

## More diplomats needed...

It is easy to understand the feelings of members of Planning Board after council turned down their recommendation for a plan of subdivision for the T. Seynuck - C. Griese property. They promptly resigned.

Members of the board obviously feel there's not much use being on a board whose recommendations are turned down as regularly as theirs are. It would be in order to ask what's the use of having a Planning Board at all under these circumstances?

Actually, however, members of the board and council are not very far apart in their thinking. Both want the property to have a proper plan. Planning Board felt the town should absorb the cost until the property is developed. Then the money would be returned in small chunks.

Council by a marginal 5-4 decision

did not favor this part of the recommendation. They decided the owner should bear the \$1,300 cost since he was the one who would benefit most.

Their decision was handed down with the delicacy of a lumberjack at a ladies' tea party. We think the cause would have been better served if the decision had been delayed until both parties met to discuss it.

But that's all water under the bridge now. The planners have resigned and apparently there's not much chance they'll reconsider.

The board has served the town well. They are able men and served without remuneration, devoting hours to planning and research which are becoming more complex with each passing year.

Council could be more diplomatic when they deal with a situation like this one.

## Free Press Editorial Page

## Mayor has wide interests...

It is indeed a privilege for Acton to have a leader in Mayor Les Doby who is not afraid to actively promote and belong to such organizations as the Central Ontario Regional Development Association and the Ontario Municipal Association's town and village section.

It is an honor not only to him but to the town he represents when he's chosen chairman of these two organizations.

First of all, it is recognition of his talents in this field but it is also an awareness on the part of others with wide and varied interests that he represents an area with similar ideals.

It focuses attention on the town as a community which has its problems but is willing to go out in the marketplace in search of fresh ideas for their solution.

For this is what these boards are for — discussion of mutual problems and advancement of new ideas as well as being a springboard for the provincial government's attention. Two resolutions advanced by the Acton representatives on one board have already been endorsed by C.O.R.D.A., for instance, and have been headed to the

Ontario government with the backing of the entire Association.

These may have been problems which seemed purely local but obviously found a sympathetic chord in representatives from other municipalities, indicating many are common.

Speed and better roads have eliminated much of the distance which nurtured parochial thinking and local rivalries in days gone by. People now are discovering the person next door is not much different than they are. In fact they may have the same set of problems.

