

10, 20, 50 and 75 Years Ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, Dec. 21, 1951

For the first time in the history of Aton, citizens have been nominated to a third nomination meeting in an effort to elect enough representatives for the municipal council. The officials who will fill positions at the inaugural meeting on Monday will be Mayor E. Tyler, Reeve J. Stewart, Deputy Reeve R. Thompson and Councilors A. Irwin, C. Lindsay, L. Wick, E. Pooch and R. J. Hargrave. With 60 ninth chair still vacant, (R. G. Langford finally filled the vacancy.)

In King chapel, Ceph, Margaret Cludburn and William Toth were married last week.

Major John Anderson has been posted with the Canadian army to Korea.

One of the winners in a Dumbieside photo contest was Don Schroeder whose shots included his son Richard.

Action's newest industry, Corona Shoe, is turning out 150 pairs of high quality slippers each day.

Highlights of "TV" - the opening of the wading pool, beginning of the new high school construction, increase team final, Raymond Brads won public speaking trophy.

Yours workmen have been flooding the arena but there has been no skating there yet.

The Square Dance Club is starting its second series of dances.

Arthur Padbury bought the first license plate for 1954 from J. K. Oardinger and then he and his wife headed south.

Defendant and counsel were sentenced to do the dishes at the Men's Club meeting of the Unit of Church. Convicted pair were W. Woodburn and Bruce Shie maker. Rev. E. A. Curvey presided while the witnesses were J. Ledger, O. Robbins, E. Lambert, R. Davies, G. Hollinger Y.M.C.A. secretary Dick Schmuil spoke.

Rev. C. L. Pook led in prayer. Action's Christmas baby was born at the nursing home - Cornelius Joe Kulpier, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kulpier, R.R. 1.

Families were left homeless in Hives in town just before Christmas and again New Year's Day. Just a few weeks ago a Madlar home was gutted by fire. Three bad house fires so close together is unusual.

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, Jan. 6, 1944.

Monday evening the members of Dublin Literary Society and the Dublin community met to honor three of the boys from the school section who have joined His Majesty's Armed Services. Margaret Somerville read addresses to Melvin Jordan, Alex Walde and Donald Ross and Rachel Mullis presented each of them with a fine fountain pen.

At the inaugural meeting of Action School Board Trustees V. B. Rumley, F. S. Blower, F. G. Oakes, G. A. Dills and J. A. Chapman were present. Dr. Oakes was chosen chairman of the school board. Mr. J. H. Reed was re-elected as trustee officer. Mr. Geo. Mann as caretaker and Mr. W. G. Middleton as secretary-treasurer for another year. Mrs. Heard was engaged as music supervisor until the mid-summer term.

Inward since the fall of Singapore in January, 1942, Armour-Sgt. Jack Boyes, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Boyes, has been word that he is a prisoner of war in Thailand. This was the joyful word that came to Action New Year's morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith E. Griffin of the Fifth Line, Erin township, were at home to their friends Monday on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding.

Post-war taxes can be reduced by more than 40 per cent, so long as Canada's national income is maintained, according to the Liberal M.P. Hughes Cleaver.

The latest show for the War Service League is just about ready, written and arranged by Mr. R. E. Parker for all local talent. Miss Alice McAllister is chairman of the show and district for old-fashioned costumes. Reserved seats on sale at Hargrave's drug store.

Gregory Theatre - "I Dood It" - Red Skelton, Eleanor Powell, chapter nine "Overland Mail". Next Rhythm of the Islands. Miss Jane Frances "Selling Sheriff Masie". Ann Southern, James Craig.

At 10:30 a meeting about 20 interested in forming a Farm Forum met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ferret and Miss Ada Currie. It was decided to meet each Monday in the school to hear the radio program Harold Smith is discussion leader. Mrs. R. D. Burrows secretary-treasurer and Mr. Roy Hindley publicity agent.

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of New Year's morning, Thursday, January 1, 1914.

The addition to the school is completed and students will go there Monday. (This section was destroyed by fire several years ago.)

Action is fortunate this year in having the Reeve, Councilors and School Board all re-elected by acclamation.

