

On the Leavell

With Helen



The Free Press recently had a request to help a guy in Fort McMurray trace his great grandfather. He wanted us to go through our records and forward any information we found. To be perfectly truthful, we don't have the time. This little task would mean we would have to go through every issue of the paper that we published in the man's lifetime—something impossible for papers with large staffs much less a contingent of three. This is where our readers come in. Some of you might know of something without us having to go through back issues.

Here's his letter. It is from Keith Agnew, 11 Birch Road, Fort McMurray, Alberta, T9H 1J6:

"My great grandfather moved from Acton, Ontario to Hartney, Manitoba in 1879. He had been married to Flora Keith. His name was George Agnew and he may have had a brother named John. It is also possible that his father owned a hotel and a glove factory in Acton. George was born in 1843.

"George Agnew had five children when he left Acton. They were Flora, Neil, Robert, John and Annie. John and Annie were educated in Acton.

"If you could provide me with any information from your records regarding the following, I would be very grateful: where was he born; when did he or his parents come to Acton and from where; his parents' names, wife's maiden name also; any names of brothers and sisters; any other information regarding his family; any land grant, immigration or marriage records.

If anyone can help this man, please let either him, or myself know. Thanks.

Acton councillors are surprised they haven't been receiving visitors at the drop-in sessions regarding the municipal complex issue. They remind the public drop-in runs the first and third Friday afternoon of each month from 1:30 to 3, or later if necessary.

Also they'll arrange an evening drop-in session on the complex or any other issue, such as Section 63 property tax and assessment reform, if requested.

They are looking at resuming regular monthly evening drop-ins, despite the fact those held in the past have generally produced small crowds, especially if there wasn't a guest.

Jake Kulken will be joining Councillors Rick Bonnette, Ross Knechtel and Dave Whiting at drop-in so he can hear from Esquering residents in this area.

The next Friday afternoon drop-in is November 18.

Unless announced otherwise, the drop-ins are held at the new home of the Acton Social Services and information centre on Mill St. east, across from the Salvation Army Citadel in the house beside H and H Video.

Tickets are going quickly for the annual Citizen of the Year Banquet this Saturday evening honoring Ted Tyler. There are still a few tickets left, but organizers expect a sellout crowd. They are available at Halton Hills Furniture and Appliances.

The dinner and dance will be held at the Curling Club with cocktails at 7 p.m. and dinner at 7:45.

According to the McKenzie-Smith school bulletin, parents interested in the Halton French Immersion program are advised that registrations for French Immersion programs for the 1984-85 school year will take place this coming February and March.

Also found in the bulletin is this: North Halton Youth Services will be holding a parenting group (eight sessions) in Acton at 115 Mill St. E. (Social Services and Information Centre) beginning November 21 at 7:15 p.m. The leader is Sandy Kemp. Service is provided free of charge. For further information call, 853-3310.

Birthday greetings go out to Doug Luck, formerly of Acton, and now of New Brunswick, who recently turned 40-years-old. Shelagh is thinking of you.

This is the first of two weeks of Career Week at Brookville school. From November 7 to 18, the theme will be "Focus on You."

Through seminars, lectures and out-of-school trips, students will be challenged to ask questions like "What is it like in the work world?" "How can I prepare myself for the career I want," and "What possible career is best suited for me?"

Seminars have been booked in a variety of categories: recreation, physical education, photography, nursing, dentistry, computer programming, horse breeding, air traffic control, veterinary work, etc. Students in-grade 7 and 8 will be participating, but on November 18, the entire school will join in by dressing up as their favorite career or occupation.

The following, while taken out of the Brookville school news, is a good precaution for all schools to follow:

Students are not permitted to have any medication, including non-prescription drugs, in their possession at Brookville. Such materials constitute definite health hazards to other children who may be tempted to swallow them.

"All students have been reminded that it is unsafe to swallow any unknown substance even at the urging of a 'friend'. Last week we had one such occurrence when the child wisely refused to swallow the substance and instead took it to his parents.

"If your youngster requires medication through the school day, please bring it directly to Mrs. Stanley along with the doctor's written instructions and she will administer it according to those directions.

"Please reinforce this safety rule with your youngsters."



Hermeno Inacio, secretary of the International Peace Camp stands beside one of the vandalized vehicles owned by IPC. Inacio said the Camp has suffered \$20,000 in damage and theft since they began their operation.

\$20,000 vandalism at Peace Camp — official

An official for the International Peace Camp, located near Speyside, says the camp has suffered a \$20,000 loss through theft and vandalism.

The latest bout of trouble came to light November 1 when Hermeno Inacio, secretary for the organization, returned to the site and found the windows and headlights of two camp vehicles, a tractor and a truck, had been smashed.