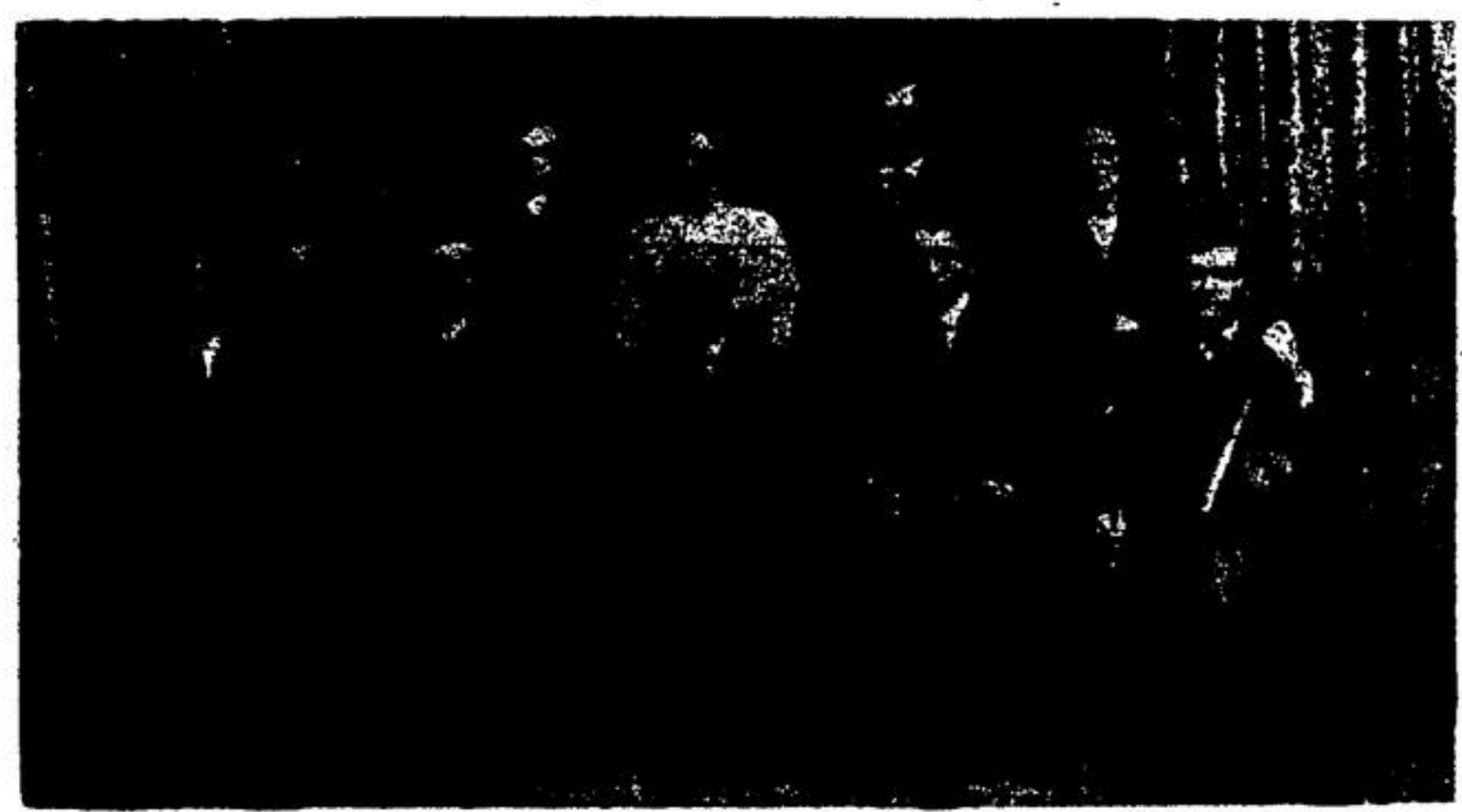
How will they solve them? What approaches have they tried? What methods don't work?

These boards act as clearing houses for such information. Representatives get a wide education and avoid many of the mistakes made by others in similar straits as well as picking up useful ideas.

Those who knock the idea of participating in boards of this ilk because of cost are certainly not comparing the figures on the credit side of the ledger with those on the liability column.

