

Public rental housing needed...

Senior citizens and families who find their present accommodation inadequate would be well advised to procure and fill out the questionnaire regarding public rental housing in Acton. Questionnaires are being circulated to most of the tenants living in Acton but if you are missed, by all means, contact the municipal office for one.

It is ironic that in the midst of a residential building surge in the town there should be a need for additional housing. But it's quite evident prices on houses being constructed here are well beyond the reach of the average wage earner.

Few people in Acton can afford to fork out \$18,000 and up for an ordinary size house. It's unlikely there will be any drop in prices in the foreseeable future with spiralling Toronto prices setting the pace.

People in the metropolitan Toronto area are forced out of the city and suburbs by high prices to the smaller

surrounding centres. They will be the purchasers of most of the new houses being built in Acton with a sprinkling here and there of present Actonians.

Consequently the need for some cheaper form of housing continues to grow. A public rental housing program could alleviate the situation particularly for senior citizens and couples with large families.

Minimum rent for public housing will be \$32 per month but rents will be geared to total family income regardless of the size of accommodation. Rent charged will include service charges for heat, hot and cold water, stove and refrigerator.

Public housing for families would probably be of two-story and either of row or semi-detached design.

We feel there is a real need for measures like this at this time and urge everyone who is in need of decent, commodious accommodation to fill out a questionnaire without delay.



KNOX PRESBYTERIAN Church, opened and dedicated with impressive ceremonies in February, 1895, is an impressive landmark in Acton. It was erected when the old kirk became too small. The first Presbyterian church, a frame structure was erected in 1846 by Scottish settlers from Inverness and Aberdeen and they left a heritage which remains to this day nurtured by their descendants.

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20 years ago

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 7, 1947.

Editorial - Coming back from a holiday trip in the States we notice Old Glory seems to float from every hot dog stand, and certainly on public buildings. We cannot help but notice the absence of flags in Canadian towns. We wonder many times if the adoption of a distinctive Canadian flag would make Canadians more conscious of their status as a nation. We've had designs submitted. The point has been argued long enough, and political parties have made an issue and display that is tiresome.

After falling to the ground from a hay-wagon, Joseph Zajac of Wellington St. died last Monday. An employee of Beardmore and Co., he was helping a friend, Mr. Carl Rosley of R. R. 1, with the haying.

One suspect has been identified in the Campbellville bank robbery.

The tender of James Morrison for garbage collection of \$1850 was accepted by council. When the 50 Wartime Houses are occupied he will receive an additional \$150. Three tenders were received. In 1941 when garbage collection was first instituted the cost was less than \$1000. It is now almost double that figure.

50 years ago

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 9, 1917.

A cable was received by Mrs. H. H. Worden, Guelph, that her only son, Lieut. Ernest Worden, was wounded in action, having received gunshot wounds in both thighs. It is just four weeks since Mr. Worden's death and Mrs. Worden is naturally prostrated.

The Epworth Leaguers held their annual picnic at Riverside Park, Guelph, on Civic Holiday. They went by electric railway. Rev. Mr. Large and Miss Minnie Bennett, president, directed the day's pleasures with splendid discrimination.

The holding of Civic Holiday here concurrently with the cities and towns has been found very satisfactory. Motor trips, picnics, radial excursions and long walks through the fields and forests were indulged in and enjoyed on Monday.

Acton Boy Scouts with their bugle band and Scoutmaster Harwood and Moore had a pleasant trek on Monday evening and sang patriotic songs.

The garden party at the park last Wednesday evening under the auspices of St. Alban's Church was popular and enjoyable. Naturally the program rendered by the 108th Regiment Band, Kitchener, was the piece de resistance. The moving picture show introduced a new feature in garden party programs at the gates, sale of flowers, refreshment booths, the palm reading and the raffle were over \$300.

Eighteen British vessels were sunk by German subs last week. Two Canadian aviators are among the week's dead.

75 years ago

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of August 11, 1892.

Another old landmark, the willow tree at the corner of Mill and Frederick Sts., was cut down the other day. It is reported that Mrs. Andrew Morrison, late of Creomore, is about to build a brick store and pair of houses on the lot.

The heaviest thunderstorm of the season took place Tuesday. The successive flashes of lightning and subsequent thunderclaps were alarming. Every electric wire in town was alive and numbers of telephone services were burned out.

The latest swindle is carried on by means of a double fountain pen, one end of which is filled with good substantial ink and the other end with ink that fades away in a day or two. The sharper writes the agreement, contract or whatever he might have chosen with ink that will not last. In a few days he has a slip of paper with nothing but a signature over which he can write a note and easily turn it into cash.

