

Home is top school...

Dr. Wilder Penfield, internationally known scientist, had some solid words to say to the Ontario Education Association conference in Toronto recently. Considering some of the utterances coming from pseudo-scientific investigations of late his observations are almost heretical.

"Education, he told delegates, begins at home. It should continue there after the last diploma is won.

Not all people can, or should, go to university, he said. Many who will achieve success, even brilliant leadership, in the field of technology, might have been failures in university. Many who will succeed in higher education would have failed miserably had they entered the world of technology.

High school graduation and university degrees are proof of educational exercise but not that a person is well educated. Degrees, said the world-renowned expert, guarantee no valid culture of the mind.

Intelligent conversation with reading in the home, meeting people, travel with companions of wit and wisdom, can produce a high degree of intelligence and intellectual superiority with little or no schooling.

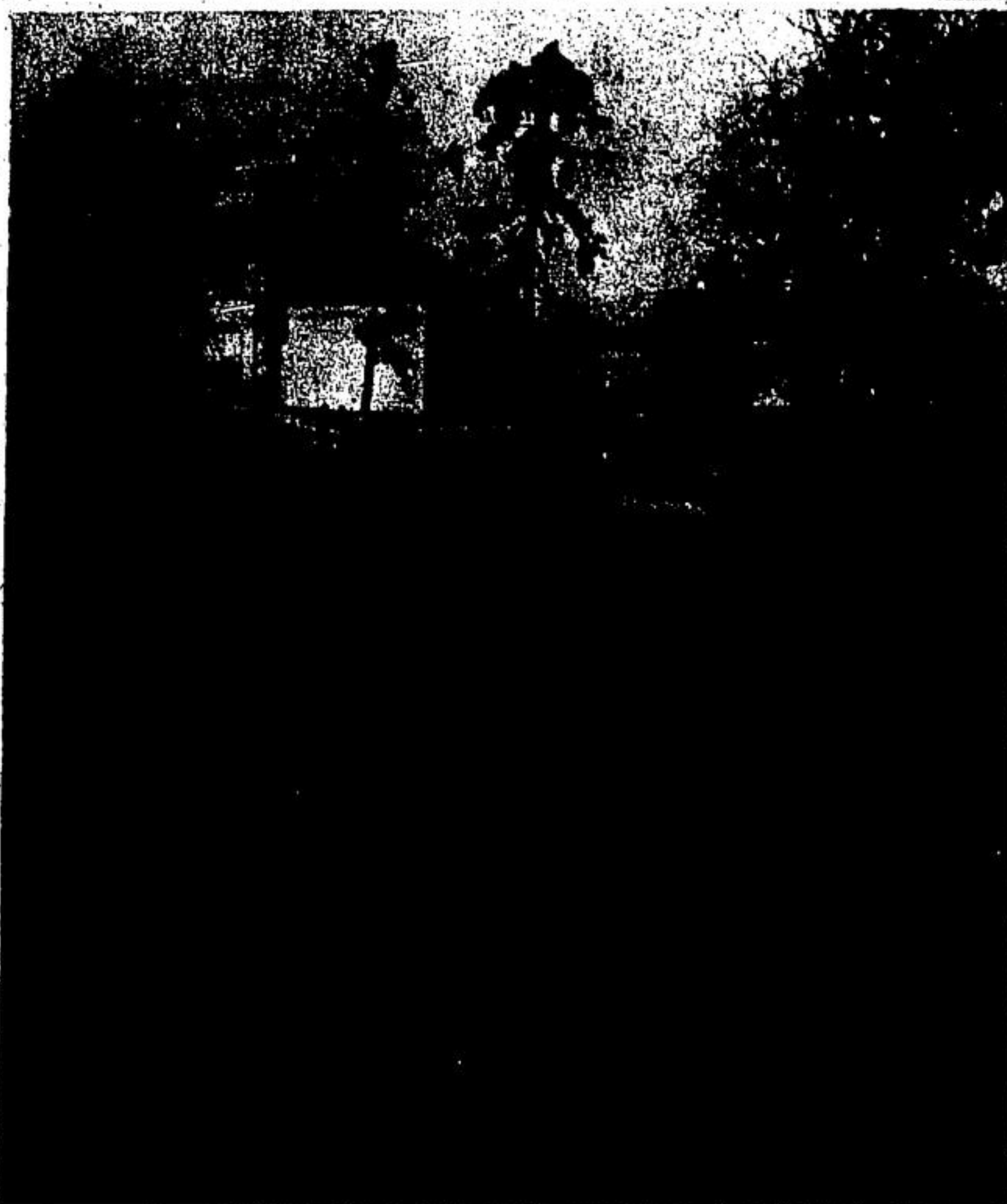
The crisis in education today he told delegates is that a considerable portion of university graduates go into adult life with no thought of continuing education. Their attitude is "I know it all" now — why bother?

