

Editorial Page

A Sensible Celebration

The eerie sounds, the black cats, the broom-riding witches, the shrouded ghosts, the jack-o-lanterns, and frightening masks will be making their appearance on Saturday night this year as Halloween makes its appearance.

"Trick or treat" has been a long used cry as youngsters pass from house to house gathering their treats.

Halloween can be a lot of fun for children as they frighten friends and enjoy the

erie atmosphere that always seems to pervade on the annual event.

It is hoped the guards won't have anything to do and that those who fear the town and country won't attempt an orgy of destruction and vandalism as has been evidenced in some years not too long ago.

Destruction of street signs and other public or private property doesn't come under "having fun" on Halloween. Let's keep it a sane and sensible event.

The Over Forties

"Yes, we know you have the experience, and we would like to give you the job, but it is your age. You are too old..."

This, or something like it, is becoming familiar to those over forty who have the misfortune to lose their job and have to go seeking another. A number have recently written letters to editors of newspapers describing their disheartening experiences.

Labor Minister Starr is canvassing 20,000 employers to find out their policies on hiring workers over forty.

The Unemployment Insurance Commission has long been watching this trend against over-forties and has recently published an admirable booklet on the older worker problem entitled "How Old is Old?" All of which is admirable, but it is hardly

possible that, failing sterner measures, there will be any improvement in spite of all the evidence and it is abundant older workers usually have superior skill, wisdom, experience and loyalty.

Often it is company pension funds with arbitrary age limits and rigid terms that are responsible for experienced men being turned down. There is a fruitful field here for tax relief legislation, for the purpose of pensions is to promote security, not to reduce it.

Unions have done admirable work in this field, but their frequently too-rigid wage scales often prevent employers from adopting a more compassionate stand on this matter. Employers must not bear the sole burden for what is, after all, a complex social problem.

New Words

Even Noah Webster might be bugged* today if he ran across a traxle. . . . And what could he possibly say to a hoopster?

Americans seem to manufacture words like these for every gadget or social trend they produce. For the benefit of the man or woman who doesn't read dictionaries, the World Book Encyclopedia has compiled a list of the words and phrases that entered our language in 1958.

"Traxle," for example, is an automobile design in which the transmission is in the rear instead of against the engine.

"Hoopster" is a person, usually a child or his weight-worried mother, who uses a hula hoop.

Economists have brought clarity and imagination to the mysterious workings of supply and demand with the phrase "bottoming out," which means reaching the lowest point in a recession.

The hotel has graduated from motel to "boalel" that's a motel built over the water,

where people can moor their boats during the night.

If you have a heavy foot on the gas pedal, you obviously suffer from "roadmania". And if you wheel your groceries out to the car and forget to return the cart to the store, you're guilty of "cartnapping".

Science has introduced the word "menapocorpe", meaning a million dead persons, such as could result from nuclear warfare.

An example of making a silk purse out of sow's ear is "informational site". That's the area at the side of the road where a billboard extols "Mother Mahoney's Pickled Preserves" or welcomes you to town with "Warning: Speed Controlled by Radar."

The height of simplicity is "pinch effect". That's the contraction that results from the magnetic interaction set up by a parallel flow of currents in plasma (highly ionized gas).

*Bug v.t., to annoy or confuse; coined by the "Beat Generation."

Freedom of Choice

Back in the early years of this century Canada had a number of carriage factories. There was a good demand for their products. Farmers wanted buggies and democrats. City and town people bought many types of rigs for use and display. There was no annual unveiling of next year's models, but the manufacturers competed with each other in style and price. Each one tried to put a little extra value into his products to win the preference of the ultimate consumers.

The industry, as a whole, was prosperous for many years. Then came the threat of the automobile. Some manufacturers of carriages discounted the threat, looking on the new-fangled invention as a fad of probably short life. Others gradually switched their production facilities to the making of horseless carriages. In time those of the first class went out of business altogether, leaving the field of private transportation to their more far-sighted competitors; but not all of the second class were successful. Many automobile companies in both Canada and the United States had only brief spans of life and are now almost forgotten.

It is worth remembering that the passing of the carriage industry, which undoubtedly

brought temporary hardship to many people, was allowed to proceed without government interference. Those who lost their jobs, having no unemployment insurance to fall back on, found other work more or less quickly. If they had any regrets, they probably did not waste their time in blaming the public or the government for their plight. They recognized that the public had freedom of choice and had chosen to prefer the automobile to the horse and buggy. If they thought deeply about the matter, they might realize that they themselves had exercised freedom of choice in taking work in the carriage industry rather than in some other trade.

