

Editorial Page

Impressive Growth

Perhaps it comes as no shock to those in closer touch with municipal statistics but the fact that Halton's population had climbed to 106,017 surprised us.

It was not too many years ago when the population was well below half that number and the speed with which one of the province's smallest counties has been developing is a little dizzying.

In fact in the 1951 census, less than a decade ago, the population of Halton was totalled at 44,003 and that was quite a jump up over the 1941 census that showed a total Halton population of 28,515.

Probably the most localized application to illustrate the sudden growth that historians will call a "boom" is to look at our own municipality.

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Meeting Place of Nations

October 24 marks the 14th anniversary of the United Nations, an organization born and maintained of necessity in a world where it is becoming more and more apparent that the conference table must be the meeting place of nations rather than the battlefield.

Canada has taken an active part in the General Assembly of the United Nations since the signing of the charter in San Francisco. The 14 years have not been entirely smooth, nor has the world been without its wars since the organization was formed but there have been no global conflicts to match either of the great wars. It is perhaps an indication that while we're talking we're not fighting.

Within two years of the end of World War II, however, it was apparent that the U.S.S.R. would not permit the functioning of the U.N. Security Council; at the same time the Soviet maintained armed forces throughout Europe, blocked Western attempts to reach a peace settlement there and used Communist parties in other countries to sabotage

Then, too, if you care to take the population of the three north Halton urban centres you find more evidence of growth. In 1901 the population of Acton, Georgetown and Milton was 4,169. By 1951 it had grown to over double that at 8,783. Compare that 50 year period then with the current period of less than 10 years and you find the population up two and a half times to 18,000.

Georgetown's increase in population has been comparable to those communities in the south of the county. It had a similar doubling of population in the first 50 years of this century but it has tripled in size between 1951 and 1959.

The growth of the county's population is supported by growth in each of the county municipalities. On the surface the increase in population from 44,003 in 1951 to 106,017 in 1959 seems phenomenal and yet it has been the growth in each of the municipalities that has contributed to the impressive total.

Progress of the United Nations appears slow to us in our time, yet its success is not to be judged by us but more probably by those who will write the history of our times. A visit to the buildings that house the permanent headquarters in New York is, in itself, impressive. Though meetings of the United Nations bodies may be held anywhere in the world, the Headquarters built expressly for the U.N. contains meeting rooms for the General Assembly, Councils, Committees and Commissions.

While the going is often rough at the U.N., its continuance does give heart for peace in a chaotic world where a growing realization of the ultimate destruction of war, may find a more constructive outlet at the conference table.

A Right or Privilege

Should university education be free? Should the milkman's son have the same opportunity to enjoy the benefits of college as the son of the Stockbroker?

"Yes", is the opinion of many Canadians, though not too many have said it aloud. But now it is being said more strongly, by more people. The latest voice is a big one, The Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation, which represents 307,000 parents across the nation. The 1959 Annual Meeting of the Federation resolved to promote public acceptance of the idea of free university tuition for all academically qualified children of Canadian residents.

The Federation urges that university education should be free but not that it should be universal. Admission to college must be controlled. The question, "Who should go to college, and for what purpose?" is asked in an article by Margaret Cowan, in the October issue of "Canadian Home and School" magazine. Here are some of the points made:

The greatest untapped resource in Canada is rural youth. We take great pride in the vastness of our resources and our high standard of living, yet we are failing miserably in the development of the richest resource we have (our Youth). We are spending millions educating our children through the secondary school level, but most of those who have the desire and ability to go to university are prevented by lack of finances. We bring them up so far but for some reason seem to be unwilling to help them to the top.

The rate of failures in first and second year university is unnecessarily high and we cannot afford the luxury of keeping university places for young people who are there just for the ride. Students whose intelligence and aptitude combined show no possibility of successful completion of the course in thirteen of our college-age youth is

going to university at present, and many who are going are not fitted for it. Many students are sent to college by their parents merely for social or matrimonial reasons. Universities should be so crowded by the able and willing that there should be no room for the unable or the unwilling. There should be more young people in college with brains, and fewer with bucks!

The universities want the young people with talent and those with ambition; those with analytical power and those with staying power; those who will think and those who will study. Of course, the identification of those "wanted" types is not always easy. Students cannot be selected by a mechanical rating of intelligence and in disregard of other factors of character and achievement. Brilliance in intellect is not always accompanied by character, moral fibre or stability. Many average students who work hard get more out of college, and more out of later life, than more gifted conferees.

Many men have achieved greatness without a university education; many more will follow. But today, as we watch the awesome advance of science, with its potential both for mass betterment and mass destruction of mankind, we realize that, perhaps more than ever before, the future of our country depends on knowledge, it depends primarily on the men and women with those qualities of mind and character that can only be produced in sufficient number by the universities.

We have the raw material for great leaders and great thinkers in tomorrow's complex world. But until higher education is available to all those who have the desire and the ability to go through university, without reference to their financial standing, we are wasting much of our country's greatest resource and throwing away potential strength that we need to hold and develop our place in the future.



Photo by Walter Taylor

"Set in Gold"

Sugar and Spice ...