He scored narrow specialization which, unmodified by other interest, shuts a person away from friends and family with a shallow culture.

Science has changed the world we live in. It's time man began to use scientific methods to control his own civilization, he told delegates. "The place to begin is the oldest classroom of all — the home."

Dr. Penfield's words find a loud echo here.

Prelude to Spring



Sugar and Spice

by Bill Smiley

One of the great, bruising stresses of modern society to which sociologists pay little attention was imposed on me this week. I traded my car for a new one.

This psychological crisis comes to all of us every two or three years. It bears looking at, as a manifestation of the tremendous pressures we have to cope with, and our grandfathers didn't.

What a snap they had. They went to a reputable horse dealer and bought a horse. No sweat. They didn't even have to make the agonizing decision of whether to buy a brand new one or a late-model used. There was no such thing as a new horse.

gen. And the upholstery must match all his wife's clothes.

Not me. Not no more. Life's too short. Yesterday, I bought in 20 minutes. Let my wife drive it home. Oh, there were one or two little things. It stalled, and we discovered the battery cable was loose. The light in the ceiling wouldn't go out and I had to phone the dealer to find where the switch was. One of the doors won't close. And there was a delightful bit of family excitement when my wife pushed the window-washer button, it stuck, and soapy water gushed over the windshield for five minutes with more suds than a detergent commercial.

Free Press Editorial Page

Fiddling with the clock...

It's almost daylight saving time in Canada again!

In some provinces where farmers have lost the fight to keep "God's time", the cows will be in udder confusion. In others, the cows will be fine, but mothers will be harassed, transportation men derailed and school officials will "make war upon this tyrant time."

Main complaint about the entire system is the lack of uniformity. It might be daylight saving time in Acton but over in Kokomo the town fathers have decided not to tamper with Time.

It's mighty confusing.

Each year resistance to D.S.T. gets weaker. This summer, says the Financial Post, more than half the provinces will turn their clocks forward on the last Sunday in April. There are still

pockets of resistance, some large, some small.

Man, being a creature of habit, dislikes fiddling with the clock. For some it's difficult enough to get out of bed in the morning without making it an hour earlier with the advent of D.S.T. Once the nice weather comes a fellow likes to enjoy it. Consequently D.S.T. robs you of an hour's sleep.

You do get an extra hour of daylight on "fast time" but you're hardly fit to enjoy it because of the lack of sleep.

So when it comes to arguing about the merits of D.S.T. this writer is on the side of the cons. Like most other people, however, I get used to it.

Sure is nice to get that hour of sleep back in the Fall, though.

Ho Hum!

Pot pourri...

Zivoin Zivkovich of Sudbury, Ying Wong of Montreal, Alphonse Langevin of Amicet, Que., Clarence Ireland of Winnipeg, Tessie Loos of Medicine Hat and Freda Garfinkel of Vancouver have one thing in common, says The Financial Post. They own a chunk of nearly \$1 million in unclaimed deposits in Canada's chartered banks and the Quebec savings banks. The latest issue of Canada Gazette lists some 17,000 persons who put money in the bank nine years ago and have apparently forgotten all about it. Most sums are small, but they total a hefty \$946,528.

