

Better Living Through Exports...

You may not realize it, says the Financial Post, but one reason you are living as well as you are these days is the enterprising and highly successful sales campaign Canadian manufacturers are waging in foreign markets. Value of Canada's exports of end products jumped by \$104 million annually between 1960 and 1962. Financial Post estimates of 1963 exports, based on seven

month figures, indicate an additional \$200 million increase this year. If this forecast proves correct, Canada's manufacturers will have increased their annual foreign business by more than \$500 million in just three years. This would almost double their total export sales in 1960 and would equal the value of the giant Russian wheat deal which has fired the imagination of every Canadian

Immunization Helps...

The death rate of American children from one to 14 years of age has been reduced by a third in the past ten years, according to information received by the Health League of Canada. This information was contained in a report of a leading life insurance company which announced that the mortality rate of this age group has fallen from 67.2 per 100,000 in 1950 to 45.5 in 1962.

Analysis of the trends by age shows that, in general, the relative decreases in childhood mortality were greatest at one to four years and smallest at ages five to nine.

The reduction in mortality at each of the childhood ages is due primarily to the decreases in the death rates from infectious diseases and accidents, the report continued. Marked reductions have occurred in the mortality from principal communicable diseases of childhood: tuberculosis, poliomyelitis and appendicitis. Each of these causes

now records a death rate of less than one per 100,000. Pneumonia and influenza have also shown sizeable decreases in mortality among children, although these are still among the major causes of death.

At practically every age, the relative reduction in fatal accidents has been about the same as that for all diseases, as a group. But accidents continue to be the leading cause of death among children, particularly the boys.

Significant progress has been made in safeguarding the life and health of children, reflecting the advances in health sciences and widespread immunization against communicable diseases in health and safety education and in the general standard of living.

The report urged major efforts be directed toward the prevention and reduction of physical disabilities and impairment, and that more be done in training the mental and emotional problems of childhood.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 28, 1943.

The blitz bomb marking half-way mark in Acton and district quota went off at 11:35. The estimates were immediately tabulated by the judges and the winners are announced as Wilfred Fryer, with an estimate right on the dot, who wins a \$25 War Savings Certificate and Donna Anderson for a \$10 certificate.

Gordon Beatty has joined the Royal Canadian Artillery.

The Victory Loan quiz contest for Acton and district was held at the school last Friday afternoon and winners were declared. The judges were Miss M. Z. Bennett, Rev. A. W. Fosbury and Rev. Forbes Thomson. Winners were Patsy Chew, Teddy Rachlin and Chrissie Lamb. The Halton County contest will be held Friday.

Alexander R. Mann, 82, a veteran of railway construction in Canada, died at his home in Vancouver Sunday. He had been a semi-invalid for several years. Born in Acton in 1861, son of Hugh and Ellen Mann, he was educated in Acton schools and went to Winnipeg in 1879. He opened a lumber business and began to build railways. He retired as president of Northern Construction Co. Limited.

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Native of Acton and one of its citizens who spent most of his life in the home community, Noble Paget McLennan passed away October 18 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. B. Adamson.

The first snowfall came October 27.

Christmas parcels for the boys must be away this week in time to reach them.

Warfare Officer Frederick G. Turner, Spitfire pilot serving with the Royal Air Force overseas, has been commissioned as a Pilot Officer.

Over 800 attended the anniversary supper at Knox Church, Mrs. William McArthur and the Ladies' Aid arranged the supper and the choir arranged the fine program.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, October 30, 1913.

Arrangements are being made with the Bell Telephone Co. to give weather forecasts to subscribers of rural exchanges for the benefit of farmers. The meteorological departments in Toronto will furnish the forecasts to the telephone company, which will wire them by 10 a.m. to all agents so that they will then be available for rural subscribers. There will be no charge and the operators will be given instructions to furnish the information.

The German Prison Commission, touring America, visited the Prison Farm at Guelph on Monday. They expressed high admiration for the system of dealing with prisoners carried out there.

Chief Lawson is apprehensive of trouble on Halloween night. He is preparing to head off unduly boisterous pranksters, so let this be a warning to all would-be offenders of the law.

