

**OUR READERS WRITE:**

**RECALLS VISIT**

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Please change to the above address the Free Press which I am getting as a much valued Christmas gift.

It was my great pleasure to have a fine visit back to Acton last summer, after 20 years. I am sorry to say that the Free Press office was about the only place of interest that I missed. But of course, the Free Presses I knew it was on Mill St. where my brother Victor - Coleman, Charlie Matthews, Earl Vincent, Bill Kenney, Ernie Brown and Arlof Dills held forth and great times were had by all. My brother Vic has a smashed little finger yet as a souvenir. He got it caught between the rollers.

I enjoyed my visit very much. It was a sort of sad 50th wedding anniversary as we had been married 50 years ago on May 29/07. As it happened the account of my shower and the wedding and also a picture of the Sunday School orchestra, taken because I was leaving were in the copies of the Free Press immediately on my arrival last summer. My late husband who had died just the December before was as the old timers may remember, the Rev. J. Ralston Brown, youngest brother of the late A. T. Brown, druggist for so many years and N. N. Brown of Churchill Rd. He had been a minister in Alberta for 40 years, serving the United Church and had retired in 1952. We have lived in retirement at Turner Valley, Alberta, a former charge.

Re closing the station, anyone who thinks the present set up is fine must surely not have had my experience when I had to wait ten days before getting the luggage I brought and they finally found it at Guelph, a few miles away, after contacting Calgary and Edmonton, Alberta about it!

Wishing you continued success in the conduct of the Free Press carried on so capably by Arlof after H. P. Moore's death.

I am yours sincerely,  
Ethel (Coleman) Brown.

**PROGRESS**

In your first issue of May 8th I note a letter written by Lydia C. J. Kerr, regarding Churchill United Church, and her father's work in the ministry.

I well remember Rev. H. Caldwell, and have on many occasions helped to cover the radiator of his Model T Ford to keep it from freezing in severe winter conditions.

The letter started me thinking of the days I spent in Northern Ontario and the Ministers who walked miles through the bush to hold services in various households. Sometimes there was only one family, occasionally as many as six families.

There has been a great deal of progress since the early days of our country, when ministers at first walked, then rode horseback. When the roads were improved they used buggies and cutters, then came the Ford and other cars. Mission boats and aeroplanes have been used for some time and recently a minister mentioned he had travelled by "Jet."

What is the word for all this? It is progress. Progress as Rev. Caldwell progressed in changing from horse and buggy to automobile in order to serve the people better.

Settlers met for worship first under trees, or in homes, then built churches. Many churches of different denominations were built at the country crossroads. At the time of Church Union in 1925 the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches amalgamated to become the United Church of Canada. More recently the Evangelical Church has joined them and there are talks between the Anglican and United Churches.

Yes, joining together in progress to serve in the work of Christ more adequately.

We at Churchill United Church are facing a change. It is said that "You can't stand still." You either go forward or backward. In these changing times, are we progressing and going forward as Rev. Caldwell did? or not? I wonder?

Yours truly,  
Frank Freeman,  
R. R. 2, Acton.

**THANK YOU**

Acton,  
May 14, 1968.

Dear Sir,

We would like to thank, through the use of your columns, the U/M, people and storekeepers, for their generous support during the Strife at H.K. Porter Plant at Acton. This is now successfully concluded.

B.P. Coon West, A & B store, U.G.A. store, the O.P.P. all the people who have assisted us in any way, especially those who have foregone payments in respect to rent, etc., members of the Local, especially John Lazenby and Della Moyle, the neighbours at MacDonald Blvd. and finally a big thank you to Mr. and Mrs. H. Andrews who have put up with the comings and goings of our members to the Garage which they so kindly put at our disposal for strike headquarters.

We are most happy to be going back to work, and our membership will remember the many fine things done for us during our picketing of the plant; also those who have helped in any way and who have not been listed here,

Yours very truly,  
Andrew E. Welch,  
Publicity, for Local  
23650, Saw Workers  
Union, C.L.C.

**SCHOOL ACCIDENT**

May 14, 1968

Dear Sir:

I read with interest in last week's Free Press the P.S. Board's discussion on an accident in the school gym when a girl's wrist was broken. The report read quite "Mr. McKenzie had been in contact with the parents. He reviewed the usual procedure in which records are kept, the home contacted and a ride provided to the home or doctor. He added that the physical education supervisor warned him accidents could be expected."

Although those facts were reviewed in this case these procedures were not enforced. I write with authority as the girl in this particular case was my daughter Joann. She fell whilst doing P.T. and at this time in addition to her class teacher Mr. McKenzie and Mr. McNeil were in the gym. At the time Joann was then sent back to her room and at the end of the afternoon her teacher asked if there was anyone who would help Joann home with her books. She was then dismissed with the rest of the class and with the help of a friend walked in her shorts and with a coat over her shoulders from Robert Little school to Tildy Ave.

She got as far as the friend's house and from there I took her to the hospital. On getting back from the hospital I tried to contact Mr. McKenzie and was told he wasn't expected back until late. He phoned the following morning whilst I was at the hospital and then sent a note home with my other daughter which I did not feel was very satisfactory. I tried unsuccessfully to contact him again that night but it was not until Friday morning that I actually got to talk to him.

