

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

20 YEARS AGO 50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday April 6, 1944.
The 10th blood donor clinic established a new record when 144 volunteered to give their blood for the war's wounded and sick. This was the first clinic when women were accepted and over half the donors were women. Dr. Cullen, Dr. Kenney and Dr. Walker were in charge.

The community concert sponsored by the Women's Institute in Rockwood town hall was well attended. President Mrs. J. A. Little had charge of the program. A feature was a spelling match with Mrs. Spencer in charge with Mrs. J. A. Little, Mrs. Carter, Sgt. J. Ward, Miss William Frank, Miss Pearl Hamblin and Mrs. Max Milne.

The Council met the Board of Directors of the Y.M.C.A. for a round table discussion of ways and means of meeting the constantly growing need for improved facilities for youth. The building was planned so sufficient revenue is produced from rentals to make it possible to carry on the Y.M.C.A. and community centre activities at very low fees. Council endorsed plans for alterations amounting to \$350.

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, April 9, 1914.
The Free Press has just issued for Mrs. Clara L. Speight, Hamilton, Ontario, her new book entitled "The Origin of the Chemical Elements and of Cell Life," a bound volume of 160 pages, with illustrated plates showing cell life and development. Mrs. Speight is very jubilant over her scientific discoveries and is quite positive she is able to give the very origin of the groupings of elements that make up the primal system.

She asserts that if her discoveries are proved correct by the scientific world, the present concept of the Darwinian theory of evolution is forever eliminated from even a consideration by any intelligent person. She, a native of Acton, daughter of the late Samuel Speight, and her home at the corner of Church and Willow Streets was her birthplace.

As well as the usual fare of moving pictures, there is a vaudeville performance this week.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at Rockwood parlour on Wednesday afternoon March 25 by the Rev. J. H. Clarke who officiated in the bonds of holy matrimony. Miss Lena May Allan, daughter of William Allan, Esq., Elm and Mr. Fred W. Cleave. The bride was prettily attired in Copenhagen blue, trimmed with silk to match and allowed her attendant, Miss and Mrs. Cleave left on the evening train for Toronto and other points, the bride traveling in a blue serge suit and hat to match. On their return, they will settle on the farm of the late Donald Mann on the third line of E. Squaring.

Your local paper is worth more to you than the big city paper, padded with material from the end of the earth. You name on the subscription list as sure you a lot of news for your family. The Free Press is used to carry world news and features as well as local news.

Liquor lovers suffered a reversal in elections in Michigan on Monday.

Gun pills are a sure cure for kidney trouble and a gripe. Positive guarantor of money refunded if they do not give relief.

Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL SMITH

Last Sunday was one of those days. Filthy outside, with mud and rain and wind. Dismal inside, with everybody bored and crabby.

I munched around the house gloomily, waiting for the golf course to dry, or the trout season to open. Then I started thinking about what Sunday really meant, and was ashamed of myself, and cheered up considerably.

As some old remarked: "To say Saturdays, it was the Holy Sabbath, to our great grandfathers the Lord's Day, to our fathers, Sunday. We call it The Week End."

The Sabbath is not of Christian origin. It was originally a Jewish holy day, and the last day of the week like most of the laws of the ancient Hebrews, was a combination of religious and common sense. Man

needs a day of rest in every seven. He demands periodical marks in the life sentence he is serving.

However, there's a vast difference between the Sabbath of the ancient Hebrew and the Sunday of modern man.

The former lived a pastoral life. When the Sabbath came along, all he had to do was be around and count his sheep. He didn't have to roll, groan, get out of bed after a late but undisturbed night, scramble around trying to get his family off to church, wash the car or catch fish or play golf, drive 80 miles to visit some relatives or his wife, and tear home to watch the hockey game.

If it were not for Sunday, the Saturday night bash would be a come-what-may. If it were not for Sunday, many men would go through life without shunting their shoes. If it were not for Sunday, many women would never get a new hat.

