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Time has passed since Acton Council accepted the preliminary suggestion of the special committee on a centennial project. As the extended deadline for approval of centennial projects by the provincial government draws nearer we would like to think that Acton is almost ready to make application for provincial approval. As a member of the special committee we are not particularly happy that Acton's proposal is not nearer completion.

Council has accepted the committee's suggestion that the project be a public library. The committee has had architect's preliminary sketches prepared. It has received an indication the public school board is prepared to negotiate a site on the Robert Little school grounds facing Main and Willow Streets.

As we see it, the committee still has to negotiate with the School Board the actual site; and it should report to Council a method of financing the whole project.

Of the need for additional public library facilities there can be no doubt. The present library is outgrown and has been for some time. There is a total area of some 500 square feet. The library is open for only four and a half hours each week. In spite of the physical handicaps, the circulation and use of the library has grown annually but the limit has been reached.

The library envisioned by the architect will provide a floor space of 2,800 square feet. Included will be shelving for over 10,000 books, a children's section, a reference section and reading facilities. Of split level design, the basement or first floor would provide service and heating areas as well as room in which to expand as growth of the community demands.

The site the committee feels would be ideal is on the north side of the school creek facing River Street between Main and Willow Streets. The natural slope of the terrain in this area makes the split level concept very attractive. With the main approach to the library a foot bridge over the creek from a parking area on River Street, the natural beauty of the site provides an excellent setting for the library. An ancillary benefit of the project would be cleaning up and beautification of the school creek which could be landscaped to provide a much more attractive appearance both to the school itself and to the whole town.

We hope the committee can continue and possibly speed up its slow but steady march toward the completion of a significant addition to the cultural assets of the community.

The Big Show . . .

Fall Fairs, those annual mixtures of midway and exhibits, are in full swing. Acton Fair, be-

ginning its second half century of progress, starts with judging this Friday. The annual Fair serves to remind us once again of the vital place agriculture occupies in our economy. Agriculture is still the basic industry. The growing of food stuffs is of vital importance to each of us.

At the Fair the products of the farm are on display. Here one may see something of the machinery used and learn something of the skills and knowledge involved in the various aspects of farming. Handicraft skills are on display. There is always some of that cooking, baking and preserving which are a part of farm life.

At the Fair, the town and city resident gets a look at what the rural resident does. Today's farm is more modern and much more complex than many of us realize. Fewer farmers are producing more food with mechanization which has brought relief to what was once a virtual slavery. But the basic skill is still the same, that of using sun, soil, air and water to grow the things which man must have to continue to exist.

Again this year a young girl has been chosen to be Miss Acton Fair. The announcement of the verdict of an important panel of judges will be the highlight of the Fair program. While in a contest of this type there can be only one "winner" the participation of all the candidates has been of benefit both to themselves and to the Fair. To all those girls who took part, we want to express our appreciation and thanks for

their interest and help in this phase of the activities.

Looking to the future of the Acton Fair we can see a growing interest of not only the farm community but of many citizens of Acton. We look forward to an increased participation by the townspeople in the Fair. The efforts this year in the business exhibits and the recreational committee can be expanded as a result of the improved Community Centre and park facilities. We look ahead in anticipation to the time when the annual Fair has developed to become a show place, not only of agriculture, but of business, industry and the whole community life.

Recording Our History . . .

A call for older citizens to put on record their memories of earlier days was recently made by Alex Carrihers, chairman of the Select Committee of the Ontario Legislature on Aging.

The chairman appealed that recollections of the past be recorded now since such material would give broader understanding and appreciation of the province's heritage.

We endorse the suggestion strongly. Personal accounts of outstanding reminiscences of the lives of senior citizens through interviews, tape recordings, or autobiographical letters could provide a wealth of knowledge and help toward

the ultimate authoring of community and provincial history.

Undoubtedly there are some in this community who could begin the project. It needn't be grandiose in scale but each fragment of information preserved can well contribute to the rounding out of history that hours of painstaking research would never reveal.

Retired clergymen, teachers and others might act as interviewers of older citizens under the leadership of the local Senior Citizens' group to put together those recollections of community life, early pioneering, and details that may have been passed by word of mouth from previous generations as well as those actually experienced.

As Canada nears its centennial such information will be more and more appreciated. In the case of most communities complete histories are lacking. In the case of others they can be amplified. In the case of them all additional anecdotes on early life are usually only remembered and seldom recorded in writing.

Gathering history is really a challenge. Every fragment that is put on paper now can be preserved. Every day sees further loss of the recollections of our older citizens as they die with memories unrecorded. We hope our senior citizens may see fit to act on that preservation.

The Good Old Days . . .

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, September 14, 1944.

The regular meeting of the Lakeside Chapter I.O.O.F. was held on Tuesday evening in the Y.M.C.A. with the regent, Miss Alice McCallum presiding. Plans were made for the bazaar which is to be held in November. Plans were also made to hold a social evening later this month. A donation of \$142 was voted to be given to the War Service League for overseas Christmas boxes.

Plt. Lieut. H. H. Hinton, Trenton, called on Acton friends during the week.

Roddy Force underwent an operation this week at St. Joseph's Hospital, Toronto, for appendicitis. His friends will be glad to know that he is making satisfactory progress and wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Baker of Owen Sound, announced the engagement of their younger daughter, Pauline Doris, to Mr. MacPherson (Mac) Symon, son of Mrs. Symon and the late James Symon of Acton. The marriage is to take place September 27 at Owen Sound.

