

# Municipal Life . . .

## Christmas Sparkle

Just take a look down Acton's main streets and see if the Christmas season hasn't settled in. They're aglow with colorful lights that sparkle, and cheer not just the town residents, but certainly those who must travel and pass through town.

It's a good sign and one for which the Acton Chamber of Commerce, along with its supporters, deserve a hearty festive thank you.

Brightening up town is a good idea and one that emphasizes to those who begin now to search the shops for Christmas gifts, that here is a place out to please you and to serve your needs.

We're sure that Acton merchants will be extending their efforts this year, as in other years, to offer merchandise that is comparable to or better than any offered in the numerous plazas reached after a lengthy drive in frantic traffic.

Actually Acton's business community is one big department store or shopping plaza in itself. It has an advantage over a shopping centre since there is direct competition between the different types of stores. Shopping in Acton builds and strengthens the business community whose survival and growth means much to every Acton citizen.

It's the time for special church services, con-

certs and Christmas parties; it's the time for early mailing and choosing of Christmas cards; it's the time for choosing presents and for thinking of friends who are miles away; it's the time for planning the great Christmas day itself when friends and relatives gather to enjoy the true fellowship and spirit of the festive season.

The twinkle and sparkle of those Chamber of Commerce lights on the streets help us to anticipate the event with all its brightness and warmth.

## Municipal Life . . .

With Acton Council now elected for 1965 and decisions made in most other Halton centres, municipal life can carry on without too many surprises or interruptions.

In Acton there has been some change in the personnel that will continue to administer the affairs of the community.

Probably the most disturbing thing about the nomination two weeks ago and Tuesday's election is the surprisingly few people who consider the administration of the town important. That such a small percentage of the ratepayers and electors should participate in this annual exercise of their democratic responsibilities is appalling.

It seems to us that too many people do their complaining about what "that Council" is doing

throughout the year and are absent when the annual opportunity for electing council, school trustees and hydro commissioners comes along.

Acton's 1964 council has undoubtedly done things on which there was not townwide support. There's nothing unusual about that. We have disagreed with some of their activities ourselves. There is nothing unusual about that, either.

Their quality or effectiveness cannot, however, be judged on single issues. The whole year and a maze of discussion must be taken into consideration.

We're glad to see Les Duby again heading



CROSSING PATROLMAN Steven Garrett holds back Robert Little school pupils at River Street while traffic passes. The safety patrol was adopted by the R. L. school last week, following the success of the patrol at the M. Z. Bennett school.

## LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

By Bill Coats

A crime was committed last week at the Acton Bridge Club. Not one — not twice — but three times on the same board, the same crime was committed. The particular error involved responding to a take out double.

Now, I realize that many of my readers are not familiar with the take out double. If this is true, I strongly urge you to learn about it. According to Goren, it is the most misunderstood bid in bridge. Its use will increase the scope of your competitive bidding.

When using a take out double, it is understood that the partner must take out the double, regardless of how weak his hand is. Herein lies my story.

Board No. 6  
North — South vulnerable.  
Dealer — South.

North		East	
S - A K 9 4	H - K 1 6	S - 1 5	H - 8 6 3 2
D - 8 4	C - A Q J 7	H - 9 2	H - 7 4 3
		D - A K 9 7 1	D - Q 10 2
		C - K 10 6 2	C - 9 4 3

The bidding (as it went):  
South S - A Q 10 7  
West H - A Q 10 8 5  
North D - J 6 5  
East C - 8 5

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South S - A Q 10 7  
West H - A Q 10 8 5  
North D - J 6 5  
East C - 8 5

The bidding should have gone:  
South S - A Q 10 7  
West H - A Q 10 8 5  
North D - J 6 5  
East C - 8 5

The South players actually had a second chance to show their hand when North raised the one heart bid to two hearts. This shows an above average take out

## Scrapbook Project Will Entertain Yots

Caught up in the excitement of the approaching holiday, children begin to get restless as Christmas day comes nearer. They need a project to keep them occupied.

Most children will enjoy making a Christmas scrapbook. Give them a place to work in, their own room, or the family playroom.

Give them a scrapbook, scissors, paste container and a supply of December magazines that you have finished reading or have saved from last year. Get them started by clipping out an illustration of Santa Claus or some Christmas scene — then show them how to paste the cut-out into the scrapbook. They'll get the idea quickly and they'll have hours of fun.

Last week's winners were: first, Earl Fimmel and Mike Lorusso; second, Miss Logan and Mrs. Hooper; third, Mrs. Coats and Gary Ellis.

