

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL COATS

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, April 24, 1913.

During the meeting of council Monday evening, members were pleased to learn from Assessor Harvey only 37 cents in taxes had not yet been collected for the year.

20 YEARS AGO

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Pie, M. E. (Daisy) Buchanan is the first Actonian in the W.A.A.C. to go overseas for service in the combat area.

Don't expect those ingredients of any good column - unity and coherence - this week.

Since last November, I've been needing everybody who bored me by talking about what a dreadful dose of flu he had.

Most of the election recriminations are over by now, but a few editors are still catching it from readers who feel that the local paper was one-sided in its coverage.

This has always tickled me - the fellow who demands that the paper print the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Perhaps it would be a good thing if newspapers did print the whole truth, about everything.

Enough of that, I still say it served me right. However, I made it to church on Easter weekend, before succumbing, and was delighted to renew acquaintances with so many

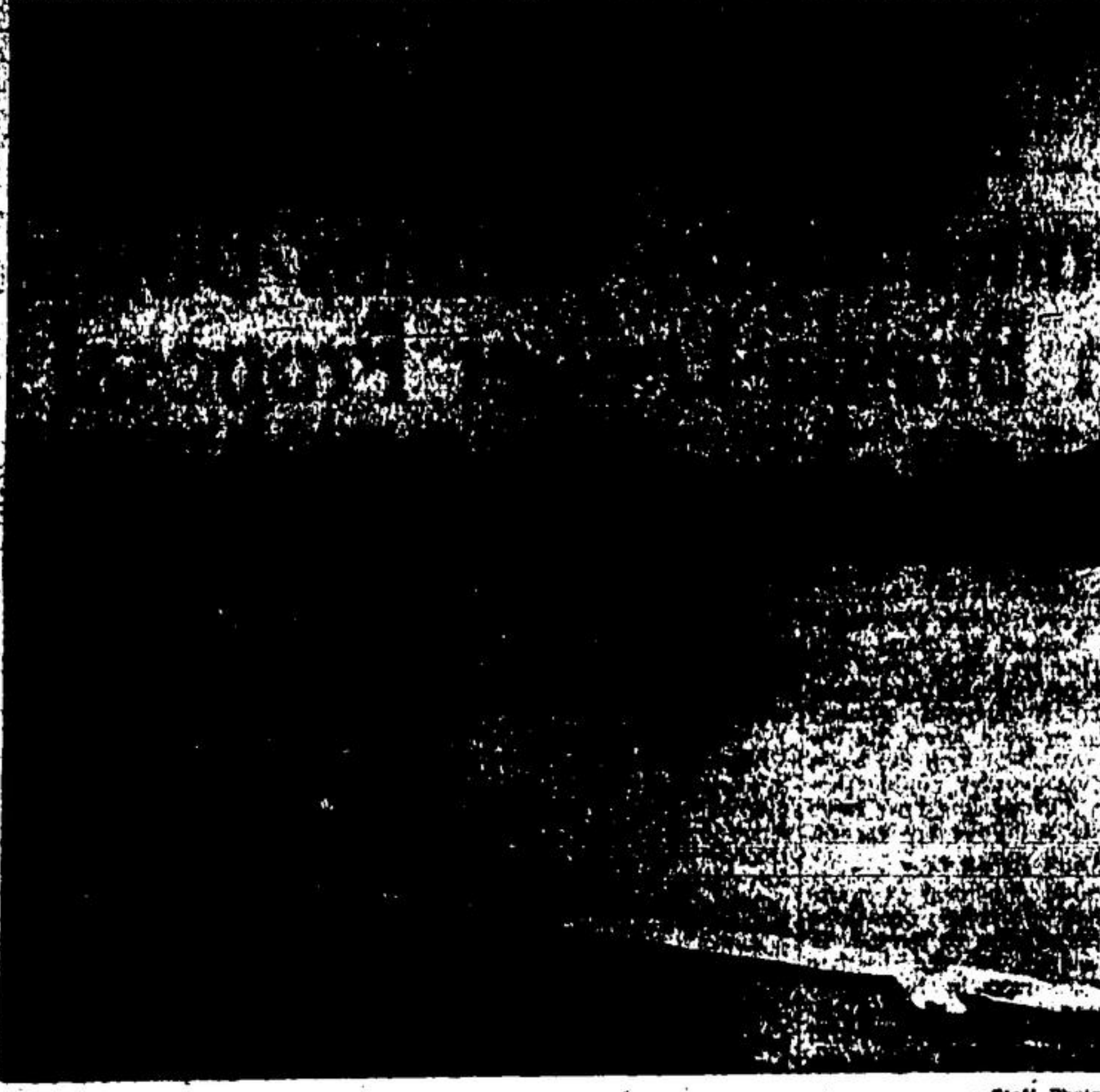
tired of spuds three times a day, every day, we could get mighty weary of nothing but the plain, unadulterated truth.

