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With this issue, The Acton Free Press begins its ninetieth year of continuous publication as the only newspaper in the consistently growing town of Acton. Volume 1, Number 1 of the paper was dated July 2, 1875. During all that time the paper has had but five editors. For 49 of the 90 years H. P. Moore guided ably and well the destinies of the local newspaper. G. A. Dills assumed the editor's chair in 1927.

Success which may have been obtained has largely been the result of the growth of the community and the loyalty of friends.

We especially appreciate the untiring work and fine contribution of our rural correspondents Mrs. D. G. Robertson has been with us for many years. The complete list includes Mrs. R. McEnery, Ballinacree; Mrs. R. F. McArthur, Churchhill; Mrs. Ron McLean, Ebenezer; Mrs. R. Wright, Eden Mills; Mrs. A. W. Benton, Limehouse; Mrs. Dave Henderson, Moffat; Mrs. D. G. Robertson, Osprings; Mrs. Frank Taylor, Rockwood; Mrs. Harry Scott, Silverwood and Mrs. Laura Dennis, Acton.

The Free Press was founded just two years after Acton was incorporated as a village, and we have had a share in all the development since. Here is where our town's history is recorded. We have complete files of the past ninety years.

Whatever changes the future may bring, we hope our part in the conduct of Acton's newspaper will be such that the standards set by

former editors will be maintained. May we continue to work together with the common aim in view that adorns the crest of our municipality, "Floreat Actona".

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Altering electoral boundaries often leads to charges of political tampering or gerrymandering and undoubtedly this may have been true on previous occasions.

The presentation of proposals for Canada's electoral boundaries in Ontario, however, does not seem to indicate that is the case this time.

The proposals do, however, indicate a complete unconcern for existing boundaries, areas of like interest, trading and shopping patterns and trends toward any likeness to areas for regional government.

Halton, formerly one electoral riding, under the new proposals, would be completely fragmented in three different directions. Despite current efforts to maintain the county as some sort of bulwark against the continuing pressures from the Hamilton and Toronto Metropolitan advances, the county would be completely chopped up.

Aside from the fact the new boundaries incorporate an area which has a total population figure close to that desired for all federal ridings across Canada, there appears to be little rhyme or reason behind the commission's suggested boundary revisions in the Halton area.

Connecting county roads, highway links, community interests, trading and shopping traditions,

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and other established municipal and social relationships seem to have gone by the board.

Nassagaweya residents including the village of Campbellville, for instance, will be voting for the same federal representatives as those in Paris and South Dumfries, if we read the map properly. Residents of Erin Township will be voting for the same representatives as those in Milton and Oakville while our neighbors in Lowville, Kilbride and Burlington will be choosing from the same slate of representatives as those in east and west Flamborough.

There are definite advantages to keeping provincial and federal electoral ridings similar. There would be far less confusion, for example, if citizens knew that in both elections they would be included in a similar area.

The boundaries proposed not too long ago for the provincial ridings were far more intelligent, as they affect Halton, that those proposed in the Federal redistribution. Under the provincial plan Halton was split vertically and although the names proposed were not acceptable, the

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designation of East and West Halton was meaningful and understandable.

Why the same province with the same area had to be so differently divided for federal representation is hard to understand.

The present boundaries are still not settled, however and are subject to a series of hearings, but there is precious little time left for objections. Notice in writing is required within 23 days of the publication of the proposals (June 15, 1965) if representation is to be made to the Electoral Boundaries Commission.

By our calculations that gives groups until July 8 to submit, in writing any intention to object to the proposals. Hearings are scheduled in Toronto on September 30 and in Hamilton on September 17.

We suggest that municipalities, including County Council, review carefully the proposals. Halton will be fragmented and once this process of disintegration is started it may not end before the county is conveniently cut up at every level of government.

The Good Old Days...

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, June 28, 1945. Private George Lazenby, who was wounded in December, 1943, and has been overseas for five and a half years, was welcomed home to Acton last Friday.

Threatening weather did not deter a good crowd from attending the Lakeside Chapter I.O.O.F. garden party in the park on Monday night. There was an odd sprinkle of rain but it did not interfere. The program was under the direction of Russ Creighton. There were various entertainers and the Acton Boys' Band paraded the streets.

