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In municipal government a breakdown of lack of communication between various committees and boards and council itself appears to be creating many problems. Since the introduction of the present procedural plan of council some years ago we have felt this system has fallen short on numerous occasions. There are certainly some benefits to be gained when a committee can study a project in depth and then report its findings fully to council which is then in a position to make a wise and correct decision. Too, often it has appeared to us that the committee work has been thoroughly done, the committee members are well informed but the committee has failed to communicate its findings, for and against, to the other members of council and thus to the general public.

This has certainly been the case in the presentation to council last week of a by-law to acquire land for industrial development. We feel sure the committee has made a thorough study of the subject but to present a by-law for passing before all members of council have been

made aware of its implications and details was a mistake. Council was right in withdrawing the by-law until all the facts are made known either in a written report or by full discussion at a council meeting. Of the merits of the proposed acquisition of industrial land we and certainly council cannot decide until the proposal is submitted in detail.

We would expect the project to be self-supporting financially and not be any burden on the present taxpayers. Any industrial enterprise that must be enticed to Acton by give-away or by special concessions is not going to be any asset to this town.

We do not feel it is necessary for council to go back to the proceedings that were in effect 20 years ago when every item involving anything from ten cents to hundreds of thousands of dollars was only subject to discussion at council meetings. We do think that every effort must be made to make the present system work, and to keep all council and the public fully informed so that intelligent discussion and informed decisions be possible.

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We call it Indian Summer, but the Indians didn't bother to name those fine autumn days when the sky is clear, the sun is mild and the hills are faintly hazy. They enjoyed such days, then as we do, finished their late harvest, did a little casual hunting for the pot and did a lot of loafing. In fact, the name itself didn't appear in the records until 1794, though by then it seems to have been in general use along the Atlantic seaboard.

It still isn't an official season, of course; it is so unofficial that you can rouse an argument over it every autumn. Actually, Indian Summer can come any time from mid-September till early December, any time after the first hard frost and before the onset of winter. It can come twice in a season, even three times now and then. If there is a spell of raw, cold weather between two intervals of Indian Summer, that is Squaw Winter. The Indians didn't use that name either, nobody knows where it came from.

So there are the facts. And if anyone wants to argue about them, let him take his argument

elsewhere. Indian Summer is no time for contention. It is a time to be at peace with the world, and those who want to argue about it don't deserve such weather.

## Really Good News . . .

The news that Finance Minister Walter Gordon may pull a surplus out of his budget for this year, is grounds for full-scale rejoicing. The Financial Post says in a page-one editorial. Even the mere possibility of a budget surplus constitutes glad tidings of first importance. Deficit budgets are certainly not of necessity harmful. In many circumstances they are highly constructive. But seven consecutive years of deficits in Canada have made a steady rise in the federal debt seem inevitable. In terms of morale at home and general confidence in Canada abroad, the string of minus signs in Ottawa's balance between income and outgo has been distinctly depressing.

But now, bustling business activity is changing all that. Canada's total debt will still rise in the fiscal year ending March 31, 1965, but

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because there will probably still be a small cash deficit when all the government's current and capital transactions are accounted for. Also, tax cuts are not expected, right away at least. Many authorities in Ottawa apparently believe it would be wiser to save these reductions for the time when our booming recovery starts to falter. That's when some new stimulus to the economy would be most welcome.

Nevertheless, the rapidly improving federal revenues suggest that Ottawa is getting itself into a better position to help prolong the present business strength, and thus to help generate useful jobs for the unprecedented numbers of young people who will pour from Canadian schools and universities in the next few years. This brighter prospect means that business firms and individuals should now be able to plan with a much greater degree of confidence to seek out and exploit the undoubted opportunities offered by today's technology and growing markets.

Wealth may not bring happiness but it does bring a pleasant kind of misery. Brandon Sun

# The Good Old Days . . .

## 20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Sept. 21, 1944.

The Young Ladies' Friendly Circle of the United Church opened their fall activities with a meeting at the home of their teacher, Miss M. Z. Bennett, on Wednesday evening, September 13.

The devotional and business part of the program were in charge of the president, Mrs. J. Adamson. Plans were made for the annual baking and rummage sale.

On Thursday, September 7, Miss Lillian Fields and Miss Lois Dawkins were co-hostesses at a personal shower for Miss Aelzina Gibson at the home of Mrs. Wm. Davidson. After a few games under a shower of confetti, the bride-to-be opened many lovely gifts. A dainty lunch was served by the hostesses.

Acton Boys' Band presented a concert in the Town Hall on Sunday evening that was indeed a credit to the boys, their leader, C. W. Mason, and the Acton Y.M.C. Club. There was a splendid attendance and a collection of over \$21 was received to aid the band fund.

A number from Rockwood were present at a shower in Quaker in honor of Miss Madeline Gibbons, a bride of Tuesday, at the home of Mrs. A. S. Mendall.