I quite realize that accidents can happen to anyone at anytime, but what I object to is when a 11 yr. old child is sent walking home on a cold windy day wearing shorts following an accident in a state of shock to a small degree without any adult supervision.

Mrs. J. Garbowski  
168 Tildy Ave.,  
Acton, Ont.

**Fills in blanks in Kings Orderlies**

Mrs. Marion Brochu of Georgetown called the Free Press Thursday after identifying one of the "unknown" members of the King's Orderlies Bible Class in last week's paper as her father, William James. He is third from the right in the bottom row, for anyone who has cut out the "Photo from the Past" from the editorial page.

Other blanks she filled in for us: top row, second from left, Austin Cutting; second row, fifth from left, Ed Gear; fourth row second from left, Jim Holloway; bottom row, last three men, William James, Fred Masalos, Nelson Lambert.

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**Build small dam in Chicopee Hills**

A low bid of \$91,590 has been received for the construction of a small dam in the Chicopee Hills conservation area in Kitchener. Five bids were received by the Grand River Conservation Authority. The highest bid was for \$126,135.

Awarding of the contract will follow an examination of the bids and approval of the department of energy and resources management. Work is expected to start before the end of May and is scheduled for completion by mid-September.

The dam will be 30 feet high and 400 feet long and will create an eight-acre lake with a depth of five to 20 feet.

The dam will be unique because of a lack of suitable material in the vicinity, the earthfill slopes will have an inner skin or film of impervious synthetic rubber to prevent water seepage.

About 20,000 square feet of the rubber-like material will be installed on the upstream side

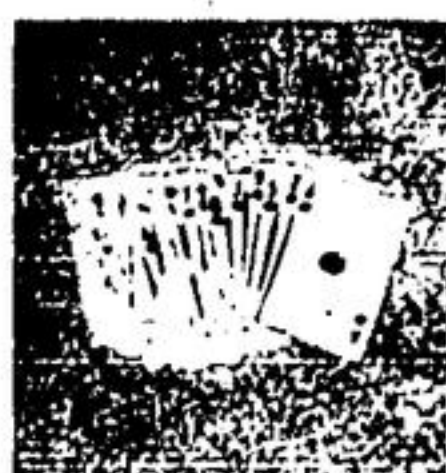
of the embankment and then covered with three feet of fill and one foot of riprap.

Mr. Hachborn said the rubber material has been used to line reservoirs and dam spillways but never on a complete dam, as far as he knows. It is only 3/64th of an inch thick.

**Enumeration done Friday**

Election enumeration was completed in Acton Friday and the lists submitted to the returning officer.

Acton's enumerators were Mrs. Harriet Holvig, Mrs. Shirley Braida, Mrs. Jean Kilty, Mrs. Alma Timbers, Mrs. Mae Lammash, Mrs. Myrtle Lambert, Miss Jean Barber, Mrs. June McHugh, Mrs. Alice Walde and Mrs. Gloria Coats.



**Let's Play Bridge**

by Bill Coats

It is just as important for the defense to make a plan as it is for declarer to do so. The only difficulty is that declarer can follow his plan through while the defense must rely on each other. Two defenses may make different plans. Some defense plays however, depend on one defender only. Here is an example.

East West are vulnerable and the dealer is North.

NORTH  
S - B 5  
H - K Q J 8 4  
D - A 7 5 3  
C - 10 7

WEST  
S - K 9 4 3  
H - 9 5 2  
D - K 10  
C - K 6 3 2

EAST  
S - 7 2  
H - 10 7 3  
D - J 9 4 2  
C - A 9 5 4

SOUTH  
S - A Q J 10 6  
H - A 6  
D - Q 8 6  
C - Q J 8

Suggested Bidding.

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST  
Pass Pass 1 N.T. Pass  
3 H Pass 3 N.T. All pass

In spite of his excellent leads, South should start with one no trump. His hand is reasonably balanced and is worth 17 points. Don't forget one extra for a five card suit. North's bid shows enough points for game and asks partner to bid 3 no trump without good heart support or bid 4 hearts with good heart support.

West was fortunate in getting off to a club lead. After three rounds of clubs, South is on the lead. While he decides his play, the defenders should do the same. West can see that declarer has five heart tricks if he has the ace, a club and a diamond. Declarer is likely to try for a couple of spade tricks and West should be ready.

Declarer took the heart ace and led a heart to dummy just in case hearts were badly split. When both opponents followed for two rounds declarer left hearts alone. A spade was led and South played the ten. If West has planned ahead he will duck. This really shouldn't cost anything.

Dummy was re-entered with the diamond ace in order to take the rest of dummy's hearts. On these hearts declarer threw his diamonds. Now declarer led dummy's last spade in order to take the proven finesse. All is well for the defense if East was sharp enough to keep his spade. When declarer finessees, West wins and defeats declarer by taking a good club and the diamond king.

Maybe declarer should not take a second spade finesse but most bridge players I know would once

the finesse has apparently worked. Last week's winners at the Acton Bridge Club were: first, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coats; second Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Barbour; third, Steve Coats and Bill Coats.

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