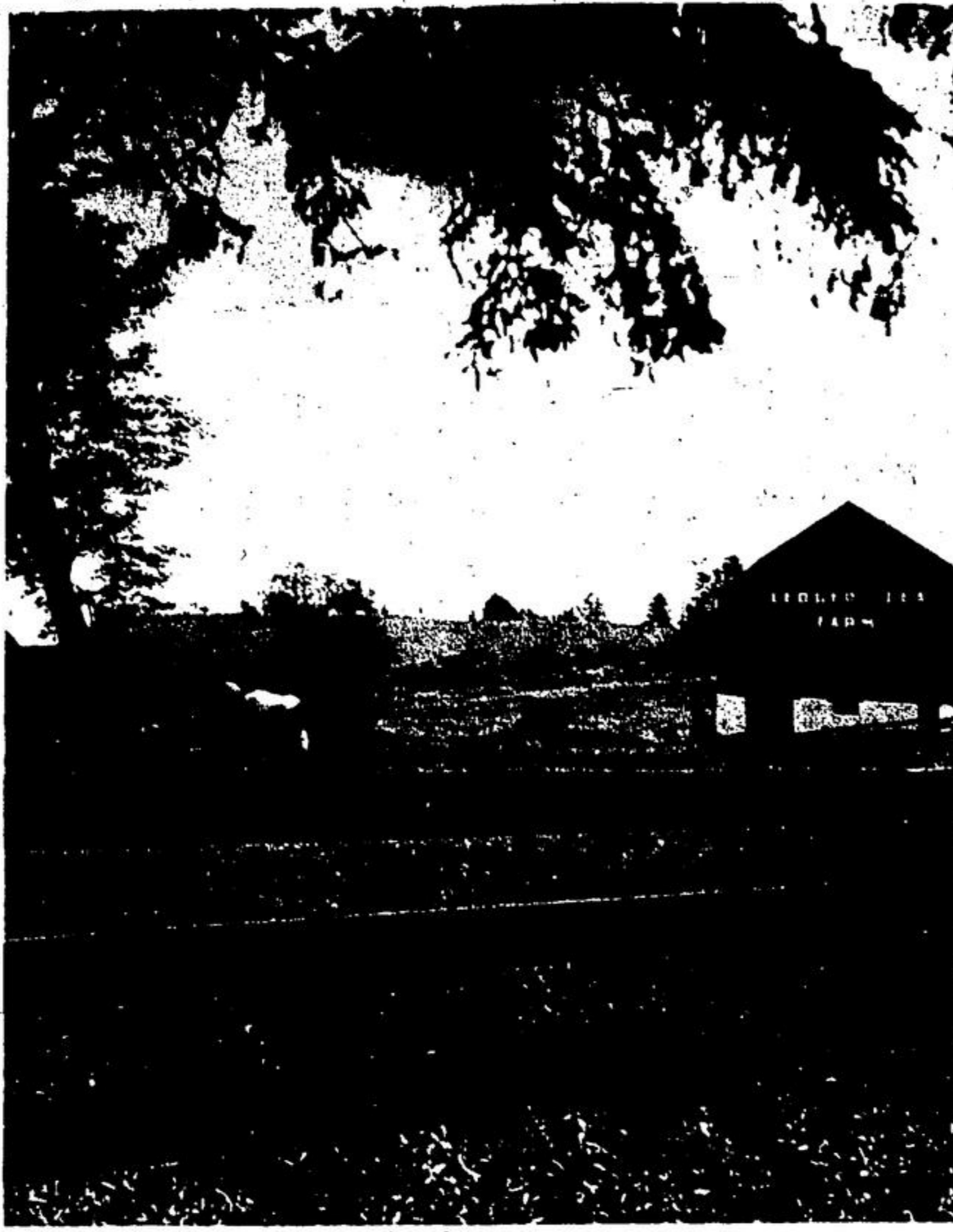


## Centennial Picture Gallery



ORCHESTRA AND BAND pictures bring back memories of music's popularity as a pastime years ago. Both these photographs were lent by Rudolph Spielvogel, and he appears in both himself. The Methodist Sunday school orchestra shows in the front row William Laird, George King, John Hill, Rudolph Spielvogel and Chester Matthews; in the back row Lottie Mason, Ernie Brown, Ethel Coleman, Nelson Moore and Hazel Mason. The Mason twins, sisters of the late Arnos and Charles Mason, were

very talented musicians and could play several instruments. The photograph of Acton Boy Scout Bugle Band was taken July 12, 1919. In the front row are William Hawes, Ray Agnew, Edwin Landsborough, Roy Brown, Adam Orr, Lloyd Forbes; back row Fred Warren, Jack Kennedy, Joe Hynds; Lloyd Masales, Bandmaster Nelson Moore, Rudolph Spielvogel, William Robertson, George Soper and Thomas Savage. Two of them, Ray Agnew and Mr. Spielvogel, still play with Acton Citizens' Band.



DWARF HORSES on the top rail of a fence? No, they're really enjoying the lush vegetation in the field next to the rails. June rains and warm, humid weather have both contributed to the rapid growth of grass, making the countryside a veritable garden of Eden. (Staff Photo)



## Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley

If you are about to enter an institution, it helps considerably to know the written and unwritten rules, what the grub is like, and what you can get away with.

As a 20-year inmate of that great institution known as Marriage, may I be of help to those thousands who are going to leap before they look, in this merry month of June?