Bellinford: The Women's Association met on Tuesday, September 12, at the home of Mrs. Donald McLean. Guests were the Churchill W.A. The president was in charge. The devotional was taken by Lena Perryman and Mrs. Jesse McEnery. Roll call was answered by a joke or riddle.

Acton Fair, Friday and Saturday, is planned to be better than ever.

## 50 YEARS AGO

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

The school's big Field Day was a decided success. Bright, warm weather prevailed and there was a large attendance.

The splendid amount of \$4,000 has been spent on Acton's streets this year. As a result largely of Revue Hynd's personal interest, we have fine streets and approaches, superior to those of most towns of Acton's size.

There was a splendid list of exhibits at the opening of Acton Fall Fair.

Sunday was the hottest day in the month. Eighty in the shade on the 20th of September.

Pic. Large, the only member of the Acton contingent who went to Valcartier was not permitted to remain with the regiment and arrived home on Friday. The medical examiner did not pass him. Pic. Large had served during the South African War.

W. Coles writes from Valcartier to the Free Press, "A good many changes have taken place since writing last. Sergeants and corporals have been reduced to lower ranks. With the exception of Pic. A. Large, all have passed the final medical examination."

They had the pleasure of meeting H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. The Acton men were falling trees when the Duke rode up and enquired of Pic. Willis where we were from. "Acton, sir." Seeing South African ribbons on Pic. Coles, he asked what regiment he had served with. Then, with a "Good luck, men," he rode on. They are wondering how much longer they have to stay there and hope the order to move on comes soon.



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST might be the caption for this photo. Miss Acton Fair Nettie Trysenaar, Bruce Huff, assistant agricultural representative and Janet Aitken look over Miss Aitken's Shorthorn heifer prior to judging Saturday afternoon.

—Mary Matashnik of St. Catharines, who wrote the Free Press searching for a man called "Joe" whose name she couldn't recall, located him through an article in the Free Press. She wrote to thank us.

## Name Lucky Draw Winners At Commercial Displays

Patrons at Acton Fall Fair this year had plenty of opportunity to win prizes at the commercial-industrial booths in the arena.

Mrs. Ross Snow, Mill St., won the "Goldspot" pig at the Simpson-Sears display when she guessed the weight of the beast within one ounce.

The Masales Dairy booth had 10 winners for vouchers with the following names picked: Ken Hodgins, Bob Allenby, Ruth Courtney, Mrs. H. Bittorf, Mrs. Pearl Holmes, Neil Gibbons, Gary Hurrepitt, H. De Forest, all of Acton and Roy Dunk of Guelph and Miss Doreen Morrison, Elora.

Gordon's Hardware had three winners with Mrs. Pete Fisher winning a deluxe saucer set, Leonard Vorev, a \$10 voucher for wallpaper and Mrs. H. Devaux a desk lamp.

First prize winner for a portable TV set at the Recreation booth was Clarence Rognvaldson, second prize of a mantel radio went to Mrs. Charlie Spires both of Acton and third prize of a transistor radio went to Eddie Landsborough of Alliston.

The Acton High Flyers drew for a half hour plane trip went to Paul Hurley of Acton.

# This Sunday's Church Calendar

- THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN**  
THE MARTYR ANGLICAN  
Corner Willow and Bowler  
The Rev. D. H. West, B.A., L.S.Y.  
185 Jeffrey Ave., Phone 853-2664
- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1964**  
Harvest Festival Sunday  
9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.  
10:30 a.m.—Church School.  
10:30 a.m.—Matins and Sermon.  
7:30 p.m.—Holy Eucharist.  
Young People's meeting.
- EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
Pastor, Alan G. Silvester, B.Th.  
Phone 853-2385
- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1964**  
Y.M.C.A.  
9:45 a.m.—The Family Bible School classes for all ages.  
Rally Day today with Rev. Jack Phillips, African missionary.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
Rev. Jack Phillips, guest preacher.  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.  
Pastor preaching.  
Wednesday, September 30, 8 p.m.—Cottage prayer meeting.  
Everyone welcome.
- CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
Acton, Ontario.  
Rev. Willie Van Dijk, Pastor.  
Phone 853-1585
- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1964**  
10:00 a.m.—Church School.  
2:30 p.m.—Dutch Service.  
3:45 p.m.—Sunday School.

## THIS BOOK — THE BIBLE (Continued)

Herein heaven is opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, guide the feet, and will convert the soul.

(Concluded next week)

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

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1964**  
THE CHURCH SCHOOL  
9:30 a.m.—Grade 5 and higher.  
11:00 a.m.—4 years to Grade 4.

**DIVINE SERVICES**  
9:30 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
11:00 a.m.—Youth Service.  
7:30 p.m.—Young Adults for those in Grade 12 and higher or 17 and older.

**ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE**  
B.A.O.C.  
33 Churchill Road  
Rev. S. M. Thomas, Pastor  
853-2715

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1964**  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.

September 24-25, Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m.—Evangelistic, T. A. Matchett preaching at both 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.

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# Sugar and Spice . . .

BY BILL BAILEY

Everybody happy now that school has reopened. You should be. With the possible exception of Christmas Day, it's the happiest and most exciting occasion in the year, for a large part of our population.

When I was a kid, we all hated going back to school. And it was real. Schools were grey and grimy. Classrooms were stuffy and poorly lit and smelled. Teachers were maiden ladies of 80 or 90 years old, and crabby as heck.

Nowadays most youngsters are thrilled to enter the portals in September. They've had enough summer. They want to get back with their peers, and gossip, play, work, stretch their minds, find somebody to hate besides their parents.

Nothing is quite so charming as the goosons entering Grade 1. Shined and curled and starched beyond recognition, they march off on opening day with the new school bag, clammy hand clutched by a disgusted older brother or pompous sister. They're scared and excited as a pilot on his first solo flip.

Next in sheer delightfulness, I think, the kids entering high school. Last year, they were the big wheels in Grade 8, the mommies, the safety patrol members, the seniors. Suddenly they are plunged into a vast high school where they are nothing, the youngest of the young, the rookies, the chickens just out of the nest. Their bewilderment is something to behold.

Mothers either weep or breathe a sigh of purest relief on opening day, depending on whether they have just the first of their nestlings, or have just got rid of the last of the little horrors who have been nudging them towards an institution for the past 12 years.

Fathers, too, heave either a sigh or a groan, depending on the age of the kids. If the students are young, it means the old man at least knows they're in school and safe, not being buried alive at the sandpit, or falling into the water-filled ditch, or running out in front of speeding cars to get their ball. If they're university age, he breathes heavily and grunts with a mingling of pecuniary pain and wild elation as he signs the first of many cheques for tuition fees plus room 'n board.

The "drop-outs" are happy as moms. They quit last Easter, took a job, the job petered out, and now they fervently agree with their mother, who said they were too stupid to make a living unless they had a university degree. So they've dropped back in, to keep warm for another winter.

The school board is happy. The long, dull summer, with nothing to do but make money, is over, and they can get back to the fascinating topics of how much the new boiler will cost, how lousy the new teachers are, how much they dare submit to the council in their budget, and how different things were when they were at school.

The caretakers are happy. After all, it's rather frustrating to spend all summer washing, waxing and polishing, with nobody to appreciate. Now, their two months' hard work vanishes in a twinkling, and they can go back to 10 months of grouting about dirty kids and sloppy teachers.

The merchants are happy. Their "Back-to-School" advertising campaign went over pretty well. Now they can relax comfortably into criticism of the stupidity of the school board, the hours and salaries of the teachers, and the manners and morals of today's students, compared to those of their own generation.

Theoretically, the teachers are happy. They return to school clear-eyed, refreshed, bushy-tailed, dedicated, after their long vacation, which they spent lying on the beach, pounding a golf ball, or touring Europe.

In reality, most of them totter in, re-deved, wrung-out and broke, after seven weeks of summer school and one dreadful week visiting relatives, during which their kids were holy terrorists and it rained every day.

—Don't forget to take a peek at the 1965 model cars this weekend and the first of next week. Local dealers are expecting you!

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**GRAY COACH LINES**

**COACHES LEAVE ACTON**  
Daylight Saving Time  
Eastbound  
6:33 a.m. (Daily except Sun. and Hol.); 8:54 a.m. (Daily except Sun. and Hol.); 11:33 a.m.; 1:33 p.m.; 3:04 p.m.; Fri., Sat., Sun. and Hol. (except Aug. 2 and Sept. 6); 5:06 p.m.; 6:23 p.m.; 8:33 p.m.; 10:08 p.m. (Sun. and Hol.).  
Westbound  
7:37 a.m. (Daily except Sat., Sun. and Hol.); 10:27 a.m.; 12:57 p.m.; 2:57 p.m.; 3:27 p.m.; 7:27 p.m.; 9:12 p.m.; 11:32 p.m.; 1:02 a.m. (Sat. only).

**CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS**  
Daylight Saving Time  
Eastbound  
6:52 a.m. to Toronto, daily except Sat. and Sun.; 7:38 a.m. to Toronto, daily except Sun.; (the 9:52 a.m. train is now cancelled); daily except Sat. and Sun.; 7:40 p.m.; Sat. only, 7:45 p.m.; Sun. only 7:20 p.m.  
Westbound  
7:38 a.m. to Stratford, daily except Sun.; 6:23 p.m. to Stratford, daily except Sat. and Sun.; 7:08 p.m., daily except Sun.; 12:49 a.m. to Stratford daily except Sat.