

Those Yellowing Leaves . . .

"Talkers and Doers" . . .

An editorial in the Smiths Falls Record News deplores the fact that there are "too many talkers and not enough doers" in town. It goes on to say, "They are the first to criticize and the last to act. They rip the municipal council and other civic bodies to shreds, never offering any constructive criticism, just tearing apart what has or has not been done without ever considering what has been accomplished or offering their own services either on council or one of the many council appointed civic boards."

"They condemn the Chamber of Commerce, doctors, lawyers, firemen, policemen, service clubs, hockey and ball teams, newspapers, politicians, TV and radio, all with the same type of second-guessing. In all this, they never seem to notice that their own contribution to the community adds up to a great big zero."

With the approach of municipal nominations and elections in late November and early December it appears to us now is the time for these "doers and talkers" to make a decision on what they will personally attempt to accomplish in 1966. A greater understanding by each other of what the "doers" are doing and of what the "talkers" are thinking would no doubt make 1966 a banner year for Acton.

To bring about this communication between the two the evening course for people interested in municipal government to be held this fall at the University of Waterloo appears to offer a solution. It is designed for the average citizen who wants to know more about the operations of a local council. Topics include municipal financing, schools, planning, what a council can and cannot do, regional government and the role of the citizen.

The course starts September 29 and will be held each Wednesday evening until November 17.

Mrs. H. J. Schneider, head of the group of citizens organizing the course in co-operation with the Department of University Extension, said "We think this course will fill a long-felt need and help the voter learn more about how his local council, planning board or school board operates."

"It will help people who may be considering running for public office in the coming December elections, as well as prove useful to those who already hold office."

She said the course will not deal with specific local issues but is designed to show how any council operates, how it works with the provincial government and other agencies, board and commissions, and how local government is changing.

We too think this course would be of material benefit to many of us in Acton and to move from a "talker" to a "doer" we suggest that any citizens interested in the course, and we hope it will be many, get in touch with Dave Dills by phoning 853-2010. We will attempt to arrange transportation and registration to make it as easy as possible for the largest number to attend.

If you are willing to attend the course phone us now and don't wait until next year to talk about it.

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It is astonishing in this age of medical miracles, cure-all drugs, and high priced research, that some generally acceptable solution has not been found to combat the Dutch Elm disease that

is blighting highways and the countryside.

The stately elms that shaded pasture corners, lined roads in sentinel-like fashion, and stood so erect and mighty in countless locations, are being felled at a fantastic rate by the unchecked disease.

Particularly at this time of the year, the first yellow leaves on the elm trees tell the sad story of another elm that has contracted the disease that is fatal and will destroy it in another year.

A drive along Highway 25 between Milton and Acton gives ample evidence that the elms that have graced this roadside and added to its picturesque beauty will soon be gone. The disease is marching up the road, through its carrier beetles, in an unchecked way that is sickening.

The giant limbs of elms already destroyed but not yet removed, give stark testimony to our inability to control the problem on any significant scale.

The provincial government departments of forestry, conservation and agriculture should be

concerned with the problem. The concern should be shared by corresponding federal departments for an all-out attack on the problem. This inter-department and inter-government co-operation should then be bolstered by an all-out research attack on the problem to augment the programs already being carried out by private industry.

It should also become illegal for a dead elm tree to be allowed to stand, whether it is on private or public land. It has been proven that only prompt removal and the consequent destruction of the disease carrying beetles can check the disease at all. Landowners are forced to cut weeds and the removal of elms is equally important in the overall control program.

Finally, we suggest a tree replacement program be stepped up along roadsides where elms are removed and private land owners be encouraged to replace trees as soon as possible.

Surely we must not lose all our elm trees before a treatment applicable to the forests as well as the individual trees in uncovered

The Good Old Days . . .

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, August 23, 1945. Overseas since July, 1941, Gnr. Osbert Pittman arrived home, and his English bride will follow him. Cpl. James Milnes, who still goes about on crutches, is home in Rockwood. He will be at Chorley Park hospital. Karl Frank is the first of the S.S. No. 7, Nassagawewa, boys to return and the second boy, the Busy Bees Club have been helping to cheer and is welcomed home by the whole community. He has been in hospital three times. All so back are Pte Murray Bauer, Pte. H. R. Nicholls, Corp. Jack Scriven and Bdr. Norman DeLoraine.

