

Safe journey ...

A safe journey to and from school during the first weeks of the school year can set a pattern of safe walking and safe driving which will help keep our school children free of traffic accident involvement throughout the year.

On September 8, the Hamilton Automobile Club begins its 11th Annual 'School's Open - Drive Carefully' campaign to keep school pedestrians safe. New, colored 'School's Open' posters and bumper strips are being posted throughout the club district to draw attention to this campaign.

Motorists are asked to be especially alert in school areas since for many children, this is the first time they've been completely on their own in a traffic environment. Many youngsters have received no traffic safety education and are unaware of the potential hazards inherent in the motor vehicle-pedestrian relationship and tend to be overconfident in their actions. In addition, some

of these children, particularly in suburban and rural areas, have not been exposed to safe walking aids, such as signs, signals, traffic police, sidewalk, pedestrian crosswalks, and school safety patrols.

The Club is also asking parents to make sure their children are prepared to accept this new responsibility of being a safe pedestrian. It recommended that parents review safe walking rules with their children, and help them select the safest route to school.

To help reduce congestion and hazardous traffic conditions in the vicinity of schools, the Club urges parents not to drive their children to school unless absolutely necessary.

The sooner children learn to be self-responsible in traffic, the safer pedestrians they will be.

Acton's school patrols are under the jurisdiction of the Hamilton club.

Free Press Editorial Page

New name ...

At last the days of salesmen stopping at the Free Press building on Willow Street looking for the former Baxter Laboratories should be gone. The building has been painted grey, the former "Baxter" name on the huge chimney painted out and the new name painted on the front of the building.

Above the ground floor printing shop the new lettering reads Dills Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd., and above the second floor offices the sign reads Acton Free Press.

We hope this will also help eliminate the confusion with our two entrances. Upstairs in the business offices all the business matters are handled - ads, sub-

scriptions, picture orders, paying bills. Downstairs are the printing plant and the news room. Those with news items may bring them in the lower door.

Frank Heller & Co. plant? You go around to the back for that.

And if you get in the wrong door, it's invariably a winding route to get to the person you're looking for. The Free Press is spread over three floors. Not to mention the stationary store on Mill St., which takes ads and transacts newspaper business, too.

You think you're confused in here? Even employees get lost when we first moved, and we still have to make like Alpine guides with some customers. Don't be discouraged; give it a try.

New beginnings ...

The coming week is one of new beginnings. The pages of this week's paper are full of the big event - the re-opening of school. For the children, it's one of the main days of the year.

Our welcome to the new teachers, and to those who are returning after being away all summer. We are delighted to notice how many of the new teachers here are coming with a backlog of valuable teaching experience. Two of the inexperienced teachers are young Actonians coming back home to begin their chosen career, and of course we have a special welcome for them.

At the high school the streaming introduced a few years ago is operating satisfactorily and to the benefit of the students. The division into streams is

perhaps one reason why the grade 13 results were better this year.

The school uniform did not find as wide usage last year as it might have. The red, grey and white scheme looked very smart, and parents who outfitted young students are convinced they were saved money. No one can insist the boys and girls wear uniforms, but hopes are high again. Let's hope the parents co-operate, the students agree, and there's more "uniformity" this year.

Church and community groups start meetings again and day by day the 10-month-of-the-year routine will impress itself on our evenings and weekends again.

New beginnings and new enthusiasms should make the next few weeks exhilarating ones.

Not concerned with sin ...

Though adultery may wreck a marriage, the late J. B. McGeachy wrote just recently in The Financial Post, it is not the only or even the main cause of marital strife. Countless marriages have survived sexual infidelity, but wedded bliss is impossible if one partner habitually gets drunk and beats the family, runs away and never comes back or is confined indefinitely in jail or a mental hospital.

Mr. McGeachy noted that Canada long ago adopted the British divorce law of 1870 or earlier, making adultery the only ground for divorce, and is still stuck with that law. He expressed a hope that Canada will follow the British example of 1937, adding cruelty, desertion and incurable insanity, and possibly incur-

able drunkenness and long-term imprisonment to the list of the causes.

The Financial Post writer said that no religious group, minority or majority, has a right to impose its opinions on the whole community. The law on marriage, he says is not concerned with sin but only with the security of the state.

At the first of each parliamentary session innumerable members present private bills to parliament that die with adjournment. If so many of our parliamentarians are as concerned as they would like it to appear, they are, there would be little difficulty in arriving at legislations which would be acceptable to the majority of MP's and a large proportion of the Canadian people.