There were about 50 ratepayers at the nomination and Mr. John Cameron was elected chairman. Reeve Hynds in a succinct and interesting manner told of how the Hydro-Electric system was financed and proved beyond any peradventure that the enterprise had already been demonstrated as a good investment for the town. He showed the correctness of the judgment of council in going into the matter. The Hydro-Electric finances are separate from the regular funds of the Corporation. The council hopes before long to give more light in localities where more lamps are desirable.

Councillor McDonald gave a summary of financial operations. Councillor Cooper, chairman of streets and walks, admitted there were not many improvements this year. Councillor Smith said one thing that made him sore was the statement in the Free Press that he aspired for the reeve ship. He considered it a dirty slur, said the Free Press always had it in for him "but I've got my knife into him and I'll get even with him yet." Mr. B. F. Caldwell said he had been strongly pressed to stand.

Mr. Robert MacPherson, who was nominated for school trustee, graciously retired and thus avoided the necessity for an election. No doubt his reward will be forthcoming at a later date. When called upon for a speech, he noticed that none of the old members of the school board were present. "If they are ashamed to put in an appearance to speak for themselves I think it would be unfair to expect a speech from me."

It is a good many years since Aton had suchordes of drunks as have paraded the streets day and night during the holidays of the past week. "This is the result of bringing back the liquor licenses" said an observant young lady.

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Jan. 3, 1939.

The staff of teachers at Aton Public School for the year is as follows: Thos. T. Moore, principal; Miss Cassie McPhail, second department; Miss Maggie McVillie, second department and Miss Maggie McDougall, fourth department.

The donations of clothing by the children of the Methodist Sabbath school on Christmas were numerous and filled to overflowing a large packing case. It was shipped to a missionary to the Indians near Southampton.

The social at the Manse last Thursday was quite a pleasant affair. Beside the usual social intercourse an interesting informal program gave variety to the proceedings. Miss Hume recited. Mr. William Gordon sang. Scottish songs. Rev. Dr. Gifford sang in his usual style.

No one could wish for a more successful entertainment than that of Knox Sabbath School in the town hall on New Year's evening. Every seat in the hall was occupied and these were supplemented by seats in the aisles. The little folk in their becoming holiday attire sat on the stage. The beautiful arch of evergreens was decorated with oranges, bags of candies etc. and numerous lines hung with books and other presents. Ella Anderson gave the opening address. Others taking part were Jennie Kennedy, Minnie Penick, Mable Ross, Gordon Henderson, Johnnie Davidson, Milton Henderson.

The entertainment in connection with the Disciples' Sabbath School last Wednesday was marked by success. Taking part were Mamie Masales, Willie Gurney, Everton Clark, Louis Orr, Maggie Ramsay, Minnie Morton.

128 tramps were entertained by this municipality during the year and 75 animals were impounded in the municipality including cattle, sheep, pigs and three horses.

The proceedings of the Baptist church entertainment were marked with interest. Rev. Mr. Gordon, the pastor, occupied the chair.

Advertisements - Burns's Blood Bitters, Castoria, Kelly Brothers Merchant Tailors (butler and eggs wanted), Henderson, McCrae and Co. Limhouse Wollen Mills, Kenney Bros. Shoes, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.

Let's Play Bridge

High cards that can take tricks are often valuable as entries on well. When dealer makes his plan, he must be careful to take this into account. Today's hand occurred in a friendly game of rubber bridge. By friendly, I mean that the opposition were friends. The game was as tough as any duplicate game. Here is the hand:

North

S-10 8

H-K 10

D-A K 9 6 4

C-A K 8 5

West

S-5 4

H-O J 9 5

D-O 5 3

C-O 7 4 3

East

S-A 6 7

H-A 8 3 2

D-J 8 7 6

C-J 10

South

S-K O J 9 7 7

H-7 6 4

D-10

C-9 6 2

South was the dealer and the bidding went:

South

1 S	West	North	East
1 S	Pass	1 D	Pass
1 S	Pass	1 N T	Pass
2 S	Pass	1 C	Pass
3 S	Pass	4 C	All pass

I realize that South's three spade bid is an overbid, but with our weak no trump opening, a rebid of one no trump shows a good hand. In this case, South knows that North has a fairly good hand.