Dr. McKeague is now getting comfortably installed in his new home. He is rapidly becoming acquainted and is being given a kindly reception by Dr. Lowrey's large circle of patients. Dr. Lowrey is moving to Guelph, and parties indebted to him, to whom accounts have been rendered, are requested to attend to the matter as promptly as possible.

The citizens of Toronto recently voted \$150,000 to the Toronto Industrial Fair for improvements for this year's Exhibition. The exhibits will be bigger and better than ever and will include some being prepared for next year's World's Fair.

100 years ago

Taken from the Issue of The Canadian Champion, August 2, 1867

It appears that there is some dissatisfaction in our account of the Hornby meeting, as we inserted the word "friends" instead of "friends". We are quite willing to make a correction, as we will on any occasion when convinced that we are in error. When Mr. Coyne asserted he would call on his friends to vote against Mr. White, if denied a hearing, we understood him to mean those of the Orange body. Mr. Coyne informs us he meant merely his personal friends and we are bound to accept the explanation.

Mr. Chisholm has held a great many meetings, but at not one has he dared to try a vote as to his popularity. At a recent meeting Mr. Beatty, after being rebuked along with Chisholm and Oakville's Mayor Romain, delivered a screaming speech, consisting of abuse of Mr. White. The delivery of the speech seemed to give great relief to the speaker. It had evidently been pent up so long that unless gas had been allowed to escape, an explosion might have ensued with great danger to the peaceful denizens of Ormagh. However, the safety valve was allowed to blow and there was nobody hurt.

Free Press Editorial Page

Charles does us a favor...

Charlie De Gaulle stirred up quite a storm during his visit and abrupt departure from the province of Quebec recently. He managed with the aid of a gallery of separatists to antagonize most of the country, rile his compatriots at home and grab valuable publicity that is worth millions.

Newspapers who wouldn't ordinarily run a line on Canada unless we had a revolution or the Mounties went on strike yodelling "Rose Marie" ran reams of copy on De Gaulle's speeches to the lower Canadians.

Of all the comments on Charlie's inflammatory speeches in the daily press, the one most appealing was Scott Young's assessment in The Globe and Mail. It runs counter to the usual arguments you hear, but it seems to make the most sense.

He says De Gaulle's remarks might

have raised the apoplexy meter in some people to new heights but he was relatively unaffected. Then Mr. Young proceeds to say why:

"Is he planning to send troops to free Quebec? No. Just ideas and moral support.

"Does he dispute the validity of Canada as an entity? No, except that he says French Canadians do not live in liberty, equality and fraternity over the whole length and breadth of the nation. Would anybody like to rise and say that they do?

"Did Prime Minister Lester Pearson's years-ago phrase 'two nations' really fall short, in essence of what Gen. de Gaulle has said in the past 10 days?

"The separatists in themselves are only a few, but millions of Quebecers who are not separatists do feel that in

Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley



This is the other winner in the Smiley-To-Expo contest. According to Mr. Smiley this column was "one of the first to arrive and just kept bouncing back to the finals."

By Edwin W. Mills
Hamilton, Ontario

The subject is pheasants and I live on an island in the Muskokas to which spot I came some five weeks ago, together with a car full of the usual clothing, food, etc. and, perched on top of everything, a carton containing two cock pheasants.

one aspect or another, they do not get the same break throughout Canada as English-speaking Canadians.

"When this belief exists, I'm with those who contend that if the country ever is to make it, united, the existence on the belief is the important matter — not the validity of the belief, or whose fault it is.

"If your brother has a pain that makes him groan, do you tell him he's off his nut?"

Mr. Young does not mention the General's bad manners in sounding off in a country where he is a guest in a way that was offensive to the majority but we can't help but agree in essence with most of his remarks. Perhaps, unwittingly, de Gaulle has supplied the remedy for what ails us.

Criticism from abroad perhaps will make us see — Canadians of all nationalities — that we have something very precious here and it would be far more advantageous to all concerned to work at it, not knock it.

A Manitoba editor, who said not to use his name, reports that down in Chicago, there is a wonderful bar named "The Office". It is for husbands who just can't stand lying to the wife.