As arranged at a meeting of Acton council, Reeve McDonald, clerk C. F. Leatherland, Mr. Hoops, the auditor, and Mr. Anderson, consulting engineer, interviewed the municipal board at the Parliament Buildings in Toronto yesterday. Complete details of the proposed new water reservoir at the spring and extensions of the watermain to sections of town not previously served were presented with information showing the imperative nature of the work. The work met with the board's approval and they were authorized to proceed.

Residents from every part of the county assembled at the Victoria point of Halton Liberal Association in Milton Acton Boys Band drew hearty applause. Hughes Cleaver spoke.

Acton Legion have planned a gala day of sports for Labor Day. Styrene, the clearer than glass plastic, will soon be produced in Canada.

When word was received in Rockwood of Japan's surrender, there was great rejoicing, and both young folks and grown-ups celebrated with flags and decorations, and old cars tied on to be in the parade. The bell at St. John's church was rung twice in the evening by different parties. There will be a victory service Sunday afternoon.

Crowd Down

Attendance at the Kelso Conservation Area dipped over the week end as cool weather replaced the warm days of the week. Only 54 cars paid admission to the park on Saturday while 451 entered the area on Sunday. During the week 140 cars were admitted to the park, an average of 70 cars a day. The usual number for a weekday is 50.

The previous weekend new attendance records were set when 361 cars entered the area on Saturday and 1,305 cars were admitted on Sunday. Hot, sunny weather with temperatures ranging in the high 80's and 90's helped raise the number of visitors at Kelso that weekend.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, August 24, 1915. Mr. George F. Agnew of Guelph is opening a custom tailoring business in the store occupied by the late Arch. McTavish. Threshing commenced last week with splendid samples of grain. Mr. Charles Davidson was the first to thresh Mr. Richard Brown threshed Monday.

Contractor Hynds has the new Post Office clock installed and it has been running and keeping splendid time since Saturday. The carpentry work in mounting, fitting and enclosing the clock and movement rooms was performed by Messrs. Norman McLeavel and William J. Reid. Mr. Hynds will continue to have charge of the clock.

At a meeting of citizens, it was decided to raise \$4000 in Acton toward the Canadian Patriotic Fund. Captains and teams were chosen and the town divided into sections for a household canvass.

The foreigners are subscribing to Acton's \$4000 contribution to the Patriotic Fund. At a meeting in the town hall, Mr. Morris Saxe addressed them and explained the fund. There was quite a response to the appeal. Many arranged to have a certain amount deducted from their pay for five months.

Born - MacDonald. At Blind River, on Friday, August 20, 1915, to Rev. and Mrs. William MacDonald a son.

Thomas Bennett, son of Robert Bennett Esq. Lake Ave. is another Acton boy who recently enlisted in Toronto and is drilling at Camp Niagara.

A request for township will be canvassed for the Patriotic Fund. Among the captains are: M. J. Carlton and W. J. L. Humphreys. Reeve Hynds has had a letter from his son George, who has just landed in France with the troops. "I have not had my clothes off for two days and nights."

Federal Approval For Avian Aircraft

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Sugar and Spice . . .

BY BILL SMILEY

There have been fantastic changes in our way of living in the last two or three decades. Schools are bigger and brighter, if not better. The teenagers have taken over popular music and public attention. Television tirelessly hurls verbal and visual garbage in our unresisting faces. Murder and rape walk city streets, even in daytime. Not to mention racial strife, the welfare state, frozen foods, instant everything, and Japanese motor scooters.

It's a long, long way from that simple, cut-and-dried, black and white society in which most of today's middle-agers, caught in a world revolution, were brought up.

If our parents and grandparents could be brought back from their eternal rest for a quick look at our world they would probably go straight into deep shock. They might be able to cope with most of the items above, but there is one thing that would send them right around the bend: — the change in our observance of Sunday.

When I was a kid, Sunday, aside from its religious aspects, was a day of rest. Intensely. There was nothing else to do. For the average family it was church in the morning, home for a big noon dinner, flake out for a nap for the adults, gloomy poking around house or backyard for the kids, supper,

and early to bed. No swimming, no fishing, not even a game of catch. Peace and quiet, however resented by the young.

Only variation of this was the descent of a horde of dull relatives. Everyone then sat around in Sunday best, in park or on porch, and gawped interminably about Cousin Elwood's bad back or Aunt Arlene's asthma.

I grew up thinking that Sunday was just a day on which you couldn't do anything worthwhile. My attitude toward the Sabbath was that the sooner it was over, the better.

But even then, though I was too young to notice, the rot had set in. Some of the wilder elements in the community began smashing the Calvinistic gloom. Here and there, a family would not go for a drive on Sunday, but smuggle swimming suits and a picnic lunch along. Before you knew it, the odd family was secretly listening to Jack Benny on the radio, after supper.

