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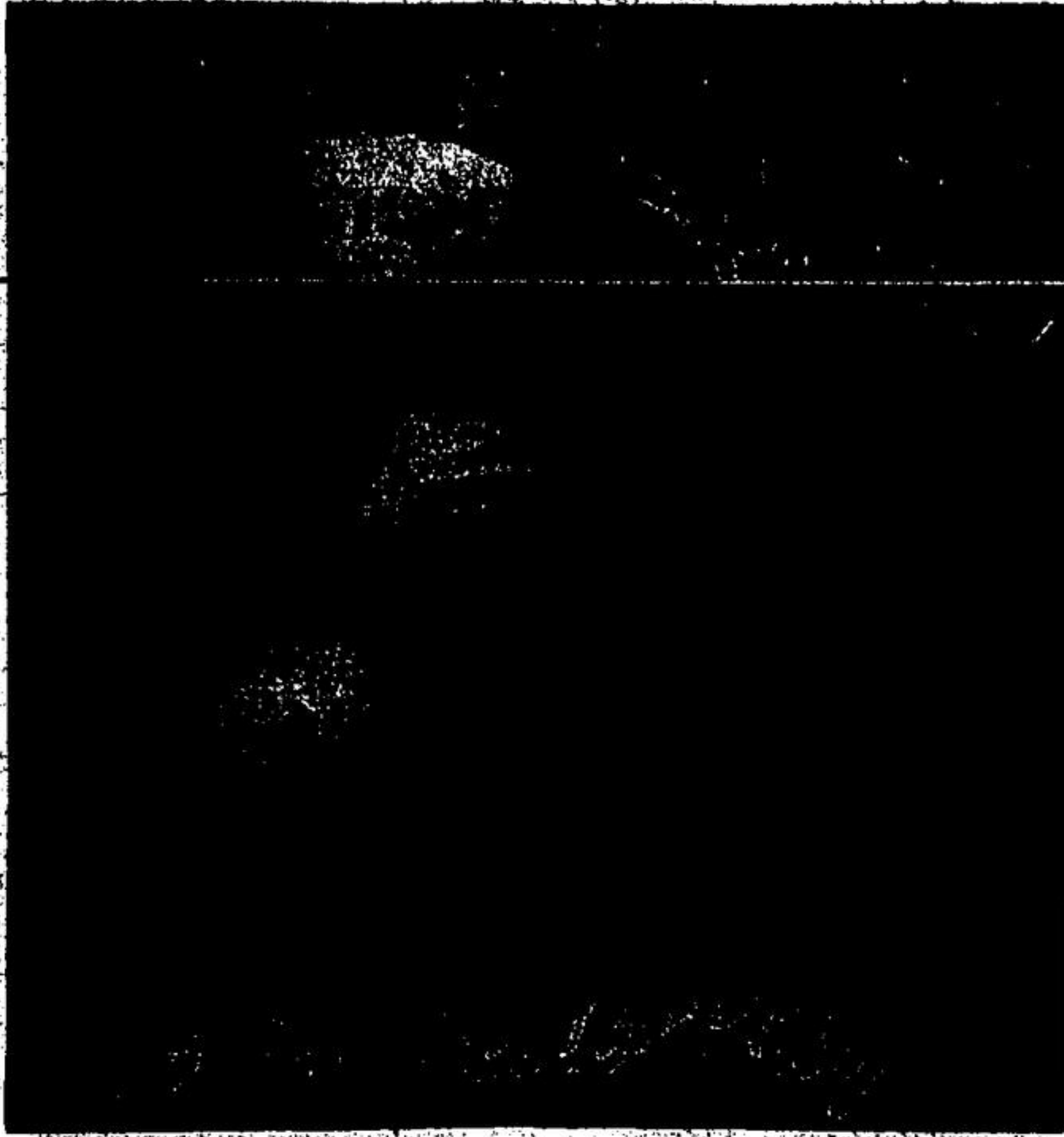


Photo by Esther Taylor

An Absence of Fever . . .

If election fever is to set in, it now has about one week to catch hold.

