

What We Deserve...

It's Hallowe'en...

The goblins and gremlins, the witches and ghosts and the more modern frankensteins and cloises will be making their annual appearance come Saturday, all under the guise of the aged-old Hallowe'en celebration.

Coming this year on Saturday as it does there's good chance the strange creatures that appear at this season may begin appearing even early in the afternoon. To be really true to form, however, an appearance before dark just wouldn't have the same significance.

Hallowe'en vandalism has, fortunately, become almost a thing of the past. If Dads can restrain themselves from recalling some of the "tricks" they participated in, all thoughts of vandalism might even disappear within a generation. It is to be hoped though, that the senseless destruction that crept into Hallowe'en a few years back will not reappear.

Then there's the safety angle about Hallowe'en of which parents have to be more conscious. Cars didn't used to be so plentiful and the possibility of accidents wasn't quite so great a few years back, as it is today. Drivers will need to be particularly watchful on Hallowe'en night since darkly disguised figures darting excitedly about just don't exercise the same caution they might at other times.

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The Hallowe'en of today has another angle about it in the form of pennies for UNICEF. Some children choose to collect pennies for the United Nations Organization that offers help to those in other lands. Some "treasers" offer the children a choice of pennies or a treat which seems a wise approach. To offer both would detract from the significance of their effort.

And finally there's the problem of attitude that often develops at Hallowe'en in an age of apparent plenty. It's the greediness that crops up. Children bragging about filling one or several baskets of treats. There's the reluctant disgust with children who fail to offer a mannerly "thank you". There's the disgust at finding treats the next day spread around the street because after being collected they didn't suit the taste of the recipient.

Hallowe'en can be fun for children but we feel parents have a definite responsibility too. Only they can properly impress on the child the need for mannerliness, gratefulness, sharing and care in street crossing. Only they can chastise in the appearance of greediness or waste.

Every child is thrilled at the opportunity to "get dressed up" and it would be a shame if future generations were to miss that thrill through the actions of those today who would breed among the "treasers" a rejection of the whole event.

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Does the average Canadian care how well (or how badly) his or her community is governed? If interest in local government elections over the years is any criterion, the answer must be a resounding no.

Hardly more than thirty percent of those eligible to vote in such elections usually do so, against fifty to sixty percent in provincial elections, and seventy to eighty percent in federal ones. And yet, as has to often been observed, of all three levels of government, that of the municipality touches us most closely.

Water, sewage-disposal, garbage collection, street construction and repair, lighting, police, fire, parks — such services as these are all vital to life as we know it. They may not be the last word in excitement, but we would be in a pretty poor state without them. Their provision is the

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business of municipal, or local government, and is, therefore, our business. Nor should we forget that municipal business today is big business. The explosive postwar growth of our cities, towns and villages has meant an enormous expansion of these local government services. And where else have the huge sums necessary to finance this expansion come from if not from taxes?

Thus, the mayors, Reeves, controllers and councillors who serve their communities bear a heavy load. On their shoulders rests the responsibility to spend the tax mills both wisely and well.

All the more reason, then, why we should all see to it that the best qualified and most able citizens become candidates and secure election. In the weeks immediately ahead we can do worse than remember that locally, quite as much as in wider spheres, we get the government we deserve.

The Good Old Days...

20 YEARS AGO

From the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Oct. 26, 1944.

The fame of the fowl supper put on by the Ladies' Aid of the Knox Church at the time of the anniversary occasion has grown through the years. On Tuesday evening at the annual event, over 200 partook of the fine chicken supper provided with all the trimmings and the whole crowd, which at times was lined up to the street, was served in about three hours.

Scout Apple Day was a grand success in Acton this year. The gross sales totalled \$178.61, which will mean a profit of about \$115 for the troop. This amount is a new record for the Acton Scouts, and was an increase of 57 per cent over last year's figure which was the previous record.

The Victory Loan thermometer at the post office warmly up slowly at the start but surely it will boil over at the finish. Mr. Fred Cooper has sold his farm on the highway adjoining Acton on the east side to Mr. E. Braida.

The survey engineers are at work in Acton this week making a survey of the town to provide plans and estimates for the installation of a sewer system and a sewage disposal plant.

A number of Masons from Acton attended the County Meeting last night in Burlington and participated in the degree work.

At the meeting of Acton and Victory War Service League last Thursday, a new committee was formed to deal with some post-war problems on the rehabilitation of returned men. This committee is known as the Pension and Adjustment Committee and its members are F. L. Wright, J. H. Boulton and Arthur Paul.