"At this point," said Inacio, "I don't know who did this, but I'm going to have answers soon."

"The police," he continued, "have been called several times and nothing has been

done. I don't think they (the police) are giving us the protection we need."

According to a police spokesman, Inspector Matt McPherson, the incidents are still under investigation and no other comments are available at this time.

Inacio said he hadn't been on the property since October 16 so the damage must have occurred between then and November 1.

Previously the camp has had problems with vandals who are knocking down the gates on the west side of the property fronting on the Town Line and Inacio said he wants an end to the problems.

"We've had flowers and truck parts stolen as well," said Inacio.

Meanderings

by Mabel Barkman
I have not written about the abundance of fall mushrooms because I am not that sure of what is edible and what is poisonous and it is too dangerous to make suggestions.

As a child, we always ate field mushrooms and my mother gave me this advice. If it is pink underneath, then it is edible and so I have not tried any other mushroom except the morel which appears in the Spring and looks like a sponge.

Some friends of mine are very fond of the shaggy manes growing at this time of year and since they know them and can identify them, they can eat them with no cause for concern. A friend phoned to ask about the fairy ring mushroom and I suggested she leave it alone—better to be safe than sorry.

Ever since I heard of the "Death Angel" mushroom, I have decided to buy my mushrooms!

Obituary Agnes Braida

Funeral service was held October 22 for Agnes Braida, of 173 Main St. South, Acton. She died October 20 in Guelph General Hospital following a one month-long illness.

Born in France on June 21, 1901, she was the only daughter of Mauro and Felicitia Brayda. She shared her childhood years with two brothers Beniamino and Armons.

On June 21, 1928, she married Abele Braida in Gravere, Italy. Shortly afterwards they immigrated to Canada, making their home in Acton. Here she raised five children, Aldo Braida, Acton; Dena Defend, Toronto, Dr. Leno Braida Windsor; Mary Murray, Sarnia, and Dr. Raymond Braida, Guelph.

Father R. Diodati officiated at the funeral, and interment was at Fairview Cemetery. Pallbearers were Nino Braida, Rino Braida, Frank Murray, Raymond Arbic, Louis Bonnette, and Ronald K. Henry.

Friends-in-Deed

by Trina Noel

Our first fall meeting was held on September 27, in the library of M.Z. Bennett School, Acton, with 18 members attending.

The winners of our draw were: Bill Walker, Wheatley, the quilt; Mary Thornton, Acton, the throw; Betty Fudge, Acton, the wall hanging; Mrs. Hoops, Acton, dolly and Joanne Quinn, Weston, the cushion.

After all the business matters were taken care of, a slides presentation of Israel was shown by Pete Papillon. On September 29, a bus was chartered from Tyler Transport by the members to go see Charley

Pride in Kitchener. Tuesday evening, October 25, was our

Hallowe'en party. Some of us were all dressed up and a prize went to Ann McNiven for best costume. She was dressed as Sylvester the cat. We played bingo for prizes and Greta Moreau made a box of candy apples.

The Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department and the Credit Valley Artisans will present Christmas Crafts and coffee in the afternoon of Thursday November 10 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Our next meeting is on November 29

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Clergy Comment

by Rev. Don Matheson

What if we really believed? A century and a half ago a group of Christians set out to abolish slavery. They encountered much opposition. Nowhere, it was said, does the Bible condemn slavery; slavery was a beneficial institution; it is economically necessary; it is rooted in human nature; it is backed by the authority of the state to which all are to submit; if we don't trade slaves the French will; abolition is utopianism.

Our Christian forbearers were not deterred by such arguments, and by God's grace a movement came into being and inevitability was dethroned. How foolish their detractors look today.

What if Christians today got a vision of peace, and set out to work for it? What if we really believed that God can work miracles and that inevitabilities are therefore not inevitable? Could it be that God is calling some of us to step out in faith in a new abolitionist movement to end the arms race before it is too late?

The doomsday clock is not ticking at just a few minutes to midnight. One of the key note speakers at the Peace and Security Conference held at Guelph University the last week of October very convincingly showed those in attendance that nuclear war was probable in 1990 and inevitable by 2000 unless we depart drastically from the course we are presently on.

Slavery was abolished, and so too can the threat of nuclear war be abolished if enough people become aware of its intrinsic insanity and its unimaginable horror. Disarmament Week is over for this year; but the struggle will continue until swords are beaten into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks... and we learn war no more. (Isa. 2:4)

Ospringe Calf club has good showing

by Doris Fines
Hallowe'en night was clear, dark and spooky, a perfect night for ghoulish creatures on the prowl. Green frogs and kangaroos crawled into the house, then likewise vanished into the night.