Strangely absent in Halton during this election campaign is the arm waving on the street corner, the heated political meetings and some clear cut issues.

There seems to be nothing in Halton that has caught the mind of the electors. Of course there are the national issues of dollar devaluations, deficit budgeting, Britain's entry into the Common Market, the stature of the country in the eyes of the world, and general economic management of the country.

All the parties are paying lip service to the problem of unemployment; there is the condition of the Unemployment Insurance Fund that is low on reserves; and there are special regional issues in every province.

Probably the record of the Diefenbaker government is the only basic single issue. The Prime Minister has been defending it

Finish it Now . . .

This week the volunteer canvassers will be calling at your door to solicit your support for the "Finish it Now" campaign for the Community Centre. While the objective is not great, neither is the amount being requested from each individual citizen. However, unless everyone supports the campaign enthusiastically, there is no guarantee of success. It is the hope of the committee that this campaign, when it is completed, will provide the funds necessary to wipe out the construction deficit and provide a few of the features found to be desirable and necessary after a part-season operation.

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This and That . . .

The volume of the letters to the editor during the past few weeks has been most encouraging. However, we have come to the conclusion it may only be a temporary situation which will disappear with the election posters after June 18.

During election campaigns it is the practice of some newspapers to publish only a representative selection of letters to the editor because of space limitations. However, the volume reaching us has not yet reached that quantity. In the meantime the only restriction placed on letter writers is that the letter must be signed by the writer. A nom de plume may be used for publication but it is our feeling that any correspondent must be prepared to back up his views with his personal signature.

We are pleased to receive letters to the editor. We will publish them. We do hope they will continue to come during the periods between federal and provincial elections.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Back in 1912

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, June 6, 1912.

Mr. Gordon Beardmore launched his 40 h.p. gasoline powered launch in Forty Lake last week and has been having grand sport since. The boat is a fine craft and shows plenty of speed.

On Tuesday evening, while a group of young lads were playing on Bower Ave. opposite the residence of Mr. D. Henderson, Mr. Master Willie Akins caught hold of a chain hanging from the electric street lamp and instantly received a charge of electric current. He was unable to let go of the wire and writhed in agony until a passing citizen was able to free him. The pain and shock stayed with the youngster for some time afterwards.

The past week has been rather fateful for the physical comfort of several of our baseball players. Jack Englin, third baseman of the Methodist team, had the misfortune to break his right ankle during a game. On Monday when Acton was playing Hillsburgh at that hamlet, Billie Laird was struck on the nose and right eye by a fly ball he was endeavoring to catch. He was blinded by the sun at the time and lost sight of the ball as he was about to catch it. The bridge of his nose was broken and his eye badly blackened. In spite of the injury and loss of the player to the team, Acton came out the victors with a 17-7 score.

The new overhead bridge at Maria Street over the Beardmore railway crossing is now completed and all that remains is for the structure to be painted. The new bridge now supplies a better and more convenient access to the Beardmore Crescent.

Of interest to Actonians this week was the marriage of Mary Lee Morin, daughter of the late Col. James E. Morin, to Dr. Cameron Warren of Toronto. The couple left on the evening train for New York, Atlantic City and other eastern points. On their return, they will take up residence in Toronto. Dr. Warren is well known in Acton and his many friends here extend best wishes to the young couple.

Butter and eggs are down to 20 cents again. The exorbitant prices being charged for these commodities were not accepted in the best manner by most housewives.

By the looks of the meadows this year, it is doubtful if farmers will have to pay \$25 a ton for hay this season. Fortunately, the rains have kept the growth active and cattle and sheep can graze in the fields.

During the Acton W.I. meeting on Tuesday afternoon, when Mrs. H. McCutcheon and Mrs. J. J. Stewart were hostesses, the Ever-ton Institute were guests and presented the program, which was enjoyed by everyone. At the conclusion of the program, the hostesses and their committee served a dainty lunch and the Acton ladies were thanked by the visitors for a most enjoyable afternoon.

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Back in 1942

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, June 11, 1942.

During the council meeting Tuesday evening, it was decided to have the clerk prepare a by-law to establish a curfew in order to control the children from being on the streets at night. The draft by-law is to be ready for council's consideration at their next meeting.