Born — Ware: In St. Joseph's Hospital, on Sunday September 11, 1944 to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ware, a son George Albert.

War news continues good — for the allied Nations. Germany will soon know what it's like to stand alone.

Mid-week seems to be the showy part of the week this season. Let's hope it continues through September.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Sept. 17, 1914.

Mr. A. J. Thomas, who has been farming in Erin for the past year, has purchased the G. & A. McDonald farm, on the fourth line, from Mr. John Denny.

Operations have been in progress on the tall chimney at the sole leather factory. Thirty or forty feet were rebuilt some time ago but it did not settle so it has been removed.

A Men's Saturday Evening Club was organized in the Parish Hall, with the following officers: President, John Wood; Secretary, H. King; Committee, C. S. Moore, C. N. Cridland and S. G. Gunton. The track layers of the Toronto-Suburban Electric Railway have reached the vicinity of Guelph.

The long-looked-for and much-debated Toronto-Hamilton paved road is now to be an assured fact. William Nielson Ltd., offered to supply the government with 65,000 chocolate bars. The offer was accepted and the chocolate bars will be shipped to Valcartier.

The Board of Education approved the proposal to hold a Field Day of sports for the Public and High Schools and gave a grant of \$500 toward the expenses of the day.

Married — Kennedy-Dick — At Ashgrove, on Wednesday September 2nd, 1914 by Rev. J. A. Ferguson, George A. Kennedy of Hornby, to Jessie May, daughter of Richard Dick, Esq.



GETTING THE LINEUP is chief scorekeeper Tinney Masales who kept excellent records throughout the two-day softball tourney last weekend. Left to right are announcer Bill Spielvoegel, coach Harry Lawson, Mr. Masales and coach Owen Masales. Acton All-Stars wound up in the finals but were defeated by Oshawa in the last game.

Diefenbaker Here?

Annual Tory Picnic Sunday

Halt County Tories are expecting a record turnout to this year's annual picnic at Lowville Park, North Burlington, Sunday afternoon, September 20. Speculations have been circulated that Opposition Leader, John Diefenbaker may attend.

Already confirmed as guest speaker is former Agriculture Minister Alvin Hamilton — often described as the former Prime Minister's first lieutenant.

May "Circulate"

While Tory officials have been advised that Mr. Diefenbaker will not officially participate in political meetings held on Sunday, they feel he will take advantage of the opportunity to circulate among the voters.

Picnic officials state that this year's picnic will be the best ever, highlighted by a chicken barbeque dinner, prizes, clown band, games and entertainment. Tickets are available from local Conservatives.

(Continued next week)

TRINITY CHURCH
(The United Church of Canada)
The Rev. Dwight I. Engel, B.A., B.D. Minister.
Organist:
Mr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1944
TRINITY CHURCH SCHOOL
9:30 a.m.—Gr. 3 and higher.
11:00 a.m.—4 years to Gr. 4.
DIVINE SERVICES
119th Anniversary
1844-1944

11:00 a.m.—"When is the Church?"
7:00 p.m.—"Distinctive Living"
Guest preacher:
The Rev. Jas. Finlay, D.D.
Formerly minister to Carleton Street United Church.
Friends of Trinity are specially invited to the 7 p.m. service and the reception after.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1944
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Guest speaker at both services, Rev. T. A. Machett, Evangelist and radio pastor.
September 22-25, Tuesday thru Friday at 8 p.m.—Evangelistic. T. A. Machett speaking at all meetings.
Hear his inspiring testimony of deliverance from alcohol, how his life was made new by the power of God.

Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Service and Bible Study.
Thursday—8 p.m., C.A. service.
Friday, 7:30 p.m.—Crusaders.

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This Sunday's

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1944
Trinity XVII
9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10:30 a.m.—Church School.
10:30 a.m.—Choral Eucharist.

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor, Alan G. Silvester, B. Th.
Phone 853-2985

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1944
9:45 a.m.—The Family Bible School classes for all ages.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
"The Summer is Ended."
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.
"Building the House of God."
Wednesday, September 23, 8 p.m.—Cottage prayer meeting.
Everyone welcome.

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Acton, Ontario
Rev. Wiebe Van Dijk
Phone 853-1585

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1944
10:00 a.m.—English Service.
2:30 p.m.—Patch Service.
3:45 p.m.—Sunday School.

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Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D. Minister.
Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A. Organist and Chofr. Master

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1944
9:45-10:45 a.m.—Church School.
10:00-10:30 a.m.—Minister's Teen-age Bible Class.
11:00 a.m.—Public Worship.
Sermon, "Please Give Me Your Attention!"
6:30 p.m.—Youth Fellowship Supper Meeting.
Everyone Most Welcome

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Convocation of Ontario & Quebec
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Res. 144 Tidy Ave., ph. 853-1615.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1944
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages. (Scriptures Press Lessons taught.)
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
Subject "Hold Fast the Word of God."
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service. All welcome. Mission Band and Explorers at the evening service.

Wednesday — Prayer meeting at 7:30; chofr practice at 8:30.
Friday, September 18—B.H.F. at 7:30.

"From a child you have known the Holy Scripture, which are able to make you wise unto Salvation through faith, which is in Christ Jesus."

2 Timothy 3: 15.

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