

"100 Year Landmark"



—Photo by Murray Taylor

THE CHIMNEY of the old mill in Rockwood, which has stood so erect for so many years, this year on its 100th anniversary is doomed for destruction in the near future. A parking lot may replace the present buildings which have been a landmark for so long. The old weaving room has already had the roof removed prior to a bulldozer levelling the walls.

Centennial in Acton...

Planning for the recognition of Canada's 100th birthday, to be celebrated in 1967, by the citizens of Acton got off to a belated start on Tuesday evening when a group of citizens was appointed to assist the administration committee of council in choosing a suitable project.

With the deadline for application for Federal and Provincial grants set at August 1 this year, there is no time for dalliance on the part of the committee. Before the August deadline the committee will have to hear

proposals by various interested groups and from the presentations make a selection, which in the committee's opinion will be a fitting mark of the centennial and a project worthy of the support and participation of all citizens.

It is to be hoped that, in the necessary haste, very careful consideration will be given to all proposals and the project selected will be something that can be looked on with pride and a sense of accomplishment through many years after 1967.

Advice to a Son...

The following article appeared originally in The Manifesto. It is timely, as more and more young people take to the open road for summer driving. It has a message for all. DEAR SON:

In the 25 years I have been driving automobiles I have never met anyone who had an accident thru his own fault — it was the car, the road or the Other Fellow. Mostly the Other Fellow.

I have seen the Other Fellow, and certainly he doesn't look like a killer. Sometimes he is a young, nice-looking kid like you.

Sometimes he is a mild-looking, middle-aged fellow like me.

Sometimes he is a gentle, sweet little woman like your mother, but that only goes to show that you can't judge by appearances.

He's a killer, and no mistake, and something is going to be done about it — or is it?

If you cut out of line on a two-lane road, don't expect him to let you push him into a ditch, so you can cut in again.

If you pass a car on a blind curve, don't expect the fellow coming the other way to be sensible about it and go off the road and out into the field to let you by.

He's just crazy enough to run into you because you are on his side of the road.

Yes, he's crazy, but you are rude — and that's what makes him crazy.

It doesn't matter so much if you are walking down the street and you are rude enough to push someone aside.

You can elbow your way through a crowd, if you are impolite, and do no damage at all.

But when you elbow your way through traffic with your bad manners stepped up 100 horsepower, you're bound to do a lot of damage to a lot of innocent people.

For every accident caused by high speeding there are 1,000 caused by low breeding.

My boy, you think it sissy to be polite, but a kiss on a warm cheek is worth two on a cold brow.

Today we put a premium on agility rather than civility. Each year our manners become cruder as our gasoline becomes more refined.

Wide roads won't prevent accidents, so long as they continue to fill up with narrow people.

Good brakes on cars are no protection against bad breaks in behaviour.

The growing problem of automobile fatalities will not be solved around the drafting board but around the family table.

Then we can have a mobster under the hood because there will be a gentleman at the wheel.

Affectionately,
Dad

Editorials in Brief...

Municipal tax burdens are getting to the point where actual hardship is being worked on property owners. It is time senior governments conferred with local officials, with a view to a more equitable spread of costs, and easing of the local tax burden. It is becoming uneconomical to own a home.

"People are like stained glass windows. They glow and sparkle when it's bright and sunny... but when the sun goes down their true beauty is revealed only if there's a light inside."

If the moon isn't made of green cheese, how come there's such a rat race to see who gets there first?

—Ord (Neb.) Quiz
Living on a small income would not be so bad if you didn't have to work so hard to keep it a secret.

—The Park County News, Livingston, Mont.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, May 25, 1944.

Among the graduates from No. 10 A.O.S., Chatham, N.B., as navigators of the R.A.C.F. was another Acton young man, Howard A. Norton. He also received his commission as a Pilot Officer the same day. He has had rapid advancement since joining the R.C.A.F. Prior to enlistment, he was with the International Petroleum Company, Ecuador.

Something unusual in the line of Scout meetings was held Thursday. Eight Scouts were invited and welcomed to the troop by Scoutmaster Rex, R. F. Thomson — Bill Hunt, Roy Kirkness, Gordon Lawson, Bill McKinnon, Monte Ranney, Sheridan Romphl, Harold Smith and Harold Townsley.

Mr. T. Jones, chairman of the group committee, presented badges to Ken Allison, John Barr, Allan Cory, Doug Davidson, Jim Dennis, James Dills, Roy Kirkness, Jack Man prize, Andrew Nicol, Sheridan Romphl, Jimmie Spaldvogel and Dave Dills.

