

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS

### 20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, August 5, 1943.

Ontario voters went to the polls yesterday to select a government for their province. In Halton County, Stan Hall, the Progressive Conservative candidate, is conceded the seat, although returns this morning are very incomplete.

The Y Men's World for July-August tells of the selection of 10 Honor Awards for 1943 for Y Men's bulletins. Acton club's bulletin, known as "Y's Guy's News", is among the clubs receiving this award. Only one other club in Ontario was a winner and that was London.

A letter has been received by the president, Bill Benson, from the Regional Director, extending congratulations to the club. Those who have had charge of the work this year are Messrs. B. D. Rachlin and Gordon Rogvaldson.

Born: Masales, on Thursday, July 29, 1943, to AC2 and Mrs. Owen Masales, a son, Terrance Robert.

Plans are now pretty well completed for the first night performance at Acton Fair this year. Since the arena is being used for wartime warehousing of wool, the big show will be held outdoors. The Merry Madcap Revue, a company of 11 artists, has been engaged for the major attraction.

Esqueping Township Council held their regular meeting on Monday evening. Moved by Wilson and seconded by Cleave, that grants be paid to the Acton Agricultural and Esqueping Agricultural Societies of \$75 each and to the Halton Agricultural Society of \$25.

Secretary C. W. Swackhamer has received word of the results of the field crop competition in connection with Acton Fall Fair this year. The event was judged by J. E. Whitlock and J. E. Pearson. Winners and their scores: J. E. Pearson 91, Robert Kerr 90, Miller Bros. 89, H. Swackhamer 87, Gordon Leslie 85, G. Sprawl 84, Chester Allan 81, H. Reid 80.

A five-day Vacation Bible School for the children of St. Alban's made the parish hall a scene of busy activity from 9:30 till noon. It was under the direction of Rev. E. A. Brooks, assisted by Mrs. S. Snow, Miss Esther Taylor and Mrs. J. H. Price.

The price of potatoes given in the Carroll grocery ad on page 2 should read 38¢ for 10 pounds, not 35¢.

### 50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, August 7, 1913.

Mr. Robert M. Laing, Arthur St., has a new strain of hen, a cross between the Plymouth Rock and Buff Orpington, which are proving to be superior layers. Mr. Laing calls his new strain the Rameses, it having been originated by the venerable Mr. John Ramsay, Eden Mills.

The foundations for the new Post Office and Customs House are almost completed. The carpenters will be at work to put in the joists for the new floor in a few days.

Complaint is made that quantities of broken stone, got from the jail years ago and removed now in levelling Main St., are being dumped in back yards and elsewhere, instead of being used to improve other streets. An explanation from those responsible is desired and should be given — Milton Champion.

The wisdom of the Council in again selecting the first Monday in August as the general date for the larger part of the Civic Holiday was shown in the very general observance of the day on Monday. The weather was delightful and the holiday much enjoyed. The baseball tournament here afforded amusement for a large crowd.

Oakville's new sewage system will cost the town \$100,000.

An unusual number of holiday visitors were in town over Sunday and Monday.

The most disastrous fire in the history of Erin village occurred at an early hour on Sunday morning. A great portion of the business section was wiped out. The fire started in the rear of the Queen's Hotel in an old frame shed.

Mr. James McLeap, First Line, Erin, started his new threshing outfit yesterday. It is composed of a Goddard threshing machine, a straw cutter and a blower and an 18 hp. engine. He is threshing at Mr. Wm. Robinson's, lot 9, con. 1, Erin. The outfit is much admired by the farmers.

Open air meetings will be started on the corner of Mill and Willow Sts. Saturday evening at 8 p.m. by Rev. Mr. Howarth. The assistance of any Christian workers will be appreciated.

The work of renovation and improvement of the Methodist church was commenced yesterday.

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

**MILTON**—Police and O.P.P. anti-gambling squad members recently seized three slot machines in local stores, and following a court case, in which their owners were found guilty of illegally operating the machines, the magistrate ordered them destroyed. They were burned in the town dump, with police supervising their demise.