In this particular institution, unlike most, the written rules are almost non-existent. Even the vows are delivered verbally. This, of course, is one of the great flaws of marriage.

In my opinion, no wedding should take place until both parties, in the presence of witnesses, have signed a written contract. During the drawing-up of the contract, every man should be represented by a lawyer who has been married for 20 years, every woman by her mother.

What a deal of heart-burning and soul-searching, recrimination and retaliation, such a document could prevent!

What would be in the contract? Anything you like: who handles the money; who does the dishes; who gets up with the baby; who gets out how many nights a week; how high the bedroom window is to be up; number of children. The possibilities are illimitable.

There should also be a clause stating that the whole contract will be reviewed and redrawn every two years. This would provide a regular and endless source of income for 20-year-married lawyers.

But let's get on. No matter how airtight the contract, it is the unwritten rules of the institution that will make you come up gasping for air.

For the men. Some things you should accept without question. First, you'll never win an argument, so don't argue. Just quietly admit you are wrong and then go ahead and do what you know was right all the time.

Second she's going to make you a "better" man. Even though she thinks you're perfect on D-day, she'll soon find room for improvement. The only defence against this is passive non-violent resistance. My wife has been trying to remodel me for two decades, and I'm proud to say I'm not a "better" man than on my wedding day. In fact I'm worse, as far as she's concerned. "Hopeless" is the way she puts it and nowadays she tries to improve me only about once a month.

For the ladies. You, too, will find the unwritten rules work best, even though you have to make them up as you go. I could write a book of unwritten marriage rules, but will limit myself today to erlv a couple.

For example, the only way you're going to make the bum work hard and get ahead in the world is to keep him constantly, and deeply, in debt. This is a cinch in these days of easy credit.

Second, keep him on the defensive. About everything. Compare him aloud with your brothers, your father and your male neighbors. He'll feel guilty all the time, and you can make him jump to it like a trained chimpanzee.

For both sexes, a few general tips.

## Free Press

## back issues

### 20 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Acton Free Press of Thursday, June 19, 1947.

This week the Acton Free Press was admitted into membership in the Audit Bureau of Circulations, Chicago, Ill. and copies of the initial audit have been received.

Neil Patterson, resident of Acton and district for the past 45 years, died of injuries received on Friday about noon when the car he was driving rolled over into the ditch and crashed into a telephone pole.

It sure is a treat not to be questioned when you make a second pass at the butter dish. Rationing is off and an extra slice of toast is permissible.

The Acton Tennis Club played hosts to the St. Clements Tennis Club of Preston on Tuesday night and started off the season with a decisive victory over their opponents, the final score being 93 for Acton.

Knox Presbyterian Church W.M.S. held their monthly meeting in the classroom of the church. The meeting was in charge of the president, Mrs. Blow. The devotional period was taken by Mrs. Cordner and prayer was offered by Mrs. McLean. The business of the meeting was the appointing of a committee to arrange for the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Women's Missionary Society to be held in a few months.

On Wednesday morning at the concluding period of religious instruction given by the ministerial body to the pupils of the public school, Mary Maddox of grade 5 read an address of appreciation to Rev. Mr. Fosbury and at the appropriate moment, Billie Coon of grade 6 presented him with a copy of a painting by a Canadian artist.

### 75 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Acton Free Press of Thursday, June 16, 1922.

A new incline railway at Hamilton was opened on Saturday.

Band concert at Franklin Square this evening. Owing to the extreme heat on Sunday, the attendance at the churches was smaller than usual — 84 degrees at an evening service is unusual.

Last Friday morning about half past seven, the fire bell sounded an alarm and it was found that the bakery in the rear of the post office owned by James Mathews and occupied by John Grant, was on fire. Scores of citizens went to work and in about 15 or 20 minutes had the flames under control. The roof was partly burned off and the contents of the building were considerably damaged.

The Sunday School at the Brick Church will be re-opened next Sunday. The local Foresters attended service with their Eden Mill brethren in the church there last Sunday afternoon.