# The Good Old Days . . .

## 20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press Thursday, Dec. 7th, 1944

The biggest crowd the Town Hall has seen or could see attended the Commencement of Acton Continuation School on Tuesday evening. In fact, long before the program opened many were turned away as the hall was filled. There were many features on the program and all of them interesting but of course the highlight was the three-act play "Pride and Prejudice" with its cast of 26. It was a pretentious production for a group of young people, especially when many of them were taking part in their first production.

From a stack of correspondence received by Acton and Vicinity War Service League we glean the following extracts from letters from those overseas, who are served so well by the League: "I think I'm justified in saying that there are few boys over here who are as well looked after as those who come from Acton. It's most comforting to know that you haven't been forgotten after being away all these years. It shouldn't take us long to finish the job now, and then we'll be back there to show you how much we've appreciated all you've done for us."

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart McDowall of Toronto are holidaying at the home of the former's uncle, Mr. J. J. Stewart, Main St.

The regular monthly business meeting of the United Church Women's Association was held at the Parsonage on Tuesday with Mrs. D. Richardson presiding. Several Christmas anthems were sung and the Devotional period was taken by Mrs. D. Davidson and Mrs. E. Jennings. Cards are to be sent to the sick and shut-ins during the Christmas season. After the business was disposed of Mrs. Fishbury and Mrs. Veldhuis served a very dainty Christmas lunch.

## 50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press Thursday, Dec. 10th 1914.

Municipal nominations will take place on Monday December 14, and elections on Monday, January 4th.

Mr. Secord is hurrying forward the work on the new Wonderland Theatre and hopes to have it ready for opening on Christmas Day.

Mr. Gordon Wigglesworth, of Ashgrove, has been appointed Manager of an agency of the Merchants Bank at Edmonton.

Mrs. W. Coles and Ernie left yesterday for her home at Ilminster, Somerset, England. They expect to spend Christmas with Bert Coles at Salisbury Plain and will return to Acton in the spring.

Mr. H. Garnet King, who has been in Acton for about two years, is leaving for his home in England. He has offered his services as an interpreter in connection with the forces on the continent. He has been an active member of St. Alban's Church, and will be greatly missed.

Stock judging courses have been conducted in Nassagawes and Ipswich Townships. They have been exceptionally well attended and proved very popular with the farmers.

Married — McDougall Moore — At Dunn Avenue Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on Wednesday, December 2nd, 1914, by Rev. A. D. Gregg, J. C. McDougall, Acton to Miss M. Moore of Acton.

Married — Martin Walker — At the residence of Mr. T. P. Martin, Acton, on Saturday, December 5th, 1914, by Rev. S. Howard, John Martin (given) to Amy, daughter of Harry Walker, all of Acton.

Husband. It's a strange thing, but true, that the biggest fools have the most beautiful wives. Wife (pleased): "Oh, what a flatterer you are, darling."

## Big Years Ahead Centennial Plan

A report has been published by the Centennial Commission recounting the success of its nation-wide youth travel and exchange program. The 1964 program was a pilot scheme, and Russell Masales of Acton was one of many students participating. He wrote a report for the Free Press on his return from the Maritimes.

The program involved a federal-provincial arrangement whereby 926 high school students were made to travel to provinces other than their own. The federal government undertook to pay the travel costs, plus a 20 per cent contribution to the provinces towards reception costs. The provincial government, on the other hand, agreed to look after the selection of participants and chaperons, to find host families for the visiting students, and to arrange interesting programs and side trips for their guests. All participants travelled in groups of 24, accompanied by two chaperons.

All comments received so far from the provinces and the public at large are most encouraging. Hundreds of young participants have written to the Commission to express their enthusiasm.

Early in November, the Centennial Commission convened a Federal-Provincial Conference to review the 1964 program and to discuss ways of improving and expanding this scheme in 1965. Voluntary organizations will also be called in to discuss the program.

It is expected that, next year, some 3,000 students will participate in the federal-provincial program.

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# Sugar and Spice . . .

BY BILL BAILEY

Two things combined to arouse me this week to one of my sporadic defenses of Canada.

One was the fact that I have been teaching an essay by Bruce Hutchison called "The Canadian Personality". It's a good essay, one which makes the kids studying it think about themselves and their country.

The other is that my kid brother arrived home the other day after four years in Europe. He's a good kid, but his misconceptions about this country are deplorable.

Hutchison, in his essay suggests some of the characteristics common to Canadians. They are poetic, but pure poppycock.

He speaks first of the "most obvious", our "national humility". This is most obviously a figment of the author's imagination. While most Canadians will grudgingly admit that there's an occasional Limey or Yank who is not devoid of common sense, you'd have a formidable job on your hands to find half a dozen Canadians who felt humble in the presence of either.

