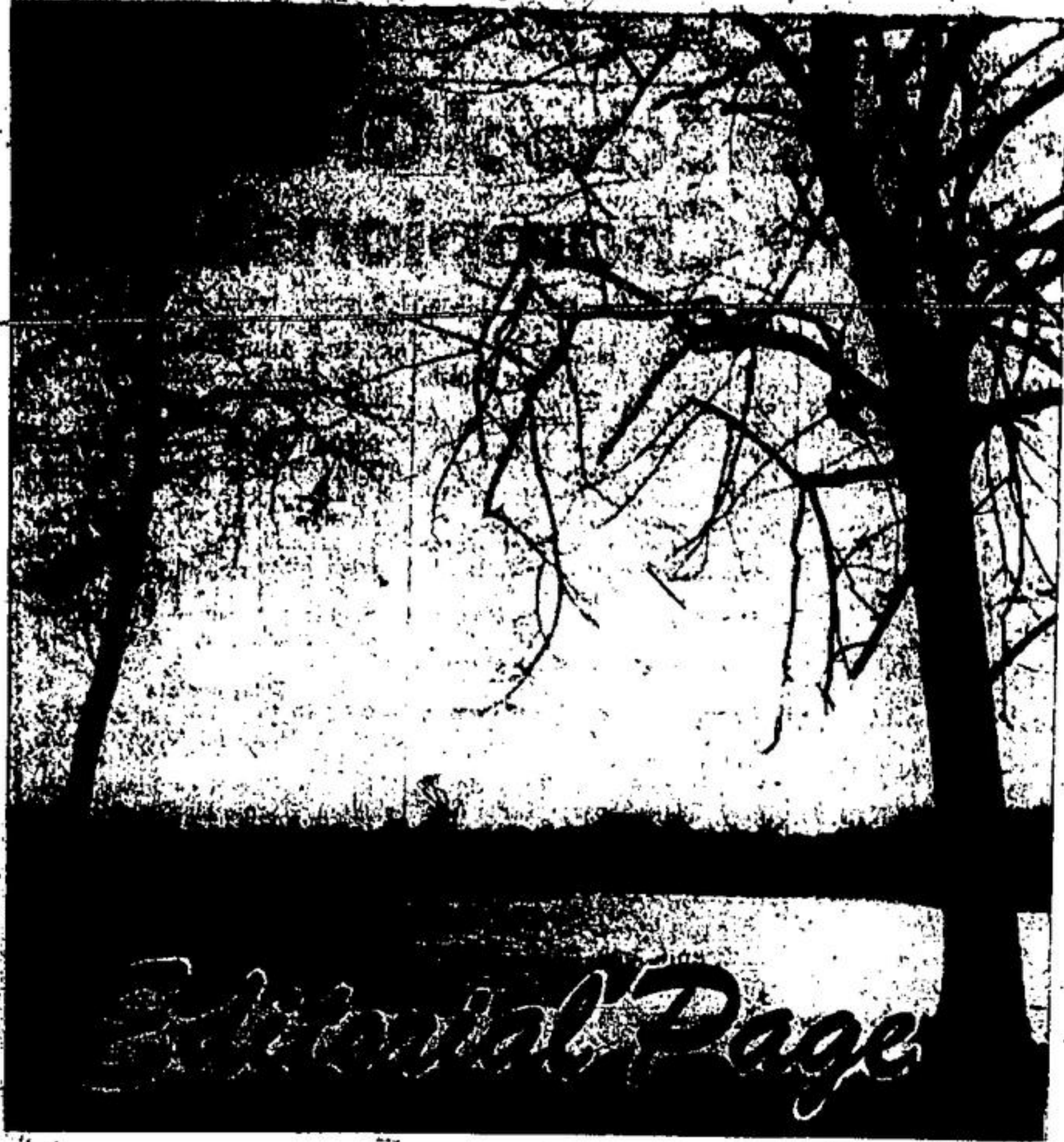


"May Vista"



—Photo by Esther Taylor

Words of Caution . . .

