

"Remember When?"



—Photo by Esther Taylor

Finish the Job . . .

The first steps in a program to "finish the job" were taken at a meeting last Friday morning of the Community Centre Fund raising committee. After consideration of the work still to be done to finish the project completely, the committee decided it would be best to attempt to have the pledges continued for an extra two months. In the financial report of the campaign and building program, it has been established there will be a deficit of over \$4,000. This amount is almost exactly the amount of the pledges which have not been honored.

With an objective of \$10,000 it is felt this deficit can be wiped out, a concrete floor laid in the arena, and the finishing touches put on the project.

To raise the \$10,000 it can be done by continuing the pledge deduction for an additional two months. Ask contributors are

asked to make their gift equal to 15 or 20 per cent of their original pledge.

At the present time a preliminary financial statement of all the funds contributed to the project and all the funds spent is being prepared. When this is ready a copy of the statement will be distributed to every contributor.

This campaign will give citizens who have arrived in Acton since the campaign, an opportunity to become a part of the project. Any citizens who were unable to contribute at the time of the original campaign, for various reasons, will also be able to participate.

In view of the success of the campaign last year and the general public acceptance of the facilities during the past winter season, we feel there will be no doubt of the generosity of the citizens in this "Finish the Job Campaign".

Political Campaign Kickoff . . .

The Federal Race is on! A frenzy of political activity is bound to generate in the days between now and June 18 when Prime Minister John Diefenbaker has decided there shall be an election.

The population of Halton has made some fairly big increases since the last election in 1958, but it will take some considerable change in thinking to alter the outcome in the light of figures from the last election.

Last time Conservative Sandy Best won with 20,937 votes over Liberal Ken Dick's 9,925 and C.C.F. Jack Henry's 3,488.

From our viewpoint local issues don't seem to have developed that would influence an election outcome. Possibly the Avro shut down will be unearthen as a major issue. A good many of the people most seriously affected by that, however, have since left the county.

With the introduction of the county's new by-law a "major" gain of the government's organization. It will be a real test of the

Little Goals . . .

Triumphs—some personal achievements of goals—are as important that if a person can accomplish them in no other way, he should break up his job into small pieces, so he can accomplish it by bit and thus reach achievements and triumphs more easily. As a matter of fact, a dozen little goals reached in a week probably are better for you than one big one every six months or so. A triumph exalts and then relaxes you, and any of us can take a lot of that from day to day. As we say, if you can get the triumphs in no other way, cut them down to your size; it's up to you; tailor the task to what you know you can do; the sense of achievement will

come even if you know you have fudged a little the human soul has that much ego hunger in it. Journal-Democrat, DeParis, Wis.

Hammering swords into plowshares would be more difficult these days. If you were able to find a sword, you'd then have to find someone who knows what a plowshare is.

It is easier to get into the conversation if you are not there.

Inflation does not seem to have affected a penny as a pretty fair price for the thoughts of a lot of us.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Back in 1912

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, April 25, 1912.

Assessor Harvey has completed the work of assessment and the new roll for 1912, while being comprehensive, is also a work of art. It is most legible, clean and well arranged. The total assessment is \$54,345, over \$6,000 more than last year. There are 471 children of school age in town. The births last year numbered 50 and the deaths 13. There are 64 dogs in town.

While felling a tree in his bush one day last week, Mr. Hugh McCutcheon of Erin had a narrow escape. A beech limb from another tree fell and struck him on the back of the head, knocking him senseless. Andrew Murray Jr., his brother-in-law, was with him and helped him up and he soon recovered consciousness. His back and arms were painfully bruised. It was a narrow escape.

Eight men and boys were up before the magistrate in Guelph on Monday for bicycling on the pavement. Similar offenses in Acton will land offenders in court, too, one of these fine days. There is no reason why the women and children should have to dodging this means of transportation.

Constable Harvey has in for the newboys who throw the wrappers of their bundles on the street as they come from the evening trains. They are easily detected as their names are always printed on the wrappers.

About six o'clock Sunday evening in Georgetown, a light engine following a cattle train crashed into the rear end when the train had stopped at the semaphore at the white bridge. Eight men in the caboose were hurled forward at the impact of the engine. Six of them jumped to safety. However, the brakeman was pinned in the wreckage and met immediate death, and a drover, although remaining conscious for some time, was fatally injured.