West opened the heart queen, heart king from dummy was won by East's ace. A heart was returned and West won. Now a trump was led and again East won with the ace. Another trump was returned and South was in for the first time. Declarer had lost three tricks and must take the rest.

He has five tricks in spades and four quick tricks in clubs and diamonds. He must develop one trick without losing any more. The only hope is to make one more trick in diamonds. There are seven diamonds in the opponents' hands and these will be divided four - three about three out of five times.

Guarding the entries carefully, South takes one more round of trump and then enters dummy with the ace of diamonds. A diamond is ruffed. Now dummy is entered with a club and another diamond is ruffed. When the opponents follow suit to this diamond lead, declarer is home.

Dummy is entered for the third time with another club and the diamond king takes out East's last diamond. Declarer throws away his losing heart. Now the fifth diamond is led and a losing club discarded. Declarer's last trump is his 10th trick.

The entries must be used in the order stated. If dummy is entered with a club first, the declarer will be one entry short for the fifth diamond. The diamond king could be cashed after the ace as it is not an entry.

This week's bridge winners: first, Earl Enand, Mike Laruso, second, Gloria and Bill Coats, third, Mrs. K. Campbell, Duke Wilson.

GOVERNMENT SPENDING
The total of federal, provincial and municipal spending on state health and welfare programs will be \$1.8 billion in Canada in the coming year; there is a "statutory" or automatic increase of about \$350,000,000 in such spending each year.

Thermometers in the country went as low as 20 below Monday night.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT

BURLINGTON - Lower Brant Street will get a shot-in-the-arm with the construction of a new shopping mall that could pave the way to total redevelopment of the area. Work will begin early in January on two-story project to be named Wellington Square, which will have retail stores on the ground floor and professional offices on the second storey. The building will be covered with a glass-wooded roof and surround a court containing a fountain and gardens.

OAKVILLE - Want to go to jail for Christmas? One Oakville resident did, but it took him three tries before he was successful. Only after getting himself thoroughly inebriated did the Oakville Police accept him. The reason for the unusual request was that he was out of work and broke. He will remain in his new "home" for 30 days.

BRAMPTON - A heavy load of steel beams crushed the roof of a parked car recently when the truck carrying the load failed to complete a turn. The car was covered with the beams after a tractor-trailer tipped over on it. Damage to the car was estimated at \$300.

ACTON - Providing approval is granted, the town of Acton conceivably will have a credit amounting to \$250,000 for capital expenditure during the next five years. This projected figure will be handled to the Ontario Municipal Board following the board's request.

MILTON - Robin Hood Flour Mills Ltd. this week offered to deed to the town the mill pond and land holdings totalling 30.15 acres along the stream and out to Bronte St. from Martin St. The pond had been an integral part of the town for many years.

At Youth Conference On Alcohol Problem
John Wood and Donna Pendleton representing Acton attended the Seventh Annual Provincial Youth Conference on the Alcohol Problem held in Toronto, December 27-30, sponsored by The Ontario Temperance Federation where over 400 teen-age delegates registered.

Delegates had the opportunity to share viewpoints in group discussions, hear experts in the various areas of alcohol education and participate in a field trip to the Salvation Army's Harbour Light Clinic for alcoholics in Toronto's Skid Row and also attend an A.A. meeting.

The purpose of this conference is to assist young people to deeper understanding of the complexities of alcoholism and an awareness of possible dangers inherited in the consumption of alcohol.

School children have been enjoying the snow at the Robert Little school playground as they use their toboggans and flying saucers to zoom down the hills covered with snow.

THIS SUNDAY'S Church Calendar

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN
Corner Willow and Bowyer
Rector:
The Rev. D. H. West, B.A., L.S.T.
185 Jeffrey Ave., Phone 853-2044

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5th, 1964
Christmas II

8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. - Church School
7:30 p.m. - Evensong and Young People's
Monday, January 6, 8 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICES
SUNDAY, JANUARY 5th, 1964 Y.M.C.A.

