

Editorial Page

Can You Afford to Miss?

Can you honestly afford to miss the nomination meeting for Acton officials being held tonight in the Robert Little School Auditorium?

We feel most citizens can't. Most find taxes and their payment difficult enough that they should be interested in how those funds are spent and the capability of those who administer them.

Tax paying time is hardly the time to register the dissatisfactions that grows. Neither is the street corner the place to seek the answers. Nomination meetings in Acton in past years have indicated the interest citizens have in the affairs of the community. Attendance has been large although in terms of those eligible the percentage attending is small.

Nomination meeting is truly a citizens' night too because the present officials attend prepared to report on their stewardship of the affairs of the town, the public utilities commission and the public school board. Here is the opportunity to ask questions and

seek answers. It is a place for intelligent discussion and an opportunity to see in person any who may seek municipal office for the first time.

Briefly any resident of Acton who occupied property assessed at \$500 and on which the taxes are paid may qualify for election. His nomination must be made between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. on forms provided during the meeting tonight and filed with the clerk. If he is not present at the meeting the nomination will be accepted only if he has indicated his willingness to allow nomination, in writing. A person nominated for more than one position must indicate which position he will stand for before 9 p.m. or he will be understood to have chosen the position to which he was first nominated. Those who plan to seek election have until 9 p.m. the following night to complete their qualification papers.

Don't pass up tonight's nomination meeting unless you can afford to pay your taxes without question.

They Need Your Help

For many centuries there has existed the mistaken idea that the retarded child cannot be trained. Truth of the matter is, they CAN be trained, they ARE being trained and they will continue to be trained, dependant on the support of the public in their cause.

It has only been since the end of the war, that an interest has been taken in these children. Small but hopeful bands of parents get together and decided to do something about their retarded children and through their faith and determination, schools were started and the mentally handicapped child is now being recognized by a society that once shunned him.

It happened locally, when in 1955 a group of Milton parents gathered to discuss a school for their children, who were unable to attend classes in public schools. They started their work with three pupils, a teacher, and only a handful of adult backers. Today they have 10 pupils, enlarged quarters, a teacher and a principal, and over 100 members of the association. Their pupils include five from Milton, three from Acton, one from

Esquering and one from Trafalgar... and there is the possibility that in the near future five more pupils from the district will be enrolled for classes.

Next step up their ladder of achievement is a new school where the pupils may be instructed in the proper surroundings and with the proper equipment.

The Milton and District Association for Retarded Children has declared November 15 to 26 as Retarded Children's Week in North Halton, to coincide with the National observance. During this week, an effort is being made to acquaint district residents with the work of the association. The public information campaign will be followed with a fund-raising campaign, which has two goals: to offset a nearly \$700 deficit on the 1960 budget of operations; and to start a \$10-15,000 sinking fund for the building campaign next year.

Give generously when the visitor calls at your home. Remember, retarded children need more help!

A Study Group

Municipal affairs have grown more complex as the field of services has grown and expanded. It is becoming increasingly difficult for men with full time jobs to take on what is in effect a part-time job of municipal or community service.

A breath of fresh air was blown over the picture in about 1954 though when the three towns of Acton, Milton and Georgetown decided to wipe out animosities and sit down regularly to consider problems that were mutual and on which each might offer guidance to the others. Thus was the North Halton Urban Board formed.

During the intervening five years the board, unofficial as it is, has weathered storms, co-operatively considered such subjects as full time engineers, extended telephone service, industrial promotion, natural gas contracts, fire fighting areas, dog control and a host of other subjects that affected the three municipalities.

Lacking any legislation that would provide for establishing such a board, the

group is entirely unofficial. It has no power except that of reference of subjects back to the individual councils for their considered action. Still it has accomplished a surprising amount.

On Saturday evening the three councils, their wives and municipal officials held an annual dinner that strengthened the fellowship and co-operative spirit of the North Halton Urban Board. If it came to drawing battle lines on individual community problems we have no doubt each member would defend his municipality's position but this is commonly understood and accepted.

Several speakers spoke for the continuation of the North Halton Urban Board recommending it to future councils. This we can endorse if it continues on its informal basis because in this it becomes, to our mind, a study group on municipal affairs. In these days of complex municipal problems nothing is more important to local officials than the study group referred to as the North Halton Urban Board.

Inhumanity to Man

There is perhaps no greater inhumanity to man than that practised by itinerant contractors who prey on elderly people for chimney repairs or some other household repair work.