Out of a flock of 70 sheep on the farm of Fred Nurse in Erin Twp., dogs have killed 20 and injured 40 when they attacked the animals while they grazed in the field. Albert Wheeler, sheep evaluator for Erin Twp., described the scene as the worst he has ever seen and expressed the belief there must have been six or seven dogs.

At the meeting of Acton and District War Services League, it was reported that salvage sold during the month was well over the \$200 mark. This is the highest proceeds to be made from the salvage to date.

Mr. George Switzer, who has been instructor of manual training at five Windsor public schools, has joined the Navy and prior to leaving, he was given a money belt by the staff of the King Edward school. He is presently visiting at his home prior to leaving for Esquimalt, B.C.

Miss Hazel A. Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson, was the winner of a splendid scholarship and received the award when graduating as a nurse in the class for 1942 at Toronto Western Hospital. There were 44 graduates in the course.

Last Thursday evening, a committee of local citizens was formed whose purpose it will be to endeavor to assist the farmers in the district to secure assistance in gathering in the 1942 crop. Everyone is aware of the shortage of labor, especially on the farms with so many of the boys enlisted and the committee with Reeve McDonald in charge will do their best to organize a labor force.

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Free Choice By Citizens

How to Elect Our Government

The following summary of what is involved in the June 18 general election brings out a number of interesting and little-known aspects of the Canadian system of parliamentary representation. It is reproduced from the Bank of Montreal monthly Business Review.

The process employed to provide a nation with government based on free choice by the citizens differs widely among the many democracies in existence today. Canada was the first of these to adopt parliamentary government, as derived from Great Britain, to a federal system developed in order to conduct efficiently the affairs of a people with varied ethnic backgrounds in a country with distinct geographic and economic areas.

Voters' Choice
Under this federal parliamentary system, the Canadian voters are asked from time to time to indicate their choice of the representatives who will be responsible for governing the nation. Such a choice is to be made on June 18, 1942.

There is a distinction, sometimes overlooked, between choosing parliamentary representatives and choosing a government. This dual choice is achieved by a dual process, based partly on law and partly on custom. The purpose of this review is to outline the major procedures followed to determine membership in the House of Commons and to set up a government which is responsible to this House of Commons, with power and authority bestowed by the electorate.

The executive authority of such a government is legally vested in the Crown, represented in Canada by the Governor General, who acts as chief of state. The Governor General, however, customarily acts only on the advice of those members of the Privy Council appointed to the cabinet of the day.

Head of Government
One of the members of this cabinet, the prime minister, who is the leader of the political party with the highest number of seats in the House of Commons, is the active head of government and spokesman for the nation. His powers, however, are purely traditional; legally speaking, he is just one of the 265 members of the House of Commons. Like all

the others, he owes his seat to the voters of his parliamentary constituency, which he represents. One of the most important powers exercised by the prime minister is the right to ask that the Governor General dissolve Parliament and give orders that writs of election be issued. Accordingly, on April 19 of this year, the writs of election were issued for a poll to be held on June 18.

In this manner, the machinery for conducting a general election in Canada is put in motion. On instructions from the Governor-in-Council (in other words, the cabinet), the Chief Electoral Officer, an independent official chosen by the House of Commons, issues the writs of election to the returning officer in each constituency or riding. These officers direct the preparation of voters' lists, appoint deputy returning officers for each polling subdivision in the constituency, receive nominations of candidates and provide for the printing of ballots.

Enumeration
The voters' lists are compiled by enumeration of the electors, which begins 49 days before the election. Two enumerators, representing the two opposing political interests that received the highest number of votes in the constituency in the preceding election, make a door-to-door list of urban voters. (Only one enumerator is required in rural ridings.)

Preliminary lists of electors are posted in public places, such as on telephone poles, so that any voter may protest the inclusion or omission of any name. The official list of eligible voters must be compiled at least 26 days before the election date. Final revision of voters' lists must be completed 16 days before the election, which means by June 2 this year.