9:45 a.m. - The Family Bible School

11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. - Evening Service
Thursday - Cottage Prayer Meeting

Communion by way into the living bread above us, and the sharing of it to pass - Psalm 117: 5

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Acton, Ontario.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5th, 1964
8:00 a.m. - English Service.
2:30 p.m. - Dutch Service.
3:45 p.m. - Sunday School.
Everyone Most Welcome

ACTON METHODIST TABERNACLE B.A.O.C.
11 Churchill Road
Rev. B. M. Thomas, Pastor 853-2715

C. A. annual business meeting, Thursday, January 2, at 8 p.m.

Friday, January 3, - Crusaders social event, 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5th, 1964
8:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. - Evangelistic
Worship of Prayer Services - Thursday, January 7 through 10 at 8 p.m.
You Are Cordially Invited

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, JANUARY 5th, 1964
9:45 a.m. - Church School and Ministry's Teen - age Bible Class

11:00 a.m. - Public Worship and Holy Communion. Meditation theme: "The Renovator"

8:00 p.m. - Church School staff meeting, 154 Tidesy.

Thursday, January 2, 8 p.m. - Pre-Communion Preparatory Service

Everyone Most Welcome

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Convention of Ontario & Quebec
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gannam
Rev. 184 Tidesy Ave., Ph. 853-1815.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5th, 1964
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
"But That was Yesterday"

7:00 p.m. - Daniel's Last Vision

Mission Band, Wednesday, January 8, 4:15

B.H.F. and Evangelists, Friday, January 10, 7:30

Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Choir Practice, 7:30 and 8:30

Scripture text: "For the eyes of the Lord are always upon you from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year" - Deut. 11: 12.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
(The United Church of Canada)

Minister:
The Rev. Dwight L. Engel, B.A., B.D.
Organist:
Mr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5th, 1964

Divine Services
9:30 a.m. - Early Service
11:00 a.m. - Corporate Worship. Communion at both services.
Nursery during 11 a.m. service for toddlers.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL
9:30 a.m. - Seniors, grade 9 and up

11:00 a.m. - Junior, pre-school to grade 4

2:30 p.m. - Young Adults' Meeting

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BY BIL BRILEY

Well, chaps, I hope you got exactly what you wanted on Christmas Day. And exactly what you deserved on New Year's Day.

Here we are, with the whole of another unpredictable year ahead of us, and even an extra day tacked on. All those bright, shiny days, fresh from the mint of time, not a chip or a crack or a stain on a single one of them.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could wrap them in cotton wool, put them away in a safe place, and bring them out, fresh and gleaming, to use when we wanted them?

Wouldn't it be grand to unwrap 10 golden days without a tarnish on them, and spend them in one reckless sweep, or just look at their perfection, or give them to someone who needed them?

Wouldn't it be lovely, in some gloomy week in some bleak November, when the leaves weren't raked and the flu was making the bones ache, to reach into that secret place and pull out just one or two of those sparkling days without a blemish on them?

Wouldn't it be fun to walk through a hospital or a mental home or an old people's refuge with a big bag of clean and

shining days, and scatter them among the inmates with a lavish hand?

Wouldn't it be glorious, when the whole bow and the snow flies and the toes snap off underfoot, to reach into the hiding place, feel around carefully, pull out a pristine, silver day and exult, "Good old first of July! Am I glad I haven't spent youth?"

Wouldn't it be a treat, some day when the old lady was nagging, the kids were bugging, the work was behind, the phone was ringing, and the spirit was flagging, to reach casually into the great pile of unused days and come up with a fine Opening Day containing a glister of sunlight, a bite in the air, a lonely stream with the black water racing and the trout hitting like tigers?

