

## Buildings testament to growth...

Ideal weather — blue skies with a puff of cloud here and there accompanied by warm temperatures — contributed to the success of community events over the weekend. In the wake of success we are apt to forget the planning headaches that accompanied the two new buildings in the early stages.

Acton's centennial project — the beautiful new library in a setting which dignitaries present could not help but comment on — will stand as a monument to perseverance and faith the mayor and library board had banked on when they initiated the project. There were those who said Acton needed a new library like it needed an airport or a 40 storey office building.

Once the centennial committee set their sights on a library to replace inadequate facilities in the Y.M.C.A., there was no stopping them. They went ahead and the present building enhances what formerly was just a pleasant plot of grass beside a creek which grew weeds and was a repository for rubbish thrown by children.

Damming the creek at the highway

bridge has proved to be another wrinkle which adds to the appeal of the building. Tall evergreens and weeping willows reflect in limpid pools making an idyllic setting for a library building, a place of reflection.

Its comparison piece — the new hydro building — has a different function. It is intended as a building where the transaction of business will be pleasant and cordial. Its workshop which approaches new heights in efficiency for a staff which found former quarters confining and inefficient.

The hydro commission, too, had its moments of doubt when tenders were opened for a new building but they were resolved and the present fine workshop and office will mark centennial year as a milestone for hydro in Acton.

Both the library and hydro building stand as faith in the future of this community as well as enhancing its streets.

People of Acton and district can point with pride to these centennial projects and observe with satisfaction the town is moving ahead.



CENTENNIAL REFLECTIONS in the school creek shimmer in the mid-afternoon sun as the newly dammed school creek, once a productive fishing stream, regains some of its former grandeur. It didn't

take long for children to discover a new swimming pool and this week's warm weather saw many cooling off in the cold spring-fed waters. (Staff Photo)

## Free Press back issues

### 20 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Acton Free Press of Thursday, June 5, 1947.

Following the spring road grading operations and surveying portions of Highway 25 between Milton and Acton, Stanley Hall, M.P.P. for Halton, announced to the Free Press that widening, grading and the laying of a granular base, in preparation for a hard surface, will begin.

Mrs. Earl Masales was hostess at a shower at her home on Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Bunny Anderson, whose marriage to Mr. Jack Stewart will take place in June.

Rev. W. H. Wallace, minister to the Baptist Church of Acton for the past three years, preached his farewell sermons last Sunday.

Mr. Roy Smith of Erin, who was appointed postmaster in the late fall, tendered his resignation to the Department, and Elmer Miller was recently appointed to the position. Mr. Miller has been in charge over a week. Miss Blanche Overland is his assistant.

Acton friends congratulate Mr. Bev Arnold, who graduated in the engineering class at McGill University, Montreal. Mr. Jack Mainprize was successful in passing his first year exams in mechanical engineering at Toronto University.

Miss Frances Dills has received word that she was successful in passing the recent examinations at the University of Toronto. The degree of Bachelor of Arts will be conferred.

### 75 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Acton Free Press of June 2, 1892.

The urgent demand for houses continues and cannot be supplied. Eggs are down to nine cents with prospects of a still lower figure.

Four tramps with a couple of bears passed through town Sunday afternoon. Bread is now selling at 10 cents and milk has dropped to the summer price, five cents.

The new pastures have already affected the prices of butter. It has been down as low as 11 cents the past week.

A social under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of Knox church will be held next Wednesday evening at the home of John Stalker, 3rd Line, Esquesing.

Ottawa, May 30 — Hon. George A. Kirkpatrick, M.P. for Frontenac, ex-Speaker of the House of Commons and a member of the Privy Council for Canada, has been appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. Mr. Kirkpatrick will be sworn in today and will leave for Toronto at once. The appointment is regarded as a satisfactory one.

### 100 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Canadian, Milton, June 6, 1867.

We regret to learn some wretched incendiary set fire to the little cottage of Mrs. Stewart near Omagh. She had just erected a dwelling and was so poor she had received aid from Council to do so. A more inhuman act has rarely been perpetrated, and we trust she and her little family may receive substantial aid from the charity inclined, and that the Council of Trafalgar may again grant her aid.

To the Editor: I learned today regimentals, military cloths, Red Coats and white pants with hat and feather are being made for the boys attending Common School in this town. Now sir, in the very dangerous position in which we find ourselves today, it is, I admit, only a necessary act of prudence to drill the school boys, but I for one must protest against familiarizing their minds and habits to the Peacock Toggery of the military before they are out of school and waited in the field — William King.

