

Editorial Page

Marching Mothers

Founded in the 1930's by the late comedian, Eddie Cantor, the March of Dimes was originally established to fight the then dreaded poliomyelitis — or as the public so wrongly called it — infantile paralysis.

Those were the days of the great Depression. Eddie believed that although most persons could ill-afford to spend money to help others, they could part with a dime or two.

The movement was incorporated in Ontario in 1951 as the Ontario Chapter of the Canadian Foundation for Poliomyelitis. When development of Salk vaccine ended most of the worry of the crippling disease the organization changed its role to that of rehabilitating all disabled. It is now called the Rehabilitation Foundation for the Disabled.

The Foundation starts in where the Society for Crippled Children leaves off. It concerns itself with all disabled and handicapped persons who are 19 and over and cannot be helped by the Workmen's Compensation Board, Department of Veterans' Affairs or other government welfare agencies.

Supported by more than 40,000 Marching Mothers — the volunteer canvassers, a 22-member volunteer medical advisory committee made up of some of the province's finest orthopaedic surgeons and other specialists in the rehabilitation field, and a 40-member volunteer board of directors, the agency offers a service no government or business could possibly afford.

Acton's Marching Mothers will be collecting for the March of Dimes on Monday, January 31.

Through 10 branch offices, the Foundation gives aid to the disabled in every community by case or field workers. Although they are not professionally trained, these young women and men provide the first real links to rehabilitation for most of the thousands of handicapped persons aided yearly in the province.

In a few cases, the handicapped or disabled person may need nothing more than a friendly word or an exchange of neighborhood news. In another, it may involve thousands of dollars to cover needs — an artificial limb can cost more than \$700.

The Foundation's pride and joy, of course, is Operation Reliance Inc., an industrial plant it founded in suburban Toronto. It is staffed by disabled persons and used for training of other potentially employable persons.

Although its research program is small, it is delving into specific areas common to many of its cases. This includes treatment of knee

injuries and spinal disc disease, Caisson's disease (the bends) and specific types of arthritis.

The Foundation is a member of the Canadian Rehabilitation Council for the Disabled and contributes to its support. That agency serves as a co-ordinator for the various provincial programs and as a sounding board for new ideas.

New Ideas for You

Among new items for your profit and pleasure reported in The Financial Post are these three ideas.

First is a home-sewage treatment system for use at cottages and in areas where central treatment systems are unavailable, require no chemical additives. Made of noncorrosive fibre glass, it has two aeration chambers that will satisfy the oxygen demands of the sewage, and by serial dilution reduces chances of short-circuiting. An automatic device triggers the sludge-return process using air to return contents into the first aeration tank.

The second new item is a Belgian wheelbarrow, powered by a four-hp motor. Easy to operate, the unit moves forward when a bar is pushed, moves backwards when the bar's position is reversed.

The third idea, recently developed, concerns ceramic studs for use on tires, claimed to be an improvement on the metal variety and to last for the life of the tire. The studs are said to be quieter on dry pavement and wear more evenly. It's expected they will become available in time for use next winter.

Crucial Issues at Stake

Will Canada's 27th Parliament be up to the challenge of the imposing workload listed in the Throne Speech, The Financial Post asks? Not unless the politicians finally learn the lesson of the Nov. 8 election — that Canadians want results and not hot air. The measures now proposed raise some crucial issues.

What system will give Canadian savers and borrowers the best service at the least cost? What new institutions are needed to encourage healthy economic growth? What is the most effective way to encourage Canadian ownership and control of Canadian industry and resources?

If government and opposition will confine their debate to these and other very important questions raised by the measures now proposed, the program set out this week could prove to be a working blueprint for much real progress — and a less jaded public image for Parliament.



ACTON BROWNIES received high praise from Mrs. Carl Kaufman, chairman of the Kitchener-Waterloo Unitarian Services Committee, after she received a box of knitted goods, soap and other articles gathered by them for needy persons in other countries. The box of goods was presented to her Saturday morning in the Scout Hall. Left to right are Tawny Owl Mrs. Ron Guest, Brownie Dorothy Newton, Mrs. Kaufman, Brownie Dianna De Vries and Brown Owl Mrs. Sid Newton. Mrs. Robert Buckner, who has been a keen worker for the Services Committee, placed an advertisement in the Acton Free Press which netted 21 boxes of goods for the cause.

Sugar and Spice ...

BY BILL SMILEY

A good, many people, decent, kindly, warm-hearted in most respects have a morbid streak. They get a big vicarious bang out of the gruesome or the gory.

Eyes glinting, voices lowered, they discuss with relish Aunt Sadie's cancer of the liver, the weekend accident in which a pillar of the community smashed his pelvis while heading for the city with his mistress, or Uncle George's advanced dropsy.

It's a shame, then, to disappoint these people when there's a chance to add a little color to their lives. This week I had that chance. I cut my foot rather badly. Nothing serious, but enough to give me a good heavy limp.

