Is It in Vain? . . .

Now We Are Two . . .

It appears that in the next provincial election Halton will become two ridings rather than the one it has been for years. The decision to split the riding was not unexpected. County growth has been phenomenal in recent years, more than doubling in the last decade.

We find no quarrel with the splitting of the riding. It was made necessary in the maintenance of the representation by population principle.

Two things do, however, surprise us. One is the reason for not splitting the county in a straight vertical line rather than placing Acton in the Burlington riding along with the north end of Esquesing township. The other is why the riding could not better be known as Halton East and Halton West rather than by the names of Burlington and Oakville.

The division of the county as suggested, was probably to maintain some population balance and perhaps our suggestion of a straight north south line would not have made that possible. It would, however, have made for less confusion in the minds of voters if in the next election the line had been on the existing municipal boundaries.

In the second problem, that of naming the ridings, we understand George Kerr has already agreed to look into this. He has agreed to press the province's redistribution committee to rename the two new electoral districts as Halton East and Halton West. He noted recently he had received calls from citizens outlining the objections Acton, Georgetown or Milton people would have to being included in a Burlington or Oakville riding.

The legislation implementing the recommendations of the redistribution committee, will be placed in the Legislature shortly. Mr. Roberts has said. This being the case it is time now for those interested to support the suggestion on the renaming of the ridings to Halton East and Halton West. You can write Mr. Kerr at Queen's Park and indicate your support. But don't put it off.

Is It in Vain? . . .

The fact that Acton can boast of one of the most efficient and safety-conscious Volunteer Fire Departments in the Province and that homeowners enjoy one of the lowest insurance rates because of the well trained and fast acting group of Firefighters is taken for granted by most citizens as normal routine.

Perhaps what is not known to most people is the many tireless hours each of the volunteers spends practising or studying the latest fire fighting techniques or stressing Fire Prevention methods to the public.

Monday evening was a typical example of public apathy toward the Fire Department. A pitiful 14 interested people turned out to see a film and demonstration on mouth to mouth resuscitation, followed by a film on the tragic Chicago school fire.

Now We Are Two . . .

This was an opportunity for everyone to gain first-hand knowledge on the latest method of saving a person's life with artificial resuscitation but only a handful of people attended.

Sponsored mainly for the benefit of staff members of all three local schools and parents of students, the evening was no doubt a success if only one of those attending gained sufficient knowledge to some day save a life.

Only three teachers were among the audience, two of these from the high school and one from one of the public schools. About six parents, two boys and St. John Ambulance Brigade members, who are already qualified in life saving, made up the balance.

Ironically enough, when the fire siren sounds, countless numbers of curious people race to the scene of the fire, not to help, but in many cases unintentionally hinder firefighters.

If only a small percentage of these people would support the firefighters when they stage a worthwhile demonstration, such as they did Monday, their fire prevention program would have been more gratifying.

Staff Photo

"BE MY VALENTINE?" These children work on valentines in kindergarten class at the M. Z. Bennett public school. Teacher Miss Gail Hanna helps Elaine Foster and Glen Wodnicki with their projects.

The Good Old Days . . .

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of the Free Press, Thurs., February 8, 1945.

The eight Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic held in Acton on Tuesday set a new high record when 475 volunteered their services, which has meant the saving of so many lives on the battlefronts.

The February meeting of Esquesing Township Council was held Monday. Deputy Reeve George E. Cleave and Councillors George Currie, C. H. May and R. N. Brown were present and Reeve G. W. Murray presided.

When family allowance comes into effect in July, it is estimated that 3,336,000 children under 16 will be eligible for payments. However, a child's birth must be registered and it is estimated 70,000 have failed to do so. Every one concerned is advised to fill out the simple form available so they can benefit from the allowance.

Mr. J. B. Chalmers, Acton, was elected Commander of Toronto Camp of the United Spanish War Veterans at the annual meeting in Toronto recently.