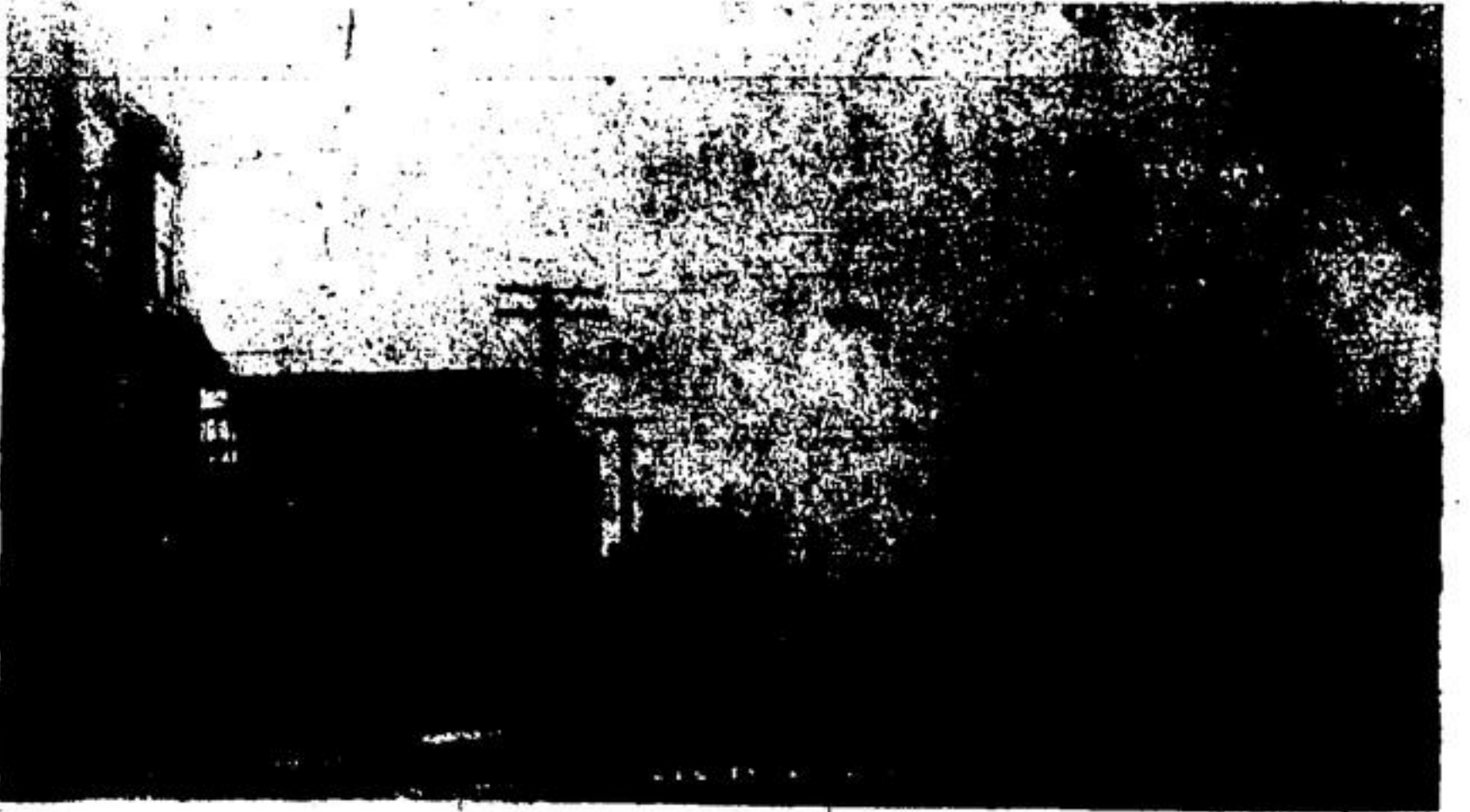
Children always seem to prefer the straight and narrow path... across your newly planted lawn.

Film actor Dick Van Dyke is one of the many people who owe much to seat belts, the Ontario Safety League reports. Two years ago his car went out of control and crashed into a stone wall. He says: "The car was wrecked beyond repair, but I walked away without a scratch, thanks to the seat belt I was wearing."

Spring, according to the calendar, has arrived, but she is having trouble putting two nice days together.

Interest is keen in the Stanley Cup playoffs hereabouts but few are confident enough of the outcome to climb too far out on a limb.

Centennial Picture Gallery



ANOTHER POSTCARD from E. E. Perryman's collection shows the view from the corner of Mill and Main looking north about 1905. The first hotel on the left is called "The Acton". The present Dominion Hotel stands beyond it. "T. Statham" and Son grocery-baking store on the right is now Custom Clean-

ers and Sam's barber shop. Further up the street is the present Legion building. Apparently it was such a quiet corner that the appearance of a photographer in the middle of the road on a sunny afternoon brought the patrons out of the hotel to stare.

But it'll all work out. Three years from now, it'll be just another rust-bucket, almost paid for. And I have probably added a year to my life by buying like Grampa. Try it yourself.

And the dealer chuckled as he thought of the gelding steadily going blind and the fact that the preacher, who knew nothing about horses, was looking for a quiet mare like Old Min.

My point is that it was not the wrenching, exhausting thing that a modern car deal is. The average layman then knew whether a horse was sound. He took a look at the teeth, felt the beast here and there, hitched it up for a trial spin, and made his deal.