It happened on the weekend, and Monday morning I was ready for them. The first eager enquirer caught me just inside the door as I arrived for work. What was it? Bad fall and a broken ankle? Hopelully, arthritis getting unbearable? Gosh.

No, no, nothing as simple as that, I assured her. I explained that my wife and I had been practicing our karate on Saturday night, as usual. Growing bored with smashing those big dents in the refrigerator with the sides of our hands, we'd decided to try some footwork. I'd launched a jump-kick at my wife's teeth. She, a real karate expert, had stuck her foot and it was so sharp she'd opened a four-inch gash in my foot. Four inches deep, that is.

I don't know whether the lady who'd asked believed me. I just walked off and left her standing there, mouth open, eyes slightly crossed.

The next enquiry came from one of those loudmouths who like to embarrass one in front of a group. He tried, loudly, "What do? Get drunk and fall down the cellar stairs, ho-ho?"

Not at all, I told him calmly. I'd got drunk, been locked out, slept in a snowbank all night, wakened with a frozen foot, and had to have three toes amputated. I faked him it he'd like one as a souvenir, but he didn't seem too keen.

The next customer was a malicious old bat who looks like a flower, but in reality is the serpent underfoot. "Been fighting with your wife again? It's about time she put her foot down. On yours, hee-hee."

"Well, we weren't exactly fighting," I told her. "I had the shotgun out and was just trying to scare her a little, just in fun, when the damn thing went off and blew a hole in my foot the size of an orange. Wanna see?" She turned green and started to sway, so I left her.

A fourth interrogator, a young lady who loves trouble — other people's, that is — came up to me, eyes glinting, and solicited hope into her tongue and it was so sharp she'd opened a four-inch gash in my foot. Four inches deep, that is.

"What in the world happened?" Gaspung she pursued.

"Nothing much, I fell off the roof and landed on one of the iron spikes in the front porch railing."

"But what in the world were you doing up on the roof, in the middle of winter? You must have been out of your mind!"

"Oh, no, not really. I was just trying to get my wife to come down out of the tree." And that shut her up.

As the day went on I told other vultures that: A Greyhound bus had stopped on top of my foot and didn't move until the lights changed; the foot had been burned beyond recognition by a faulty electric blanket; that my daughter had been helping to chop kindling for the fireplace, missed, and lopped off all but my littlest toe.

Getting my coat in the cloakroom at the end of a pretty interesting day, I heard two female colleagues, unaware of my presence, reconstructing the accident.

"Drink as a Billy-goat, they say, and climbed a tree after black squirrels with a shotgun."

"No, no, I heard he'd gone after his wife and kids with the axe, and dropped it on his foot." I limped off. Quietly. Triumphant.

Day of Ceremony

Golden Hand Badges Given Brownies Going into Guides

A welcome visitor at the meeting of the 3rd Acton Brownie Pack last week was Madam Commissioner Mrs. J. Lowrie. It was a day of ceremonies, three new Brownies being enrolled. Teenie Van der Kooy, Emily Hodgson, and Debbie Funk made their Brownie promise and received their pin from Mrs. Lowrie.

Following the enrolment came Brownies Shirley Jaque, Linda Savers, Patsy Jordan, Dorothy

Newton and Rene Laing to receive their Golden Hand badges, all passing over stepping stones, declaring their knowledge of cleanliness, helpfulness and flag history before reaching the toadstool and their just awards.

Five girls finally reached the peak of Brownie learning and were presented with their Golden Hand badges by Madam Commissioner into whose Guide company they will be going. The girls are

Ann Marie Louty, Patty Dunn, Carolyn Duval, Debbie Papillon and Heike Bollart.

One final salute was paid to them by their fellow Brownies and Brown Owl, the Brownie Grand Owl. Many mothers were on hand along with brothers and sisters to lend a happy note to this special day. Grey Owl, Mrs. W. Eling, was disappointed that she could not be present.

The meeting ended with a few songs, the visitors being welcomed into the ring of the Brownies. Tea was served by two Brownies and Packie-Nellie Van der Kooy. The Brownies' age is from seven to 10 years. It is wise to start the Brownie training as near to the seventh birthday as possible, leaders advised.

This Sunday's Church Calendar

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, JANUARY 30th, 1966
9:45 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Public Worship of God. Sermon 3 in series, "The Crisis of Doubt."
6:00 to 8:30 p.m.—Youth Fellowship Supper and Social Fellowship Program.
Everyone Most Welcome.

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR
ANGLICAN
Corner Willow and St. Alban's Drive
Rev. Ritchie McMurray M.A., S.T.B.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 30th, 1966
9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10:30 a.m.—Church School.
10:30 a.m.—Matsins.
Visiting Theological students from Trinity College, Toronto: Mr. G. J. Beckett, B.A. and Mr. Laurence Doby, B.A.
7:30 p.m.—Evensong followed by ANNUAL VESTRY and coffee.
Wednesday, February 2, "The Presentation of Christ in the Temple"—10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist.