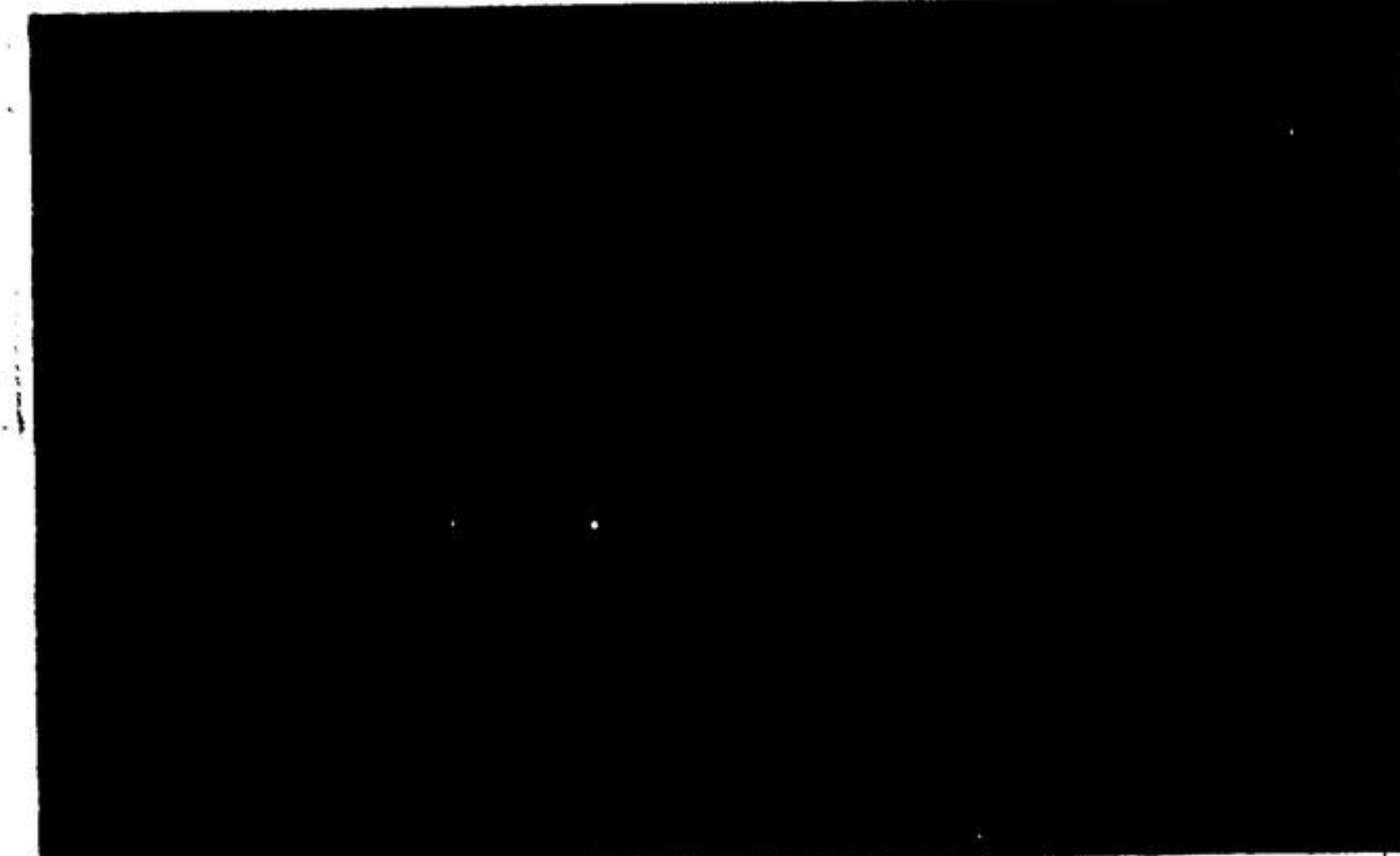
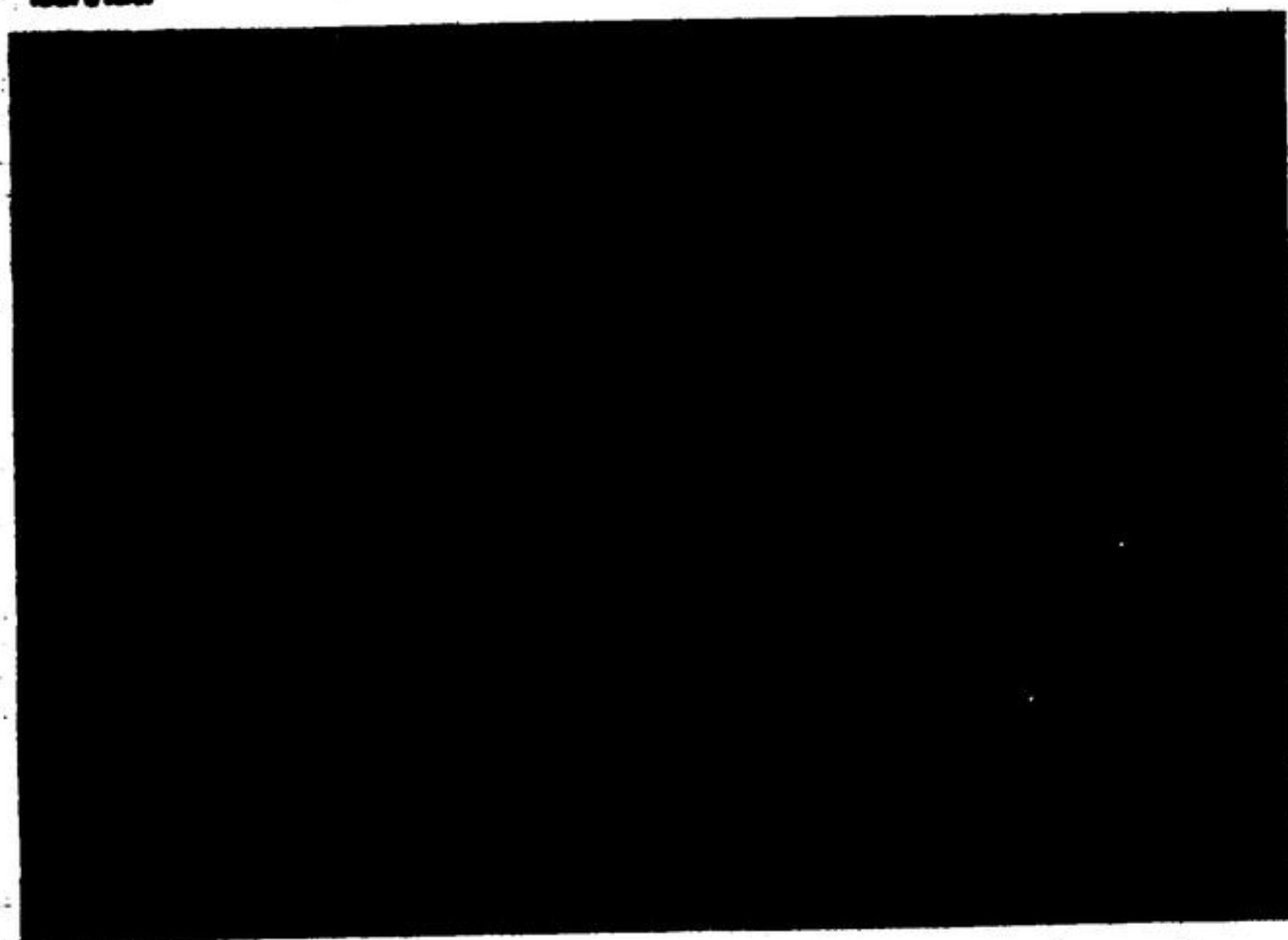
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Centennial Picture Gallery



