



THIRTEEN GIRLS received their first communion at St. Joseph's Church last Sunday. The girls were, back row from left; Sandra Civiero, Rhonda Barrett, Lisa De Pieri, Gina Mancini, Susan Emond, Maria Piccuito. Middle row; Judy Arbic, Theresa Van Exan, Andrea Arbic, Cathy Kolozsvari. Front row; Alice Rouch, Brenda Porty, Cora Buna.



FOURTEEN BOYS received their first communion at St. Joseph's church last Sunday. The boys were, back row from left; Steven Bartolac, Greg Marks, John Bartolac, David Lowe, Rhys Gibb, Mike Slaven. Middle row; Billy De Battista, John Cavlovic, Emil Minarevic, Bruce Canary, Ted Linsay. Front row; Loranzo Civiero, John Barratt, Timmy Garton.

Threats, accusations, in truckers' strike

A spokesman for the Aggregate Producers Association of Ontario said they regarded action by independent truckers known as the Ontario Haulers' Association as a "boycott" rather than a strike.

The truckers set themselves up with signs at Indusmin Quarries on the Third Line at Hallow Hills and the Sixth Line, Milton, as part of a province-wide demand for increased money.

But A. G. Borud, manager of the Construction Materials Division of Indusmin Ltd., a spokesman for the Aggregate Producers, claim the majority of truckers want to go back to work. They are afraid to because of intimidation, he says.

Coming back The quarries near Acton and Milton are running about 60 per cent capacity as a result of action by the truckers but Mr. Borud says he thinks most of them will be back to work by the end of the week. He claimed truckers are gradually coming back despite pressure.

The action by truckers is in its third week, starting June 3 with a demand for more money — "doubling the rates."

Mr. Borud says the company pays 6¢ or 7¢ a ton mile, a much higher figure than Angelo Natale, head of the Ontario Haulers' Association, claim is being paid. "I don't know anyone paying the two and half cents a ton mile Mr. Natale talks about," he says.

There are no negotiations going on because "the truckers haven't come to us at all." Mr. Borud told this newspaper. He also said the aggregate producers don't acknowledge the Ontario Hauling Association because "we are not going to bargain as an industry." Any contract which might be signed would not be binding on the truckers, who are mainly independent owner-operators. "Most have only one vehicle," he said.

He said the truckers had been given an increase on Jan. 1 which the association felt was reasonable and another increase was given in May to offset the increased price of gasoline. Truckers are paid by the ton.

Mr. Borud claimed that if rates did go up the companies involved would contemplate buying their own trucks because they were operating "so close to the line it would be better to operate their own fleet."

He said pit operators who do own their own trucks "never have been interfered with at all," another advantage.

It's the start of the peak season for pit operators but some of the production at the large Acton pit is hauled by rail. Indusmin is contemplating another train a week to combat the action by truckers.

Meanwhile, the president of

the Ontario Haulers Association has a different story.

Angelo Natale, president of the Ontario Haulers Assoc. insists that the truckers are being underpaid. He said that these men are being paid by the zone and not by the ton mile. When the payment per ton mile is calculated from the amount being paid per zone, it is only two and half cents. That is where his figures come into focus. Says Mr. Natale, "they don't want to admit this."

Mr. Natale said that he had tried to get in touch with the Aggregate Producers on separate occasions and had even sent them a letter asking for a meeting with them at their earliest convenience. Mr. Natale was quick to emphasize the fact that he had not even contacted them to refuse to meet, let alone arrange a meeting. He says that the Aggregate Producers are treating the haulers like "something inhuman" — they simply refuse to talk with them.

Prices up Mr. Natale admits to pay raises in December and May, but he says, since the price of fuel has gone up ten cents per gallon these increases don't

even cover the truckers' costs.

Mr. Natale has reported to the police, trucks being smashed, anonymous phone calls and even threats on his life. In one letter, he received a note saying, "You wop, better go back now while you're in one piece." Included in the note were seven nails. The police and private investigators are checking these incidents.

In the past week, one service station on No. 25 Highway has reported repairing 30 flat tires, mostly in the Acton area.

No destruction Mr. Natale said the members of the Haulers Assoc. don't want to see any destruction or criminal incidents occurring, they simply "want to talk to the Aggregate Producers man to man!"

Mr. Natale is not worried about the Aggregate Producers buying their own fleet of trucks. He says that they would have to pay wages of \$6.20 an hour, besides having the responsibility of the upkeep of the fleet. He said the truckers would work for the Aggregate Producers being paid these truckers' wages and not having to worry about their own in-

dividual investment of a truck. Mr. Natale says at the moment the individual truckers are earning about \$1.25 an hour, which isn't

enough to pay living expenses.