**BRAMPTON**—The last piece of red tape holding up solution to Brampton's water problems was cut recently as officials snipped a red ribbon at the town's ninth well. Water gushed from the pipe as Mayor Russell Prue, Chinguacousy Reeve Cyril Clark and OWRC assistant manager Len Owens, pushed a button on the pump. The well, with a ten million gallons capacity, was brought in exactly three weeks after Ontario Municipal Board approval.

**BURLINGTON**—“A good strong letter with some teeth in it,” is to be sent to Burlington taxi companies, warning their licenses are in jeopardy unless they provide 24-hour service. This was the decision of the Fire and Police Committee after receiving complaints from local nurses over the taxi service during morning hours.

In a letter to the town, a nurse reported she had called four Burlington taxi companies around 7 p.m. to obtain transportation to work and was unable to receive service from any of them.

**OAKVILLE**—A new labor fracas may be brewing on the Lakeshore, but unionists are keeping it to themselves — even denying any probable dispute. Boiler-makers employed at the \$30,000,000 Shell refinery job, met in a convulsive Thursday and stewards refused to reveal the outcome following the meeting.

It is alleged that dissenting workers on the multi-million dollar project slated for completion this month, clamored for strike action.

### EDEN MILLS

## W.M.S., Ladies' Aid Picnic Business, Races on Agenda

The W.M.S. and Ladies' Aid of Eden Mills Presbyterian Church met at the Millie farm for a short business meeting and the annual picnic. The W.M.S. opened with a hymn. “What a friend we have in Jesus,” with Mrs. H. Gilbertson leading in prayer. After the secretary's and treasurer's reports were read, Mrs. J. Millie closed with the Glad Tidings prayer.

The Ladies' Aid opened with a poem entitled “Garden of God” by Mrs. Wallace Lasby. After the secretary's and treasurer's reports were read, cards of thanks were heard: Mrs. R. Roy, Mrs. Garnet McDougall and Mrs. W. Lasby were appointed to be on the meat committee for Eden Falls.

**Picnic Held**—Mrs. G. McDougall and Mrs. W. Lasby, the picnic committee, then took charge for the rest of the afternoon. Winners of the various events were as follows: Bean contest, Mrs. W. McDougall; spot race, Mrs. R. Gordon; pie contest, Mrs. J. Gilbertson; Mrs. H. Gilbertson; shoe contest, Mrs. S. Gilbertson; flower contest, Mrs. G. Atkin; copper game, Mrs. W. Buchanan; candy contest, W.F.C.

W. McLean Sr. from other winners. Mrs. G. McPhail, Mrs. W. Mino and Mrs. R. Wright. A dainty lunch followed under the shade trees and soft breezes. Mr. and Mrs. Sid Barnes and family from Brooklen were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Mino. Mrs. Beatty Sr. is visiting at Estlow's for the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Pete Oertlieb spent the weekend at Dinnville. Mrs. Leighton of Fergus is staying for a week as a guest of Kathy Lasby. Paul and Marty Francis, London, are staying for a few days with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. McLean. Mr. and Mrs. J. Cann and family will spend the next week at Ravfield as guests of Mr. Cann Sr. Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson were Mr. and Mrs. Guy Osborn and family, Plainsville and Joyce and Deborah Flewelling, Goldstone. Mr. and Mrs. J. Kirby and daughter Elizabeth are holidaying at Collingwood. Miss Violet McGimpsey, Toronto, is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. R. Wright.

## Sugar and Spice ...

BY BILL EARLEY

Summertime ... and the livin' is ceceevy. That's what the man said in the song. I beg to differ. Today, a typical summer day at the Smiths, we've got a girl going to camp, a boy going to the dogs, a dog going to the vet's, a mother going around the bend, and a father going to seed.

And the livin' is anything but easy. We have spent all our money except the last baby bonus, and there's a month to be put in before we get the next paycheck.

Kim is in the next room getting ready to go to camp. To hear her talk, in the preceding weeks, her fortnight at camp is the only oasis in the bleak and dreary desert which comprises the life of a kid going into Grade 8. Her method of preparing for camp is a familiar one to many parents. She's lying on her bed reading comic books.