Returned men with problems should consult this committee. William Clayton Jr. spent last weekend in Hamilton.

50 YEARS AGO

From the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Oct. 26, 1944.

The first flurry of snow of the season fell on Monday morning. The friends from Acton's contingent have been receiving letters this week from Salisbury Plain. They report all well and in good spirits.

Turnips are coming in freely, notwithstanding that the price has dropped to 6¢ per bushel. As many as a thousand bushels a day came in some days this week.

"It's a Long Way to Tipperary." This popular soldiers' song will be rendered by Mr. Harold Wildgust at Wonderland picture show on Friday evening with graphic illustrations.

All speculation as to the personnel of the janitor of the new government building has been set at rest. The appointment has been made. James R. Anderson is the man to whom the plum has dropped. He will reside in the building.

In a search for firearms among the Austrians, a quantity of belting leather was found in two trunks in the home of J. Simklo, who had been stolen from the Germans.

Saw mills of this vicinity supply large quantities of rock elm timber for hockey sticks. Messrs. D. A. Henderson and F. F. Sayers of the Nassagaweya mills loaded a car of prime rock elm for the Draxton mills this week. This car of stock netted the mill owners over \$700.

The letter boxes, drawers, desks and counters etc. for the new post office were delivered this week. The workmen are now engaged in setting up the fittings. The work will be completed in a couple of weeks.

Halton and Peel Trust Forum Hears Discussion on Pensions

A pension forum was held at the head office of Halton and Peel Trust and Savings Company, Oakville, last Wednesday afternoon for 50 representatives of business and industry in the Burlington, Oakville, Cooksville and Milton areas.

Robert G. Shortreed, vice-president and director of William M. Mercer Limited spoke on "The Government's Growing Role in Pension Planning" and outlined the detail of the Pension Benefits Act of Ontario and the proposed Canada Pension Plan.

Allan M. P. Smart, associate manager, Pension Consulting, William M. Mercer Limited, outlined the problems of integrating the various types of plans and the requirements of employees with respect to the Pension Benefits Act of Ontario.

John F. O'Drowsky, pension manager of Halton and Peel Trust and Savings Company, outlined the duties and responsibilities of the trustee in connection with "Trusted Pension Funds".

O. E. Manning, president and general manager of Halton and Peel Trust and Savings Company, in his welcome address referred to the remarkable growth of the company and in particular to the tremendous reception that the company's new investment funds have received since their inception on October 1, 1944.

J. S. Baxter, Assistant general manager of Halton and Peel Trust and Savings Company, acted as chairman for the meeting.

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Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL GALEY

Some of my best friends are women. I like women, generally, because they are compassionate, courageous, and unselfish.

Some are good lookers. Others are good cooks. Most have a great fund of common sense.

For these very reasons, I have refused to stand by and let that fine creature, the housewife, be led or misled into a morass of frustration and unhappiness by a few frustrated, unhappy female agitators.

For years, I have been fighting a battle. It has been made up of skirmishes in speeches, full-scale attacks in this column, and occasional hand-to-hand combat with my old lady.

On some occasions, I have been routed, my banners tattered, my forces in disarray. But my ideals have remained intact, my cause unshaken.

Once in a while, I've won a minor encounter. At a party, for instance, when a housewife has flung a drink in my face and rushed off to the bathroom in a confusion of rage and tears.

I don't regret a minute of the long campaign. The only thing that has depressed me has been the intense loneliness. Time and time again, I have felt like a lost patrol, cut off from all reinforcement, betrayed by allies.

But say heart loomed in my breast with new hope the other day, when I read an article

in Maclean's magazine. For the first time in a decade or more, I felt that my cause, "Equality for Housewives", had an outside chance of winning.

Title of the article was "Marriage is Easy Street (For Women)". Written by Sidney Katz, it was a sober, factual refutation of that basic, indelible and increasing axiom of the times — that a housewife is "bored, trapped, a slave to her family, and unfulfilled as a human being."

Mr. Katz quotes sociologist, psychologist and anthropologist to prove what I have been saying for years: that it is just the opposite, that it is the male creature in marriage who is trapped, who is the slave to his wife, and who, very often, is bored lily with the whole business.

I have no need to quote any kind of "oligist". All I have to do is look around me.

There's the former terror of the tank corps. A tiger in action, his name was a by-word among the troops, a symbol of dash and elan. There's not much left of his former feline-like skill as he steers his shopping cart — submissively about the supermarket. His wife is busy Friday nights with her little theatre group.

