



PRIVATE STAN COLLETT, 154 Poplar Avenue, Acton, takes a breather during winter indoctrination exercises at Canadian Forces Base Borden. He is serving with the

Lorne Scots and is among hundreds of reserve soldiers who have spent week-ends taking survival type training.

Notes from Acton High

By Corie Maxwell

After a brief break between semesters, the students of Acton High have returned to begin their second set of subjects. With one semester's experience, the students are now able to make some changes, in order to cope with this system.

Mr. W. Rowley has also made some changes in the teaching of his subject - biology. His new method was introduced by Mr. Donald Stewart, who spoke at Fanshawe College in London last Thursday and Friday. Accompanying Mr. Rowley to the seminars were Mrs. J. Morgan and Mr. B. Skerrett.

Mr. Stewart said that teachers should show the students their final exam on the first day of the course. In this way the student knows what is required of him for the course and, in turn, is able to learn the subject completely. With the presentation of the aims and objectives this way, a student must be able to answer all the questions 100 per cent; therefore, by the end of a course, a student would know 100 per cent of his work. By this method, teachers are able to discover problems the students have in learning; diagnose them; then try to solve the problems.

Mr. Rowley has given his grade 13 biology class 4 sheets of "aims and objectives", and by the end of the semester the grade 13's will know if this method is as successful in practice as in theory.

Last Friday afternoon, Rodger McEachern competed in the 1,000 yard run, at a university and high school meet sanctioned by O.F.F.S.S.A., in Maple Leaf Gardens. Accompanying Rodger was Phys. Ed. teacher and coach, Mr. Bruce Andrews and the other members of the track team. Rodger made a good showing by coming third in his heat out of a field of ten.

This race was Rodger's first competition indoors on a board track, besides being his first of the season. He says, "I went, not to win, but to gain experience." Besides giving Rodger moral support, the other team members enjoyed the competitions.

The clergy speak out



By the Reverend Harry J. Dawson
Church of St. Alban, the Martyr

Is church union a thing of the past?

A growing wave of anti-union opinion is beginning to sweep through both the Anglican and United Churches. Not that church union is seen as a bad thing (although there are some who do hold this view), but that the whole issue of church union is no longer seen as relevant in a changing world of much more urgent matters.

Kenneth Bagnall, columnist for the Globe and Mail (Jan. 27 edition), put it his way: "Such unions are on the wane here, there and everywhere for all manner of reasons: they are bureaucratic and we are doubting centralization; they are minor matters in a world of major crises. Such crises have always been with us and help. But the problems grow and so must the attack. If the church diverts so much of its energy to its own institutional future, thoughtful people will conclude it is simply out to lunch."

The church has many more pressing issues to confront. It's as simple as that. Church union negotiations have proved too cumbersome, too time consuming, sapping the energy of the churches involved.

There was a time when the matter of church union was seen as a reforming element breathing life into the church. But no more.

People have become apathetic to it. Decisions are being made by a few and there is growing disenchantment on the part of the majority. No one I think can honestly say that opinion is not invited but people reflect the fact that the matter just is not important enough to them. Rather than being frustrated by the apathy, I think it's time to realize what in fact people here are saying. The issue of church union is not of sufficient importance to the minds of the majority.

Church union negotiations, however, have certainly not been in vain. It has opened the door for more co-operative work among churches. Radio and mass media work, joint hymn books, chaplaincy work, a freer exchange and understanding of each other's worship services are but a few of the benefits derived of a co-operative nature. The co-operative work in our town between St. Alban's and Trinity with the Tri-Angli Men's Club, Lenten study sessions, and the Drop-in coffee hour with nursery Thursday mornings have all been well received and benefit both congregations.

I can see merit in these co-operative ventures. In my opinion there should be more and they should include other churches in the community. We are fortunate in Acton to have a good clergy fellowship where co-operation is not difficult: as witness our Holy Week services, our co-operative services during the summer months.

Regarding church union I am becoming persuaded it is a matter of priority. With so many more pressing items confronting the church, union negotiations must begin to take a lesser place.

Slips that pass in the type

Gremlins were type cast as villains last week when the Free Press hit the streets.

In an article which announced the start of a town house development on Main St. S. it was estimated carrying charges of a house would be around \$105 a week. Change that to \$105 a month.

Turn to the editorial page for another goof, to the lead editorial where tribute is paid to Ray and Bill Thompson and Pat Patterson for their many years of service. Dates there were confused.

Thompson Motors was started in 1946 by Bill and Ray Thompson and moved to the present location (now L. & L. Ford Sales) in 1956.

To err is human—to forgive divine.

Hire catcher

Council offers village help with dog problem

The Township of Nassagaweya may be co-operating with the Township of Eramosa in providing the revenue needed for a dog control officer in the police village of Eden Mills.

Village Trustees Norman Marshall and Rodney Bell and Village Secretary John Bell told the members of the Nassagaweya Council at council's Monday night meeting, that the village had quite a dog control problem.

Marshall told council that dogs created problems by spilling garbage and howling at night.

Help on cost
The trustee said Eramosa Council had agreed to pay a portion of the cost of a dog control officer, and had asked the village trustees to make a presentation before Nassagaweya to do the same.

"Perhaps the two townships involved could base the cost on the assessment fee, or use part of

the dog tax," stated Marshall.

The cost per hour for a dog control officer came up Trustee Bell remarked that Eramosa paid its officer three dollars an hour, while the village of Rockwood paid their man \$2.50 an hour.

Members of the Nassagaweya Council appeared in favor of supporting the trustees' proposal. The village intends to advise for the position of the officer, within the village.

Deputy Reeve Don McMillan said a final decision on the matter should wait until the village found a person willing to take over the responsibilities of dog control and the pay he would want.

However council approved the petition in principle and gave the trustees the go-ahead to inform Eramosa Council that Nassagaweya would contribute to the cost.

Mayor third at Georgetown

At the Georgetown snowmobile races last weekend, Mayor Les Duby was entered in the special event for Halton mayors and Reeves. Georgetown mayor Bill Smith placed first ahead of Halton county warden James Swanborough, the reeve of Burlington.

Acton's mayor borrowed a machine for the event and tied for third with host town reeve Rick Morrow.

Gun show Sunday

There'll likely be crowds again when another Gun Show is held this Sunday in the Industrial Building. The show has been building up a reputation, and has been drawing large crowds.

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During the Sunday 10.30 a.m. service, prayer books were dedicated in memory of John G. Harris, George A. Biernes, Georgina S. Harris and Albert A. Harris, given by Mrs. M. Biernes.

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