BY BILL SMILEY

What a difference a few weeks can make in this country! It is no wonder that Canadians carry on a deep, lingering, tongue-tied love affair with their native land. And they do believe me, they do, though you'd never know it by casual observation. They may sally to Florida and Mexico and Europe, but most of them would be sad beyond endurance if they were banished forever from Canada.

About six weeks ago, we drove out to visit friends at their cottage. It was the lush, bosomy end of summer, and the evening air was tropical. We slowed to cross the bridge, and the ever-present, ever-intent anglers peered with fury at the black tilt river, and the birds chattered.

Along the beach, golden girls walked, and brown youths swam, and fat ladies slumped in deck chairs, and cars poked around and dogs ran, and people waved and water lapped and motors roared.

When we arrived, our friends, about a dozen of them, sat and lay under a vast, sagging parasol, drinking chilled suds and eating ill pickles and stuff. Children, from toddlers to juvenile delinquents, prowled and begged bites and squabbled and demanded one last swim, and laughed and cried and wet their diapers and bothered their nuns.

Out over the lake the sun, almost gone, had a last mad fling with color, slashing it across the sky with the ferocity of a Van Gogh. And the water, darkening its blue, looked up longingly, and the sun disdainfully flung across it a few scarlet and gold streamers.

And we lounged and sipped and munched, in shorts and bare feet, in jeans and swim suits, shirtless and wordless, too lazy and content to get up and go in, even when the sun took a deep breath and went down like a bomb, away out at the end of the water.

Like good Canadians we accepted of the splendour of the evening with decent restraint. Nobody sang a sonnet to the setting sun. Nobody was impelled to dance a jig, to dying summer. It was admitted, upon the urging of one or two of the more flamboyant members of the group, that it sure was a swell night, before we gathered our kids and went home.

Just the other night, we went back to the same beach for dinner with some friends at their cottage. The air was fairly cooling and the harbor fell gold. When we reached the little bridge, there were no fishermen, but we stopped to look at the late light on the little black river. And high, away up, went over

a wavery V of green, a lovely sight.

Along the beach, there was no sign of life in any direction. Just stately water around green-clumped islands, silver sand and black-and-blue sky. Cottages all boarded up and blank-faced. It was lonely and bleak and beautiful.

When we came to the cottage, away down the shore, and saw the cars and the yellow lights shining, it was a good feeling. And inside, there was a great, glowing fire, a warm welcome, familiar faces, and the good rich smells of roast and turkey and perfume.

And again, like decent Canadians, nobody made any crude remarks about what a beautiful evening it was, how lucky we were to live in such a country, or anything eratic like that. We just stuffed ourselves with food and drink, not necessarily in that order and went home.

Maybe we all had too much Bliss Carnian, Wilhelm Wilfred Campbell and Archibald Lampman, as school children. Maybe we're just underdramatists. But surely there is no nation on the face of the earth that loves its country so much, and sings about it so little.

That's why I'm going to sing out once in a while, however cracked the voice or corny the tune or bored the audience. Maybe I can incite enough people to form at least a quartette.

THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, P.A.C.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25th, 1959
9:45 a.m. - Church School
10:00 a.m. - Bible Class (13 - 25 years)
11:00 a.m. - Fall Women's Service
Address by Mr. R. R. Parker, Mile choir
Just a congregation stage 3:57
Guests during sermon. Pre-nuptial services children cared for at the manse during service.

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN
THE MARTYR ANGLICAN
Rector: The Rev. H. B. Stokreef, L. Th. STB
185 Jeffrey St., phone 263
The Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25th, 1959
8:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m. - Family Eucharist and Church School
11:00 a.m. - Matins
7:00 p.m. - Confirmation. The Lord Bishop of Niagara His Chaplain, the Rev. D. West, B.A., STB, the Rev. H. Thomas, B.A., STB
MIDWINTER CELEBRATION
Wednesday 28 October 1959. Feast of St. Simon and Jude 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Thursday Oct. 29, 1959. 7:15 p.m. - Congregational Dinner. Meeting in the parish hall. The attendance of all is of the utmost importance.
All Are Welcome

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Rev. Numa, P.A. RD. Minister
301 Queen St. Box 46 Phone 688
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25th, 1959
10:00 a.m. - English
2:30 p.m. - Dutch
"The Church of the Back to God Hour"

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Acton, Ontario
Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., B.D., Minister
Mr. George Elliott Organist and Choir Master
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25th, 1959
9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. - Sunday school for all ages
11:15 a.m. - Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. - Evening Worship in Knox Presbyterian church. See adv. for places of worship.

ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
P.A.C.
33 Churchill Road
Rev. Kenneth J. Reid, Pastor
75 Cook St., phone 649-W
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25th, 1959
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
7:30 p.m. - Evangelistic
Rev. George Bull, missionary in British Columbia, will be speaking at both services.
Special services nightly except Monday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. You Are Always Welcome.