There's the former bomber pilot. For three years, he held with in his clever and capable hands 6,000 horsepower, six tons of bombs, and the lives of six men. I wonder if he feels "unfulfilled as a human being" as he drops

another quarter in the coin wash. But it's Saturday night and his wife likes to watch the movie on TV.

Most of the damage has been done by a comparatively small group of harridans who have produced a veritable tidal wave of books, magazine articles and TV diatribes, all with the same theme: if you are a housewife (a) you are unhappy and frustrated; (b) you're a slob because you're not out working, or writing a novel, or sculpting a sculpture or something.

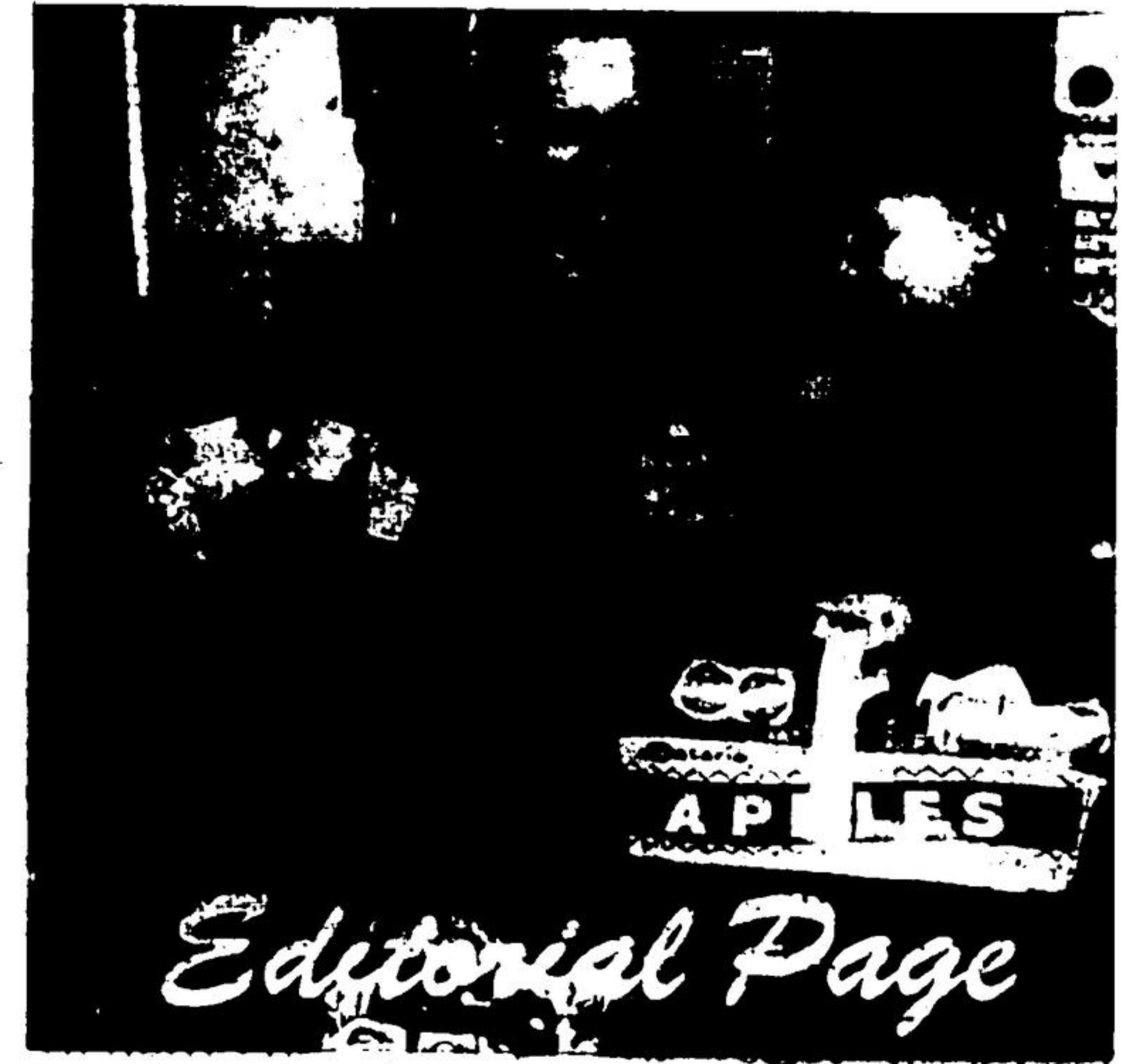
Normal, intelligent housewives, under this finger of scorn, are sinking around guiltily, trying to convince themselves that they are unhappy, frustrated shirkers. The only thing I'm worried about is that they may succeed.

