

Those Memorable Words...

A Shot of Elixir...

Taking pot shots at the antiquity of county government seems to be a favorite sport these days for those who consider it not new enough to have value. The more lately popular theme is all about regional government.

Frankly we fail to see the difference between the more recent term regional government and the older term county government. We see no value in destroying one to create another in an only slightly different guise with slightly varied powers.

Because of this we hope the recent suggestion of Halton Warden Herb Merry, to call a meeting of all Halton municipal officials, can be carried off. Main subject of any speaker would be the role of county government and it might surprise us all to hear an expert well backgrounded on the subject, explain just what a county is and how it can operate.

The warden's suggestion, last Tuesday, that Halton form itself into a metro-type community

to buffet off the advancing encroachments of Toronto and Hamilton is not a new thesis but is an increasingly popular one. Halton has tremendous contrasts within its boundaries but it is compact enough, and its county government has advanced sufficiently, that it could be a strong area.

There are many factors, however, that will effect change in the not-too-distant future. One major change could be in the readjustment of electoral districts. Halton has been one electoral district for years and this has contributed a unifying quality. The shake-up that is due could lump parts of Halton with parts of other municipalities to remove that common bond.

We hope Warden Herb Merry can administer a dose of elixir for county government in his visits to the various council meetings, in convening a meeting of all Halton representatives and in his conduct of Halton business. It's time there was a little more discussion on the value of county government in its role of regional development, rather than abandoning it because it's been around for awhile.

Those Memorable Words...

Thousands of words have been written and spoken in tribute to the late Sir Winston Churchill in recent days. The tributes have come from all corners of the globe and he richly deserved them. But he will be remembered particularly for his own great words that stirred the allies during the greatest conflict. In his memory and toward this objective we reprint some of his particularly telling phrases which in themselves, are a tribute to his ability and contribution.

"We shall defend our island whatever the cost may be. We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills, we shall never surrender."

"Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few." (Tribute to the RAF during D-Day)

"We are fighting by ourselves alone, but we are not fighting for ourselves alone." (After the fall of France)

"Let there be sunshine on both sides of the Iron Curtain... and if ever the sunshine be equal on both sides, the curtain will be no more."

"The idea that safety can be purchased by throwing a small state to the wolves is a fatal delusion. German war power will grow faster than the French and British can complete their preparations for defense." (A protest against the

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1938 appeasement policy by which Czechoslovakia was sacrificed to Hitler.)

"We shall fight him (Hitler) by land, we shall fight him by sea, we shall fight him in the air; until, with God's help, we have rid the earth of his shadow and liberated his peoples from the yoke."

"The dictator in all his pride is held in the grip of his party regime. He can go forward, he cannot go back. He must bleed his wounds and show them open, or else be destroyed by them. All strong without, he is all weak within."

"Twice in a single generation the catastrophe of world war has fallen upon us. Twice in our lifetime has the long arm of fate reached out across the ocean to bring the United States into the forefront of the battle. If we had kept to ourselves after the last war, if we had taken common measures for our safety, this renewal of the curse need never have fallen upon us."

"I have never promised anything but blood, toil, tears and sweat."

"I am ready to meet my Maker. Whether my Maker is prepared for the great ordeal of meeting me is another matter." (When asked if he had any fear of death)

"Patience and perseverance must never be regarded when the peace of the world is at stake." He once told the House of Commons late in his career: "Never think never weary, never des

The Good Old Days...

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, February 1, 1945

Tires and wheels were stripped on Saturday night from two cars which had been left by skiers on a snow blocked roadway, half a mile from the YMCA ski camp near Norval. Constable Ray Mason of the Acton police investigated the theft. The cars were noticed by a milk driver Sunday morning. They had had to be left some distance from the camp because of the blocked roads.

Dr. J. G. Oakes will be president of Acton Fair for the next two years. He was elected at the annual meeting held this week. The fair had a successful year in spite of the absence of a night performance and displays in the arena. It is hoped the arena will be available for next year's show.

Total cash receipts of \$15,489.97 were shown in the balance sheet of the Acton and Vicinity War Service League presented at the meeting in the couplet chamber last Thursday. Much of the money was raised at fund raising events with many donations from local organizations.

The Ladies' Aid of Knox Church held their annual Burns' Supper last Friday. A musical program followed in the church. Those taking part were: William Burton, George Mussel, Alex Mann, Jim Lamb, George Elliott, Jim Spivey, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. McCron.