It was with some interest a few weeks ago, we learned at a Council meeting that the Citizens' Band was contemplating the construction of a band building for their own use and the use of the Pipe Band. At that time we hesitated to comment on the proposal since negotiations for land were being conducted at that time.

We appreciate and admire the enthusiasm which the band is exhibiting in embarking on a venture of this type. We are happy that the members feel confident enough to embark on a project of this kind. However, we feel we must here inject a few words of caution.

When a volunteer organization obligates itself to long term financial obligations, we feel they are treading on very soft ground. Some organizations have built buildings. The capital costs have been managed but it is the annual operational costs, the heat, the light, the water and the maintenance which impose the severest problems on these organizations.

Money which is raised through grants and donations, has to go for these recurring costs and that money is no longer available for the original purposes of the organization. It is a question in our minds just how much longer the annual grant of 1/2 mill

will be available to the bands in Acton. Every year at municipal budget time, this mandatory 1/2 mill comes up for some discussion. The half mill represents greater portion of the tax bill than many items of the budget.

Originally a petition was presented to council, a plebiscite was held and an annual grant of 1/2 mill (\$500) was made by the Town. A few years later, this was changed to an annual grant of \$500. After a success in provincial competitions and a need for additional funds, another plebiscite was held to increase the grant to 1/2 mill again which represented about \$1,500. This amount was considered at that time sufficient to operate the band.

Since that time the town has undergone growth and a reassessment program which while it has been indicated that has increased the 1/2 mill to \$3,500, municipal grant money will not be used to finance a building program, we fail to see how this can be the case as long as a municipal grant is received by the bands.

In the light of these almost crippling operational and maintenance costs and the certainly cloudy future of the 1/2 mill municipal grant, we suggest it would be unwise for the band to undertake any building program.

Nations Honor Mothers . . .

The almost universal celebration of Mother's Day, observed this year on May 13, is a fitting tribute to the inspirational life of a little known Sunday school teacher who died in 1905.

Miss Anna M. Jarvis, founder of Mother's Day, grew up in Grafton, West Virginia, where her mother taught Sunday school at Saint Andrew's Methodist Church. It was Mrs. Jarvis' custom once a year to hold a special ceremony in honor of the mothers of her students.

After her mother's death, Miss Jarvis resolved to carry on the tradition and to dedicate her life to the establishment of the second Sunday of May each year as a day set aside for honoring mothers everywhere.

Accordingly, in May 1907, she arranged the first memorial service for mothers. It was held at Saint Andrew's. The following year, Miss Jarvis persuaded Philadelphia officials to proclaim the first city-wide Mother's Day. At her urging, West Virginia made Mother's Day a state-wide observance in 1912 and Pennsylvania did the same the following year.

By 1914, less than 10 years after her mother's death, Anna Jarvis had persuaded the Congress of the United States to pass a joint resolution which "authorized and requested" President Woodrow Wilson to sign

a proclamation establishing the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day.

Miss Jarvis, who never married, continued her crusade for more than 40 years. When she died in 1948 in Philadelphia at the age of 84, Mother's Day had grown from the first memorial service at Saint Andrew's to an international tradition. Besides Canada and the U.S., the custom is now observed in Latin America and countries in Europe and the Pacific.

Not In Doubt . . .

The "class control of a national political party now acquired within NDP constitutes a dark and sinister threat to democratic government in Canada."

Thus spoke Mr. Hazen Argue, M.P., in his statement of resignation from the New Democratic Party.

Opinions may differ as to whether Mr. Argue in so saying was going a bit far. What is not in doubt is the indignation and ridicule which any such observation would have evoked in some quarters had it been made by an industrialist or a business spokesman.

Pre-Election Feature

Your Candidates Speak

The following space has been donated by The Free Press to the three Federal election candidates in Halton County, so they may present their views to the voters. We hope readers will find their weekly columns informative and thought-provoking. If you care to comment on their articles, letters to the editor would be welcomed.

Halton Conservative Candidate

SANDY BEST SAYS

Portable contributory pensions for all, some of the most important social legislation ever offered in Canada, at least to those in the age group over 40, will be introduced shortly by the Conservative Party as soon as some of the wrinkles are straightened out.