Mr. John Rognvaldson, Bower Avenue, welcomed home two sons during the week. L.A.C. Ellis Rognvaldson and Corporal Clarence Rognvaldson were both air frame mechanics in Yorkshire, England, in No. 66 Bomber Command, which is known all over England for its efficiency. They came home together.

The latest list of Canadian servicemen to receive decorations overseas contains the names of three Acton men - Lance Sergeant Hector C. Guthrie, Sergeant Frank Holloway and Captain William Anderson. They were decorated in recognition of gallant and distinguished services overseas with awards of mention in dispatches.

First steps were taken towards organizing a Women's Auxiliary in connection with the Legion branch. The ladies chose their officers.

The War Service League published parts of letters from Corporal E. F. Waller, Trooper Jim Graham from Germany, Private Gordon Lambert from Italy, Corporal G. A. Bierney and Rifleman S. A. James from England.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, July 1, 1915. The first number of the Free Press appeared 40 years ago today.

Boating on Fairy Lake is popular now that the warm weather has really come.

A successful garden party was held at Leslie's school on Tuesday evening.

Acton Citizens' Band gave an enjoyable open air concert at the bandstand at the town hall square on Saturday evening of last week.

Mrs. W. A. Murray has the park at Blue Springs very nicely lined up with swings and other accessories for an ideal picnic ground.

Mr. Robert Wallace has had his property north of the G.T.R. station surveyed into a new subdivision to be known as "Maplehurst". The new survey comprises 35 lots.

The outdoor social, which the Epworth League provided on the lawn at the home of Mrs. A. H. Brown, third line, proved very successful.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mackenzie have removed to their new home in Georgetown.

Married - Forster - Kelly: At the residence of the bride's parents, Guelph, on Tuesday, June 22, 1915, by Rev. G. W. Barker, Dr. Frederick Joseph Richardson Forster of Stratford to Ida May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kelly.

Died - Nutley: In Acton, on Tuesday, June 29, 1915, Bertha Duggan, wife of Fred Nutley, in her 38th year.

Died - Forbes: Suddenly, at the family residence, Church St., Acton, on Wednesday, June 23, 1915, Elizabeth Ann Moore, wife of Nicholas Forbes.

Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL BAILEY

In one small town after another, the local movie house, once the town's foremost center of second-hand sin and sex, violence and valor, excitement and ecstasy, is darkening its former bright spot on the main street and closing its doors, to stand there in bleak reproach, mute testimony to the havoc that is being wrought on our culture by that one-eyed monster, the television set.

I read the other day that the theatre had been closed in my old home town, and it gave me quite a pang, like learning of the death of a boyhood friend still in his best years. For some of the most formative days of my life, that theatre drew me into its black maw with the awesome ease of a whale yawning to let one small herring swim inside.

As a small boy, I wept, shivered with fear, screamed with laughter and almost died of suspense, in that theatre. I chased Indians with Tom Mix, fell desperately in love with Marlene Dietrich and thundered through the jungle on the back of Tarzan the Elephant with Tarzan.

I remember going to every matinee I could manage. Money was scarce in those days and raising a dime was harder for a kid than raising a dollar now. Sometimes it took the solid hour to wheedle the sum out of my kid brother, an industrious type who had a newspaper route.

There was a matinee Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, in those days, and it taxed my ingenuity to make all three, but I seldom missed. If I couldn't find any empty bottles to sell, and my brother was adamant in refusal, I'd hit up my pal "Egg" Stegg, an equally ardent aficionado of the silent screen, but one with a little more money. If he had only a dime, we'd buy one ticket and both try to squeeze past the ticket taker. He knew what we were doing and if he was in a good mood, he let us both in.

One time, I was completely dazed. I had to go to the show to see if Tarzan got away from the crocodiles who were converging on him last Saturday. I got his last six cents from my brother, but couldn't raise another sou. It's about 30 years ago, so I guess nothing will happen if I admit I swiped the other four from my mother's purse. It was one time the show wasn't worth it. The sonolugan got away from the crocodiles, and I suffered deep pangs of remorse for weeks.

A wonderful part of my cultural education in those days, though I didn't realize it at the time, was the music instilled in me at the show, when they were still running silent pictures. Down in the pit, watching the picture and matching its every mood with consummate skill on the piano, sat Lorraine Noonan.

