

Hilton Falls



THE RUGGED BEAUTY of the Niagara Escarpment is epitomized in this view of Hilton Falls near Campbellville, as the creek water tumbles into a sun-washed glade. The Halton Region Conservation Authority wants to preserve the scenic spot.

Municipal Elections . . .

Just three months from now places like Acton will have to think about municipal elections. It is not a bad idea to begin thinking ahead of time about potential candidates. Contests are essential to our system of government, if it is to be effective.

For an election, by its nature, means the setting of alternatives before the voters. It means that candidates and people are forced to think about what should be done as municipal business, and how it should be done. It is never too soon to begin thinking about that.

Municipal service deals with thousands of dollars in money. It must set policies which direct and channel the growth of the com-

munity. It serves the entire town. It is an opportunity to achieve some things. It needs hard common sense to spend dollars well, and to keep expenditures at a bearable level. It requires vision and courage to see what can be done, and to do it, even if it is not popular.

Municipal office sits lightly on no one. It is a responsible business. It is subject to criticism, an essential part of the democratic system. But it is a challenge. And there have always been people who respond to challenge. Now is the time to begin thinking about standing for election. The sooner one begins thinking about it, the more likely he is to give good service.

Our Abuse of Water . . .

Water is a strange thing. It drives the dynamos that power our industrial civilization. It is the life giving fluid essential to every human operation. It is the source of most of our recreation, summer and winter.

Yet we run our sewage and industrial waste into it, and it costs us billions of dollars to make it fit to use. We kill the life in it, and turn it into stinking fens. We meddle with its flow, we cut the trees which hold it in the ground.

And in its turn, the water on which we depend begins to dwindle. The level drops, and the power production falls off. The flow

decreases, and the filth becomes worse because there is no current to carry it off. The amount lessens, and it costs us vast fortunes to find more, so that we can have enough to use.

Of all the commodities on earth, water is the most precious. Yet we treat it as though the supply were inexhaustible, and we could do anything we like with it, with impunity.

We are beginning to discover that there is a price for this abuse. Our lakes are going down, our streams are drying up, our fish are dying, and our recreation areas are dwindling. We had better take notice that the Nature we have outraged is protesting in the only way she can.

Walk it Off . . .

Feeling tense, jittery? Is the job getting you down? Are the children getting on your nerves? Are you losing your zest for living?

Walk it off. There is medical evidence to back up the remedy. Over 800 San Francisco physicians recently surveyed prescribe walking as the best medicine for relieving tension.

It's easier said than done. What lip biting chain-smoker caught short of cigarettes at 8 p.m. is going to walk two blocks to the drug store to get a packet? He'll jump into

the car and then probably pick up some tranquilizers along with the weeds.

Doctors are aware that their remedy is likely to be ignored. That is why most sweeten the pill by suggesting golf or bowling. Somehow when a man is chasing a ball he does not feel he is wasting time. (Incidentally, few physicians prescribe calisthenics or even tennis as alternatives, but swimming is approved).

The surest way to get a town dweller out walking for his health is for his wife to buy a dog that must be exercised every evening.

Editorials in Brief . . .

Living on a small income would not be so bad if you didn't have to work so hard to keep it a secret.

—The Park County News, Livingston, Mont.

Municipal tax burdens are getting to

the point where actual hardship is being worked on property owners. It is time senior governments conferred with local officials, with a view to a more equitable spread of costs, and easing of the local tax burden. It is becoming uneconomical to own a home.

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THE GOOD OLD DAYS

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, August 24, 1944.

The employees of the Wool Combing Corporation held a gathering in the park on Saturday, arranged among the group. Each provided their own lunch and a series of races and sports were enjoyed. A delightful afternoon was enjoyed and the Acton Boys' Band contributed a musical program.

Employees of Beardmore and Co. and their families are keenly anticipating the big annual picnic planned for Saturday in Acton park.

Mr. A. T. Brown, druggist, has disposed of his business in Acton to Mr. Earl Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cooper, Acton. Mr. Cooper will take possession next month.

On Monday evening, August 14, about 40 guests gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Allen when a very delightful miscellaneous shower was held for the bride and groom, L.A.C. and Mrs. Bert Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kentner and Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Anderson were holidaying at Toronto, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Grassie, Grimsby, Hamilton and Guelph this week.

Friends are glad to learn that Mr. Fred Cleaves was able to return from the hospital in Toronto this week and is making satisfactory progress toward recovery following an operation.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, August 27, 1914.

The schools will re-open on Tuesday, 1st September.

There was a slight frost on Monday and Tuesday nights. Wheat is now bringing \$1.05 to \$1.10 here. Oats are up to 55c.

About 30 of the young people of the Epworth League paid a fraternal visit to the Rockwood society on Monday evening.

The Municipal Council passed the estimates on Monday evening and the rates were fixed for the current year. The rate of taxation is to be 22 mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Walker, Guelph, celebrated the diamond anniversary of their wedding on Monday, August 24. The Walker Lodge A. F. and A. M. join in congratulations to Mr. Walker, who founded their lodge 40 years ago.

