

Free Press "Souvenir" of Trip Acton, Middlesex, Pair Report

The people in Acton, Middlesex, England, read in their local newspaper one November day, a four-column headline, "IT WAS HOME FROM HOME IN ACTON, ONTARIO" and beside the lengthy story was a two-column picture of a couple reading The Acton Free Press!

The couple photographed had just returned home to Acton, Middlesex, from a trip to Canada and the U.S., and the caption beneath the picture reads, "No, it's not a new Acton, Middlesex, paper. The Acton Free Press was one of the souvenirs brought home from Acton, Ontario, by Rotarian and Mrs. George Davenport when they made their trip to Canada and America."

Editor, Y's Man

In the picture, the Free Press shows up very plainly and readers can make out two headlines, "Elmer the Safety Flag Flies Monday" and "Club Fete G. W. McFadden, Y's Men's International President." The English paper is the Gazette and Post.

When the Davenports were in town, they were interviewed and photographed by the Free Press.

The interview in the English paper, lent to us by George Davenport.

"A link has been forged between the Rotary Clubs of Acton in Middlesex and Ontario."

Rotarian George Davenport, a past president of the club, and his wife, Edna, president of the Inner Wheel Club of Acton, visited the Acton Rotary Club counterpart when on a relation-ship tour of America and Canada.

"We spoke to the Acton Rotary Club, Ontario, and presented them with an album of pictures of Acton, Middlesex, ancient and modern."

"Mr. and Mrs. Davenport went with a party of Rotarians and wives from District 113 on a charter flight to America. The air trip took them over Labrador, Grosse Bay and then Quebec, Montreal and due south to New York."

"A colossal banner welcoming the visiting Rotarians was plainly visible as we came in to land," he said.

Very Tense

"Driving conditions? Well, I soon realized you were either quick or dead. We thought the people of New York looked very tense and they were not the good-looking we are always led to believe."

"Our shops are just as good as those in America and there was nothing in the New York stores that you couldn't buy home here," he added.

"The food stunned him. He said, 'They serve a bit, eat a little and waste most. Everything is junky stuff. A steak has to cover your plate.'"

"Visits were made to Harlem, the Bronx and Skill Row, where drunks and no-grads were sleeping on the pavements or in shop doorways."

"I don't know why this should have been one of the sights. I should have thought it was something people would wish to hide rather than put on show," he said.

The Greyhound Cruiser, a luxury, long distance coach, air-conditioned and fully equipped, took Mr. and Mrs. Davenport to Canada. For the first 300 miles to Buffalo, the coach never went less than 75 m.p.h.

Felt at Home

But when we entered Canada, we began to feel at home. We saw the familiar red mail vans and pillar boxes with E.R. painted on them. And so on to Toronto, another city with skyscrapers growing overnight.

"It was in the city that I met a taxi-driver who a few years ago drove a No. 11 bus to Mortlake," said Mr. Davenport.

"A few weeks before Mr. Davenport set out on his trip, the Acton Rotary Club had a visitor:

It was Mr. Jim Ledger from the Acton Rotary Club, Ontario.

"My wife and I stayed with Jim when we went to Acton and we had a wonderful time," said Mr. Davenport.

"During their journey, Mr. and Mrs. Davenport visited and stayed with 33 relations."

"What were his most pleasant memories of the trip? 'The friendliness and homeliness of the Canadians. They are great churchgoers. The churches are full every Sunday and all have big choirs. It rather puts us to shame,' he said."

Life Members
Mrs. E. Marshall and Mrs. G.

Two Life Members Given At Alert Christmas Meeting

The Alert Evening Auxiliary met at Knox Church last Wednesday evening for their Christmas meeting, when 22 members sat down to a delicious supper in the church kitchen, prepared by Mrs. T. Anderson and her group.

Then they gathered in the church school room for their business meeting and Christmas program. Hark the Herald Angels Sing opened the worship service, which was conducted by Mrs. R. Turner in the absence of Mrs. M. McCullough. Mrs. Turner read the scripture lesson and led the group in prayer. Mrs. G. Musselle gave a lovely Christmas reading, followed by a piano solo by Mrs. C. Coles.

Young were presented with life membership pins and certificates by Mrs. Bessie in appreciation of their faithful service in the organization.

The roll call was answered with a gift for a shut-in, Mrs. Musselle read the secretary's report and Mrs. Inglis gave the financial report for the year.

Mock Banquet

An exchange of gifts took place when two of the members in bright red dresses were called upon to distribute the gifts. A vote of thanks was moved to Mrs. Anderson and all who had assisted in making the evening such an enjoyable one.

Everyone joined in the singing of a Christmas carol and the meeting closed with the Missions benediction.



REV. FORBES THOMSON, formerly pastor at Knox Presbyterian church, returned to town Thursday evening of last week to address the Y's Men's Club on ladies' night. Mr. and Mrs. Thomson left town 17 years ago and many present recalled the former minister. Left to right are Mr. Thomson, club president Walter Dubois and Mrs. Thomson.

Egyptian, Grecian Displays Appeal to Grade 11 Students

By Grade 11A

Objects such as Grecian urns and Egyptian hieroglyphs caught the eye of the grade 11 students during their recent visit to the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto. The excursion was supervised by Mrs. Grace Rogers, the Ancient History teacher, and guest Mrs. Anne Mowat.

Pupils from the three grade 11 classes had a choice of either going to the museum or remaining at the school for supervised periods. All, however, were asked to hand in reports on certain aspects of the history course.