Do you think women would lead a fuller life if, when they ask how they look in a new outfit, their husbands informed them that they resembled something left out for the dog's breakfast?

Would the preacher feel richer, spiritually, if you told him, right in the middle of the Sunday morning handshake, "That was the dullest sermon I have ever heard?"

Would your friends feel more warmly toward you if you answered the casual query, "How are you?" with the plain, unvarnished truth, right from your throbbing corn to your aching back and on up to your brain tumor?

Truth, like cheap whisky, is invigorating in small doses, but is easier to take if it is mixed with something



—Staff Photo

Two Victories?

The Maple Leafs won the Stanley Cup and wound up the victors over Detroit.

A sports editor reported dramatically, not on just the victory on the ice but also the victory in the dressing room.

One paragraph described the second victory "Stafford Smythe, club president, and Harold Ballard, vice-president, were tossed into the showers by the players during the victory celebration.

There were other references in the well-written sports column to indicate that champagne had really taken a victory.

"George Armstrong posed for a photographer beside the Stanley Cup and suddenly Dick Duff was dumping a glass of champagne over Army's head."

Sports celebrities get a lot of build-up in the bright spotlight of publicity that develops club support. The professional hockey

players of ability, set standards for the young hopefuls in every town and city in the country. Their regular performances are followed on television and through the sport commentators.

When youngsters find it takes champagne to really celebrate like the professionals, after a victory, will the minors long be satisfied with ginger ale?

We felt a little nostalgic when we read that Conn Smythe's celebrations were with ginger ale. It seems he had a deeper awareness of the responsibilities a winning club carries with it.

The victory the Maple Leafs earned on the ice was well deserved. The victory that champagne won in the higher echelons of the Maple Leafs was disgusting. That victory leaves those responsible for hockey teams with a more difficult role in directing young lives along a trail free from dependence on an artificial "bubbly feeling" to mark special victories.

There were two victories in the Gardens, both with lasting significance.

The False Ideal...

It may seem contradictory but the medical scientist who is internationally famed for his work in defining damages done by the stress of modern living is now warning that people do really need something to worry about. But the valid point being made by Dr. Hans Selye, director of the Institute of Experimental Medicine and Surgery at the University of Montreal, is that a life without any worry can become a life without any purpose.

"The most commonly accepted ideals in our Western civilization," Dr. Selye recently told the Canadian Club of Toronto, "are security and a high living standard - less work and more pay. We want security, not only against aggressor nations. We want to know that, even if we live quite irresponsibly and lay nothing aside for emergencies, we won't have to worry because it is up to the government to insure us against everything.

"If we can find no purpose in life and become neurotic, we want vitamin pills, aspirin, tranquilizers and (God forgive me for having unwittingly, and despite all my protests, contributed to this list) the great variety of anti-stress pills, so popular nowadays.

"The great philosophical ideal of our times has become the development of a social structure in which you don't have to worry about anything. Well, as I have said before, a certain amount of stress is good. As E. N. Westcott said, 'a reasonable number

of fleas is good for a dog as it keeps him brooding over being a dog."

"If our leaders would help us to develop some specialities in science and culture it would not only give purpose to our lives but would unite us in one great team in which every citizen could feel that, in accordance with his particular talents, he contributes his share to a meaningful effort."