As any woman of real insight knows, it is the male of the family who is a slave to the family, who is frustrated, unfulfilled and trapped. Let me quote from the article. In a survey, one housewife said, "A married woman has it made."

Welcome to the barricades, Katz. You can pick sandbags while I sharpen my finger to stick it in the dke.

Go get him, girls, Katz, that is.

HOLD FAST YOUR DREAMS — Hold them fast, within your heart. Keep one secret spot where dreams may go, where doubt and fear are not. Still think of lovely things, let with and magic work at will for you. Though we all know that we must die, yet even now may be at home in immortality. We know alas how quickly fade the color in the west, the bloom of youth, yet God is good, so keep a place apart where little dreams may go.



"AN APPLE A DAY" wasn't quite the slogan used by Scouts and Cubs Saturday during their annual Boy Scout Apple Day. Some patrons purchased more than one apple as they made donations. Two brothers, Blair and Bob McCallum, made their first sale to merchant Mrs. C. K. Browne early Saturday morning.

LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

A sub-title to this week's column might be "How to make 10 tricks with four lovers in the hand". No — the answer is not to cheat or have the opponent make a mistake.

The answer lies in the word "hope". Hope that the opponent's cards are so distributed that it can be done. The hand occurred in a rubber bridge match with only one trick involved.

Dealer — South
 Neither side vulnerable.

North	South
S-O J 8 4 2	S-A 9 6 5
H-K 10 9	H-Q 4 2
D-8 5	D-A K
C-A 6 5	C-8 7 4 2

West opens the diamond queen and declarer takes stock. Things do not look too good. A heart loser, maybe two, two club losers and possibly a trump loser as well.

Declarer tries hearts first. A low heart toward dummy, finessing the 10. East wins with the ace and exists with a diamond. Now another heart to dummy and a spade finesse. This falls and East can exist with either a trump or a heart.

This Sunday's

Church Calendar

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR
 Anglican
 Corner Willow and River
 Pastor: Rev. D. H. West, B.A., L.S.T.
 145 Jeffrey Ave., Phone 853-3894

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, 1964
 9:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist.
 10:30 a.m. — Church School.
 11:30 a.m. — Choral Eucharist.
 7:30 p.m. — Evensong.
 Youth meeting, 13 yrs. to 19 yrs.

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, 1964
 10:00 a.m. — English Service.
 2:30 p.m. — Dutch Service.
 8:45 p.m. — Sunday School.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 (The United Church of Canada)
 The Rev. Dwight L. Engel,
 B.A., B.D.
 Mr. George Bisset, M.A., Ph.D.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, 1964
 9:30 a.m. — Order of Service.
 11:00 a.m. — 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. — Bible Study.
 7:30 p.m. — Young People meet.
 10:15 of 10:45 a.m.

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH
 Pastor: Alan G. Silvester, B.Th.
 Phone 853-2945

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, 1964
 9:45 a.m. — The Family Bible School classes for all ages.
 11:00 a.m. — Morning Worship.
 7:00 p.m. — Evening Service.
 Sixth sermon from Nehemiah.
 Wednesday, November 4 — Cottage Prayer Meeting.
 Everyone welcome.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
 Rev. Andrew H. MacKenzie,
 B.A., B.D. Minister
 Mr. E. A. Hansen, M.A.
 Organist and Choir Master

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, 1964
 9:45 a.m. — Departmentalized Church School.
 10:00 a.m. — Minister's Teen - Age Bible Class.
 11:00 a.m. — Public Worship of God. Sermon theme, "Jesus and Our Status Seeking."
 7:30 p.m. — Youth Fellowship meeting.
 8:00 p.m. — Church School staff meeting.
 Everyone Most Welcome.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 Acton
 Founded 1842.
 Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gamson
 Res. 144 Tidy Ave. ph. 853-1615.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, 1964
 9:45 a.m. — Church School and Adult Class.
 11:00 a.m. — Morning Worship. Communion. "Heralding the Word of God."
 7:00 p.m. — Evening Service. Men's Night. Speaker, Mr. Ernest West. All are welcome.
 November 2 — Mission Circle, 8 p.m.
 Wednesday — Prayer meeting, 7:30 p.m. — B.H.F., 7:00 p.m.
 Text for the week: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Galatians 6: 7.

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, 1964
 10:00 a.m. — Sunday School.
 11:00 a.m. — Morning Worship.
 7:00 p.m. — Evangelistic Service.
 Tuesday, 8 p.m. — Prayer service and Bible study.