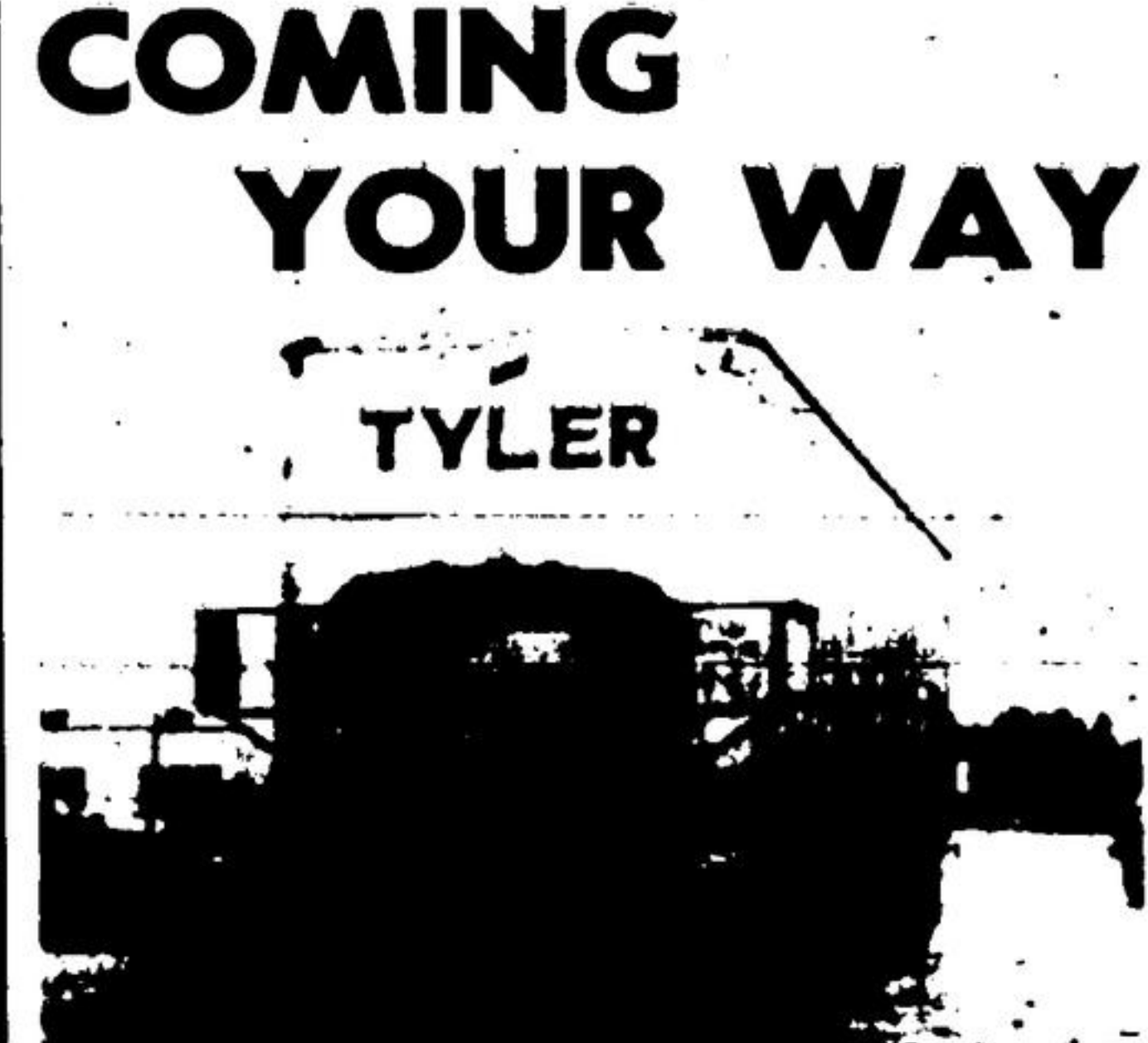
Wouldn't it be thrilling, on some raw and muzzling day in March, when your rubbers were leaking, your nose running, your income tax was looting, and your only rich uncle had just married a widow with eight children, to sort feverishly

through the pile of unused days and snatch to your breast the whole of a splendid Thanksgiving weekend, complete with blue-sky, yellow sun, unblemished foliage, a big turkey roasting in the oven at home, and the partidge walking the wood road as thick as pedestrians in Paris?

Wouldn't it be joyful to take the whole bag of days so bare, fully saved and placed in the hands of a dying child or a loved and aging parent, and say, "Here, there are all to you. I don't need them!"

Yes, wouldn't it? It is terribly sad, but we can't save a single day of them. Not perhaps it's just as well. Only misery heard. We can build up a treasure of those untarnished days we are given as something precious, if we spend it with joy on some thing worthwhile.

Shall we?



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