Six weeks ago our son was an earnest Grade 11 student who practised the piano three hours a day, beginning at 7 a.m. He did his homework, received a nominal allowance, went to bed at a reasonable hour, and eschewed the company of females. Now he is an orange-piler in one of our mighty chain stores, and as a result, wealthy, a devotee of the midnight dance, and as lively as a log until noon, time to go to work.

Today is his day off, and he's down at the beach giving the teenage tourist girls a treat, or he's tearing around in some delinquent's car, or he's trying to drown himself on somebody's water-ski in the bay. Who knows? His parents don't. We'll be lucky if he's home in time to eat his usual eight pounds of supper before he casually mentions that he's off to the dance at the local snipit.

As for our little black spaniel, Playboy, he's more confusing than anybody. Recently he lost an eye when he got smart with a tomcat. He was at the vet's for a couple of weeks, while the damage was repaired. Now each time he gets out of the yard, he vanishes smartly, and no amount of whistling or bone-waving will recall him.

Ten minutes later, we get a

### Toronto Barrister Now in Georgetown

Sidney Kaplan, a Toronto barrister with over 15 years' experience before the courts in Toronto, has commenced practicing law in Georgetown in association with the practice of John D. Ord, O.C. Mr. Kaplan will continue practicing law in the Carleton Building in the offices where Mr. Ord has been practicing. Mr. Kaplan has been practicing in downtown Toronto since graduating from Saskatchewan Law School in 1947. Mr. Kaplan is a specialist in litigation and has conducted cases in all the Ontario courts and before the Supreme Court of Canada.

Mr. Kaplan is married and has four children and his family is at present living in Toronto. He plans to move to Georgetown in the near future. Since the appointment of Mr. Ord as a magistrate, he has found that he was unable to spend sufficient time to adequately carry on his private practice. He will be continuing to assist Mr. Kaplan and will remain in close association with the practice in Georgetown.

### Flood Control Given Approval

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority was pleased at the “wonderful reception” their delegation received when they called on Hon. Kelso Roberts, Minister of Lands and Forests.

The minister has given support to the \$500,000 flood control plan for the Credit River. All 16 municipalities in the Credit River area have agreed to participate in the plan. The Minister has indicated he will recommend provincial federal participation in the project.

The scheme calls for construction of six dams, reservoirs and three channel improvements on the Credit River. The federal and provincial government will each pay 37½% of the cost. The remaining 25% of the total will be shared by the 16 municipalities in the watershed, including Acton.

Three of the dams will be in this vicinity. One in Georgetown will be built on Magistainview Rd. at Hungry Hollow; another near Silvercreek will span a gorge between the eighth and ninth lines of Esqueping in what is known as the Hickory Falls area, and the third will be constructed east of Glen Williams above the 10th line bridge.

The Acton Y's Men went a draw prize to the convention in Buffalo — a fine bagging cup and saucer with trillium design.

call from the vet. “How you seen your dog lately? Not? Well, he's back again.

He has fallen in love with either the vet or some dimpled lady dog who was in hospital with him, because he goes hawling off to the vet's, seven blocks away, every time he gets loose.

And he gets loose much too often. This week he fell frantically in love with a wild, tired, nine-year-old male boxer who was visiting, with friends. It was pitiful. Playboy did everything but sing Indian Love Call to prove his passion. The boxer was bored.

Today the pup is sitting on his rump in the yard, glaring with appalling ferocity about his domain, while the black squirrels, cats, and butterflies, secure in the knowledge that he couldn't lick a baby robin with both wings tied behind his back, flit about on the lawn just out of reach.

Downstairs, my wife is fussing over the ironing, the sewing in of labels, the searching for just year's sleeping bag. This is on the top level.

Below that she is stewing over the visitors arriving tomorrow, the fact that she doesn't know what time Kim's boat leaves for camp, and the realization that the new clothesline installed at the cost of complete damnation of my soul (swearing) doesn't work worth a diddle. There are several other levels deeper down.

Within the last hour, we've had at the garden gate several callers.

The first was a vand happy, plastered, commercial fisherman, who wanted to know where the piano was. It was his birthday, and he caught a dozen lake trout. It turned out that a lady a block away was advertising a baby grand for sale. You figure out why a commercial fisherman, drunk, wanted to buy a baby grand.