The rumor that pupils attending the High and Continuation school in Guelph would be charged full fare on the railways turns out to be a canard. The order only pertains to students attending colleges and universities.

Don't you go trout fishing before next Wednesday or the game warden will get you. All equipment and fish found on offenders will be seized and the guilty parties will also appear before the judge.

Back in 1942

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, April 30, 1942.

A new storage building, approximately 50x75, is being erected at the plant of the Wool Combing Corporation in Acton. The new addition is one storey in height and fills in the section between two of the buildings. The Georgetown Lumber Company is in charge of construction.

The 22nd annual provincial convention of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire was held in Hamilton, April 22 to 24. Attending from the Duke of Devonshire Chapter were Mrs. W. J. Beatty, Mrs. J. Symon, Mrs. W. J. Smith and Miss Pearl Smith; from the Lakeside Chapter, Mrs. M. M. Leitch, Miss Bernice Reid and Miss Emma Robinson.

Rev. Forbes Thompson, the new minister of Knox church, moved to the manse yesterday and the induction service starting his ministry in Acton will be held on Monday evening.

Rhubarb from the garden patch is now on the family menu. This is rather tough on the sugar rationing.

Effective today, it is illegal to rent any building or part thereof without a written agreement being made on a governmental form in triplicate, one copy of which must be filed with the rentals office in Toronto.

To bring the Acton platoon of the reserve army to full strength, a campaign for recruits has been opened this week. Serving on the committee in charge of the campaign are chairman, Colonel J. Ballentine; secretary, F. L. Wright; publicity, G. A. Dills; organization and registration, A. Mason; general committee, J. M. McDonald, W. Coles and G. Muselle.

Motorists are being reminded this week that beginning Saturday, they will not be allowed to drive faster than 40 miles per hour on the highway. The new regulation goes into effect in order to conserve gasoline.

There was a splendid attendance last Friday evening at the annual meeting of the Lawn Bowling and Tennis Club. New officers are: president, J. M. McDonald; first vice-president, W. H. Clayton; second vice-president, Dr. W. G. Cullen; secretary-treasurer, A. Battye; chairman, holding committee, W. Richardson; chairman, tennis committee, R. Loree.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

BURLINGTON—If McMaster University at Hamilton ever builds a medical school, directors of the Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital would like to see their hospital affiliated with it as a teaching hospital for doctors and nurses.

GEORGETOWN—As if two weren't enough, Georgetown has a third weekly newspaper, run by three young boys hoping to raise money for charities. It's written by hand and copies sell for two cents. The news includes juicy local items like a neighborhood woman having her garden plowed, or a new hydro pole in someone's front yard.

OAKVILLE—Maria and Otto Jelinek, home from winning the World Pairs Figure Skating Championship at Prague, Czechoslovakia, were given a rousing welcome from hometowners Saturday afternoon. A parade and civic reception were held in their honor, with local and government officials in attendance.

STREETSVILLE—The barking of a police dog at the Ford Lowd home has been credited with saving the lives of their two children, aged 15 and 11. A flash fire broke and the dog, roused the whole household.

BRAMPTON—A majority of Brampton merchants does not favor the new store hours bill now before the provincial legislature. Under the new bill, council will not have to obey a 75 per cent petition from merchants, and the store hours problem would be left in the laps of council.

WATERDOWN—The 1962 budget is down to 59,326 mills and the commercial rate is up to 63,786 mills. This year the town will levy for \$160,375.

MILTON—Con Toletzka, Milton's senior businessman, is retiring after 43 years in his Main St. pool room and tobacco store. During his years of work there, Mr. Toletzka was also active in baseball circles.

BALUNAFAD

Choirs Give Easter Cantata Seasonal Theme for U.C.W.

A fine congregation attended Easter morning service when the church was filled. There was special music by the junior choir. Mr. Beaton gave a fine Easter sermon and as the church has not had him in attendance for three Sundays it was nice to hear him again. Students from the College have been helping him out while he was studying for exams.

A special service was held on Sunday night when the junior and senior choirs of Ballinafad, assisted by the Churchill orchestra, presented a cantata, "From Darkness Unto Light". The lovely service was enjoyed very much by everyone. Mrs. Beaton was leader and organist. It was a very impressive scene with the cross draped in black, which later was removed. Easter lilies adorned the front of the church.