The Canadian transportation companies notified their agents at various points to refuse all freight in fibreboard, pulpboard or double faced corrugated straw board packages unless the packages are fully strong enough to carry the contents. Complaints have been received that these packages are reaching their destination in a bad condition, evidence that shipments are being sent to railroads in packages that are not of sufficient strength to safely transport their contents. From now on, such packages must be rejected.

At Port Elgin Fall, the bachelors offered three prizes for the best pie and, strangely enough, the three were won by unmarried ladies. Now, Cupid's a pretty slow chap if he was not lurking around somewhere in the pastry section.

Mr. John Williams is excavating for a new two-story brick residence on a site to the northeast of his present residence on Mill St. The foundations will be put in this fall and the building completed next spring. Mr. Stephen Gormier has the foundation in for a new cement block dwelling of good size on his lot at the corner of Mill and Wainwright. The blocks will be laid and the building enclosed this fall.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

BURLINGTON—Halton's new member of the Provincial Government, George Kerr, performed his first official function here last week as he brought greetings from the government at the opening of Poindland Public School, the newest addition to Burlington's 21-school system. Mr. Kerr presented a flag, the Union Jack.

MILTON—If the town water meters (and council has been considering them) the cost will run around \$40,000, said Deputy Reeve Jim Bell. The town would need about 1,600 meters at \$25 each.

OAKVILLE—The town celebrated United Nations Day and Freedom from Hunger Week last Thursday, with a special program and a variety of activities. The Canadian Freedom from Hunger Committee spoke of the plight of the starving Indian people.

BALLINAFAD

Presentation for Newlyweds Bad Mishap Sunday Reported

A presentation for Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kaye and Marie Mitchell was held in Ballinafad Hall on Friday night. Progressive Luncheon was played. Mrs. Alex Mitchell and Mr. Robert McEneaney were the winners.

Mr. Floyd Shortall asked the bride and groom to take chairs on the platform. Miss Diane Snow read the address. Mr. Floyd Snow and Mr. David McEneaney on behalf of the rest of the committee presented them with a Studio Couch and two lovely pictures. Both bride and groom thanked every one for the gifts. All joined in singing for they are both good fellows.

Lunch was served in the basement and the rest of the evening was spent in dancing to music by the McEneaney Orchestra.

Bad Accident
A bad accident happened on No. 2 Sideroad last Sunday when Douglas Hitchcock lost control of his car and hit a tree. His sister, who was with him, was quite seriously hurt with a skull fracture and a broken leg. She was taken to Guelph then on to Hamilton where she still is quite serious not having regained consciousness as yet. Douglas is at Guelph Hospital with his leg broken in five places. The car is a total wreck.

Teen Town

Teen Town held a Halloween party on Saturday night in the hall.

Dinner for 100

The U.C.W. served a Turkey Supper to 100 guests from Toronto on Saturday night in the church basement.

Eachwe

A Eachwe was held in Ballinafad Hall on Tuesday night when 15 tables played. They are being held every two weeks.

Miss Sheila Sinclair of Guelph

Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL BAILEY

Recently, I have attended two funerals. This is about two more than my usual 10-year quota.

I don't know why I have avoided funerals all my life. It hasn't been a conscious thing, but more a matter of inertia. And it always seemed foolish, making a fuss over the clay when the spirit had fled.

Well, I've changed my mind. I didn't know what I was missing. There is something intensely satisfying in the human drama involved in a funeral service, and I hereby promise all my friends that I will attend their funerals, if humanly possible. That is, if I don't beat them to the punch.

Both of these services I was at were for people I admired and respected, but there the similarity ended. One was for an elderly lady, a simple Lutheran service in a small church. The other was for a comparatively young man, an elaborate Roman Catholic service in a large church. Each had its dignity and, at times, beauty.

Incidentally, I learned something at both. The Lutherans sing sitting down and pray standing up. And there isn't much of my high school Latin left, so that I welcome the news from Rome that R.C. services will be conducted in the native tongue.

But there's a lot more to a funeral than the church service. There is the slow filling up of the church, with every one taking a crafty look around to see who thought a visit to the funeral home would be enough.