BAPTIST CHURCH
ACTON
Rev. Gordon M. Holmes, B.A., B.Th.
113 Bower Avenue
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25th, 1959
Standards Time
9:45 a.m. - Bible School
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. - Evening Worship
7:00 p.m. - Errors in the Bible - Social music
Wednesday 8 p.m. - Prayer, Bible Study, Fellowship
All Are Welcome

Tipson on Touring

By Carol Lane
Women's Travel Authority

Unusual car noises are signals that something is wrong. If you don't know how to interpret them, stop or prevent trouble by getting proper servicing. Here are some sounds and what they may indicate:

Ticking sound, when the engine is running, could mean broken or loose spark plugs. A snapping noise? Check for a cracked distributor head or spark plug insulator, or loose distributor wire.

Loose Fan Belt
A squeak when you rev up the engine may mean a loose fan belt and may lead to overheating. Burt churning under the hood means the power steering pump needs lubricating.

Do you get an explosive noise from the muffler? It means either an exhaust valve is not seating properly or the muffler is incurably tired.

A steady hum from the rear axle may mean the pinion and drive gear are not adjusted correctly.

Brake Chatter
Chattering brakes? Loose worn wheel bearings, spring bolts, or shackles.

Tires squeal? Treads unevenly worn, maybe front wheel alignment needed or tires low on air.

Next time you drive, be a good listener. It could save you a lot of trouble and money.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Back in 1909 Back in 1939

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, October 21, 1909.

Erasmus council has received a petition for submission of a Local Option By-law signed by 40 per cent of the voters of the township. This is a splendid beginning and the workers are confident of success.

In order to give the members of the Board of Education an opportunity of spending a social evening with Mr. Henry Grindell prior to his leaving for Fort William, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Moore entertained the members at Moorecroft last Friday evening. Principal Stewart and Mr. J. S. Coleman, ex-chairman of the board, were also present. A very pleasant evening was spent, concluding with words of very fervent testimony by Mr. Grindell's interest in school matters and value as a member of the board.

Acton Lodge 100 F is preparing for a special event next Tuesday. The degree team from the Guelph lodges will give a demonstration of the degrees of the Order. The lodges of Milton, Georgetown, Erin and other points have been invited to be present.

The Thanksgiving tea and entertainment given under the auspices of Knox Church Ladies Aid on Monday evening was an enjoyable and fitting climax to the events of the national Thanksgiving Day. There were several selections from the Temple male quartette of Toronto. Miss Laura Gray was accompanied. Interesting addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Antill of the Methodist church and Rev. H. F. Kelleman of St. Alban's church. The pastor, Rev. J. C. Wilson, presided.

The bowling club is having the green resanded where worn and put into good shape generally in order to have the lawn in perfect condition for the tournament of the Central Bowling Association to be held here next summer.

Public schools have been closed in Milton until further notice following the outbreak of diphtheria. The Board of Health are insisting that quarantine regulations are obeyed. A father was fined \$5 and costs in court yesterday for allowing the placard on his house to be torn down.

They tell us 40 years ago there were 19 hotels on the seventh line between Ballinac and Oakville. Now there are none and not likely to be since the Stewarttown hotel will in all probability not be rebuilt.

The annual autumn bazaar of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter 10, D.E. was held in the Y.M.C.A. on Friday. Mrs. E. Barr, the regent, and Mrs. R. H. Elliott, vice-regent, received the guests. The fancy work table was covered by Mrs. Peter Smith and Mrs. Wm. Johnson. Mrs. M. Schroeder had charge of the tea tables. The lifted chenille bedspread was won by Mrs. C. B. Harrison of Toronto.

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, October 24, 1939.

The annual business meeting and election of officers of the Acton Citizens' Band was held last night at the band hall in the arena. Beginning the year with a deficit of \$70, they operated during the year after wiping out the old deficit and ended this year with a deficit of \$50. Officers elected were: honorary president, Mr. W. F. Moore; president, Mr. G. H. Brown; vice-president, Mr. S. Simpson; first vice-president, Mr. E. Wheelan; second vice-president, Mr. H. Taylor; secretary, Mr. Norman Brandt; treasurer, Mr. F. Turner Jr.; librarian, Mr. H. Patrick; property custodian, Mr. G. M. Smith.

A rousing sing along led by Greenville Masles opened the regular meeting of the United Church Young People's Society. A sketch was presented by Ethel Franklin, Mrs. John Pell, Mabel Harris, Frances Hilt and Mrs. J. D. Adamson. Audrey MacArthur sang a delightful solo.

Friends and relatives from the immediate district and a wide circle beyond gathered in Acton last Friday afternoon to pay tribute to the late R. J. Kerr. Funeral services were in charge of his pastor, Rev. G. C. Gifford and Rev. I. M. Moyer of Grimby also spoke. Interment was in Fairview cemetery.

Friday, November 24, was set as nomination night by the council meeting on Monday evening. The election if necessary will be held Monday, December 4. Deputy returning officers will be George Chapman and Len Atkinson.

During Fire Prevention Week, Fire Chief H. M. Macdonald offered cash prizes to pupils at Acton schools for the best essays on fire prevention. Winners were Lou Fryer, Evelyn Brandt, Kathleen Mitchell, Margaret Somerville and Betty Burkholder.

First Acton Boy Scout Troop and the Wolf Cub Pack will hold their annual Apple Day in Acton on Saturday.

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