A Hamilton paper just last week recounted the trial of two men who billed an 80-year-old man \$965 then cut the price to \$865 cash for "very poor" home repairs worth not more than \$100.

It seems the contractor had offered to repair the elderly man's sidewalk for \$19 and because this price was reasonable was asked to make some minor repairs in the basement.

The work was all done in a day and when the bill was presented for \$965, the

owner paid because he thought he had to.

Now the sidewalk is falling apart and reputable cement contractors testified the work was "very poor" and inferior.

The elderly man's money was recovered and the two "repair men" are awaiting sentence but there must be a moral in the story. Surely it is only reasonable that before itinerant workmen are engaged some sound estimate should be obtained.

Similar situations have happened in this town where it was never dreamed possible which should alert most to the problems of not knowing the workmen you engage.

Time may wear it thin but if you don't know the goods, know the workman.



—Photo by Esther Taylor

"November Dusk"

Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL SMILEY

Do you know that in the U.S., the teen-age population has a buying power of \$80 billion a year? A chap from the States told me that the other day, and I was suitably startled. Or maybe it was \$8 billion a day. It doesn't matter.

I presume the same is true in Canada, proportionately. Let's say there are four million teenagers in Canada. A conservative estimate of their direct spending would be an average of \$2 a week, each. That's \$8 million a week, \$416 million a year.

That is the money spent by their parents on clothes and cars for them, foods and fads for them, schooling and spoiling for them, and they are probably the most expensive and economically influential segment of society ever spawned.

Rather a shocker, isn't it? It was not always thus. Only in the past generation has the age group between 12 and 20 fastened on the body of society with a vampire's tooth, and inhaled with gusto. Never before in history have commerce and culture danced attendance on the maulin mind of the teens.

I'm not complaining, or saying it's all wrong. Ten merely observing. Nor do I blame it on the kids. Start feeding a new pup choice morsels from your table, even though you know it's wrong. Pretty soon he's clawing at your leg if you're not handing it down fast enough. Next thing you know he's a grown dog, is sitting at the table.

with a bib below his jaws, and gets fluster if you give him the half of your steak that has the gristle in it.

This adulation of the adolescent was non-existent when I was one. And don't give me that pop about today's teen-agers being all mixed up and confused. People of that age have always been confused and mixed up. The difference was that we didn't know how to take advantage of it, and we didn't have enough money for anybody to be bothered with us.

That is money that has supplied the motive power for the cult of the teen, which has smothered society, in the past decade, with something that has all the grace, charm and vitality of a well mouthed marshmallow.

It began in the 1940's. When the war-time and post-war boom produced easy money, the like of which honest plugging people had never seen. Parents, delighted and ill at ease with their newfound influence, passed some of it on to their kids. For nothing. Not for working, but just so they could hold up their end with all the other kids whose parents had given them money for the same reason.

It was not long before the sharpies of society smelled a fat new market. Sociologists gave them a hand up by turning the full candlepower of their searchlight on the Youth of Today. The youth responded, as youth always will, by

pushing for a place at the trough.

And thus, in the 1950's, emerged full-blown that phenomena—The Teen-ager—master of all he or she surveys, as capricious as Catherine the Great, as misdirected as a monsoon. One can only look forward to the 1960's with utter foreboding.

Glorification of the teen-ager has had several results, all of them dire. It has unleashed a veritable flood of garbage in the fields of entertainment and publishing. It has convinced even the more sensible of our youth that they are as important as the sycophants say they are.

It has made them believe that they are enjoying the most exciting, the richest years of their lives, which is pure crap. It has played hell with family life, because it has assured them that everyone who is not a teen-ager is either infantile or an imbecile.

Don't ask me for the answers. I just have the questions. The only thing I can suggest is to cut off ruthlessly their finances. Which would bring down about our ears a torrent from the soft drink companies, the drive-in movies, the people who specialize in clothes and shoes for teens, and everybody else who has a finger in that big juicy pie.

Don't think that I am attacking the teen-agers, or that I have a formula for revamping society. It's just that I have a problem. I have a son who is 12. When I was 12 I wanted to be a cowboy. Tarzan-of-the-Apes, a great explorer, or, on dull days, maybe just a millionaire. You know what my kid wants to be? He wants to be a teen-ager. It's very depressing.