Another apparition was a tourist woman. Her car had stopped just beside our garden. She said her daughter was a cyclic vomiter, whatever that is, and the kid had been in the hospital all day, and it was so hot and her husband was at the cottage, and she couldn't get the car started and aha-aha-aha, she started to howl. I fetched a mechanic.

And just 10 minutes ago I received a call from Old Blinker, an old air force friend of mine who is a rim-racked, brass-bound alcoholic. Said he was in Elmburg (real name Elmvale) only 18 miles away, and through he might as well give me a hoar.

What else could I do? I asked him up for a couple of days. It was only after I hung up, and saw my wife's face, that I remembered our former sector and his wife had been asked to spend the identical pair of days with us.

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**"YOU'RE OUT!"** signals umpire Wayne Barnaby as catcher Susan McGilloway catches the third strike on batter Brenda Henry during the summer playground program at the park. Children are enjoying swimming, games, crafts and other sports under the leadership of recreation director Jim Catburn.

## All That "Mama" Money ...

After all the bally hoo about provincial rights and the \$400 million loan fund the federal government is setting up we hope the necessary and important details are not too long in filtering down to the municipalities that are supposed to be assisted by it all.

While we understand the basic objective of the Pearson government's loan program is to relieve unemployment we are hopeful there will be some recognizable benefit to municipalities like this one, whose government debt is already high and whose desirable works are far from completed.

The program was met, at its introduction, with a great flurry of "provincial rights" talk and now we understand that has all been smoothed over by giving the provinces the right of distribution. Municipalities, of course, are at the bottom of the governmental ladder and they will now deal with the province with no direct line to the federal government's treasury.

We see some advantages in the municipalities having to deal with only one level of government, of course. It precludes the possibility of a town counting on two sets of grants and finding only one is applicable. It also minimizes the chain of red tape in having to qualify only once for the available funds. This, it is hoped, will get the chain of projects into operation soon enough to accomplish something in the way of relieving unemployment.

## Of Many Things ...

This week Acton Y's Men's Club, indeed all of Acton was honored when Garnet McKenzie was elected president of the International Y's Men's Clubs. Meeting in Buffalo, delegates representing clubs throughout the free world, chose Mr. McKenzie as the head of their organization. It is very seldom that one of Acton's citizens is recognized in such a manner and we join with "Pat's" many friends in extending to him our congratulations and felicitations in the honors he earned and brought to Acton.

The inauguration of a playground program in the Glenlea subdivision is a praiseworthy effort. If the park area is put into shape we feel a recreational program in this

The sum of \$400 million that has been bandied around does sound like a lot of loot. Spread over the whole country, of course, it could run rather thin by the time it gets allocated down as far as towns our size. Then of course we will want to be sure just how many strings are attached to that bundle of dollars that at first glance might seem like some sort of windfall to debt-plagued municipal fathers.

Since the province is going to have the say on who gets what, that would only mean the Ontario Municipal Board is going to have a big say in this slicing of the pie. The suggestion we're heard that the top 25 per cent of the loan may be "forgiven" is helpful but the debt is still going to be debt and that means repayment sometime.

One of the smallest problems of the whole loan program is going to be in finding deserving projects. Many municipalities have already begun to draw up their list. This might not be a bad place to start if the enthusiasm generated by half-information does not carry municipal councils beyond the point of no return.

The provincial government, on the other hand, must now speedily draft some "simple steps" to follow in laying out to municipalities what is and what is not possible. The "fund" is certainly no secret and the quicker information is forwarded to the towns, the quicker the plan might be carried through to implementation.

area and other areas in town would be beneficial. We believe it is wise to take the program to the participant.

In a "news release" this week from Owen Mullin, provincial Liberal candidate, he infers Halton has not enjoyed good representation for the past 20 years. He reports the member spoke in the House only 15 minutes during that time. We would like to point out to Mr. Mullin that speaking in the House and outside the House is not the only duty of a member of the legislature. We have felt that our member, sitting as a member of the government, represents the riding quite well without excessive verbosity.

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