

# Editorial Page

## Supplementary Confusion

It's not difficult to understand a degree of exasperation on the part of Acton Council at the recommendations of the Department of Highways for improving the "traffic situation" through town.

Admittedly the Department is concerned solely with the movement of the traffic on a main highway artery that happens, now inconveniently, to be down the town's main street.

The exasperating part of the recommendations for the "traffic situation" seem only to require the town to give something... give up parking on the north side of the business section... or give up parking on other sections of the street. The recommendations call for the Department to give nothing but advice. There is indication that they will not give approval for the installation of a stop and go traffic signal at the dangerous Main and Mill street intersection.

Quite seriously it is time the Department of Highways moved its highway away from

the business section of the community. They pay a portion for the maintenance of the centre 22 feet of the road and in return they expect the municipality to eliminate parking on the area which the town fully maintains and to develop (probably at town expense without any thought of grants) more off-street parking areas.

The business section of the town, one of the big tax contributing areas is already hard pressed to keep business in town. The Department's only concern seems to be getting traffic (and automatically buyers) through town, perhaps to some other centre.

If retail merchants ever had legitimate grounds for concern it has with the parking or rather the elimination of parking as recommended by the Department of Highways.

We can understand council's exasperation with the recommendations and can only hope the Department can come up with a supplementary report that contains more sense than the previous two submitted.

## Youth Should Stay in School

Young people have been advised to stay in school as long as possible by Labor Minister Michael Starr in a statement from Ottawa. Mr. Starr urged Canadian youngsters to get as much education and training as they could before going out to work.

The proportion of unskilled and semi-skilled jobs available in Canada is declining, the minister pointed out. The skilled and professional jobs, demanding more schooling, are increasing.

"The semi-skilled and unskilled occupations in Canada represent only 30 per cent of the jobs available," Mr. Starr said. "Almost 70 per cent of the youngsters entering grade two will drop out before getting their junior matriculation."

Students are leaving school without rea-

ching a level of education which would equip them for most jobs beyond the unskilled or semi-skilled categories.

Yet, during the past ten years opportunities in professional occupations had increased by about 70 per cent, skilled occupations by an estimated 35 per cent, white collar occupations by another 35 per cent, while semi-skilled and unskilled occupations showed an increase of only about 20 per cent.

This trend resulting from technological advances would inevitably continue and if the average young Canadian hoped to reap the benefits of a "modern progressive nation" he would have "to face up to the fact" that education was no longer a luxury, but a necessity.

## Symbol of Hope, Opportunity

Hundreds of Easter Seals—the symbol of hope and opportunity provided by the Ontario Society for Crippled Children, were mailed last month to town and district residents by the local Rotary Club.

The 14,191 crippled children in the province, living on farms or in city homes of the remote northern hamlets know that the 1960 Easter Seals bring treatment and training, a possibility of independence and a relief from the physical handicaps that birth, illness or accident have left them.

What happens to the cheque and cash contribution you mail for those Easter Seals? Well, half of it goes to the Ontario Society and half of it remains in trust with the Rotary Club here. The half that stays here helps provide braces, treatment or camp facilities

for the handicapped of the district. The half that goes to the Ontario Society keeps trained nurses in the field, helps areas that may have encountered an unusually expensive case, or organizes clinics.

Your contribution is put to work in the district and in the broader fields of research and help.

More progress in the care and treatment of the crippled child has been made in the past 25 years than during the whole previous history of mankind.

Help keep this vital program in operation until every crippled child in the province has had the opportunity of a happier life and the chance to achieve independence.

Mail that contribution today if you haven't already, won't you?

## Nineteen Centuries Later

(Attributed to Dr. Philip Schaff 1819-1893)

"Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty and then for three years he was an itinerant preacher.

"He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family.

"He never travelled two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He never did one of the things which accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself.

"While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went

through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves.

"His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth while He was dying, and that was His coat. When He was dead He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

"Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone and today He is the centrepiece of the column of progress. I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched and all the navies that were ever built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as has that One Solitary Life."

## Odds and Ends

● The winter has been a severe one and the abundance of snow has placed a taxing load of water on town streets as spring eaks into the snow banks. We hope the paved roads will retain their places and not be heaved out of place as has been the case on a number of highways. There's still a few years of debentures left to pay for on that paving job.

● Far from declining Halton Music Festival experienced terrific growth as evidenced in the festival just completed. More than 7,000 children from Halton County schools participated in the choir, solo and group singing classes. Dr. Leslie Bell was warm in his praise of the standard of music in the Halton schools too.



—Photo by Esther Taylor

## "Running Free"

## Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL SMILEY

A lot of women smell their husband's breath when he comes home after a night out. Not my wife. She just makes me turn out my pockets. Oh, she doesn't make a big fuss. She quietly takes the buttered buns, the bits of cheese, and the slices of meat wrapped in a serviette, throws them in the garbage, and leads me off to bed.