Sugar and Spice

by Bill Smiley

I've been married for nearly 20 years, all of them to the same dame, and I understand less at this moment about the so-called feminine process of thinking than I did on my wedding day.

This admission is a result of the latest turn in our economic waltz this summer.

Before holidays began, we had discussed making a trip to the west coast. Then my wife took inventory of the finances and stated flatly that we couldn't afford it, even if we camped all the way and ate at the Salvation Army.

I was rather relieved. I love to travel, but I hate travelling with women. They fuss about missing trains. They worry about hotel rooms. They take enough clothes on a week's trip to take them around the world on a cruise. And they constantly put their hair up and take it down.

Therefore, I looked forward to a quiet, restful summer. Lots of golf. Plenty of swims. A few fishing jaunts. An occasional excursion to see a play.

Then came the re-riperator fiasco, already related here. Net loss of \$350. That really put the clincher on our trip to the coast.

Then came the call collect from Vancouver. The son and heir informed us casually, but with a tremor, that he didn't think he'd go back to college. You see, the boat he's working on plies the Pacific to Acapulco, Mexico, in the winter. And you see, he could get a job on her as a waiter. And you see, he'd be making \$10,000 a year, at only 19, which is pretty good, eh? And you see, it would be a great chance to see the world. And you see, he'd be more mature in a year, and besides, would be able to pay for his whole year at school, when he went back. And so on.

Well? I've seen his old lady fly off the

handle. Many times. But I've never seen her go straight up in the air and remain suspended there through most of a phone call that cost me eleven bucks.

So, logically, we are going to Vancouver. I mean, after all, you only live once. And why shouldn't you take a trip when you're young enough to enjoy it. And what the heck, it's only money, isn't it? And so on.

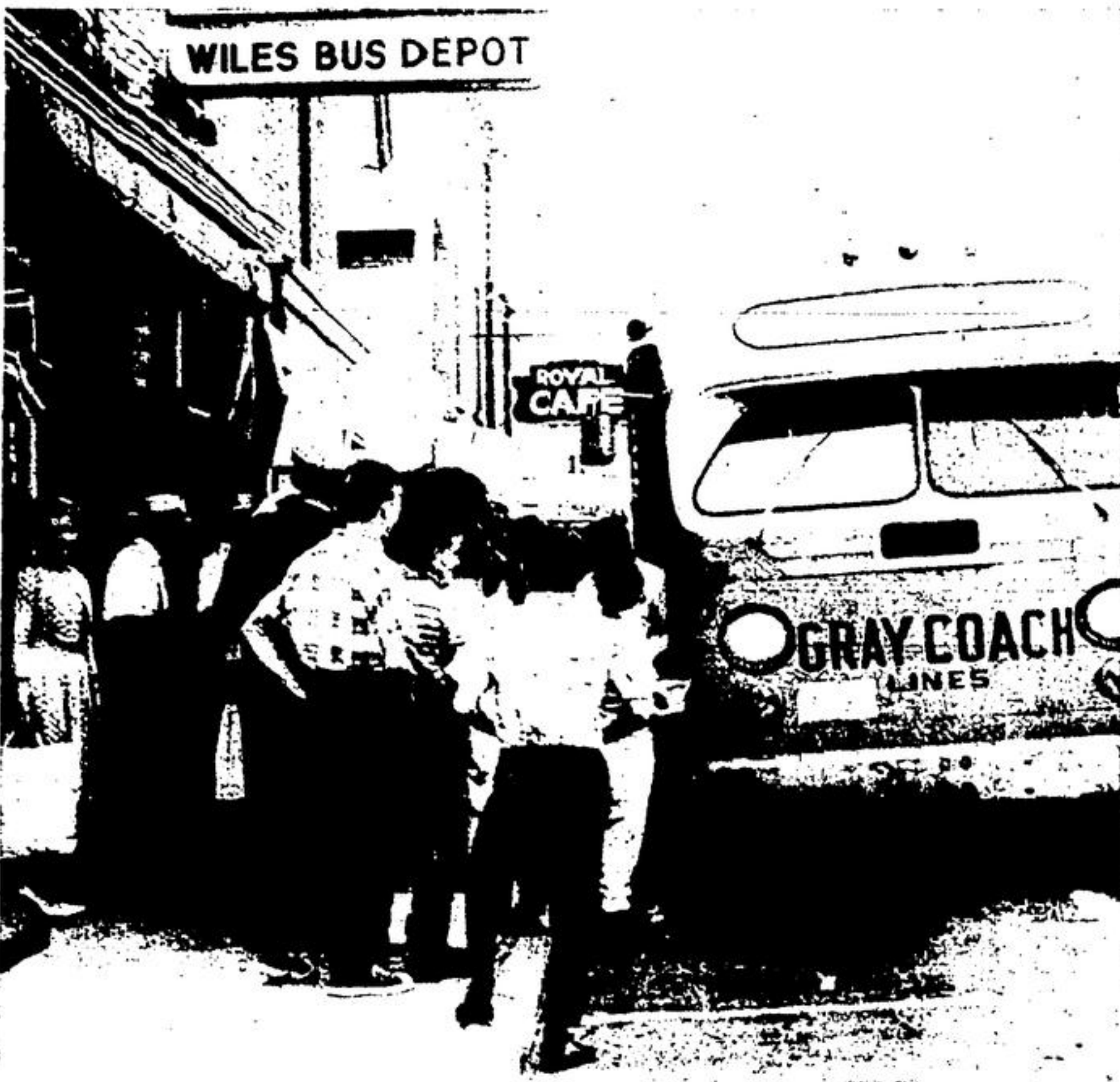
It's nothing to do with seeing Hugh, or dragging him home in chains. Not at all. What ever gave anyone that idea? Why, he's only ashore 10 hours in Vancouver and who'd spend a thousand dollars to fly out there to see him for that length of time? Especially when we sent him out there to save \$800 toward his college fees. That would be ridiculous, wouldn't it? In fact insane.