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, JANUARY 30th, 1966
CHURCH SCHOOL
9:30 a.m.—Grades 4-8.
11:00 a.m.—Nursery to Grade 3.
SERVICES OF WORSHIP
9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.—Confirmation Class.
7:30 p.m.—Young People.

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Founded 1842
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon Res. 144 Tidy Ave., Ph. 853-1615
SUNDAY, JANUARY 30th, 1966
9:45 a.m.—Church School. Adult Class.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. "The Letter or the Spirit."
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service. "Human Interest Stories."
7:30 p.m.—Explorers.
We invite all who have no evening service to share this hour with us:
Wednesday — Prayer and Bible Study, 7:30.
Thursday—Choir practice, 7:30.
Friday—B.H.F., 7:00.
Text, "The Lord thy God, in the midst of thee is mighty; He will save, He will rejoice."
Zeph. 3: 17.

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33 Churchill Road
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 30th, 1966
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 Ambassadors.
Friday, 7 p.m.—Crusaders.

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
SUNDAY, JANUARY 30th, 1966 (Georgetown)
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer meeting.
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2:30 p.m.—Dutch Service.
3:45 p.m.—Sunday School.

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The Good Old Days ...

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thurs., January 24, 1946.

Pte. Herb Cook came back after serving four years and seven months overseas. A brother Gordon is still overseas and his sister, Mrs. J. McGeachie, lives in Acton. Overseas for four years, Bandsman Norman Gibson was also on the Queen Elizabeth. He played in a number of fine bands and orchestras while serving overseas. He thought that the common folk in England were appreciative of the help sent by Canada.

We understand the Mauretania, which docked in Halifax, had on board Q.M.S. F. L. Holloway and Pte. E. A. Moyle of Acton. Pte. Ben Corless, an accountant at the Bank of Montreal here when enlisting is also homeward bound to Clinton.

The January meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. was held at the home of Mrs. J. C. Simon, the regent, Mrs. J. C. Matthews presiding. It was decided to write letters of congratulations to the following servicemen who have been given awards, Pte. W. Coleman (Belgian Croix de Guerre); Flying Officer E. McKeown (D.F.C.); Gunner F. Near (posthumously, Efficiency Medal); Flight Lieutenant Hinton (King's Commendation).

The officers of the Ruth Nelson Mission Band of the United Church are: President Frieda Harris; secretary Johanna Veldhuis; treasurer Irene Evans; Watch Tower Ronnie Ralston; Ward Friends secretary, Chrissie Lamb; corresponding secretary Verena Johnston.

The annual venison supper of the Acton Branch of the Legion was held in the Legion Hall. As usual ex-wagon J. M. McDonald supplied the venison.

At the age of 90 years, Mrs. Robert Watson passed away at the home of her daughter Mrs. Bielby in Niagara Falls. Born in Esquesing, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Perryman, early residents of Acton. Over 25 years ago she lost her sight but she was always cheerful. She leaves as well as her daughter sons Ray, Shirley and Perry.

New Accountant Begins at Bank

Donald Kelloway, a native of Whitbourne, Newfoundland, started his new duties as accountant at the Acton branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia this week following the resignation of former accountant Merl Chapman. Mr. Chapman has left the banking business to take a position with Dow Chemicals at Sarnia.

The new accountant has had

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Jan. 27, 1916.

Shall it be said you failed your King and Country in the hour of her cry for men? Answer the call by enlisting. Scale of pay — sergeants, \$1.35 per day, 15 cents field allowance per day, separation allowance \$25 per month; privates, buglers, drummers etc., \$1 per day, 10c field allowance per day, \$20 separation allowance per month.

Advertisement — "Have you a telephone? Those who have will tell you that it is the most precious of modern conveniences. Order today and have your name in the new directory. Bell Telephone Co." A line is being strung along Willow St. now.

Mr. Robert Sprowl has been awarded \$5 first prize for the largest yield of Early Norman Oats.

Acton's quota of the 35,000 men of Ontario who are circulating petitions asking the government to prohibit the sale of liquor, have been busy. The canvassers are meeting with splendid success. In Esquesing in some sections, every man in the community has signed the petition.

Tom Alger writes from the front: "It was my turn to cook breakfast in the trenches on Christmas morning. We had nothing but water-soaked wood, but with the aid of a tin of dubbin and some candle grease, I got the water boiling for coffee. Then the tin tipped over and put the fire out. I had to start all over and when I got it going the second time, a big rainstorm came up and put out the fire."

"I got the coffee made and put on the bacon when one of the fellows slipped in the mud and upset the stove and our half-cooked bacon. We rescued the bacon and ate it as it was. Just after this, we heard the Germans yelling at us. I got up and started to signal them but a bullet whizzed by — I jumped down and we began firing. After dark, I went for rations, but tripped over barbed wire and fell in a shell hole full of water. I finally reached headquarters and there was no mail. I went asleep in my wet clothes for a couple of hours and was awakened to relieve another man on guard."

Sunday's recruiting meeting was a rousing one. Ten more enlisted this week.

The more I see of men, the better I like my horse.

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