Sunday is a great comfort to those intent on getting to heaven. They don't sweat, guff and plev men on Sunday morning. On Monday, they go back to the normal pastimes of trying to scramble to political, social and financial eminence over the crushed and bleeding bodies and souls of their fellow Christians, secure in the knowledge that if there is a

such for souls on the judgment day, they will have some pull with the management.

Sunday means church. Church, too, is a good thing. First of all, it provides employment for ministers, and employment, or lack of it, is pretty important these days. Secondly, it provides some security where people who like to sing, but sound like hyenas, can vent their frustration without someone telling them to shut up.

After church, what? There's nothing particularly Christian about going out with food and sitting in a stupor looking at television.

What about a nice Christian game of golf, with no sweating when one slices? What about a little walk in the woods, soaking up the wonderful world of nature that was created for you? And if one happened to look down and see a fishing rod in one's hand one shouldn't worry too much about it.

Remember the old adage: Evangelists may rave and shout, but only God can make a trout.



MALTON'S PIONEERS spent their days clearing the land of the large stands of virgin pine, and used the stumps to build fences like this one, found in the Scotch Block area in Esqueving Township. Horse-drawn stump pullers lifted the massive roots and hauled them to the fence rows. Many still stand today and the county's back roads are dotted with similar scenes.

Support the C. of C...

What is a Chamber of Commerce? A group of businessmen devoted to prove that the sun shines all the time in our municipality? Public-spirited citizens banded together to see that the community enjoys the highest possible standard of living? Supporters of free enterprise and our democratic way of life? Businessmen trying to bring new industry to this area? These are some of the most commonly held ideas about the Chamber of Commerce. Whatever is said about the Chamber of Commerce, there is one thing sure — it is, or should be, one of the most important organizations in the town. The work of the Chamber of Commerce touches nearly every citizen, as we have seen this week at the community-wide dinner, when a revered citizen was honored for her work which affected to many.

The interest of the Chamber of Commerce is not, however, confined only to local matters. Just as the citizen of a municipality is also a citizen of his province and of his country, so the Chamber of Commerce has provincial and federal interests in addition to its local activities. In the provinces there are provincial Chambers, and indeed many regions within a province have their own associations to advance the interests of their particular region. At the Provincial level the activity of the Chamber of Commerce is co-ordinated and presented to the provincial government through the provincial Chamber of Commerce — a provincial federation of Boards and Chambers.

A Good Argument...

The possibility of a better deal for widows under the federal government's estate tax act was announced by Federal Minister Gordon in his recent budget speech. "I was impressed," he told the House of Commons, "with the case made by women's organizations saying that more recognition should be given to the special contribution that a wife makes to the accumulation of property by her husband."

The women's groups have been making a good argument. The tax laws still regard the whole estate of a family as the property of the husband, although women nowadays generally participate to some degree in the accumulation of a family's possessions. Working wives, of whom there are about 900,000 in Canada, usually contribute directly to the acquisition of a home and its furnishings, a small business, a husband's life insurance program or other forms of savings. And whether or not they are employed outside the home, most wives help to manage and preserve the family's possessions. On that basis it is not unreasonable to argue that some proportion of a deceased husband's property should be entirely exempted from the estate tax.

Another point, not mentioned by the Finance Minister although he must be aware of its validity, is that many a family-owned business passes to foreign ownership because of the estate tax. Accountants, lawyers and trust company officials are on record with the opinion that the high rate of the tax and its parsimony demands — or the prospect of these — often result in the forced sales of small businesses, and that very often the only cash offers are from foreign purchasers. As it now stands, the tax law is unlikely to leave a widow who inherits a small business the money and the time to assume its operation or to arrange an advantageous sale.