Two Grades

It was approximately 11 o'clock on the morning of Wednesday, December 11, when the two buses arrived at the steps of the Museum. On entering the rotunda, we were divided into two groups of 30. We were led to the cloakroom in the basement where, after depositing our coats, we proceeded to either the Greek or Egyptian rooms.

While in these rooms, we were informed of the exhibits by two guides. These women were very well informed and could explain facts in a very interesting manner. While the instruction period continued, we were allowed to fill in our assignment sheets with the data available to us — both contained in the exhibits and in the commentary by the instructor.

In the Greek rooms, we found many interesting display cases and statues that told the story of the way of life during that era. One of the most interesting were the statues. They were as life-like that if met in the dark one would swear they were real persons. It was explained to us the Greeks mastered the art of sculpturing. Some of their works were as thin as tissue paper.

In the "Athens Room" we saw statues and miniature replicas of the famous Acropolis, on which stood the great temples of the Athenian Age.

After an hour the tour ended and we proceeded to the case where we bought a lunch or opened lunch we had brought with us.

Egyptian Displays

At one o'clock, after an hour

for lunch, the groups changed rooms and we went to the well-known Egyptian room. Here we met our other guide, who told us of the habits and peculiarities of the Egyptians. Again, we saw exhibits of statues and pottery.

Although the Egyptians were of a much older age, they enjoyed the same arts and games as the Greeks. The Greeks, however, developed their methods to a greater extent.

At 1:30 o'clock, our trip was over and we had run out of time. It seemed altogether too short a trip. I'm sure that this visit will give the students added incentive to return to the interesting and historic museum.

Robt. R. Hamilton
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THIS SUNDAY'S Church Calendar

- METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA**
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Rev. Andrew McKenzie, B.A., B.D., Minister.
Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A., Organist and Choir Master.
- CHRISTMAS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1963**
9:45 a.m.—Church School.
10:00 a.m.—Minister's Bible Class for Teen-Agers.
11:00 a.m.—Christmas Worship. Sermon theme: "And Now The News!"
7:30 p.m.—A Service of Carols and Christmas music. Special music by Senior Choir at services.
Everyone Most Welcome.
- TRINITY CHURCH**
(The United Church of Canada)
Minister: The Rev. Dwight I. Engel, B.A., B.D.
Organist: Mr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1963**
9:30 a.m.—Early Service.
11:00 a.m.—Corporate Worship (Nursery during 11:00 a.m. service for toddlers).
THE CHURCH SCHOOL
9:30 a.m.—Seniors, grade 9 and up.
11:00 a.m.—Juniors, pre-school to grade 4.
- CHRISTMAS SERVICES**
Christmas Eve
8:00 p.m.—A Service of Lessons and Carols.
Christmas Day
10:00 a.m.—A Service of Holy Communion.
"We shall know the truth and the truth will make you free."
- THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR**
AMERICAN
Corner Willow and Bower.
Rector: The Rev. D. H. West, B.A., L.S.T., 185 Jeffrey Ave., Phone 853-2044.
- Friday, December 20 — Church School Concert 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 21, St. Thomas Day, 10 a.m. — Holy Eucharist.
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1963**
Advent IV
8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10:30 a.m.—Church School.
11:30 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
7:30 p.m.—Candlelighting and Carol Service.
Christmas Eve
11:00 p.m.—Choral Eucharist.
Christmas Day
8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10:30 a.m.—Family Eucharist.

HARLEY TO HALTON

DR. HARRY HARLEY, M.P.

(Intendd for last week)

It was my misfortune to witness the other afternoon, the Creditists (under Real Cause) make a large out of Parliamentary procedure and Parliament itself. It happened during the private members' hour between 5 and 6 p.m.

The subject was a private bill to set up a Pharmacy Examining Board, which had already passed the Miscellaneous Private Bills Committee after its rejection was attempted there by these same Creditists. They felt that this Bill infringes on Quebec rights, despite the fact that this Bill does not, in most people's opinion, infringe on these rights.

Set Up Standards

The Bill will set up a Pharmacy Examining Board to set up standards of examination for pharmacists, similar to the Medical Council of Canada. This will set professional standards only and the graduate will still have to be licensed under the present provincial laws.

In this way standards of pharmaceutical training will be the same throughout Canada. I do not find fault with the Creditists' Members' feelings on this subject, but do object to the methods by which they try to achieve their objectives of ending Parliament of the Bill.

What, No Comma?

The Social Creditists from La Pointe objected to the absence in the French copy of the Bill of a comma, which he said changed the whole meaning of the Bill. Perhaps it did—I am certainly no authority on French. It was pointed out that this omission could be amended simply but the Creditists insisted that the Bill be referred back to the Miscellaneous Bills Committee for their study for six months.

Their move was ruled out of order by the Chairman because the Rules clearly state it could not be done that way. The Creditists appealed the ruling and caused a vote where every other Member in the House of Commons voted against them. This took enough time that the Private Members' House expired and the Bill went to the bottom of the list where it will be delayed.

This irresponsible behaviour and wasting of time was known by them to be against the Rules, but they carried it through until time ran out. I trust the Special Committee on Procedure will consider this usage of the present Rules to political advantage.

and alter the Rules accordingly. The continent of Asia has the largest population in the world, but the lowest per capita production and consumption of leather footwear.

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MONDAY, DEC. 23 & MONDAY, DEC. 30

NORMAL TUESDAY COLLECTIONS WILL BE CANCELLED FOR TUES. DEC. 24th and DEC. 31st

Collection of Christmas Trees Only will be Made on Thursday, January 2nd

Clerk Administrator, J. McGeachie