No one is likely to quarrel with Dr. Selye's thesis that we need to be led away from the vision of purposeless ease and back to the reality of purposeful work. But if in his use of the term "our leaders" Dr. Selye means political leaders, he is probably asking the impossible. Political leaders may not have believed in the possibility of desirability of a worry-free society, and their motives may simply have been political expediency, but they have been his chief prophets.

The leadership we need will have to come from people who will speak plain truths - as Dr. Selye himself has done.

The post office has been located in the new federal building on Bower Avenue for just over a month now. It's been surprising how, in such a short time, the traffic pattern in Acton has changed. Businessmen report a changing cycle of shopping hours. Parking behaviour at the new site hasn't yet settled down. Very few cars are being parked in the paved lot at the west and north of the building.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

GEORGETOWN—Pro hockey scouts found the arena here a veritable goldmine of talent last week, when 750 Bantam age hockey players from across Canada gathered for the annual Easter Week tournament.

HUTTONVILLE—Jack Haxvall of Cooksville, owner of the 60-acre Huttonville Park, has offered it to Chinguacousy Township on a lease basis for a township public park.

BURLINGTON—The Board of Education, citing the growing trend toward more technological and commercial education, has asked council for \$550,000 to build a 65,000 square foot addition to Nelson High School.

BRAMPTON—Lustron Steel Products has purchased a 20,000 square foot industrial building here, to manufacture metal stamping car parts for neighborhood automobile manufacturers.

OAKVILLE—The town's 1963 operating budget will go over \$4,000,000, with \$5,000,000 of this for education purposes, councillors announced as they slapped a 4.5 mill increase in taxes on the already overburdened taxpayers.

Church Publications Described At Baptist Group Thankoffering

The Spring Thankoffering of the Marion Rudd Mission Circle was held in Acton Baptist Church on April 16th at the opening hymn, the president, Mrs. J. Chapman led the meeting in prayer.

Speaker and Mrs. Evans sang. The offering was received, a hymn sung and Mrs. G. Harrop closed the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. C. Landborough gave a devotional message on the Easter theme, followed by a solo-sung by Mrs. J. Evans: 'I walked Today Where Jesus Walked'.

Gary Masalos Rotary Choice

Chosen for an all-expense paid trip to Ottawa for the Rotary club's Adventure in Citizenship this year is 17-year-old Gary Masalos, a grade 12 student.

Gary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Masalos, Queen St. E., leaves Malton airport Sunday, May 12 and will be in Ottawa until Thursday with delegates from all across Canada.

He will be writing an account of his experiences for the Free Press, as all previous winners have done.

Let's Play Bridge

I have often been asked if it is easy to learn to play bridge. An answer to the question is not easy. A person who is familiar with other card games can catch on to bridge faster than one who has never played any card games before.

Two rules are involved. The first is that a balanced hand with all suits stopped is opened with No Trump if it contains 22 to 24 points.

Table with 4 columns: North, East, South, West. Contains card notations for various hands like S-A 9 7, H-9 2, D-K Q 10 9 6, C-9 8 7 5.

From this bidding, you can see that bridge is a simple game if you follow other people's experience. South has 22 points and a balanced hand, hence opens 2 NT. North has 10 points in high cards and one for the fifth diamond or 11 points in all 22 plus 11 equals 33 - North bids 6 NT.

Why do I show such a simple hand? This board was played four times, yet only one pair got to a small slam. Two played in spades and one stopped at 3 NT.

Rules in bridge are based on experience - everybody's experience. All you have to do is prove from it.

—Backdrops and special effects are being finished today for the Student Council's At Home tomorrow evening (Friday) at the high school. 'Ten-hundred-of-the-August-Moon' - the theme. Staff members are helping the Student Council headed by Bonnie McDougall.

PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY AND TRAVELLERS GUIDE

Professional Directory and Travellers Guide listing various services: Medical (Dr. W. G. C. Kenney, Dr. D. A. Garrett, Dr. Robert D. Buckner, Dr. T. B. Moore), Dental (Dr. H. Leib), Legal (C. F. Leatherland, Q.C.), Appraisal and Insurance (F. L. Wright), and Chiropractor (David W. O'Neil, D.C.).

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