THIS SUNDAY'S

CHURCH CALENDAR

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd, 1959
9:45 a.m.—Church School.
10:00 a.m.—Bible Class (15-25 years).

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and Dedication of Bronze Tablet in memory of the late Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson.
Junior congregation (3-7) meets during sermon. Pre-nursery children cared for at the manse during the service.

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN
THE MARTYR
ANGELICAN

Rector: The Rev. H. B. Stokreef, L. Th. S.T.B.
183 Jeffrey St., phone 263

The Sunday Next Before Advent
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd, 1959
8:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
9:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist and Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Matins
All Are Welcome

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Rev. J. Nutma, B.A., B.D., Minister
301 Queen St., Box 46, Phone 698.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd, 1959
10:00 a.m.—English.
12:30 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, NOVEMBER 22nd, 1959
9:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
10:00 a.m.—Sunday school for all ages.

11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship. At both services, children under 5 are cared for in the Nursery.

ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
33 Churchhill Road
P.A.O.C.
Rev. Kenneth Reid, Pastor
75 Cook St., phone 649-W

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd, 1959
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
1:30 p.m.—Evangelistic
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors A service conducted by young people for young people
You Are Always Welcome

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd, 1959
9:45 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Worship, "Our Lord's Call"
7:00 p.m.—"My Responsibility to God"
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer meeting, Bible study, fellowship.
All Are Welcome

Dutch Slides, Lunch Enjoyed by Guests

About 20 members of the Friendly Circle of Acton United Church proved their name when they spent a most friendly and interesting evening as the guests of the Ladies' Aid of the Christian Reformed Church.

President, Mrs. Wierstra welcomed the group. Each visitor was seated beside a member of the Ladies' Aid and language difficulties proved very slight as everyone was soon chatting. The program was all in English, with the newcomers to Canada showing the speed at which they pick up their new tongue.

H. Harenburg and his wife, just recently returned from a trip to visit relatives in Holland, showed colored slides of Holland. They live on highway 7 outside of town. The minister the Rev. J. Nutma, showed slides he took in Alberta and Yellowstone park, including Rocky Mountain House, a small Christian Reformed church at the edge of the Rockies.

Scripture reading from Ruth was given by Mrs. G. Bowman and Mrs. Lefertink gave a reading on Ruth. Mr. Nutma closed the meeting with prayer.

Following sandwiches, homemade Dutch cakes and cookies were served to the special pleasure of the guests.

Heartly thanks of the Friendly Circle members was expressed.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Back in 1939

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, November 21, 1939
Mr. E. T. Theford received word this week from the assistant provincial secretary that he has been appointed clerk and bailiff of the Fourth Division Court of the County of Halton. Mr. Theford succeeds to this post made vacant by the death of the late James R. Bannshaw. Mr. Theford has qualifications and experience that should make him well fitted for this post and render a service to the public in this work.

The regular meeting of the Junior Farmers Club was held in Lorne School on Thursday evening of last week, with the president, Howard Switzer, in the chair. After quite a lengthy business discussion, it was decided to change the name of the club from U.F.V. P.O. to the Junior Farmers. Mr. Ralph McKeown, R.R. No. 8, Erin, was successful in winning the grand prize of a registered Holstein calf, two months old, at the recent final livestock judging held at the O.A.C. Guelph. The contest was sponsored by the Wellington County School Fair Association. Ralph is the son of Mrs. Albert McKeown, Messrs. Gale and Townsend were the donors of the calf.

The ground in the arena and curling rink has been all levelled and made ready for the ice surface. Both sports of hockey and curling are very prominent in Acton in the winter time and it is expected that a large turnout will be on hand when the curling season gets underway this year.

The 30th anniversary of the Baptist church in Acton was fittingly observed in the services of that church on Sunday last. It was a large gathering that participated 90 years ago, as we read in the early history that the congregation was first founded when 10 people met in the home of Samuel Worden on the fifth line to discuss the organization of the Baptist church. The special speaker on the occasion was the Rev. J. C. Williamson of Preston. Both morning and evening services were well attended as well as a special children's service in the afternoon.

A busy and profitable mid-monthly work meeting of the Lakeside Chapter I.O.G.E. was held at the home of Miss Emily Young on Tuesday evening. Judging by the amount of yarn handed out, and piles of finished garments being turned in, the members of the chapter are busily engaged in Red Cross work. Further plans were made for the big Christmas meeting to be held early in December.

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