This over-40 age group has been finding it increasingly difficult to secure suitable employment, simply because their age level cannot be fitted into the pattern of numerous independent pension plans to be found today in business and industry. Ironically, some of these people were probably better off before pensions of any kind had been made available.

The introduction of portable contributory pensions for all will make it once again possible for these folk to compete for employment on the basis of their unquestioned experience and indeed allow them to profit through the steadiness and the degree of maturity many are prepared to bring to a job.

This proposed legislation is but another reflection of the party's

deep concern for the individual welfare of all Canadians and its record in the field of social justice that has been unmatched in Canadian History.

The story of the Diefenbaker Government in the field of social justice, in family allowance payments, in assistance to veterans, to the aged and to the unfortunate is one that speaks for itself: \$2,300,000,000 provided alone in the year just past, compared to \$1,100,000,000 in 1957 — and all without any increase in taxes.

Indeed 85 percent of this country's taxpayers will now pay less than they did in 1956-57, the last year of Liberal misdirection. But let's take a look at this record in Halton alone, where we can count the dollars as it were and calculate the measures of their contribution to the general prosperity of Burlington, Oakville, Georgetown, Acton, Milton, and the rest of the county.

From April 1957, when the conservative Government took office, until March of this year, family allowance payments in Halton totalled \$9,783,000 to 26,100 children in some 11,500 families.

Halton Liberal Candidate

HARRY HARLEY SAYS

Oakville, Ont., May 1—Canada has high standards of health care. This, however, does not hold true for all Canadians because of the fear of expense involved. Some of these people would buy insurance but for a medical reason are excluded.

The Liberal Party Health Plan is designed to remove fear of cost and make the plan available to all but compulsory to none. The Hospital Insurance Act was first initiated by the Liberal Government in 1957, and now is in all provinces since the Liberal Government assumed power in Quebec.

The Liberal Health Plan is designed to cover doctor and diagnostic services in office, home or hospital by any qualified doctor. It will not interfere with any scheme now in use. The plan will be drawn up in full consultation with the medical profession.

It is proposed to provide all services free for children up to the age of 16, to most retired people and to the unemployed — this group previously fared badly because they could not pay their premiums for insurance and hospitalization, but here no premiums are involved. For all others, the plan will pay all doctors' fees over a low annual cost — those who have no services will have no annual cost.

The bills that have to be paid by the patient will be small, but will safeguard this plan against unreasonable demands. The payments will be arranged with the

provinces. They are expected to cover rather less than half of the total cost of medical care. The Federal Government will pay the remainder from general revenue. This will not mean any new large burden on economy because this is already being paid for in one way or another. In an expanding Liberal economy, we should be able to afford the best.

There will be no interference with a doctor's treatment, or with his practice of medicine where he chooses and no interference with patients' choice of doctor. The Liberal Policy on scholarships and loans will help to increase the number of doctors, so that areas needing medical care should be decreased.

Mental health is the most important single group of illnesses in public health. They should be treated the same as any other illness, and these patients receive the same benefits.

Research in all fields should be encouraged. It is known that drugs are an increasing expense. As it becomes possible, the plan will be increased to include dental care, drugs, nursing and other similar features.

Drug legislation will be strengthened to protect the public. To meet urgent needs, the Liberal Government will pay unemployment benefits to people who are unable to work because of sickness. The objective is a comprehensive plan of income maintenance during illness.



New Democratic Party Candidate

CARL ROULEAU SAYS

The most important issues that face the Canadian electorate in this election are those of foreign policy. The technological and economic interdependence of the modern world is so all pervasive that any pretense of completely independent action on the part of our government is a criminal misrepresentation. There is no better illustration of this than Mr. Fleming's "about face" last week when he was forced largely because of international pressure, to peg the Canadian dollar at 92.5 cents in U.S. funds.