We were at a cold meat supper recently, sponsored by a women's organization. The Old Girl was as nervous as a mother with a kleptomaniac child. She saw the tell-tale glitter in my eyes when I was confronted by those plates piled with sliced meat, those stacks of fresh, home-made bread, and she watched me like a hawk.

Finally, I had to get tricky. "Isn't she a knockout?" I said, pointing at a young lady who was just leaving. No woman can resist looking. While her head was turned, I crammed a slice of bread into my pocket. But she frisked me as soon as we left the hall. I lost my piece of bread and had to settle for a piece of her mind.

On the whole, my wife is tolerant of this aberration of mine. Sometimes she lets me smuggle some olives and celery out of a posh restaurant. But she draws the line when I start secreting hunks of steak or legs of fried chicken that are left. And she's not only humiliated but furious when I ask the waiter for a jar in which to cart off the remains of the chow mein after a big Chinese meal.

Two influences in my life created this habit of garnering any spare food. Since my prison-

er-of-war days, I've always had a deep-rooted fear of going hungry. In those days I discovered that a good, thick crust tucked away about the person was more comforting than thoughts of home, mother or country.

I remember one great financial coup I pulled off there. I started with the excellent, if filthy, shirt which I was wearing and hadn't had off for six weeks. It took me a week, but I traded that for a cheap shirt and pair of gloves, the gloves for cigarettes, the cigarettes for an onion, the onion for a bottle of homemade hooch and the hooch for a Red Cross chocolate bar.

I fondled the chocolate, unwrapped and rewrapped it, smelled it, and made out a schedule whereby I would eat one square a day for eight days. That night, lying in bed thinking lecherously of my bar, I was overcome by lust, snatched it from under the pillow, and gnawed and snarled my way through it, to the accompaniment of piteous protest from my roommates. I was sick shortly and lost the works, to their delight. But I have never been casual about food since those days.

Besides this, I have a feeling, instilled in me as a child, that waste is a sin. There was no waste at our house. Leftover porridge, for example, went into the big pot of soup always simmering, and gave it body and flavor. In the depths of the depression, my mother invented a new kind of hash, a popular dish in those days. She replaced the meat in the hash with skins of baked potatoes, put through the grinder. It looked like real hash, was filling, and with a liberal sloshing of homemade chili sauce, was palatable.

Those were the days when you went to the butcher and asked if he had any bones for the dog. He gave you some good, meaty bones, and you took them home and made soup out of them. Now, of course, you ask the butcher for a soup bone and he gives you some dog bones and charges you for them. That's progress.

You should hear my smart-aleck kids when I tell them things like that. "But that was in the Bad Old Days, Dad. Have another piece of chicken", they taunt.

However, let's get to the point. There must be thousands of people who abhor waste as much as I do. People eating in restaurants consume only about half their meal. The rest goes into the garbage, and then to the pig farmer.

I suggest that when we are eating out, we carry with us a pliable plastic container, with hot and cold compartments. These could be draped over the backs of our chairs, like saddlebags. Ladies could have theirs covered in mink, if they wished. At the end of the meal, everything we had paid for but hadn't eaten, from soup to sherbet, would be dumped into the saddlebags, which would then be strapped on under our coats.

We might slosh and gurgie a bit when we walked, but it would put an end to waste, legalize my social vice, and we'd have a whale of a time going through our garbage when we got home.

## ...Dodging 'Round the District

BY ROY DOWNS

OAKVILLE—Matilda the duck, a Bronte district resident, dropped into the Oakville Journal newspaper offices last week to do a bit of name-dropping in view of the Oakville-Trafalgar merger proposal. The paper's P. W. Thompson interviewed Matilda, then she visited a nearby barberhop for... what else?... a ducktail haircut.

Campaign Over Top  
GEORGETOWN—The new hospital building campaign passed its objective when returns totalled \$250,354, just over the \$250,000 sum needed. The town's three major industries are also expected to contribute shortly... Delrex ratepayers are circulating a petition asking to secede from Georgetown and form a separate municipality. Presentation of the petition to council has been delayed until more than 300 ratepayers have signed.

Name Nursing Director  
BURLINGTON—Miss Marie E. Hudson has been appointed Nursing Director for Burlington's new Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital, and will join the staff this summer. She is presently assistant professor in a London university school of nursing, and is former director of nursing at Hamilton General. The hospital is under construction now and will open early in 1961.

Buildover Breaks Sod  
BRAMPTON—Sod was broken Thursday for the new Mastex Industries Ltd. in the Peel Village Development project. Mayor Carmen Core operated a bulldozer to give the 150-employee plant a start.