The 43rd District Annual of the Halton Women's Institute was held in the United Church, Acton. Mrs. Alex Sear was elected president.

Victoria Day was sort of half observed in Acton. Some industries and stores were closed. The schools had a holiday but most of the folks were at work as usual.

Buses leave Acton, morning and evening, for Guelph and Brantford. Workers in and from Acton, who are unable to secure living quarters here.

At the public school board meeting, resignations were received from Miss Jean McCaig, Miss Frances Dills and Miss Nina Kelly. A letter was then read from the remaining teachers requesting salaries of \$2,300 and \$1,600. They were advised \$2,011 and \$1,600 were all they were prepared to offer. Since their resignations have been received from all the members of the Continuation school staff, establishment of a kindergarten has been abandoned. The secretary has been instructed to advertise to fill the vacancies.

Nassagaweya wins the plaque for Halton for the highest standing in the last Victory Loan — 125 per cent of its quota.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, May 24, 1914.

Under most ideal weather conditions, Ivanhoe Camp, Sons of Scotland, held the second annual field day of Caledonian Games on Monday. The Caledonian procession included mounted riders and a burlesque of the 20th Regiment, sundry and various costumes and "take-offs." The events of the afternoon comprised some 11 items including Highland dancing, piping, tug-of-war and quill match. The concert in the evening was well attended. Messrs. Alex Taylor, W. R. Kenney, James Ross and H. Swackhamer, the committee in charge, together with the Ivanhoe camp, are to be congratulated on the splendid holiday demonstration.

Mr. James Warren of Walker, Dominion Land Surveyor, is here surveying in addition to his school grounds being secured from W. H. Storey and Son Limited. It is interesting to note that he made the original survey for the lot in 1861, the first survey he made by himself after commencing the profession as a young man.

Mill and Main Sts. have been asked and the dust subdued in consequence.

Mr. W. G. C. Kenney has successfully passed his second year examinations in Veterinary College.

There was somewhat of a dearth of decoration on Victoria Day. Usually our citizens aim to excel in this. Fortunately, no fires resulted from the few fireworks set off illegally here.

Preceding prorogation of the Epworth League parliament, an Opposition resolution in favor of woman suffrage was discussed. Because the government took a firm stand against the resolution, dire results followed, as several of its supporters were forced to bolt.

The Conservative convention in Milton last Friday filled the town hall. Dr. A. W. Nixon of Georgetown, the present member, was renominated.

Passage of the Irish Home Rule bill has been followed by singular quiet.

New elders at Limehouse church are Messrs. R. Dought, W. Gowdy and T. P. Ivens. The service of ordination took place last Sunday.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

MILTON — A new Roman Catholic Church valued at between \$250,000 and \$275,000 will be constructed on the Holy Rosary Church property on Martin St. beginning in the Spring of 1965, the pastor Rev. Father J. J. Murphy has announced. The new church will seat approximately 650, while the present building will seat about 300. It is thought the new church will be ready for use some time in the fall of 1965.

GEORGETOWN — Indignation has been expressed by councillors at an act of vandalism which wrecked tulip beds in Remembrance Park. Town workmen discovered the damage and noted that flowers had been pulled off their stems, many bulbs were uprooted and strewn on the ground. Councillor J. Hildebrandt said a permanent guard in the park might be the answer to cut down vandalism.

BRAMPTON — Brampton's second annual Festival of Flowers, June 18, 19 and 20 will be spread with beautiful girls, parades, bands, dancing girls and flower shows, a circus and fireworks. The fun-filled floral fantasia will transform the town into a colorful mecca of pageantry for these magical days. Chairman Doug Brown has said that it would be foolish to spend less money on fireworks this year.

OAKVILLE — A claim by an Oakville man that he originated the blue bars which appeared on a flag design favored by Prime Minister Pearson, were denied this week. Henry Rainey submitted a flag design to Halton M.P. Dr. Harry Harley which contained the blue bars and Dr. Harley agreed to submit the design to the Commons if a flag committee was formed. Since no committee was established, Mr. Rainey's design remained in the private files of Dr. Harley, eliminating any possibility of Mr. Rainey's design having any effect on the eventual design approved by the Prime Minister.

HALTON COUNTY

WEED CONTROL

By V. F. McArthur, County Weed Inspector

YELLOW ROCKET SPREADER
This primary noxious biennial or short lived perennial weed is spreading quickly throughout Ontario. It is also known as Winter Cross. As this weed resembles wild mustard, from a distance, new infections or single plants are often ignored and allowed to set seed. Yellow Rocket will normally grow on low land but does equally well on better locations. Mustard is an annual and will normally grow in cultivated crops only.