Well, with the aid of several federal banks, the fly-now-pay-later plan, and a credit card some unsuspecting idiot gave me a couple of years ago, we leave tomorrow for a holiday that will be about half paid for by this time next year.

Have you ever noticed that when you take a plunge you can't afford, like this, everything else starts going wrong, as if to compound your folly and rub it in? This week, I got a speeding ticket, first in my life, the vacuum went on the friz and required expensive repairs, the lock on our back door broke and had to be replaced, I broke a tooth, and our tax notice arrived, substantially latter than last year's.

Oh, well, such is life. By the way, if there's no column next week, it will mean we have crashed in the Rockies. And Hugh will be free to go to Mexico.

After he's paid all those debts at the bank, which will take him about four years at hard labor.



THE RAILWAY STRIKE has been a boon to the Gray Coach Lines. On Monday a large crowd waited the arrival of three buses to take them to Toronto. With no sign of any settlement in the strike, bus and transport companies are working overtime and find it difficult to keep abreast with the demand.

CENTENNIAL REPORT

1867/1967

by John W. Fisher
centennial commissioner



RCAP planes flying over Canada's isolated communities in the far north are going to be air-dropping some unusual cargo in the months ahead.

During the coming school year the planes will be making airdrops of bright new medallions, souvenirs of Canada's Centennial, to the school children of the north. Why air-drops? Well, some of those communities are so isolated there simply is no other way for deliveries to coincide with distribution of the medallions to the rest of Canada's school population in class rooms by June 1, 1967.

Six million of the Centennial medallions for school children are now being produced for the Centennial Commission by the Royal Canadian Mint at Ottawa. Each medallion, one inch and a quarter in diameter, will be packaged in a special envelope bearing the Centennial symbol on the outside.

The first delivery of medallions from the mint will be a special one - 2,000 to the Centennial Commission at the end of September for the air-drop allotments. Then the mint will make direct shipments to all the provinces and territories by

April 1, 1967. Departments of education will redistribute to all their schools for presentation toward the end of the school year.

For Indian children, attending federal schools, the mint will make direct shipments to those schools, operated by the federal government. The Department of National Defence will distribute medallions to all Canadian school children at military bases overseas.

The medallion design, shown here, was recommended this past spring by a special advisory committee to the Centennial Commission. The choice of the design was made following a contest conducted last year among five experienced Canadian designers. Winner of the Commission's award for the obverse side of the medallion was Thomas Shingles of Victoria, B.C. and for the reverse side, Mrs. Dora de Pedery Hunt of Toronto, Ontario.

The medallions will be of lasting significance to all in the new generation. Perhaps they will be passed from generation to generation of families and a number will appear again on the 200th anniversary of Confederation.

Free Press Back Issues

20 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 28, 1946.