If a comparable situation came to pass today, it is questionable whether those affected by it would get to work to solve their own problems without government aid. This is not because the present generation is really less self-reliant than its ancestors, but because successive groups of politicians have indoctrinated the people with the idea that they should turn to Ottawa whenever hard luck strikes. Those who choose to show self-reliance tend to be regarded as eccentric, if not anti-social. The Printer Word



—Photo by Esther Taylor

"Witching Hour"

Sugar and Spice . . .

BY BILL SMILEY

If there is one thing on which Canadians pride themselves, it is their lack of racial prejudice, their "tolerance". Perhaps that is why the Toronto papers, with a fair show of indignation, gave a big play to the recent rejection of a Negro girl by a university girls' society.

Beating their drums and their breasts with equal fervor, the Toronto dailies turned loose reporters on every aspect of the story, dogged in sociologists and anthropologists to write articles, and created a fine fury. For about three days

they, regardless of his religion or the color of his skin, as if it just isn't so. If my name is Klein, I've got to be twice as smart as Melanin, to get as far. If my skin is black, I've got to be an Oscar Peterson to get out of the Pullman porter economic bracket. And even if I'm pure white and Protestant and my grandfather came to Canada 80 years ago, if my name's Polanski or Spachnick, I'm on the outside looking in.

Ask the Negro from Michigan or Ohio what happened when he made a reservation at an Ontario tourist resort. He arrived, and was black, had black children, and the proprietor told him, with the utmost respect, that he must have got the reservations mixed up, and he didn't have a thing left, but if he went on a party, he'd be sure to find some thing new. It happens every summer.

These are just examples, not far-fetched. It's funny when you think of it, when you remember where the ancestors of us Anglo-Saxons, white, Christian, prejudiced Canadians came from. I fancy there were more shanties, crud and slams in the background than there were minor houses.

How did we get this way? The Irish aren't prejudiced. Except against Catholics or Protestants, as the case may be. The Scotch aren't prejudiced. Except against the English. And the English? Certainly aren't prejudiced against anybody. Except the Yanks.

Now, you'll notice I haven't

said Canadians are intolerant. Prejudiced, yes, but not intolerant. Intolerant means "put up with". We put up with the nigger and kikes, the wops, and hunkies, the chinks and frogs. We don't accept them.

The sooner that word "tolerance" is kicked out of the racial-problem paragon, and replaced by the word "acceptance", the better. Who elected us, or anybody else, to "tolerate" other human beings? The arrogance of it!

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In the service clubs and the Canadian Legion, there are no color, religious or racial bars. There has been a heavy influx of new people from Europe to break down the old and artificial prejudices.

But most important, the prejudices of Canadians are only skin-deep. They are not based on a century of fear and mistrust and violence, as are the feelings of whites in the southern states, and Africa. They are based solely on ignorance.

There is a basic decency in the Canadian people, a casual readiness to accept a man for what he is and what he can do. Given a chance, this will break through the thin crust of prejudice that we have inherited or developed, and we'll make the land what it must be: a country where human beings are accepted, not "tolerated" regardless of color or creed.

Tips on Touring

By Carol Lane Women's Travel Authority

Does your exhaust pipe send out smoke saguily when you drive? If so, you waste gasoline, burn up oil, and may be, in some cases, by violating the law by emitting the air.

Automotive experts say smoke signals can have these meanings: Black exhaust probably indicates a faulty carburetor or a faulty cylinder; grey, white, or light-colored exhaust may indicate a faulty fuel system or a faulty piston rings and valves; or a black, sooty exhaust may indicate a faulty piston rings and valves. Some of these problems are caused by dirty, worn surfaces. Washed, cleaned, or oiled surfaces are washed clean and become, related to the engine.

When your exhaust usually emits a black, sooty color, it may be entering the combustion chamber of the engine. This is caused by worn piston rings and valves which do not seal properly. Some of the best ways to check for a faulty piston ring and valve seal are: 1. Check for oil consumption. 2. Check for a drop in engine power. 3. Check for a drop in gas mileage. 4. Check for a drop in engine temperature. 5. Check for a drop in engine speed. 6. Check for a drop in engine torque. 7. Check for a drop in engine compression. 8. Check for a drop in engine timing. 9. Check for a drop in engine synchronization. 10. Check for a drop in engine valve clearance.

THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Rev. Andrew W. McKinnon, B.A., B.D.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1st, 1959
9:45 a.m. Church School
10:00 a.m. Bible Class (15-25 Years)
11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. 11:45 A.M. Holy Eucharist (Eucharist) (M.S.W. at 11:45)
12:30 p.m. Holy Communion (M.S.W. at 12:30)
7:30 p.m. Church Social (M.S.W. at 7:30)
9:30 p.m. Church Social (M.S.W. at 9:30)

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN
THE MARTYR
ANGELICAN
Rev. The Rev. H. B. Stokief, L.Th., S.T.B.
135 J. H. Bay St., phone 263

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Trinity
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1st, 1959
All Services Day After Tomorrow
8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Church School
11:00 a.m. Church Eucharist and Holy Communion of the newly confirmed. Address: Mr. J. J. Dillon, B.A., 1144-4th St., Acton.
All Are Welcome

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
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301 Queen St. E., Box 46, Phone 684
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1st, 1959
10:00 a.m. English
1:30 p.m. Dutch
The Church of the Back to God Hour
All Are Welcome

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Acton, Ontario
Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., B.D., Minister
Mr. George Elliott, Organist and Choir Master

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1st, 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, Acton.

ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNAACLE
33 Church St. Bldg.
P.A.O.C.
Rev. Kenneth J. Reed, Pastor
75 Church St., phone 69-W

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1st, 1959
9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
7:30 p.m. Evangelistic
Tea & Church Prayer and Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Church Social
9:30 p.m. Church Social
Y. A. Are Always Welcome

BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON
Pastor
Rev. Gordon M. Holmes, B.A., B.Th.
115 Beaver Avenue

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1st, 1959
9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Communion Service
7:00 p.m. Laymen's Service See Bulletin
All Are Welcome

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Back in 1939

Taken from the home of the Free Press, Thursday, November 2, 1939.

Sunday last was a memorable day in the history of Acton United church when the 15th anniversary of the present church, and the 94th of the old church, was observed. The choir was under the leadership of Mr. Bert Mason and Miss Fern Brown presided at the organ. Mrs. Win Maxwell of Guelph and Mr. Norman Gibson contributed a very appropriate dox. The pastor, Rev. G. Clifton Gilford, delivered the address.

Annual departmental Middle School written examinations will be discontinued in Ontario, the Minister of Education announced last Friday. Conferences will be based on the recommendation of principals and teachers of secondary schools. The action has been taken with the concurrence of the universities.

While all was reported quiet on the western war front on Tuesday night, Halloween wasn't overlooked in this section and all wasn't quiet.

As little Michael Kurbowicz, a seven year old lad who just arrived in Acton two months ago from Poland, was playing on Mill St. last evening he was struck by a motor car driven by a Waterloo man. He sustained a fracture of the right leg just above the knee and a compound fracture of the collar bone and was badly lacerated. The lad apparently didn't see the car approaching as he hurried to cross the street in its path. He was thrown clear of the machine and rolled on the roadway.

Acton council met on Monday evening as a court of revision with councillor W. J. Beatty and E. Jones present and Rev. F. Mc-Cutcheon presiding. Councillor A. Mason attended later. There were 64 appeals and changes to be heard.

Ghosts walked out with their heads and with their brains and hearts on wheels last had a heavy evening on Monday. Heavily raining. The fog coming out of the south, some targets for the afternoon were destroyed by the rain. Many articles were removed from their shelves and placed in other spots that the pranksters left were more appropriate.

Taken as a whole however, not a good deal of damage was done. Chief Lockyer kept a watchful eye on anyone bent on mischief.

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Back in 1909

Taken from the home of the Free Press, Thursday, November 4, 1909.

Never in Acton's history has so representative a petition been presented to the council for any purpose as that which was brought before the members Monday evening by the Citizens' Committee, praying that a by-law be submitted for the closing of the liquor bars in the municipality. It contains the names of 178 bona fide electors. This is 37 per cent. of all the names on the voters' list.

Rev. N. S. McKechnie, B.A., of McMaster University has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church and will preach his first sermons next Sunday. He is a graduate in Arts of McMaster University and will graduate in Theology in the spring.

One of Boardman's teamsters had a spill at the corner of Church and Elgin Streets shortly before noon on Tuesday. A front axle broke and the wheel came off, by which several barrels of oak bark extract were capped off the load. The head came out of unharmed but most of the extract was lost.

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