There was only so much that could be wrong with a horse. He could be blind, or spavined, or windbroken. But he didn't rust, there was no chance of his brakes grabbing, his transmission was automatically automatic, and he didn't cost \$1,500 a year for life.

Forecast of rises in tax levies here are not being helped by reports from other communities nearby. The only way apparently is up.

And that's one of the reasons I buy a car exactly the way Grampa used to buy a horse. I look at its teeth. That is, I lift the hood to make sure there's a motor, and open the trunk to make sure there's a spare. I don't feel the beast here and there, but I kick the tires and give the doors a good slam or two. I take it for a little trial spin. And if nothing falls off and the color suits my wife, I deal.

There are different types of car buyers, of course. There's the kid who makes \$60 a week. He walks up to the red convertible with 80 yards of chrome, bucket seats and dazzling wheel discs, points to it and says "Gimme dat one".

Cheerfully, he signs the indenture papers which will enslave him for four years, and departs the lot with a squeal of tires. Where else can he find power and sex appeal for a lousy \$80 a month?

And there's the born horse-trader, who deal: for the sheer joy of it. He spends most of his spare time in car dealers' lots, badgering the salesmen, disparaging the merchandise, and quoting the terrific deal that Honest John down the street has offered him. He seldom has a car more than six months and is deluded into thinking that his lot is improving with every trade.

But for the average layman today, buying a car is an excruciating ordeal. He suspects the dealer. He fears ridicule from his friends, all of whom have made excellent deals lately. He dreads the interview with the bank manager. He trails from one car lot to another, trying to find a Buick for the price of a Volkswa-

Editorial briefs

Canadian farmers have the best production record in the world, The Financial Post reports. Statistics released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture show Canadian farm output during the last decade has increased more both in total and on a per-capita basis than production in any other major country or area. Canada's closest competitor is Russia.

Free Press back issues

20 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Acton Free Press, Thursday, April 16, 1947.

A fine musical feature of the Easter week in Acton was the presentation of Sir John Stainer's "The Crucifixion" by the choirs of the United and Knox Churches in Knox Church on Good Friday evening.

Clayton Fryer left on Tuesday to commence training in the R.C.M.P. at Rockcliffe.

Mr. J. A. Chapman is in New York to meet his wife, who arrived on the Queen Elizabeth from England.

Discussing the current expansion program at the Wool Combing Plant, Mr. Markon said the Acton Plant now operates six combing sets for low and medium crossbreds, six combing sets for fine crossbreds and six combing sets for Merinos. Additional combs will be installed. The plant recovers neutral wool grease at the rate of about 200,000 lbs. per annum.

A post-season banquet in honor of the Acton Intermediate "B" hockey team Group Five Champions and O.H.A. semifinals, was held in the Legion Hall Monday evening. The speakers were Mr. Fred Dawkins, president of the Athletic Association, Mr. Victor Rumley, team manager; Dr. Sirrs, a new member on the committee; Sonny Townsley, playing coach; Frank Holmes, trainer, and others.

75 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Acton Free Press, Thursday, April 7, 1872.

Yesterday was quite eventful with the ladies of Acton and vicinity inasmuch as the spring millinery openings commanded their attention at Henderson's, McRae and Co's. There is as usual a large and beautiful display of the latest and sweetest trifles in bonnets and hats, flowers and ribbons. In hats there are the large and small again in great variety, and in bonnets some very pretty effects are exhibited.

Upon entering the tastefully decorated show rooms of R. B. Jernyn, one is particularly struck with the beauty of the arrangement. There is a splendid display of trimmed bonnets and hats in great variety of shape and color. So many dainty little bits of headgear to suit all sorts of heads and faces. The flowers are simply magnificent. They also have a good display of mourning hats and bonnets.

The frost is almost all out of the ground.

50 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Acton Free Press, Thursday, April 5, 1917.

Some courageous motorists have begun to navigate the country roads.

Mr. H. H. Brown, of the Royal Bank, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brown of Crewson's Corners, has been promoted from the branch at Chapeau, Ont., to Regina, Sask. On his way out to Sask. Herbert made a very pleasant visit with his uncle, Mr. Samuel Brown, Contractor, Winnipeg.

At the Board of Education meeting Sergt. H. S. Harwood was engaged to succeed Mr. J. S. Coleman as school janitor at a salary of \$600.

After May 1 Canadians crossing into the United States will be subject to \$3 head tax.

Military drill is to be taught in Toronto technical and high schools.