The buildings in Association Terrace on Bower Ave. recently purchased by Mr. W. H. Storey have been very materially improved lately.

Rev. T. Albert Moore leaves shortly for his new charge at Niagara Falls.

Born — Swackhamer: In Acton, on the 11th inst., the wife of William Swackhamer, of a son.

Born — Moore: In Guelph, on the 8th June, the wife of T. J. Moore, principal St. George's public school, of a daughter.

### 100 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Canadian Champion, June 13, 1867.

The first of July next having been fixed by Royal Proclamation as the day of the Union of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, has been on that account set apart as a day of general rejoicing and declared a public holiday. There will be a parade or review on that day of the whole Volunteer force of Canada at the respective head quarters of the different Corps, Companies, Battalions or Brigades as may be most convenient to the force and a feu de joie shall be fired in honor of the occasion. Officers shall receive their next pay, and non-commissioned officers and men fifty cents each. The Provincial Secretary also gives official notice to all Her Majesty's loving subjects in the present Province of Canada, that they are invited to celebrate the 1st of July next as a day of rejoicing. To this invitation the loyal people of Canada and of Old Halton in particular will not be slow in responding, and we trust every man will make it a day of rejoicing and a day long to be remembered as the Natal Day of a Great Nation, the birth day of renovated Canada, a Canada commencing under better auspices than that of 1841.

### 50 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Acton Free Press of Thursday, June 14, 1917.

Council met in regular session Monday evening. All members were present and Reeve Hynds was in the chair. Two important by-laws were passed. They regulate the sale of bread and the production and sale of milk. Inspector for the Bread By-law is Municipal Officer Reed. Dr. H. A. Cox is inspector for the Milk By-law.

The Board of Education met on Monday evening with the chairman, Mr. Robert Scott presiding. A resolution was passed that the following members of the teaching staff be re-engaged — W. H. Stewart principal, Miss Pearl Z. Baker, Miss M. Z. Bennett, Miss Mary Black, Miss Daisy Folster, Miss Ethel Montleith.

Died — Warren: At Walkerton, on Saturday, June 9, 1917, James Warren, D. L.S., aged 80 years.

Died — Kitching: At Rockwood on Thursday, May 25, 1917, William Kitching, aged 79 years.

## Free Press

## Church News

**TRINITY CHURCH**  
(The United Church of Canada)  
Minister: Rev. John May, B.A., B.D.  
Organist: Mr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 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.)  
Sacrament of Holy Communion — Both Churches.  
All Welcome

**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 25, 1967**  
9.45 a.m.—Church School for ages 3 to 15.  
11.00 a.m.—Divine Worship and Celebration of Holy Communion. Communion Homily on: "My Portion... My Cup."  
Preparatory Service — Friday, June 23 at 8.30 p.m.  
Combined Summer Services with Trinity Congregation begin Sunday, July 2 at 10 a.m.  
Everyone Most Welcome.

**ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Founded 1842  
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon  
Res. 144 Tidey Ave., Ph. 853-1613

**SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 1967**  
10.00 a.m.—Church School and Adult Class.  
11.15 a.m.—Morning Worship. "Characteristics of the Church."  
No Evening Service  
Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study.  
Thursday, 7.30 p.m.—Choir Practice.  
Thought for the week: Your faith should show in your face.

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

**SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 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 25, 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 677-6665

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

Saturday, June 24 — The Nativity of St. John the Baptist, Patron of all Canada.  
10.00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 1967**  
Trinity V.  
9.00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.  
10.00 a.m.—Church School. Today Church School closes for the season.  
(Please notice that today our summer time for the second service begins.)  
10.00 a.m.—Matins. The Rev. E. Mills of St. George's, Georgetown will be in charge of the parish during July, while the Rector is on vacation.  
Thursday, June 29 — Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul the Apostles.  
10.00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.

**EVANGELIC PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE**  
P.A.O.C. 83 Churchill Road  
Rev. S. M. Thomas, Pastor, 853-3715

**SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 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.

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