The returning officer in every constituency designates the locations of the polling stations. In the last election, the number of polling stations within each riding ranged from 27 to 458, and the number of voters who cast their ballots in each station was between 20 and 350. Each deputy returning officer and his poll clerk supervise the conduct of the polling on election day, under the scrutiny of two agents for each candidate.

Sugar and Spice . . .

BY BILL BAILEY

Fellow suggested I write a column this week about the election. "You know the sort of thing," he said airily. "Diefenbaker drive, Pearson poppycock, Douglas dribble." "I'm all very well for him. But it's not so easy for a columnist who is scared stiff of offending his readers."

Besides, I'm not that type of fellow. I have enough faults of my own without picking holes in dedicated champions who are ready and willing to give away every nickel they can squeeze out of us.

Why should I admit that every time Dief shakes his warts at me on the television, I almost burst out laughing? Why should I confess that each time Mike Lips another platitudinous platitude I plunge into despair? Why should I come right out and state bluntly that Turn-my-folksy manner and carefully studied anecdotes bore me rigid?

There's another character around there somewhere, called Johnson or Swanson or Gumpson or something, but I haven't seen much of him and I don't know much about the Crucial Septic party, or whatever they call it. He's the best-looking one of the lot, but I quit voting for the best-looking candidates in my last year in high school.

Every day I read the papers and try to ascertain who is ahead. And every day I become more and more convinced that I am

Local Winner In Moose Draw

Mrs. Gerie Wilson of 163 Robinson Cres., Milton won a \$10 consolation prize in the Ontario Moose Association retarded children's draw, it was announced this week.

Members of the North Halton Association for Retarded Children were assisting the Moose Lodge by selling tickets locally in their annual draw. Top prize winners were R. Clark of Stratford, C. J. Donkervoot of London, and Stanley Cowley of Hamilton. There were 10 other book cover winners.

The Moose Association turned over \$7,000 to the Ontario Association for Retarded Children's summer camp. The North Halton Association also received a portion of the ticket sales, approximately \$300.

confused. All they tell me is that Diefenbaker is gathering momentum, Pearson is gaining strength, Douglas is rolling them in the aisles out west and the Crucial Septic chap is packing them in down in Quebec.

As for platforms, they are even more confusing. The whole thing reminds me of one of those Three Stooges comedies. One of the parties nails a plank into his platform. As soon as he turns his back to get another plank, one of the other comedians walks away with the one he has just nailed down. While each of the three is trying to build a platform with planks swiped from the others, their idiot cousin is down in the basement constructing a massive platform which he will never be able to get either out of the cellar window or up the cellar stairs.

The giveaway programs have also become inextricably interwoven. By this time I haven't a clue as to which party is giving the biggest old-age pension, which is giving away free medicine, which is going to reduce taxes, or which is going to end unemployment by sending all the unemployed to school and paying them a salary to go.

About all that I have been able to gather in concrete form, as the whirlwind campaign kicks up the chaff, is that all parties are in favor of the common man and motherhood, and that all parties are against war, lung cancer, sin, crop failure and the other three parties.

We were trying to sort things out at the dinner table the other night. My son, who is 14, came up with the idea that suggests he

might have a brilliant political future. He thought one party should offer a national pension of one dollar a month for each year of young age.

This would eliminate a lot of the squabbling over the old-age pension. Of course, to get it going on the right foot, we'd throw out the baby bonus. Those kids are getting so much money when they're little that most of them are ruined by the time they're about six years old.

Then we'd give everybody a straight dollar a month per birthday. If you were 7, you'd get seven smackers a month. If you were 84, you'd get \$84 a month. What could be more fair? And it's the only thing I've ever heard of that might ease women over that 39-mark gracefully.

And that seems to be my only solid contribution, until I can spend another week or so analyzing the campaign. Let's see, now, if we can get things straightened out a bit, before we leave it.

The socialists are indeepee. The Crucial Septics are going to put the dollar back up to what it's worth—fifty cents. The Liberals, living up to their name, are going to give away everything that isn't nailed down. The Tories are going to run on their record—and, brother, they'd better get their track shoes on.

By George, it is a lot clearer when you just sit down and sort of think about it for a few minutes, isn't it?

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