The following Acton boys have been on their last leave and leave soon for overseas: Sergt. H. R. Swackhamer, Perry Smithurst, W. J. Stuckey, S. George Corp., G. Cook, M. Soper, H. Goldham, P. Watson, Bugler R. Stewart, J. Louttet, Bandsman M. Collier, Stretch Bearer J. Cooney, Pte. E. Perryman, C. Morton, T. Marsh, A. Cook, H. R. Swackhamer, L. Atkinson, J. P. Scarrow, A. Watson, E. McKinnon, L. Eastdown, M. Kaley, H. Dobbie, W. Dobbie, A. Decker, A. Anderson, K. Puffer.

100 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Canadian Champion, Milton, April 11, 1867.

The concert given by the pupils of Milton Common School came off Tuesday evening in the Court House, before a densely packed audience. The whole performance passed off well; all doing their parts. Between the first and second parts, prizes obtained by the pupils at recent examinations were presented to them. Object of the concert was to obtain funds for school and the amount taken at the door was \$22.50. Votes of thanks were cordially given to James McGuffin for his services as chairman and to Mrs. Dr. Robertson for her services as pianist.

To the editor: I would ask the mayor of Milton, through you, by what authority he granted licenses for five taverns in the town. By the last special census taken by Council, the inhabitants of the town numbered less than 900 souls. Sub-section 4 of section No. 249 of the last Municipal Act passed, strictly limits the number of licenses to be granted — one license for every 250 people. Now, sir, unless a satisfactory answer be given, legal steps will be taken to enforce the penalties of sub-section No. 7 of the same section.

A convincing proof of the ability of our farmers to do without reciprocity with the United States will be found in yesterday's market report. A sale is reported of 5,000 bushels of wheat at \$1.90 per bushel brought here by an American buyer for shipment to the United States, upon which in addition, he will have to pay American duty. This is a higher price than was ever reached in the days of Reciprocity.

Free Press Church Notices

TRINITY CHURCH

(The United Church of Canada)

Minister: Mr. John May (Interim Supply)
Organist: Mr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 1967

SUNDAY SCHOOL
10.00 a.m.—Junior School (to Gr. 4).
11.15 a.m.—Senior School (Gr. 5 to Gr. 8).

SERVICES
10.00 a.m.—Trinity Church Acton. (Nursery provided.)
11.15 a.m.—Churchill Church. (Churchill Rd. N.)

All Welcome

EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE

P.A.O.C. 33 Churchhill Road
Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor, 853-2715

Thursday, April 13, 8 p.m. — Join the C.A.'s as they visit the "Art Gallery" in the Tabernacle.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 1967
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Evangelistic Service.

Evangelist Pauline Mallory will speak at both services. Don't miss these outstanding services.

Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study.
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.
Friday, 6.45 p.m.— Crusaders.

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN

Corner Willow St. and St. Alban's Drive
Rev. Ritchie McMurray, M.A., S.T.B.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 1967
Easter III
9.00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10.30 a.m.—Church School.
10.30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist. At this service members of the Guild of St. Mary will receive certificates marking their graduation from the class in "Baby Sitting".

All Welcome

BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Acton, Ontario.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 1967
10.00 a.m.—English Service.
11.10 a.m.—Sunday School.
7.30 p.m.—Alternating Dutch and English Service.

Saturday — Bible Classes, 10-12.30 a.m. Everyone Welcome

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Founded 1842
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon
Res. 144 Tildey Ave., Ph. 853-1615

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 1967
10.00 a.m.—Church School and Adult Class.
11.15 a.m.—Morning Worship. "The Word of In Action." Dr. H. O. Brewster will speak for Gideons.

7.00 p.m.—Evening Service. "One Hundred Dred Years." The Mission Circle Ladies will be in charge of the evening service. Dress and costumes of other days will be featured. Mrs. Fred Anderson will speak on history of local churches.

Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. — Prayer and Bible.
Thursday, 6.30 p.m. — Explorers.
Thursday, 7.30 p.m. — Choir Practice.
Friday, 7.00 p.m. — B.H.F.

Text: "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."
Romans 14:12

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

(Georgetown)

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 1967
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

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, APRIL 16, 1967
9.45 a.m.—Church School for ages 3 to 15.
9.45 a.m.—Church Membership Class for Teenagers (Withdrawn).
11.00 a.m.—Spring Laymen's Service conducted by elders of the church.
7.30 p.m.—Youth Fellowship. Topic for discussion: "The Miracle of Jesus." Everyone Most Welcome.

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