The Smiths may thrive in Acton. According to the new February directory, there are 62 Smiths in Acton but Acton has no common names at all.

February 11 can't be more severe than January has been and there are only 28 days. Roads have been in poor shape all month due to the snow and cold and plowing in some sections has been almost continuous.

Despite severe weather conditions Friday evening past, a large number of persons were present at the YMCA party. Films were shown by a representative of Baxter Laboratories. I.O. Joe Connell spoke briefly on a very timely topic.

Y's Menettes Planning Feb. Rummage Sale

Miss W. Wilson was hostess to the Y's Menettes Wednesday evening of last week, and after the business meeting, Miss Sally Wilson showed slides of her trip to Scotland.

A rummage sale in aid of world service will be held in February. The Ladies began planning a novelty bazaar of Christmas items, to be held in the fall.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, January 28, 1915

"Your King and country needs you. How are you answering the call?" Mr. David Storey has purchased from Mr. Harry Sayers Jr. the brick machine shop at the corner of Mill Street and Park Avenue.

William A. Frank hauled from his father's farm to Anderson's wood yard, Acton, a load of green maple wood which weighed 9,920 lbs. on Hill's scales. This big load proves that Mr. Frank has an exceptionally good team and that he knows how to handle them.

The Presbyterian Young People's Guild had a very enjoyable sleigh ride and evening's entertainment when visiting the Young People's of Boston church. The party numbered about 75 individuals.

The Acton High School Literary Society held a patriotic meeting last Friday afternoon. The following papers were given: Germany Before the War, Percy Auld; The Causes of the War, Mr. Stewart; The War in Belgium and France, Harvey Rath; The Navy, Bert Mowat; Weapons Used in the War, Mac Smith; current events, Harold Mowat.

A team of members of Acton Checker Club played in Milton and the result was an even score for both sides. The Acton players were A. H. McLean, A. Leishman, H. S. Holmes, A. E. Nicklin, Neil Patterson, S. M. Lasby, George Barber and John Harvey.

The fine sleighing of the past week gave impetus to the sleighing of wood, logs and other commodities. Monday's big snow storm drifted the roads badly. In the Epworth League parlour next Tuesday evening, the government will introduce a bill dealing with conscription. The Opposition will take a decided stand against the measure and a warm debate is anticipated.

Install New Stove Royal Cafe Kitchen

A new Loring gas stove has been installed at the Royal Cafe and went into use Wednesday of last week.

The new kitchen addition, replacing the old coal stove, which has been in use ever since Bill Wong and family moved to town 16 years ago.

Bill claims the stove to be one of the best manufactured and is glad to have the modern device in order to keep up to the busy cooking chores.

Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL SMILEY

With his usual superb sense of timing, Winston Churchill chose to die during a rather dull winter period when it was possible to attract the attention of the entire world without fear of anyone stealing the scene from him.

It was time to go. There is nothing more pitiable than a great man reduced to dotage and senility. He was spared this.

Despite the avalanche of anecdotes and eulogies and reprints of his speeches, I don't think there was deep and widespread sorrow at his demise. Certainly, there was none of the heart-thrilling grief that accompanied the death of President Kennedy.

It was more of a nostalgic address, a sense of the loss of an institution. One can imagine the English feeling like this when Queen Victoria died, after 60 odd years on the throne.

Quite a man was Sir Winston. And just that. Not a superman, but a man.

And that was why he was able to seize and shake and straighten the hearts of the free world, with his courage and his tears, his defiance and his prayers, during those days when Europe and the world were threatened with a thousand years of darkness.

Most of us have several elements in our character. Churchill was a kaleidoscope of the colors of life. He was reactionary and reformer; he was earthy realist

and poet; he was dream realist and doer; he was selfish and selfless; he was arrogant and humble. He was part pirate, part prophet, part imperialist and part imp. He was ruthless, but he wept easily. He was a hundred other things, just as contradictory.

I was 19 when the "phony war" ended, and the German legions smashed through Belgium, and life suddenly became very real. And I shall never forget the thrill, the sense of hope and of resolution, that surged through us when the "Iron" grandly rasped over the Atlantic on the airwaves. "We shall never surrender." It's difficult to realize that he was 65 then, an age when most men are retiring from life and the struggle.

I saw the old fire-eater once, and was almost trampled to death in the process. It was on an airstrip in Normandy, in the summer of 1944, a few weeks after the invasion.