Our present heavy infestations have all come from a few neglected plants in a bad area or as an impurity in seed and such will show up very early in the spring following spring seeding. All new seedlings should be checked for the presence of these yellow weeds. They are easily identified up to 20 rods away as they grow faster and show above any ordinary seed, pasture or hay mixture in May and early June.

Like Mustard
The flowering arrangement is similar to a mustard plant and may be on a single stem or a close group of up to a dozen stems. If several stems are produced the plant in flower will look like a solid yellow clump. The leaves are a dark glossy green. The lower leaves may be flat on the ground like a dandelion and have stems with two or three pairs of opposite lobes, the leaf ending in a single large lobe. The stem leaves are alternate and irregular in shape becoming smaller and more closely attached to the stem near the flowering section. The smooth stems may show a purplish tint at ground level. This plant is often difficult to pull as it has a very fibrous tap root system.

The seed is about the size and color of hulled timothy and unless graded seed is purchased it will go unnoticed until the yellow flowers appear in the field a year later. In these cases, barbed seed becomes expensive. Yellow Rocket is a primary noxious weed, and is not allowed in any No. 1 seed, but five may be present in an ounce of No. 3 Timothy or 10 may be present in an ounce of a No. 2 seed mixture. If the seed should get by in a No. 1 lot or be spread by any other

Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL DUNLAP

I don't know how you feel about it, but that "distinctive" Canadian flag with the three spindly maple leaves on it makes me want to throw up. I'd like to see somebody ask you to go out and fight and die for it.

No, I'm not a Red Ensign boy. The Red Ensign was a makeshift, at best. It is too confused with colonialism and the merchant marine and the Union Jack never to be accepted. If we MUST have a Canadian flag, which I deny violently.

By the way, I think the Canadian Legion has had some pretty shoddy treatment from the daily press because of its espousal of the Ensign, and its less-than-enthusiastic reception of the Prime Minister at the Winnipeg convention.

What's wrong with an organization standing up for something it believes in? Everybody else does it, from hog produc-

ers to folk singers. But the Legion was suddenly made the butt of a vicious and slanted attack in certain dailies.

The men who did the dirty work in two wars were suddenly catalogued as a group of reactionaries, or as one daily put it, a "bunch of old soldiers," trying to tell the rest of Canada what flag it should have.

This canard was climaxed by a brutal cartoon by Duncan MacPherson in the Toronto Star, portraying the Legionnaire as a heavy-eyed, beery-nosed old blimp, clinging to the past. Even the Star was embarrassed by the cartoonist's lack of taste.

But this isn't a defense of the Legion. It can look after itself. It has a minority of old members. So does the yacht club and the curling club and the service club and the press club.

Before I finish this digression, let me ask a question. What's wrong with having the Prime Minister? It may be impolitic, but it's a heck of a lot better than assassinating him, and I know he'd rather be hosed than defeated in office.

At the same time, let me express my admiration for Mr. Pearson's courage in attacking this flag fiasco, and doing it in front of a body opposed to his views. None of his three prede-



cessors had the guts to do it.

But to get back to what I originally started to say, let's get everybody's eye on me and get it over with. The whole business of flags is a medieval hangover, with juvenile overtones.

Men used to rally around flags in the days of hand-to-hand combat because they were trying to find somebody else who was on their side.

War evolved (or degenerated, if you like) until the stretcher-bearer became a lot more heroic than the standard-bearer.

If you want a bit of gay hunting, by all means go to it. Hang up a rosy apple for the Okanagan Valley, or a lobster for southeast Nova Scotia, or a rampart of well for Calgary, and enjoy it. But a Canadian flag is an anachronism in the first place. And in the second place, the maple leaf, to me and many another Canadian, is just a dang nuisance that clutters up my lawn in October.

The only possible symbol that would represent the whole of Canada is a snow shovel.

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<p>MEET WITH M.P. Presidents from Halton's six Legion Branches met Saturday with Dr. Harry Harley, M.P., to discuss veterans' affairs in the county. Dr. Harley was recently appointed to the committee handling veterans' problems and he called the meeting to discuss local situations with the area presidents.</p>	<p>CHIROPRACTOR DAVID W. GOHN, D.C. 31 Young Street Corner of Arthur & Young Sts. Office Hours by Appointment</p>

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