The pupils enjoyed their Hallowe'en party at the school, with more than the usual number of good costumes. Prizes were given for the best one in each category: best animal costume (Miss Piggy) Paula Newell, fanciest (apple) Richard Goring, best couple (computer and scientist) Tammy Swackhamer and Leigh Courts, traditional (Dracula) Shaun Adams and Tyler Sutherland, scariest (roughneck) Tom Manes, most original (Pac man) Bobby Fletcher, best homemade mask (witch's face) Jennie Sutherland, funniest (hobo lady and clown) Keri Armstrong and Laura Stewart. A number of Jack-o-lanterns adorned the gym, and Jason Wereschuck was awarded the prize for the best one.

The members of the Erin Calf Club made a good showing with their calves at the 4-H beef show in Kitchener on Saturday. Mike Jessop placed second and Doug Root placed third in the 1100 to 1150 pound class. Erin had 10 calves in the show and they all placed well, which was very good considering it was the first year in 4-H for half of the members. The sale was in the afternoon, when about 70 calves were sold, but it was disappointing to note the price was down 15 cents a pound from last year. However it was a good experience for the boys and girls, and they all enjoyed it.

Police beat

A break-in Thursday night at Canadian Style Doughnuts on Mill St. resulted in the theft of \$150 cash. The thieves gained entry by forcing a front door which resulted in about \$15 damage.

A ladies' dance class at the Acton Band Hall on Wallace St. was interrupted Thursday night when two windows were shattered by shots fired from a pellet gun. The windows were valued at \$40.

A 15-year-old Acton girl reported being slapped across the face by a 19-year-old Acton male Thursday night. The incident occurred on Main St. S. and resulted from a verbal argument between the two.

A 14-year-old Acton girl was doing warm-ups in a drama room at Acton High School Thursday morning when she was assaulted by a 15-year-old Acton girl. The victim was slapped and punched in the face, suffering bruising.

An Aurora man has been charged with a liquor offence after he was found driving with an open bottle of liquor in his vehicle.

Police have reported an incident of willful damage to a Church St. residence, \$25 damage was sustained. The front window of the home was broken, and it's not known what broke the window.

Two steel pipes found nearby are suspected to have been used to vandalize two vehicles at the International Peace Camp on Lot 3, Con. 1, Town Line, sometime between October 16 and November 1.

Police say the total damage was about \$3,250. One of the vehicles had its headlights and side view mirrors smashed and extensive body damage. A tractor had four windows smashed.

Both vehicles are owned by the Peace Camp.

A 29-year-old Chatham man was arrested at Toth Motors and charged with possession of stolen property. Police say the man stopped for gas Tuesday, about 4:40 p.m., and was observed by police to be driving a car stolen from the Windsor area.

A 25-year-old man was charged with consuming liquor in other than a licensed premises when stopped by police Thursday evening on Mill St.

A 17-year-old Guelph male has been charged with three counts of fraud in connection with the passing of bad cheques. Almost \$160 in bad cheques were passed at three Acton businesses between August 16 and September 17.

A dispute between two brothers at a RR 1 Georgetown home on Saturday night resulted in a charge of common assault being laid against a 29-year-old man. The man hit his 23-year-old brother when police arrived in response to the call.

A 36-year-old of no fixed address was charged with public mischief after falsely identifying himself to police when stopped in Acton Sunday at about 1:45 a.m. He was also arrested on outstanding warrants.

A 20-year-old Acton man suffered a bloody nose and two black eyes after being assaulted by another man in Canadian Style Doughnuts on Mill St. Sunday at about 1:40 a.m. The dispute was a carryover from a disturbance in the Sit'n Bull Pub earlier Saturday night. The victim was treated and released from Georgetown hospital.

A 17-year-old Acton male was assaulted while at the rear of the Acton arena Friday night. He suffered a cut nose and his left eye was swollen shut after the assault. According to police reports, the victim had been making a nuisance of himself by interfering with spectators at a hockey game when he was removed by an arena employee. The police investigation is continuing.

Rocks were thrown through four windows at Robert Little school sometime between October 28-30. About \$250 damage was done.

Fewer dogs reclaimed

During September 50 dogs were impounded, with 37 of them being destroyed, eight being reclaimed and five finding new homes.

In the same month last year 40 dogs were impounded but 16 were reclaimed, 22 destroyed and two placed in new homes.

The trend toward fewer dogs being reclaimed has been consistent throughout this year.

Animal Control Officer, Joe Kirley, reports a total of 329 calls answered in September compared to 312 the previous September.

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