We were drawn up on parade in the dust and heat, officers in front, other ranks in the rear, and we stood there, muttering curses, for half an hour.

Suddenly a little two-seater scout plane popped over the horizon and squatted 60 feet in front of us. The pilot climbed out. We could see his air vice marshal's stripes and grumbled our disgust for all brass. Then the back cockpit opened and a vast, cherubic visage, with a cigar in it, beamed at us.

He came out of the thing like a baby whale coming out of a chicken's egg. He stood on the wing, grinning. He stuck up two fingers in the world famous V-sign, but with just a suggestion of the seaman's naughty gesture which looked much the same, but meant something quite different.

Then he waved, an embracing wave that said "Come on in a close grip." Our total complement of officer pilots was almost wiped out when the rear ranks surged through, around and over us, to cluster within touching distance of the old war horse.

He talked for about five minutes, earthy vocabulary Caesar employed when addressing his legions. And then he was off, the incredibly English and gallant old man, hopping to another airfield, risking his skin to have a look at us and let us have a look at him.

And human he was! My favorite story is the one involving Lady Astor, the hard-nosed, tart-tongued old aristocrat. She became enraged during an argument with Churchill, and fired what she thought was the parting shot, "If you were my husband, I'd poison your coffee." To which the great man replied promptly and politely, "Madame, if you were my wife, I'd drink it."

We shall not see his like again.



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This Sunday's

Church Calendar

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor, Alan G. Sylvester, B. Th. Phone 853-2595. Y.M.C.A.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7th, 1965
9:45 a.m.—The Family Bible School classes for all ages.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.
Wednesday evening—Cottage Prayer Meeting. Everyone welcome.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D., Minister
Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A. Organist and Choir Master

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7th, 1965
9:45 a.m.—Church School.
9:45 a.m.—Church Membership Class for Young People (Session 1).
10:00 a.m.—Minister's Teen-Age Bible Class.
11:00 a.m.—Public Worship of God. Sermon theme, "The Faith That Transforms." (Fifth in series: "From Doubt Into Faith").
Nursery for babies and toddlers during service.
7:30 p.m.—Adult Study Group.
8:00 p.m.—Church School staff conference. Everyone Most Welcome.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7th, 1965
The 5th Sunday after Epiphany
9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10:30 a.m.—Church School.
10:30 a.m.—Choral Eucharist and Sermon.
2:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Ferguson—Deanery Church School Teachers' Conference.

BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Acton, Ontario.
Rev. Wiebe Van Dijk
Phone 853-1585

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7th, 1965
10:00 a.m.—English Service.
2:30 p.m.—Dutch Service.
3:45 p.m.—Sunday School.

TRINITY CHURCH (The United Church of Canada)
The Rev. Dwight I. Engel, B.A., B.D.
Organist: Mr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7th, 1965
9:30 a.m.—Grade 5 and higher.
11:15 a.m.—4 years to Grade 4.
DIVINE SERVICES
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
7:30 p.m.—Young People meet.

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH
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Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7th, 1965
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
"A Towel and A Basin"
Communion Meditation.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.
"A Parthenosis"
B.Y.P.U. meets at 8 p.m.
Monday is Mission Circle at 8 o'clock.
Tuesday, Deacon's Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday is Mission Band at 4 o'clock. Prayer meeting at 7:30.
Thursday—Choir practice at 7:30.
Friday is B.H.F. at 7:00.

ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE P.A.O.C.
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Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor
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Thursday, February 4—6:45—8:00, Christ Ambassadors.
Friday, February 5—6:30-8:00, Crusaders.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7th, 1965
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
Rev. W. H. Moody, Sunday School Supervisor for Western Ontario P.A.O.C. will present a very interesting feature.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Rev. Moody will also speak at both services.
February 8—The P.A.O.C. District Rally with Rev. George Trucks of Barrie, speaker.
February 9, Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Service and Bible Study.
February 11, Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.
February 12, Friday, 7 p.m.—Crusaders.

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Westbound
7:37 a.m. (Daily except Sat., Sun. and Hol.); 10:27 a.m.; 12:57 p.m.; 2:52 p.m.; 5:27 p.m.; 7:27 p.m.; 9:17 p.m.; 11:32 p.m.; 1:02 a.m. (Sat. only).

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Standard Time
Effective October 25
Lastbound
6:50 a.m. to Toronto, daily Mon. to Fri.; 7:22 p.m. to Toronto, Sunday only.
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