The virus spread like wild fire. By the time I achieved manhood, the grand old traditional Sunday was crumbling rapidly. The more reckless among the young fellows began hanging around the Chinese restaurant or going for walks with girls. Some of the pure anarchists among

them started playing tennis and fishing and all sorts of unspeakable things.

From there, of course, it was only a step to wearing sports clothes and smoking and having a beer on Sunday. Drugstores and restaurants began staying open, to cope with the new wave of wantonness. Sunday sports got one toe in the door, then kicked it wide open. Sunday movies moved in. The beaches set up midway rides. The transistor radio was invented, along with the drive-in.

And you know, too, what's happened to the peace and quiet of our old childhood Sunday. Sports cars below, lawnmowers snarl. Traffic whines on highways, children whine at beaches. Transistors, blare Beatlebeat. Power boats, drum and throb. The air is sweet with the pock of golf balls ricocheting off trees, and water skiers, ricocheting off the heads of swimmers. Beer cans clang on asphalt. Couples wrangle on gin and tonic. Even the birds have to shout louder to hear each other.

And all that, Dad, is why your old man went back from a rest to work on Monday, while you go back to work for a rest.



CHRISTMAS GIFTS appeared from a decorated Christmas tree in spite of the hot August weather. Youngsters taking part in the summer playground enjoyed a closing party with a Christmas theme recently. Front row left to right are Linda DeForest, Danny La Marche and Sherrie Spielvogel. Back row, Sandra Wood holds up her present while Ricky Holmes plays a tune on his newly-acquired toy horn.

Another Historic Cairn Completed by Orrie Lamb

Ellis Chapel in Puslinch Township was filled Sunday afternoon for a special service and ceremony to unveil a cairn in memory of the pioneers of the area.

The cairn, specially built by Orrie Lamb of Acton, is of stone with fragments of headstones from the cemeteries in the chapel yard embedded in it.

Rev. Ross Redhead and the choir of Paisley Memorial Church in Guelph attended to help with the service.

stone Zimmerman, Robert Evans, Louie M. Master, James McMillan, Mrs. Stewart Hume, Mrs. William Cleghorn, Miss Mabel Stewart, Norman Chester and Loyd Frank.

This is one of several cairns which have been made by Mr. Lamb. Another is at Nassagawewa Presbyterian church in Halton Hills.

The people who have been instrumental in bringing about construction of the cairn are: Chairman of the board, and the chapel's trustees: Robert Reeve and Albert Gamble. Glad

This Sunday's Church Calendar

THE CHRISTIAN HOME		
There are six things necessary to make a home really a home and should be found in every Christian home: 1. The architect — integrity; 2. The upholsterer — industry; 3. The heating — affection; 4. The lighting — cheerfulness; 5. The air conditioning — industry; 6. The protecting roof — God's blessing.		
ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE P.A.O.C. 33 Church Hill Road Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor 853-2715 SUNDAY, AUGUST 29th, 1965 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Service. 7:00 p.m.—Evening Service. Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Service and Bible Study. Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ's Ambassadors.	ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH Founded 1842 Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon Rev. 144 Tides Ave., Ph. 853-1615. SUNDAY, AUGUST 29th, 1965 9:45 a.m.—Church School for all ages. You are welcome. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Mr. A. B. Crichton, Guelph. No Evening Service Wednesday — Prayer and Bible Study, 7:30. Thursday—Choir practice, 7:30. Text: "Sin pays its wages, the wage is death. But God gives to those who serve Him, His free gift, eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rem. 6:23, Phillips trans.	MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH (Georgetown) SUNDAY, AUGUST 29th, 1965 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Service. 7:00 p.m.—Evening Service. Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer meeting. Acton 853-1956 Georgetown 877-6665
THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN Corner Willow and St. Alban's Drive Rev. Ritchie McMurray M.A., S.T.B. SUNDAY, AUGUST 29th, 1965 11th Sunday after Trinity 9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist. 10:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Litany.	TRINITY CHURCH (The United Church of Canada) Minister The Rev. Dwight I. Engel, B.A., B.D. Organist: Mr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D. Sunday School discontinued for summer.	BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH Acton, Ontario. Rev. Wiebe Van Dijk Phone 853-1585 SUNDAY, AUGUST 29th, 1965 10:00 a.m.—English Service. 2:30 p.m.—Dutch Service. 3:45 p.m.—Sunday School.
COMBINED SUMMER SERVICES SUNDAY, AUGUST 29th, 1965 Preacher — Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie		

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