Veto County Home Plan  
ORANGEVILLE—Amaranth Township has vetoed the idea of a Dufferin County Home for the Aged and asked for a plebiscite of county ratepayers. Reeve Albert Ryan said the county is not in a financial position to pay for the home, and objected to the building's location in Shelburne... Orangeville council granted Consumers' Gas Co. permission to serve the town with natural gas.

No April Fool Job  
GEORGETOWN—Joe Martin wasn't April fooling when he declared last week he was 94 on April 1. The town's senior citizen still has a youthful appearance and a springy step, and is well known to many residents.

# THE GOOD OLD DAYS

## BACK IN 1940

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, April 18, 1940.

Monday night was a memorable night in the annals of Walker Lodge A.F. and A.M. This year, for the first time in its 65 years of existence, the lodge was honored by having one of its Masters, J. A. Leslie, made District Deputy Grand Master of Wellington district.

Monday night was the official visit of this Grand Lodge officer to his mother lodge. The significance of the night was such in Masonic circles that visitors from 21 lodges were registered that night. Truly Wor. Bro. F. J. Sull and his staff of officers this year have something to mark 1940 as outstanding.

During the morning session of county council on Monday, the gaol inspector's report was dealt with and it was learned that recommendation had been made for several improvements and changes at the county jail. It was recommended that the wooden floors on the top floor be replaced with concrete, also that completion of the fire hose line be made and the upstairs ceiling repaired.

Last Thursday evening was a big night for First Acton Troop Boy Scouts, under scoutmaster Billy Middleton. For the past six years, George Mason has been leader of the scouts and Thursday night the scouts honored his service as he retired by presenting several mementos and gifts.

At a special meeting of council last night, a motion was passed by which the Acton will purchase a fire truck and pumper if the apparatus measures up to the expectations set forth in a demonstration at Woodstock. The machine is one that has been in use by Sudbury fire department for the past 10 years.

The chassis is a Studebaker and the equipment was built by Bickle and Seagrave, Woodstock. Fully equipped, the unit will be bought for \$1,800. Fire chief R. M. MacDonald was present at the meeting and was in accord with the purchase of the used equipment.

The Force bowling team won 5-2 against Wishing Well in the Guelph Commercial bowling league Tuesday and Norm Morton was again high scorer.

## BACK IN 1910

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, April 14, 1910.

Little Margaret, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. N. F. Moore, had a narrow escape from serious injury last Wednesday about six o'clock. While Mrs. Moore's back was turned, she climbed to a high shelf of the kitchen cupboard and secured a small bottle of carbolic acid.

She pulled the cork with her teeth and got a few drops of the poisonous acid on her lips and tongue. Fortunately none was swallowed and beyond the burnt lips and mouth, no serious consequences resulted.

Frank Watson, a young man who lives with his parents just outside the village of Campbellville, was instantly killed on a level crossing of the C.P.R. at Guelph Junction on Saturday afternoon. The young man was returning from a trip to Guelph, driving a wagon and team of horses. The horses were frightened by the train and became unmanageable. In spite of the young man's efforts, they dashed on the crossing just as the train was passing.

The pilot struck the front end of the wagon, towing the occupant to the far side of the track. The train stopped immediately and the crew rushed to the aid of the injured man. A doctor was called but all signs of life were extinct when he arrived. One of the horses was killed and the other injured.

An enjoyable social evening was given at the Epworth League on Tuesday evening. The program included vocal solos by Misses Emma Burt and Bertie Smith, and instrumental solos by the Misses Mason and Mr. James Smith. A very interesting part of the program was the recital of particulars of their recent trip to Boston with Toronto teachers by the Misses Bennett and Hudson. Mr. Frank Kennedy presided for the program, after which lunch was served.

The luscious rhubarb pie is every one's favorite. It is producing an abundant crop of the delicious fruit.

The Acton Lawn Bowling Club held their annual meeting on Monday night and elected their new officers for the coming season. The players expect to be on the greens much sooner than usual this year.

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 the imagination of Christian  
 people of the world as the words  
 of Christ take on further mean-  
 ing: "Inasmuch as ye have done  
 it unto one of the least of these,  
 my brethren, ye have done it  
 unto me."

The Bible Society, remembering  
 that Jesus and the Holy  
 Family were refugees from tyr-  
 anny in the flight into Egypt, has  
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 consolation of the scriptures to  
 the homeless and the dispossessed.

The Bible House in Hong  
 Kong ministers to the 20,000,000  
 Chinese outside China. Two mil-  
 lion refugees are in Hong Kong  
 itself. To these as to all home-  
 less wanderers, the scriptures  
 bring the eternal message of  
 hope. A total of 502,290 Bibles,  
 Testaments and Gospels have  
 been circulated through the  
 Hong Kong Bible House.

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 distributing the scriptures in  
 the refugee camps in Europe from  
 which Canada is helping to re-  
 scue some of those whose hope  
 for a settled abiding place had  
 almost vanished.