On Monday, members of the United Church choir enjoyed a sleigh riding party. They returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beatty, where lunch was served. Norm Baird expressed appreciation.

Annual reports from both chapters of the I.O.D.E. — Lakeside and Duke of Devonshire — listed their many activities during the past year, both locally and nationally.

The tax rate for 1945 will be 43.75 mills. This was arrived at by council after estimates were considered. Amounts are provided for sewerage plans and maintenance of roads and bridges, with the replacing of some sidewalks.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thurs., February 1, 1915.

The storm this week will be talked of for years as the big storm of the winter of 1914-15.

Rev. C. D. Draper attended the first convention of Adult Bible Classes held in Toronto this week.

There are 83 Austrians and Germans on parole in Acton. Chief of Police Lawson has quite a contract in passing this list under surveillance every fortnight.

In the annual report of the Public Library, it is shown that 7,313 books were issued in 1914.

The following reference is made to our own County of Halton in a bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture — "Halton, within easy reach of our largest city markets. Very prosperous fruit raising. Oakville strawberries, Canada's favorite kind.

"Acreage — oats 10,635, fall wheat 15,170, Hay 41,070, orchard 7,811, small fruits 1,474, Milch cows 11,170, other cattle 19,718, sheep 8,050, swine 21,870 and horses 9,080."

During the storm early Monday morning, the skating rink at Burlington collapsed. The building was erected last season.

The annual meeting of the Halton Fire Insurance Co. was held last week. Richard Graham is the president for 1915 and Thomas Moore, secretary-treasurer. The Directors are John Ramshaw, H. W. Cook, James Kirkwood, George E. Fisher, N. F. Lindsay, W. A. Lasby and John Wilson.

The roads were blocked so completely after the storm that none of the four rural mail carriers who carry the mails out of Acton could possibly get through.

Governor McGibbon says commitals to jail for vagrancy are more numerous than usual. There were nine last Monday alone.

Sugar and Spice . . .

BY BILL SMILEY

There's no better indoor sport than versifying. And there's no better versifyer around these days than George Bain. Find out for yourself. Read this book, "I've Been Around . . . and Around and Around and Around and . . ."

Bain is a newspaper man with a lively eye for the ridiculous, and he has been around. Washington, Ottawa and London come under his guns, and he seldom misses when he lines up his rhymes and fires a parody of anything from a folk song to a Gilbert and Sullivan snatch.

He's also a wicked man with a pun. To wit: a chapter entitled "How To Get Down From A Duck, Eider You Know Or You Don't." In this chapter he's talking about an eider-down vest presented to a high dignitary. Bain continues, "No doubt, somewhere in the frozen North, there is now a proud elder duck strutting around with his little bald chest stuck out, envy of every duck for miles around. And he adds a verse.

Said a chap to a proud donor duck,
"To what do you credit your luck?"
Said the duck, "Goodness knows,
But one must, I suppose,
Assume that I showed lots of pluck."

Just a sample from a rattling good book, a combination of rueful humor and satire with an edge to it.

This business of writing verses is fascinating to some people. Me, for one. Every so often I get the urge and burst into rhyme that has the readers of this column wincing or running to the bathroom, gagging. Don't worry, not this week.

But just by sheer coincidence, I have come across some old verses (not mine) that consolidate my opinion that the English language is about the most illogical in the world. The following effort is dedicated to English teachers and the poor baffled devils of foreigners who are trying to learn the crazy stuff.

The wind was rough
And cold and blough;
She kept her hands within her mough.
It chilled her through,
Her nose grew blough
And still the squall the faster flough.
And yet, although
There was no snough,
The weather was a cruel fough.
It made her cough
(Pray do not scough);
She coughed until her head blough ough.

What's that? You want more? I think you're out of your mind, but there's that old folk saying, particularly applicable these winter days:
It's not the cough
Wot carries you off,
It's the coffin
They carry you off in.