How could you make you sweat as the wheels started coming off the stagecoach. How he could make you weak with hot, salty tears at a touching moment.

During the teen's, the theatre was a different but equally thrilling place. In its comforting darkness, the most timid boy would find the courage to reach shyly for the hand of his girl and sit there, clutching it fiercely until both their paws were slippery with sweat.

And if the girl whose hand I clung to on many a wonderful Saturday afternoon, with the teenage crowd in the gallery, reads this, I hope she won't be embarrassed.

It was one of the very nicest parts of growing up.

I'm sorry if you've been bored by these reminiscences. They started from my horror at the rapid decline of the small town theatre. How people can sit and watch that appalling junk on TV when there's a first-rate movie at the local show, I can't understand. When the theatre in their own town goes dark, those who have enjoyed a thousand experiences in it will be sorry. And none will more bitterly regret it than your humble servant.

Editorial Page



GIRLS OF UKRAINIAN ORIGIN attending camp east of Acton took part in an annual ceremony Sunday as they marched past the official platform following the flag raising. Over 5,000 crowded into the grounds to hear guest speakers and see the program of dancing and singing.

Nassagaweya Approves By-Law On Park Improvement Project

A by-law listing the development of park lands, playground equipment and other recreational improvements as Nassagaweya Township's Centennial Project was passed by Township councillors last week. Total cost of the four-pointed project is \$7,100 and the municipality's share will be \$2,370.

The project, which has received the approval of Federal and Provincial Centennial Commissions, includes the development of park area and playground equipment at Campbellville, the development of a park area and a ball field at Brookville, the building and in-

stallation of washroom facilities at Eden Mills Park and the erection of a historical marker at Brookville.

During the past year the Township's Centennial project has been the topic of much controversy. A committee called, "The Nassagaweya Women's Centennial Committee," favored the renovation of an old schoolhouse for use as municipal offices. However, council received approval from the Ontario Municipal Board for the construction of a new township administration building.

In other business conducted at the meeting, councillors agreed to call for tenders for painting

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This Sunday's Church Calendar

THE PROVIDENCE OF CARE:
The holiday season is again upon us. The danger of highways, accidents by land and water beset our pathways. As you set out on your journey, remember to commit yourself by prayer to Him who knows the way that you take, your going out and your coming home.

ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNAACLE
P.A.O.C.
33 Church Hill Road
Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor
853-2745
SUNDAY, JULY 4th, 1965
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
11.00 a.m.—The Musical Byskal family from Toronto.
7.00 p.m.—Service cancelled to join Braeside Pentecostal Camp, 2 miles north of Paris, Ont.
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Service and Bible Study.
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ's Ambassadors.

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR
ANGLICAN
Corner Willow and St. Alban's Drive
Rev. Ritchie McMurray
M.A., S.T.B.
SUNDAY, JULY 4th, 1965
8.30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer.

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Founded 1842
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon
Res. 144 Tides Ave., Ph. 853-1615
SUNDAY, JULY 4th, 1965
9.45 a.m.—Church School for all ages. You are welcome.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
"Living by Grace."
Notice: There will be no evening services during the months of July and August.
Wednesday — Prayer and Bible study, 7.30 p.m.
Choice practice Thursday, 7.30 p.m.
In all the ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path.
Proverbs 3: 6.

THE CHURCH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Minister
The Rev. Dwight L. Engel,
B.A., B.D.
Organist:
Mr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.
Sunday School discontinued for summer.

COMBINED SUMMER SERVICES
SUNDAY, JULY 4th, 1965
Service at 10.00 a.m. in Trinity Church
Preacher — Rev. Dwight L. Engel

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
(Formerly Evangel Baptist Church)
SUNDAY, JULY 4th, 1965
Bus leaves Y.M.C.A. at 9:15 a.m.
Calling at Limehouse 9:30 a.m.
For information call
Acton 853-1956
Georgetown 877-6665

BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Acton, Ontario.
Rev. Wiebe Van Dijk
Phone 853-1585
SUNDAY, JULY 4th, 1965
10.00 a.m.—English Service.
2.30 p.m.—Dutch Service.
3.45 p.m.—Sunday School.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie,
B.A., B.D. Minister
Mr. E. A. Hansen, P.A.
Organist and Choir Master
9.45 a.m.—Church School in departments at Knox church.

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