Since we are not and cannot be an absolutely independent nation our only alternatives are to either seek union with the United States or to associate ourselves very closely with some other regional grouping of nations. For my part, although I am opposed to Canadian anti-Americanism as a means of expressing our national identity, I cannot accept the possibility of the absorption of Canada by the United States. Ultimately it seems to me that the only way we can hope to preserve our Canadian way of life is by making the maintenance and strengthening of the United

Nations the fundamental principle of our foreign policy. The new Democratic Party is the only political party in this country which consistently holds to this view.

We in the New Democratic Party believe that the United Nations can never become a force for world peace and law until it is given the instrument necessary to enforce the law—that is an international armed services which will include army, navy, and air forces at the disposal and under the control of the United Nations.

But the United Nations cannot hope to truly represent the international community so long as the People's Republic of China is excluded from its membership. If we bar 700,000,000 people from representation in a world assembly when the world's population is in the vicinity of 2 1/2 billions, then we run the risk of being responsible for these people not submitting to international law. It is for this reason that the New Democratic Party insists on the admission of Red China to the United Nations.

Sugar and Spice . . .

BY BILL BAILEY

This spring, I was confronted by a difficult decision. It involved making a choice between two ways of life. I wonder what you'd have decided?

Oh, it wasn't a world-shaking decision, like giving up smoking or drinking, or entering a monastery, or anything as serious as that. But it did require much mulling over, and I'd wager that the Old Girl and I got through about 400 cups of tea in the process of making up our minds.

It came about like this. An old acquaintance, and a very decent chap, had offered me an extremely interesting job. The salary was a big improvement over my present one. The holidays and fringe junk were as good. My training and background fitted me for the job, which was a challenging one. Green-light—all the way. Very attractive, even exciting.

Why didn't I grab it? Well, it was a matter of piling items on the scales — an advantage here, a disadvantage there — and in the process, my wife and I learned a lot about what we wanted out of life, for ourselves and our children.

I should mention that taking the job meant moving to a large city. It meant the second major dislocation of our children at

school within two years. It meant saying goodbye to new friends we had made, and starting the process all over again. These were some of the things that took a little of the shine off the proposition.

But there were many items for the other side of the scales. I have nothing against large cities, and my wife likes them. They have cultural advantages the smaller centre cannot provide. There is a certain excitement in the city, with its good restaurants, its theatres, its concerts, its major sporting events. There is a definite feeling, however little it may be justified, of being at the centre of things.

Taking the job meant saving money. It won't be long until the kids are ready for university. Think of what we'd save if they could live at home while attending college. Right now, it would save me about \$7 a week, which it costs to get my son to the city for a music lesson every Saturday.

Taking the job meant higher expenses. Parking, lunches, garage, public transportation, pre-lunch martinis, more costly entertainment: all these would easily neutralize those vast sums we saved in the last paragraph.

Accepting the position meant moving from a house we like very much, set in a huge lot currently festooned with tulips and daffodils, shaded by huge, spreading oaks. We shuddered at the memory of all those dreadful, little, suburban brick boxes, jammed in rows, with just room to park a car between each pair.

I seriously considered, with

half my life spent, whether I could afford the sheer waste of time imposed by city life. Hours are stolen from each week, simply getting to work and home. More hours of traffic-battling and parking-frustrations are snatched from your leisure in the process of getting places, whether it's to visit friends or to church or to go golfing or to a show.

Here, a minimum of time is wasted in the boring business of getting where you want to go. I'm five minutes from work, golf course, curling rink; three minutes from church and shopping; five minutes from good swimming for the kids; 15 minutes from a trout stream.

Taking the job meant getting away from the heavy snows and deep cold of winters in these parts. It meant escaping the long, wearing drive to the city, so often necessary. On the reverse side of the coin, it meant sweltering summers in the city, or the expense of a cottage in the north country, and the long, wearing drive to the cottage.

This sort of dicker went on for weeks. Finally, we found the item that tipped the scales. We decided that life looked a little better in this land of trout streams and trees, of black squirrels and blue water, of friends and flowers, than it did in the concrete canyons and the self-conscious suburbs. Do you know what swung the decision? We realized we were too darn lazy to tackle moving.

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