Died, Kaley, at the family residence, lot 21, concession 3, 1st township, on Tuesday, August 19, 1914, Michael Kaley, aged 81 years.

At a meeting of Guelph Central Fair directors last week, it was decided to hold no exhibit this year, owing to conditions caused by the war. The Acton Fair directors are determined to make our fair this year the best yet.

Mr. Peter McNabb left last week on a trip to Manitoba.

Miss Minnie Bennett returned from her stay in Toronto last week.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

HURLINGTON — Their basement somewhat resembles a bus and their bus is like a family room. This is the situation the V. D. Sinnamons of White Pines Drive are contending with. Mr. and Mrs. Sinnamons decided they would buy a bus and this year put their plans into action. They were fortunate in finding a used bus in good condition and Mr. Sinnamons removed the seats and installed double back bunk beds. He also installed a breakfast nook, which makes into another bed and put cupboards on both sides of the sink. Now he has all the luxuries of a 15 foot trailer plus a basement full of bus seats.

OAKVILLE — A training ship for the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve, the H.M.C.S. Lanark, anchored just off Oakville's shore recently. The Prestonian Class frigate is sailing the Great Lakes this summer as a training vessel for the Reserve and anchored briefly off Oakville's shoreline.

GEORGETOWN — An overhead storage system for the town's water supply is one of the recommendations made in a report recently received by council from the Ontario Water Resources Commission. The report also indicates that chlorine addition to the water supply must be maintained at 5 per million gallons.

BRAMPTON — Changouan Township is considering building an arena in Snelgrove for \$250,000. Introducing the motion recently Deputy-revee Ed Blair said youngsters need one, and so will their children. Councillor Frank Lyons seconded the motion. The recreation committee will investigate types of arenas which can be built for that sum.

MILTON — About 25 Milton and district youths will appear in Magistrate's Court on September 1 following a Police crackdown on offences on Milton's Main Street during a three day period recently. Forty charges ranging from causing a disturbance, to racing, to careless driving have been levelled against the youths by Milton Police officers. Police chief Ray Andrews reported, "This is only the beginning unless non-sense like this stops."

Chinese, Canadian Customs Mingled At Marks-Fong Wedding in Toronto

Canadian and Chinese wedding customs were mingled on Sunday afternoon when Betty Mun Yee Fong and Jon Wei Mark were married in Metropolitan United Church, Toronto.

The bride, who came to Canada from Hong Kong in 1958, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yent Fong, 32 Church St., Acton, and there were many Acton guests. The groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Mark, 9 Grange St., Toronto, was born in China, graduated in engineering from the University of Toronto in 1962 and is an engineer with Westinghouse Electric in Hamilton, where the couple will live.

Rev. MacCreedy conducted the double ring ceremony at two o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Two Wedding Gowns
The petite bride had two wedding gowns — her full length white Canadian gown which she wore for the marriage and a beautifully embroidered and beaded pink Chinese wedding gown which she wore later.

She said her wedding vows in a floor-length gown of Sata-peau over tulle with fitted bodice, long lily-point sleeves and high jewel necklace. The bodice dipped to a vee at the back, and the skirt flowed into a graceful chapel train. Re-embroidered appliques of Swiss lace roses enhanced the waistline. The gown's petalled headpiece of net and organza held her scalloped four-tier veil of nylon illusion. Her bouquet was of red roses, white button mums and fern, with white ribbons.

Attendants in Pink
The maid of honor was the bride's cousin, May Mack of Winnipeg, who wore a deep pink sheath topped with a bouffant overskirt of organza and lace. Bridesmaids were Judy Fong, Acton, sister of the bride, and Jane Wong, Acton, a friend. Their deep pink dresses were accented at the waist with lace cummerbunds and a bow "with short streamers."

The attendants wore pink wed-

ding ring headdresses with short veils and matching accessories, and carried bouquets of white roses, mums, pink-tipped carnations and fern with white ribbons.

Six-year-old Cecile Wong of Toronto, all in white, was flower girl. Her dress was embroidered with lily-of-the-valley, and her accessories were all white. She carried a small nosegay of button mums, white and pink tipped mums circling two white roses.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Groomsman was a classmate of the groom, Dominic Ng, Toronto, and the ushers were Bill Mao, Toronto, a cousin of the groom, and John Fong, Guelph, a brother of the bride.

Sandra Blyth, Acton, a school friend of the bride, was soloist, singing the Lord's Prayer and Wedding Prayer.

Wedding Banquet
A Chinese banquet of many courses was served to the guests at Sai Wau Chop Suey House, Toronto. The bride's mother wore a beige brocade dress with a beige velvet hat and a corsage of variegated roses. The groom's mother wore a blue linen two-piece dress with pink accessories and variegated roses.

Traditions of two cultures intermingled throughout the day. Concluding the Chinese meal, the couple cut a tiered wedding cake. Guests all signed a piece of red satin, embroidered by the bride with traditional Chinese characters and symbols; brush and ink were used for the Chinese characters and western names alike.

Firecrackers were lit when the wedding party left Acton, and at different times during the day, to bring good luck in the ancient Oriental way.