T. STATHAM and Son's bake shop was on Mill St., about where the A-B Supermarket is now, while his home and baking premises were on Church St. Both these pictures, taken in 1900, were lent by Miss Luena Campbell of Georgetown for this series. Standing at the door of the bake shop are Gertrude Statham (Mrs. Roy Burling) and Ada Johnston (Mrs. George Campbell). The door on the left leads to the residence of Mrs. Lennie Smith and daughter Edith, and Edith may be one

of the children in high-button boots and hat. Baker Statham in the bottom picture stands in his white apron in the driveway beside his home, where his granddaughter, Mrs. Lucy Edwards Walters lives now. Driving the delivery wagon at the front is son Harry, while the other driver coming with a load out of the driveway is perhaps son George. One of the ladies standing by the fence is perhaps Mrs. Edwards.

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Church News

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

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, AUGUST 13, 1967
Combined Summer Services in Knox Presbyterian Church. Preacher, Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie.
10.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
11.15 a.m.—Churchill United Church (Churchill Rd. N.) Morning Worship.

BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Acton, Ontario.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 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, AUGUST 13, 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

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 1967
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
Mr. Howard Grant of Toronto, former Missionary to India will be guest speaker.
7.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study.
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 1967
10.00 a.m.—Church School and Adult Class.
11.15 a.m.—Morning Worship. Speaker, Mr. Ronald Campbell, Dearborn, Mich. "What Lies Ahead".
No Evening Service during August.
Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study in charge of Deacons.
Thursday, 7.30 p.m.—Choir Practice.
Thought for the week: "I was glad when they said, let us go unto the house of the Lord." Ps. 122:1

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, AUGUST 13, 1967
Trinity XII
9.00 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist.
10.00 a.m.—Matins. The parish welcomes Mr. Len Ewing, Layreader of St. Hilda's Parish, Burlington, who is in charge of the second service this morning. The Rector is at St. George's, Georgetown.