Easter Theme
Mrs. Percy White was hostess for the evening group of the United Church Women with 15 members and one visitor attending. Mrs. Norman Sinclair opened the meeting with hymn 98. At

this time of year, the Easter hymns are always enjoyed, also the theme of the devotional by Mrs. Mike Norton.
Scripture reading was from Corinthians I: 1-11, followed by a hymn and prayer. The topic, "Old and New Canadians" was very well given by Mrs. Dick Shortill. The members participated in a question and answer panel. Also relative to our way of living was a story, "The Red Silk Dress" by Miss Beth McEnery. Arising from these two items was an interesting discussion. Opinions were expressed of impressions of New Canadians when they come here to live. Members noted the kindly help of the United Church Women in helping them to adjust.
Mrs. Floyd Shortill directed several games. Mrs. Ernie McEnery, Mrs. Alex Keir and Mrs. Mike Norton assisted the hostess with lunch.

Tris West
Mrs. F. J. Shortill and Anne are enjoying a trip to the west and will visit with Ross, who is in training with the R.C.M.P.

Sugar and Spice . . .

BY BILL SMILEY

There's something missing in my life this spring. I've been feeling restless and unfulfilled lately and didn't know what was the matter. But I've realized what it is. I'm lonely for my old house. Since we moved here, we've lived in a rented place and while it is a good house, it hasn't the character of the old place. There's nothing falling down, or heaving, or torn up. Everything is as neat, tidy and uninspiring as the exterior of a shoe-box.

Then I'd mosey around to the back and check the clothesline. The Old Lady used to give me quite a bit of trouble over that. About four times each spring, she'd haul me into the backyard, wave hysterically at all the fine, sturdy, upright clotheslines of our neighbors and point, speechless with rage and shame, at ours.

It wasn't the rust that made her so mad. It was the way the line gently sagged in the middle, as soon as she put anything heavier than a pair of panties on it. Pole at the far end was rotten and kind of leaned toward the house, letting the line down to about two feet off the ground. And every May, I'd look at it and murmur, "If a fellow could just get hold of a good, straight cedar pole about 15 feet . . ."

Then I'd poke around into my patio and look at my shingles. They fell down there when I had the new roof put on, seven years ago. Each spring, I'd kick them over, so they would dry on the bottom. I always figured that when they were well dried, I would tie them in bundles and sell them for kindling. "If a fellow could get 10 cents a bundle for them, even . . ."

Then I'd turn over a few spadefuls of earth in my garden. I had dug that little plot, the whole four square feet of it six years ago. It wouldn't grow carrots or radishes or green onions, but it produced some of the best fishing worms you ever saw—those skinny, red ones that the trout really go for. "Say, you know, if a fellow started breeding these things seriously . . ."

Satisfied that my worms had wintered well, I'd give the cedar hedge a routine check. When we first moved to the old

house, it was about 12 feet high. Every spring, I tried to figure out a way of trimming it, and every spring it was a foot higher. Then the maples and spruce started growing up through the cedar, and it was so pretty I just let it go. It must be 20 feet high by now. "But, if I wanted to thin it, I'll bet I could get some good timber out of there . . ."

Next part of my annual inspection was the cellar. I'd go down there ready for anything. And that's just what I'd find in it—anything from a beaver pond to potatoes right out of the cellar floor. I used to pick up a shovel, move some ashes from here to there, then get absorbed in re-stuffing the broken window with a burlap sack and finally head upstairs, muttering, "If a fellow could just get somebody to take those ashes out of there . . ."

There were dozens of other little jobs to plan: painting the trim; putting up that section of fence the kids knocked down three Halloweens back; putting new panes in the storm windows; tearing down the leaky drain pipes. Each of them took careful, accurate figuring on time involved, and money for materials.

And you know, I miss all that. There's something about that good, old spring tour of inspection that is vital and satisfying. It just makes you want to get right at things and plan them. After years of planning, this year I feel like a gentleman farmer without a farm. I never get around to doing any of those jobs around the old place. But if I say it myself, there was something wrong with the plans.

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Stock Streams

Game Warden Bob Reid has stocked 5,200 speckled trout into Halton's streams. There are 3,800 at Kelso Dam, 800 in the Credit River at Georgetown, 400 in the Limestone Creek at Lowville and 200 in the Black Creek at Stewarttown.

Final Service

The final service in the series during Holy Week was Thursday evening in Knox church. Firemen attended together.