Also unmentioned by the minister was the grave injustice of double taxation. If a husband leaves a pension or life insurance annuity to his wife, there is an estate tax on the inheritance at its capitalized value and then income tax is applied to the later benefits.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

BURLINGTON — Another shopping centre, two more schools and a total of 2,080 dwelling units are foreshadowed for the New Street area. The building and planning committee unanimously approved the first stage of the \$30,000,000 Pinehill Estates Development. As well as the public school already in the plan for this area, the separate school board is constructing a school, which is to be known as Ascension School. There is also the possibility of another high school being erected if the total population of the new subdivision rises to 8,000.

GEORGETOWN — A 20-store Raylven apartment is under construction and will meet no further opposition from Georgetown council. Recently council rescinded a building permit after hearing a spokesman for a large delegation of protesting neighbors. Later meetings were held with the builders and efforts were made to locate the building on another site, without delaying the building. Later information had no legitimate grounds for delaying the building.

BRAMPTON — Prospects for adequate municipal office space and larger council chambers have brightened considerably. Negotiations for space in a nine-storey office building on the site of the Queen's Hotel, Queen St. E., were approved by Council. The building schedule will allow late August occupancy of the first office floor with following floors becoming available every two weeks.

MILTON — The local Chamber of Commerce has been awarded an Ontario Chamber of Commerce President's Award for the skillful use of historical themes in its promotion of the community and district. The act of Chamber was singled out for its efforts in promoting a week of "Old Fashioned Days" in Milton at the time of the Steam and Antique Reunion last summer.

The Bruce Trail

(Second of a series of three articles on The Bruce Trail in this district, written by Mrs. Edith Austen Lloyd of Hamilton, trail director of the Hamilton-Iroquois Bruce Trail Club.)

The Bruce Trail is a cleared and marked footpath, a nature trail, through woodlands and natural areas, touching as many beauty spots and scenic viewpoints as possible. For the most part, the Trail is on private lands by permission of the owners. This hiking trail will follow the Escarpment from Queenston (the Monument) to Tobermory in the Bruce Peninsula.

In March 1960 the Federation of Ontario Naturalists, Don Mills, recognized the value of the idea, and encouraged and finally sponsored The Bruce Trail. The original committee was a committee of the F.O.N.

Now Six Clubs

The Bruce Trail is now a separate organization with its own charter. Six independent trail clubs have been organized: one of which is the Iroquois Bruce Trail Club, Box 183, Hamilton. Each Club is responsible for all matters in connection with the Trail in its area.

Last weekend, April 11 and 12, the Federation of Ontario Nat-

Hamilton Club in Charge Here

Analysts brought its annual meeting to Hamilton, Saturday morning and afternoon sessions were held at the Royal Connaught Hotel, Hamilton, and 500 naturalists from all over Ontario attended.

The club was contacted through Merle Gunby, R.R. 1, Millgrove, NE 4-2779, or Robin Stowe, R.R. 3, Campbellville, 680-5500, who are in charge of the Trail in the vicinity of Mount Nemo.

Leon V. Bristow was chairman of this year's minstrel show and his committee consisted of vice-chairman, Al Lauder; costumes, John Greifendorfer; advertising, Hartley Cole; tickets, Herb Brasier; props, Murray Harrison; lights, Ray Arble; make-up, Bob Parker; Lionettes, Alex Johnson.

\$400 Loss as Youths Crash

Two 12-year-old drivers racked up a total of \$400 damages when their cars were involved in a collision at the corner of Guelph Street and Mountainview Road in Georgetown about 11 o'clock Saturday night.

David Shannon, R. R. 1, Acton was travelling west on Guelph and Henry Walsman of Glen Williams was proceeding north on Mountainview. The left front fenders of both cars were damaged, an estimated \$250 to Shannon's car and \$150 to Walsman's car.

PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY AND TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

MEDICAL	FUNERAL DIRECTORS
DR. D. A. GARRETT Physician and Surgeon Corner of Willow and River Sts. Entrance River St. Acton, Ont. Phone 853-0141	Dumley Shoemaker Phone 853-0150 night or day Bruce E. Shoemaker, Mgr.
DR. ROBERT D. BUCKNER Physician and Surgeon 39 Wellington St., Acton, Ont. Phone 853-1240	OPTOMETRISTS
DR. T. B. MOORE Physician and Surgeon 2 Main Street North Corner Main and Mill Street Acton, Ontario Phone 853-2180	E. L. BUCHNER, O.D. Optometrist Contact Lenses Hearing Aids 6 John St. E. - Acton In Acton Wednesdays only 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. For appointment, phone 853-1841 If no answer, phone Waterloo 742-8867
DENTAL	APPRAISING AND INSURANCE
DR. H. LEIB Dental Surgeon Office - Corner Mill and Frederick Streets Office Hours by Appointment Telephone 853-0610	ARTHUR A. JOHNSON 184 Main St., Milton (Lloyd Davis Jewellery) Phone TR 8-9772 Res. TR 8-4678 Tuesday Afternoons Thursday Evenings Friday Mornings
DR. A. J. BUCHANAN Dental Surgeon Office - 90 Church St. E. Office Hours - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Wednesday afternoon Telephone 853-1750	F. L. WRIGHT 20 Wilbur St. Acton Ontario Phone 853-0720 Appraiser and Insurance Over 30 Years in Acton
DR. CEDRIC DEY Dental Surgeon Suite No. 3, Hinton Bldg. 17A Mill St. E. Acton, Ont. For Appointments Telephone 853-1300	ARCHITECT
LEGAL	TRAVELLERS' GUIDE
C. F. LEATHERLAND, O.C. Barrister and Solicitor Notary Public Office Hours: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Saturdays by Appointment only Phone Office 853-1330 - Res. 853-1745 Acton	GRAY COACH LINES COACHES LEAVE ACTON Standard Time Eastbound 6:33 a.m. (Daily except Sat. and Hol.); 8:54 a.m. (Daily except Sat. Sun. & Hol. - Express); 8:58 a.m.; 11:33 a.m.; 2:00 p.m.; 5:08 p.m.; 6:23 p.m.; 8:33 p.m.; 10:18 p.m. (Sun. and Hol.). Westbound 7:37 a.m. (Daily except Sat. Sun. & Hol.); 10:27 a.m.; 12:57 p.m.; 2:57 p.m.; 5:27 p.m.; 7:27 p.m.; 9:12 p.m.; 11:32 p.m.; 1:22 a.m. (Sat. only).
KAPLAN & ORD Barristers and Solicitors Sidney Kaplan and John D. Ord, O.C. 116 Mountbatten Road 5. Corrival Building, Georgetown 877-8255	CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS Standard Time Eastbound 6:56 a.m. to Toronto, daily except Sat. and Sun.; 7:36 a.m. to Toronto, daily except Sun.; 9:52 a.m.; daily except Sunday and Monday, direct connection from Toronto about 7:42 a.m. to Toronto, Sunday 7:47 a.m. to Toronto, Sunday only; 9:25 a.m. to Toronto, daily; board of Georgetown only. Westbound 8:01 a.m. to Stratford, daily except Sat.; 6:23 p.m. to Stratford, daily except Sat. and Sun.; 7:00 p.m., daily except Sunday; 11:00 p.m. on Stratford, daily except Sat.

The Acton Free Press

Published by the Dills Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd.
Founded in 1875 and published every Thursday at 59 Willow St., Acton, Ontario. Member of the Audit Bureau of Circulations, the C.W.N.A. and the Ontario-Quebec Division of the C.W.N.A. Advertising rates on request.
Subscriptions payable in advance, \$3.00 in Canada; \$4.00 in England and other Commonwealth Countries; \$5.00 in the United States and other Foreign Countries; single copies 7c. Authorized as Second Class Mail, Post Office Department, Ottawa.

The only paper ever published in Acton

G. A. Dills, Editor-in-Chief
David R. Dills, Managing Editor

BUSINESS AND EDITORIAL OFFICE PHONE 853-2010