Meeting Wednesday The only way Mr. Natale said he could arrange a meeting with the Aggregate Producers was through the Ministry of Labor. With this Mr. Natale hopes there will be a meeting with the president of the Aggregate Producers, Mr. Trustrums, and the secretary of the Haulers Assoc., W. Feeney, today (Wednesday), to make plans to settle the strike.

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Free Press back issues

20 years ago
Taken from the issue of the Free Press of June 17, 1954.

Acton Y's Men Ken Allan, Harry Arbic, Elmer Smith and Garnet McKenzie attended the "charter night" of the Delaware Y's Men's Club at Buffalo, N.Y. Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Acton Y's Men's Club presented a leather brief case to the new club. Joe Connell, general secretary of Kitchener YMCA was guest speaker of the occasion.

Corp. Ray Mason will be missing from his regular corner at Mill and Willow Sts. for some time. The policeman, who is known by the many youngsters he sees safely across the highway as well as by all the adults in town, is in Guelph General Hospital undergoing treatment for a cracked femur. He struck his knee against a rock in a fall while holidaying last weekend at Whitney. His many friends join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Born - Morrison: Lill and Bill (Dub) Morrison, R. R. 1, Acton, are happy to announce the arrival of their son, Peter James at the Guelph General Hospital, June 10, 1954.

Last Thursday at 6:45 p.m. two cars were in collision on Mill St. The vehicle driven by John F. Wilts of Acton was turning into a driveway when it was struck by the car driven by John Sargent, Acton. Total damage was estimated at \$100. Constable Harness investigated and no charges will be laid.

Mr. and Mrs. M. McCullough have spent a week's holiday in Chicago.

50 years ago
Taken from the issue of The Free Press of June 19, 1924.

On Tuesday evening Rev. A. C. and Mrs. Stewart were the hosts of a delightful picnic tea for the members of the Young Women's Auxiliary of Knox Church on the Manse verandah. Lunch was served, following which a delightful motor drive was taken.

For a number of years Acton people have formed the habit of spending their holidays at other surrounding towns where demonstrations of various kinds have been staged. It looks as if this year surrounding towns could return the compliment and celebrate with Acton. The baseball boys are planning a day's sport and monster garden party for Dominion Day. The Orange Order

will celebrate the twelfth at home, the first time in twenty years. Again on Civic Holiday the baseball boys are planning a tournament.

North Oakwood (Toronto) came here on Saturday and met the Rangers in the park. They returned to Toronto with a 5-0 victory to their credit. The Rangers seemed to be out of sorts. In the first place, at the time of the referee's whistle to start the team was not all present. Then there were some who did not want to play. Acton started with ten men, Mochrie arriving quite late. The only thing that can be said of this match is that the best team won. The Rangers can do a lot better, though, and no doubt will. They play the same team next Saturday in a game for the Fairbanks Business Men's Cup. This game will be played in Toronto.

75 years ago
Taken from the issue of the Free Press of June 15, 1899.

Two fine new bank barns will be raised in this vicinity this week. This afternoon a structure 50 x 60 will be put up for Mr. William Plank, whose farm adjoins "Fairy Lake". Acton's pretty sheet of water. Tomorrow Mr. Oliver Lasby will raise his new barn 40 x 48 on the town line.

The Union Jack is floating proudly from the lofty flag pole on the Knox manse grounds today, in honor of the arrival of a daughter at the manse. A fact worthy of remark in this connection is that in all the history of the church, extending over a period of about sixty years, this is the first child born to the minister of Knox Church while occupying that position. Rev. Mr. Knowles is consequently a very proud father.

After a long period of long illness, Miss Charlotte G. Worden, daughter of the late John Worden, Sr., entered into rest on Saturday last. She suffered from lung trouble for several years. Miss Worden was a young woman of sterling christian character and much beloved by her associates. The funeral was held at Fairview Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, her pastor Rev. W. S. McAlpine, B.A. and Revs. R. B. Cook and H. A. Macpherson officiating.

The new sewer on Church Street is being put down.

Excursions, summer visits, driving and bicycling tours are now being arranged by men and women of leisure.

Legion elects executive

Bob Angell has been re-elected president of Acton Legion Branch 197. Other officers are F. Allen 1st vice; G. James 2nd vice; J. Chapman secretary; G. McCutcheon treasurer.

T. Leblanc Sgt. at Arms; J. Goy, E. Footitt, N. Price executive committee; T. Watson, J. McHugh, A. Moss trustees; J. Massey and F. Schmidt property.

Election and installation were conducted by Comrade Bruce Collins, zone secretary, assisted by Fred Jones and Bob McDonald, both past presidents of the Streetsville branch.

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