Over 40 servicemen and their wives and friends were entertained at a banquet in Limehouse Memorial Hall Friday. Rev. Aryle Campbell was present and dedicated the roll of honor. Mr. John Newton was chairman for the short program. Mrs. J. Roughley obliged with a piano solo and accompanied Mrs. J. Kirkpatrick for a vocal solo. Sam Gibbs, one of the first in the community to enlist, unveiled the honor roll. The W.I. raised \$5 for each Limehouse boy and the Esquimes town council granted \$10 to each lad. Those receiving the combined gifts of fitted leather cases were Edgar Beevee, John Ellerby, Ronald Davis, Samson Gibbs, Glenn Kinnear, Clifford McDonald, Norman McDonald, Lorne Norton, Harry Smithurst, Gordon Sutherland, Robert Vance and Alex Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allan, parents of Robert Allan, received the silver platter engraved in his memory. Those receiving gifts from the W.I. a cigarette lighter, were Cyril Clarke, Robert Gauthier, Charles Douglas, Dennis Hill, Ronald Latimer, Angus McDonald, Donald McDonald, Robert McVey, Wm. Mills, Duke Mulder, John Noble, John Packer, John Roughley and Wm. Summers. Two non-smokers, John Fox and Willard Mino received bill-folds. Our only girl in the services, Helen Mills, received a silver compact.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wood, the marriage of their only daughter, Dora Marguerite, to Donald Gordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ryder was solemnized by the Rev. Forbes Thompson.

On Sunday afternoon the citizens of Framosa township and Rockwood paid tribute to the sons who fell in the last great war and honored those who served and returned. The memorial is in the form of an addition to the old monument. The 3 boys who lost their lives are Alfred Edwards, Ernest Gerrie, Lawrence Graham, Gerry Guthrie, Wally Harris, Edwin Hayward, John Hills, Gordon Mack, William Parkinson, Donald Pitt, George Ware, Douglas Wheeler and Charles Wilson.

50 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 31, 1916.

The great fires which have prevailed in New Ontario the past month have rendered many settlers homeless. The fires at Matheson and Englehart had hardly been subdued when disastrous forest fires broke out north of New Liskeard. A number of our former citizens settled there and their losses were severe. Wm. Johnson Sr. lost house and barn, machinery and crop. William Johnson Jr. also lost his house and barn. James Webster, who was the post master at Sutton Bay, lost house, barn and post office outfit and all his household goods. James Dunn had his house and barn destroyed. Alex Holmes had his house and buildings burned. He was comfortably settled, having been in the country for 10 or 15 years. Some of the wives returned from the fire district and will remain here with friends.

Romania's formal entrance into the war on the side of the Allies may mean much in the early termination of the war. Her great grain crop will be available to the allies.

75 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, September 3, 1891.

The Free Press has secured details of the recent Dominion census for this county which makes the population of the rural district 14,668, a loss of 852, and of the incorporated towns and villages, 7,318 an increase of 919. The residents of Acton will no doubt be pleased to learn that while every town and village has gained in population, our town has advanced with much greater strides than any other municipality in the county. Acton has now a population of 12,091, an increase of 361, a net gain of 43 per cent. Milton's population is 1450, Georgetown 1509, Burlington 1325 and Oakville 1825.

The public schools opened Monday with a group of bright-faced, healthy children in their places. It is only in recent times that schools have had what could be called a long vacation. There are persons still alive who remember when two weeks was the usual length of summer vacation, even in our large cities. The present liberal vacation was won against much opposition. The tendency of our schools is to attempt too much and detain the children at their books too long. Vacation does much to undo the mischief caused by the ambition of teachers and the exactions of educational authorities.

The C.P.R. special from Vancouver is flying eastward with the Empress of Japan's mails and passengers, and will likely lower the record again.

Three boys entered Mrs. Stone's garden and were about to help themselves to the plums when the owner surprised them. The boys should know better and may thank the leniency of the widow that Constable Lawson did not take them in charge.

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COMBINED SUMMER SERVICES
At Knox Presbyterian Church
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1966, at 10 a.m.
Preacher: Rev. D. Engel

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1966
10:00 a.m.—English Service.
2:30 p.m.—Dutch Service.
3:45 p.m.—Sunday School.

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(Georgetown)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1966
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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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1966
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Service.
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study
Thursday, 8 p.m.—C.A. Service.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1966
9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1966
9:45 a.m.—Church School: Adult Class.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. "Sitting Down".
Evening services begin September 11.

Wednesday—Prayer and Bible Study, 7:30.
Thursday 7:30 p.m.—Choir practice.
All visitors welcome to our services.
Doctrines we preach and believe: The Virgin Birth, The Deity of Christ, The Bodily Resurrection, The Second Coming.