Last Saturday, a young Emerald named Kelly, who has the honor to be the brother-in-law of Hugh McCutcheon of the East end, was concluding the festivities of the 24th and 25th at Kennedy's saloon, and having imbibed half a gallon of the double distilled essence of Ireland's wrong, challenged anyone to tread on the tail of my coat, as I am getting blue mouldy for want of a baiting. Finding no one willing to accept the challenge, he proceeded to smash the doors, chairs, etc., and in conclusion fell foul of Jimmy McGee, the cooper, and wounded him over the peepers severely. For this, he was brought before the mayor, and sent up a month to ruminate on the changes of fortune.

### 50 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Acton Free Press of Thursday, May 31, 1917.

Contractor Ritchie has commenced his work of cutting down Silvercreek hill and straightening the road on the Seventh Line of Esquesing.

It is a long time since trout of any size have been caught in Corporation Pond, but on Saturday Jordan Lawson, son of Chief Lawson, landed a beauty. It measured over a foot in length and tipped the scales at a pound.

Every week sees farmers driving to town with new motor cars. This is as it should be. The automobile is a real benefit to our farmer friends.

A highly interesting time was spent at Guelph on Thursday by members of the Masonic craft of District No. 8 in a lodge instruction under the auspices of No. 16D.

A banquet was tendered by Speed Lodge at which numbers of brief addresses were delivered. Past Masters Bros. Murray MacDonald, W. M. Cooper, John R. Kennedy, John Wood, and Bros. N. P. McLam, H. Wildgust, Alex Kean, W. Mainprize and W. L. Graham were present from Acton.

Commencing next Wednesday, June 6, the business people of Acton will by mutual agreement, close their respective places of business every Wednesday afternoon and evening from 12.30 o'clock noon during June, July and August.

## Free Press Editorial Page

### Canada salutes her veterans...

"A wise Nation preserves its records, decorates the graves of its illustrious dead... and fosters national pride and love of country by perpetual references to the sacrifices and glories of the past," said Joseph Howe, an illustrious Canadian.

National Veterans Week from June 11 to 17, is being sponsored as a part of Canada's centennial celebrations by the federal government, through the Department of Veterans' Affairs as a reminder of the part the veterans of this nation have played in building it up.

At the conclusion of Canada's first century it seems fitting that the contributions and sacrifices of this country's veterans should be remembered. There are approximately 975,000 veterans of Canada's wars living today.

Veterans in Acton and district will start off the week symbolically by dedicating a new plot in the cemetery. A parade will leave the legion hall Sunday at 2 p.m. and the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary will join in the service.

Highlights of Veterans' Week will be past presidents' and veterans' night on Friday, June 16. Past presidents and first world war veterans will be guests of honor.

The Ladies' Auxiliary, who along with the veterans have been a leading social force in Acton and district, is sending a bouquet of roses to the Silver Cross Mothers in this district as another part of Veterans' Week.

Acton branch of the Legion — has always been in the forefront in town affairs and has played a prominent role in social services. A special interest has been shown in minor sport and the benefits to participants can never be measured by any human yardstick.

As we pay tribute to the veterans who live there should be a special thought for those who died — more than 112,000 who made the greatest sacrifice of all and are buried in 70 countries around the world.



## Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley

What's the most common question being batted about the country these days? That's right: It's "Are you going to Expo?"

Well, are you? If not, why not? You can't afford it? Of course you can. You mean you can't afford to miss it.

Yeah, you say, but what about bread, loot, gelt, money? Nothing to it. Anybody who can't make some fast money in this ridiculous world deserves to starve to death, let alone not to go to Expo.

I have a few suggestions. In fact, I have quite a few, because I've been giving the matter of our own trip some thought. I've discarded one or two of them for various reasons, but it's every man to his own taste, and one or more of them might be just the ticket for you.

Put your wife to work. If she's already working and you still can't afford the trip, have an auction sale and get rid of a lot of that old junk you've accumulated over the years. This does not refer to your wife.

If you haven't any old junk, think of something. Throw a bingo party. Chicken feed, you say? All right then, how about throwing a martini party, at \$5 a rattle, on the Monday of a holiday weekend, when everybody has run out of booze? You'd clear about \$300.

you've heard two eye-witnesses' accounts of a car accident, you begin to wonder about history."

For the first time, Protestants and Catholics are beginning to read and pray from the same Bible. In the United States, the way has been cleared for Catholics to read the identical text of the Bible authorized by the 30-Denomination National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA.

Buy some veterans' calendars, cut off one of your arms, and sell them door to door.

Come on, you can figure out a gimmick. Send your kids out mowing lawns. If you have no kids, send your mother-in-law out mowing lawns. And if she's too decrepit, insure her heavily and push her off a cliff.

Arrange with a friend to bump your car gently from behind at a stop light, then run screaming to the doctor and claim you have a whiplash and collect bags of insurance.

No? How about some blackmail? Know anybody who's running around with somebody who shouldn't be running around with anybody?