OBITUARY

H. W. Chamberlain Buried at Fairview

Henry William Chamberlain of Acton died at Halton Centennial Manor on October 13 after a short illness at the age of 87. He led an active life at the Manor helping other aged persons and enjoyed working in the hobby shop. He was always ready to fill in for a game of cards.

Mr. Chamberlain was born in London, England, in 1876 and came to Canada in 1898. When he arrived here he worked first on a farm for J. Shields, and then had a greenhouse at Wainwright. From there he went to Wingham and then to the Wood Comb plant in Acton. He spent several summers as a young man helping with the harvest in western Canada. He was active in church work and was a Sunday School teacher for several years. He was a member of the Orange Lodge.

His wife, the former Elsie Alberta Yee, predeceased him. Remaining are a daughter, Mrs. William McGee (Lorene), Toronto and four grandchildren. His brothers and sisters all predeceased him. His sisters were Eliza, Grace and Anne in England and his brothers were James, Eng. Land, Jack, Albert, Albert and Alfred in Ontario.

Funeral service at the Rumley Shoemaker funeral home was conducted by the Rev. Stanley Gannon in the absence of the Rev. Engel and interment was in Fairview cemetery. Pallbearers were four nephews, Harry J. Chamberlain, Orton, Charles T. Chamberlain, Ferguson, Wilfred Halladay, Orton, Harry Halladay, Acton, with Irwin Little, Acton and Mike Cullion, Milton.

Georgetown Man Loses Left Eye

A Georgetown man lost the sight of his left eye as the result of a hunting accident last Wednesday.

William Richardson, 21, of 24 John Street East, is recovering in Toronto General Hospital. He was accidentally shot while hunting pheasants on opening day on the Second Line East, north of No. 27 Sideroad near Brampton. He and two companions were walking in triangle formation about 40 yards apart when one of the boys accidentally discharged. Pellets struck Richardson in the forehead, left brow and left eye.

Employed in the coating department at Provincial Paper Ltd. Mr. Richardson is married with one daughter.

Curlers Dance In Legion Hall

A pleasant evening in the Legion Hall Friday witnessed the curling season. About 150 curlers to the music of Johnny Tocher's orchestra and enjoyed sandwiches provided by the ladies of the club.

President Chester Anderson welcomed everyone looking forward to another active year. Registrations were taken right on the spot by Lorne Youngblut, Dave Manes and Bill Tush.

There is the lugubrious organ music that puts you in the right mood. There is the quickening of tempo, as the minister or priest rustles in. There is the awkward, touching procession of relatives of the "deceased," some weeping, some white-faced with strain, some red-faced with the unaccustomed attention.

And then there is the entrance of the coffin, gliding soundlessly on its wheeled frame, surrounded by six good men and true. This is the moment of truth for the spectators, as they realize with a jolt that this is the end of that person, and that this is the end to which we all shall come.

Spirits lift slightly with the beauty of the chants, and plunge close to the matidill when we are asked to join in "Abide With Me," and tears spurt beyond reason, throats develop lumps as large as golf balls.

When it is all over, I think everyone feels cleaned and uplifted, rather than depressed. There is an imperceptible awakening of life, an eager turning to discussion of the weather, though we retain, for a decent interval, our mournful looks. Everyone feels like a cup of tea or a good, stiff drink.

There is a lot to be said for giving a fellow human being, who entered the world in a rather scrabby fashion, and did the best of which he was capable, the dignity of a decent sendoff.

Personally, I would rather go to a good-funeral-any-day, than to a wedding, which often degenerates into giggling and general silliness.

There is a great deal of criticism over the cost of a funeral today, and undertakers are frequently raked over the coals for catering to the excessive demands and bad taste of some of their clients. I don't think this is quite fair. Undertakers are just that—caterers. If you want the blue plate special, you can get it. And if you want the seven-course deluxe, they'll give you that.

I used to be one of those just-pipe-me-in-a-pine-box-and-throw-some-dirt-over-me fellows. But not any longer.

When I go, I want the works. Row upon row of weeping friends and relatives. Lots of wreaths. A full choir. "Abide With Me," and everybody breaking down hopelessly about the middle of the second verse.

And a great big reception back at the house afterwards!

One more request. I know it would be difficult to arrange, but I'd like to be buried sitting up, so I could enjoy it all.

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