Many Guests
Acton guests included friends, neighbors and teachers of the bride. Tom Watson proposed the toast to the bride. Guests were from Acton, Guelph, Toronto, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Kingston and Hamilton.

Sugar and Spice . . .

BY BILL BAILEY

When I was a kid, the tourist business was in its infancy. Oh, there were quite a few American licenses around in July and August. Everybody thought tourists were a good thing and something should be done about them. A few people with large houses and small incomes, like my mother, put up "Tourist Accommodation" signs and were not only flattered but delighted to rent huge, immaculate rooms, with breakfast, for the improbable sum of \$2.

But on the whole, the tourist business was just a little extra gravy. The small town drowsed through the summer. The merchants quitted in the doorways of their quiet stores, waiting for six o'clock to come around, so they could get home, pulp supper and get to the ball park.

What a difference from the slum-bam thank you mam atmosphere of the modern tourist town.

Today, the tourist business, for many towns, is not just a little extra gravy. It is the cream in the coffee, the cheese with the apple pie, and the quick holiday in the south during February, along with a lot of other indigestible and use less but pleasant luxuries.

It is, for many a small town merchant, the difference between survival of the fittest and getting along nicely, thank you.

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English Pantomime Idea at Georgetown

If present plans are fulfilled a Georgetown group hopes to introduce a traditional English pantomime over the Christmas holidays.

A small group with little but enthusiasm, hopes to produce Dick Whittington, just as it would be done in England. This means the leading man, or principal boy as he is known, is played by a girl. The reason for this is obscure.

With the large influx of Britishers to this area, it is felt nostalgia alone might bring the parent and children to see a real pantomime.

It consists of color, corn and capers, usually based on a fairy tale or legend.

If you would like to participate in this venture, call Georgetown 877-4078 or 877-6506.

Chinese, Canadian Customs Mingled At Marks-Fong Wedding in Toronto

The couple are taking a honeymoon to Quebec City, New York and Washington D.C.

The bride changed into her Chinese wedding gown sent from Hong Kong, a pink straight-cut dress with high neck, short sleeves, frog closing and embroidered and beaded with a peacock and dragon, symbols of the bride and groom. With it she wore a pink and silver stole, a gift from relatives in Hong Kong.

Traditional foods, customary gifts and formal serving of tea were included. Gifts were wrapped in red or had a red paper enclosed; red is the color for luck.

Acton Showers
Several showers were held locally for the bride. Sandra Blyth was hostess for a gathering of school friends at her home, R.R. 1, Acton. Mrs. Tom Watson held a kitchen shower and Mrs. K. Marshall entertained neighbors at a miscellaneous shower.

TYPES OF N.I.L. LOANS
The National Housing Act provides for loans by approved lenders. These are private companies such as chartered banks, life insurance companies and trust and loan companies authorized by the federal government to lend under the terms of the Act. A list of the approved lenders is available from any office of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

If approved lenders are not making loans in the area in which you wish to build, you may then apply directly to C.M.H.C. for a loan. In this case, federal government funds are used for the loan.

Before C.M.H.C. can consider making a direct loan, you must provide written evidence that you have tried to obtain an N.I.L. A loan from at least two private lending companies. In smaller centres and rural areas, where lending by the private companies may be limited, such evidence is required from only one company.

dant scream of aching feet.

It is pure bonanza for the skilled men of town and district. Electricians and plumbers, carpenters and painters, who had a dim time of it all winter, suddenly find themselves courted like courtesans.

Aside from the economic impact, the tourist season has an emotional effect on the small town. When the first visitors begin to arrive, early in summer, they inject a color and excitement into the town, with their different clothes and accents and mode of life.

Old friends drop by, have a little yarn about what they did last winter, and like as not, urge "Now you be sure and come up to see us at the cottage, yhear. We'll be expecting you."

The June trickle becomes an avalanche and by mid-summer the whole town is throbbing with this heady addition to its bloodstream. Thousands of cute kids, brown and round. Thousands of their sisters and mothers, in skin-tight shorts and beautiful tans and smoked glasses. Thousands of their fathers, in hairy calves and pot bellies and crazy hats.

By this time, you can't find a place to park, shopping takes

three times as long, and you can scarcely cross the street for constant, crawling traffic. And by this time, the tourist town has almost lost its identity and individuality.

As August nears its end, there is a little sadness in the air. New and old friends among the campers begin heading out of town with their sun-blackened children and their piled-high cars.

When Labor Day arrives, and the avalanche again becomes a trickle, the tourist town becomes a town again, and not just a shopping centre. The citizens slow down, stretch their aching backs, look around and see their friends.

Within a week, they have forgotten the scramble and the rush and the sheer foolishness of making money, and full of renewed interest in their town and themselves, get down to something serious, like planning a hunting trip, or having a party.

The tourist season is a lot of fun. For the tourists.

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7:38 a.m. to Stratford, daily except Sun.; 6:23 p.m. to Stratford, daily except Sat. and Sun.; 7:08 p.m., daily except Sun.; 12:49 a.m. to Stratford daily except Sat.