Have a moving van come in the middle of the night, remove all your furniture, then you set fire to the house and claim insurance for it and the furniture. You could clear \$3,000 on this one.

Speaking of moving vans, how about pushing your wife, or husband, in front of a moving van, provided you have a joint account and mutual insurance?

All of these are too coarse, or common, or complicated for you? My, you are an old poke. So run a bookie joint, sell pot, hold up a bank, if you want something simple.

Against your principles? Well, all right, all right, but it shows the depths of depravity to which I can sink in the middle of the night, as I try to figure out how we can afford Expo plus all the re-decorating my wife is doing.

Well, you and your danged principles have forced me into it.

Here's the deal. We're going to have a contest. Now, we all love contests, don't we? I have been writing this column for about 14 years, without missing a week. I want a week off to go to Expo. Still with me?

I have a great many faithful readers (and no doubt a fair smattering of unfaithful ones, too) Many of them write very well, as I know from letters received.

For the best guest column submitted, I will personally send a cheque for \$25, along with an autographed copy of my latest book. The latest one is the one I haven't written for MacMillan Company. The other books I haven't written were not published by McLelland-Stewart and Prentice-Hall.

This handsome award (so I'm not J. P. Morgan) will be supplemented by the Telegram News Service, 440 Front St. W., Toronto 2B. They will either double or triple the cash award, depending on their attitude when they read this, which is the first they've heard of it.

Topic: anything you like. Length: about 700 words. Send all entries to above address.

And here you are. Cash. If you win, you can take your choice. You can hitch-hike to Expo and blow the whole bundle on high living. Or you can bet it on a horse, fly to Montreal and rough it at the Queen Elizabeth.

This is real. Get cracking today.

### Editorial notes...

The Trillium is Ontario's floral emblem and it is diminishing in numbers. We sponsor a motion to make the dandelion the national flower. Perhaps it will follow suit.

Art Linkletter, who has run an afternoon TV program for years was once introduced to an office worker who said, "Mr. Linkletter, I always watch you when I'm sick."

— The Reader's Digest

"At first sight, being your own boss looks like an additional freedom,

but, in fact it's an additional constraint. If any of my staff are away for a day or two, it isn't too important, but if I am, while the company still runs quite smoothly, at least I feel that I'm not doing all I could do — so that one ends up not taking holidays and working far more than one would if one was working for somebody else." — Clive Sinclair, 26-year-old Managing Director of Sinclair Radionics of Cambridge, England.

Here's a police comment, quoted by the Ontario Safety League: "After

## Centennial Picture Gallery



QUESTS WHO TOURED the new hydro building after its official opening Saturday afternoon looked from the back doors out to the swampy meadow which used to be Henderson's Pond.

It was a popular spot for skating and swimming before it was drained. A group of skaters was photographed in November, 1898, by the late A. T. Brown.

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**TRINITY CHURCH**  
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Organist: Mr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 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.)

**CHURCHILL UNITED CHURCH**  
11.15 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. — Anniversary Services. Guest preacher, Rev. William Gibb.  
All Welcome

**EVANGELIC PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE**  
P.A.O.C. 33 Churchill Road  
Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor, 853-2715

**SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 1967**  
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.  
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study.  
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.  
Friday, 6.45 p.m.—Crusaders.

**ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Founded 1842  
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon  
Res. 144 Tidy Ave., Ph. 853-1615

**SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 1967**  
10.00 a.m.—Church School and Adult Class.  
11.15 a.m.—Morning Worship. "Living The Commission."  
7.00 p.m.—Evening Service. "Walk and Worship."

Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study.

Thursday, 7.30 p.m.—Choir Practice.  
Saturday, June 10 — S.S. Picnic. Meet at church at 2 o'clock.  
Thought for the week: Your faith should show in your face.

**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, JUNE 11, 1967**  
9.45 a.m.—Church School for ages 3 to 15.  
11.00 a.m.—Divine Worship. Sermon Subject: "Nevertheless!"

Sunday, June 18, 11 a.m. — Dedication of Centennial Memorial Gifts.  
Everyone Most Welcome.

**BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
Acton, Ontario.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 1967**  
10.00 a.m.—English Service.  
11.10 a.m.—Sunday School.  
2.30 p.m.—Alternating Dutch and English Service.  
Saturday — Bible Classes, 10:12:30 a.m.  
Everyone Welcome

**MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
(Georgetown)

**SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 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

**THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR**  
ANGELICAN  
Corner Willow St. and St. Alban's Drive  
Rev. Ritchie McMurray, M.A., S.T.B.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 1967**  
Feast of St. Barnabas, Apostle (Trinity III)  
9.00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.  
10.30 a.m.—Church School.  
10.30 a.m.—Matins.