Next he says we are, "A conservative and steady people." Oh yes. Yes, indeed. We are the conservative and steady people who have an election every couple of years, who swing wildly from one political party to another, who riot over a hockey game, who have families coming to blows over a flag

design, who blow up mailboxes. And, he says, our politicians reflect us in . . . "their positive terror of color and flair." I guess he's right, John Diefenbaker, a politician to whom we gave the greatest majority in our history, whom we elected twice as Prime Minister, has no more color than a purple dragon breathing crimson flames.

"And we are a lonely people," says Hutchison. Well, speak for yourself, old boy. Personally, I'd prefer to be about three times as lonely as I am. You should try sometime, getting in to the bathroom at our place.

He says we are "awed . . . by the fierce northern climate, which colors and toughens . . . our spirit." Awed he hanged. I went out Sunday morning. It had snowed. My picnic table looked like a pregnant hippopotamus, lying on her back. I stuck a yardstick down. Twenty-two inches overnight. But I wasn't awed. I swore for ten minutes, and started shovelling.

The kid brother was just as wrong-headed about Canada as Hutchison. I expected some lucid comments on the Canadian scene, for someone who had been exposed to European culture for four years, the last two in Paris.

Do you know what he complained of? The fact that Europeans, who don't have any snow, to speak of, have no cuffs on their trousers, while Canadians, who wade through the stuff for

five months, have cuffs. He doesn't realize that we like it that way, that we like to walk into somebody's house, stamp our boots off in their hallways, and turn about four pounds of snow out of our cuffs onto their freshly-waxed hardwood floors. Keep them from getting house-proud.

Do you know what he talked about? Not the impressive view from the Eiffel Tower, but the annual number of suicides who had leaped from it. Not the horrors of the Louvre, but the horrors of Paris traffic.

He spoke with rapture about his meals in Paris, with scorn about Canadian cooking. And never left a morsel of the latter, even though there wasn't a single snail or a single songbird among it, on his plate.

He scoffed at Canadians' engagement with money and status symbols. And raved interminably about his new Rover, his new hi-fi, his camera, his tape recorder, and how much he saved on them.

As far as I'm concerned, I think I'll just let Mr. Hutchison and the kid brother go on living in their dream world, while I go on being a dour, independent, ornery Canadian, without personality, color or culture. Who needs it?

## COME LET US ADORE HIM

We welcome the Christmas season with lights and decorations in the home, outside on house and shrubbery. The spirit of something is most certainly in the air — but what? We call it the spirit of Christmas. If it really is, may it come from hearts filled with Christ, with His love, and His peace.

## This Sunday's Church Calendar

**THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR**  
ANGLO-CANADIAN  
Corner Willow and Bower  
The Rev. D. H. West, B.A., L.S.T.  
185 Jeffrey Ave., Phone 853-2694

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13th, 1964  
Third Sunday in Advent  
9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.  
10:30 a.m.—Church School.  
10:30 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.  
7:30 p.m.—Holy Eucharist.  
Wednesday, December 16, Ember Day—7:30 p.m., Holy Eucharist; 8 p.m., Advisory Board.

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13th, 1964  
10:00 a.m.—English Service.  
7:30 p.m.—Dutch Service.  
8:45 p.m.—Sunday School.

**TRINITY CHURCH**  
(The United Church of Canada)  
The Rev. Dwight I. Engel,  
B.A., B.D.

Organist:  
Mr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13th, 1964  
**THE CHURCH SCHOOL**  
9:30 a.m.—Grades 5 and higher.  
11:15 a.m.—Grades 1 to Grade 4.  
**DIVINE SERVICES**  
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
8:00 p.m.—Advanced Instruction Class.

**EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Pastor, Alan G. Silvester, B.Th.  
Phone 853-2595  
Y.M.C.A.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13th, 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.  
Wednesday, November 25 — Cottage Prayer Meeting. Everyone welcome.

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13th, 1964  
9:30 a.m.—Church School's Special Christmas program.  
White gifts and Christmas film.  
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship. Sermon theme, "The Contrasts of Christmas."  
(Nursery for babies and toddlers at the church.)  
7:30 p.m.—Youth Fellowship meeting. Film, discussion and recreation.  
Everyone Most Welcome

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Acton  
Founded 1842  
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon  
Res. 144 Tidey Ave. ph. 853-1615.  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13th, 1964  
9:45 a.m.—Church School and Adult Class.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
"Spiritual Meaning of Advent."  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.  
"Subjects of Justification."  
(Series on Romans)  
Wednesday—Prayer meeting, 7:30.  
Thursday—Choir practice, 7:30.  
Friday—B.H.F. at 7:00.  
Text for the week, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."  
Luke 2: 14

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13th, 1964  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service.  
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.  
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer service and Bible study.  
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassador.  
Friday, 7 p.m.—Crusaders.  
Special Christmas program, Thursday, December 17, at 7:30 p.m.

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