Several of the very clean limericks in the world also reveal the oddity of the English tongue. For instance,

At fifty-five minutes past eight
The kids at a feverish reight
Are seen rushing to school,
And you'll find, as a rhool,
It's because they're afraid they will be leight.

Aw, come on. You don't REALLY want another!. Well, I just happen to have:

A streetcar conductor once said
To a car full of people, "My haid
Has such a bad ache
That I fear it will bracke,
Oh, I wish I were home and in baid."

There, you are. A brand new party game. Think of the fun you'll have on these long winter evenings with things like.

A man on a picnic said, "Please don't be cross if perchance I should snease;
I've observed from my youth
That the horrible trouth
Is it's caused by the scent of the trease.

Got the idea. Let's try making one up. It'll be lousy, but . . .

A sailor, attempting to ski,
Ran his head right into a tri.
Although almost dead,
He angrily sead,
"It ain't near as soft as the si."

There. That ought to give you a few sleepless nights.

Metro Form of Government Praised . . .

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000 the debentures to be sold on the open market. The portion sold to the Municipal Loan Fund is subject to a 25 per cent forgiveness.

It was also pointed out that because all municipalities have not taken part in the Municipal Loan Fund scheme an additional $100,000 was available to Acton on any debentured project started before September 1, 1965.

Application was made to the Department of Highways for the 1965 subsidy of roads and streets. The amount applied for under the by-law was $23,000, $5,000 for construction and $18,000 for maintenance, the same amounts as applied for last year.

Appointments made to the Acton Development Commission include five representatives from council and four citizens; representing council will be reeve Hinton, councillors Drinkwalter, Arbic and Irwin and mayor Duby. Citizens appointed are Neil Bowles, John Gov, Aldo Braida and Paul Nielsen.

Receipt of a $1,045 grant on the installation of the floodlights at the softball diamond was contained in a letter from M.P.P. George Kerr. The cheque is to be turned over to the Softball Association which assumed the financial responsibility for the installation of the lighting system.

Council decided to proceed with the application before the Department of Municipal Affairs on the amendment to the official plan and rezoning of the lots purchased by Ajax Engineers Ltd. from residential to industrial. The change had been approved by the planning board and the Development Commission and the application had been made to the department.

Attempts to negotiate with ratepayers in the area proved fruitless and it was decided to seek the department's ruling.

Council also

- Agreed to assume half the $150 cost of moving the Bell cables at the site of the highway widening project on Mill Young Queen.
- Learned the water samples submitted for testing had all proved satisfactory.
- Endorsed a resolution by Prince Edward County requiring all candidates for public office to have paid all arrears of taxes by the opening of a nomination meeting.
- Paid $27 additional insurance premium on the new Internation al truck.
- Accepted a $37.50 service contract on the cheque protector machine for a period of two years.
- Learned efforts to clear the streets of cars for snow plowing had proved successful.
- Heard a complaint about parking at the community centre. Councillor Irwin said "There seems to be adequate space but it is not supervised."
- Referred to the roads committee the possibility of installing crossing signals on Eastern Ave. and the C.N.R. at Ajax Engineers, mayor Duby reported citizens' concern over the near-fatalities there.
- Also referred to the committee of the whole for detailed study was the proposal to acquire office space in the new hydro building.
- Learned Don Swackhamer had successfully passed a senior sewer operators' course.

Mrs. Harris Hostess To Acton Institute

The monthly meeting of February 4 of the Acton W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Ivan Harris.

The meeting opened with the Mary Stewart Collect and Institute Ode. The minutes were read by the secretary, Miss M. Hall, and approved.

Roll Call was "My favorite column in the newspaper".

Mrs. R. L. Davidson, Historic Research, read a piece from Padre Young, Religion in Life. Mrs. George Fryer, public relations, told of a family christening gown made by a great grandmother which was worn 54 times.

Mrs. Fred Anderson read a piece on what has happened to the old fashioned girl. The president, Mrs. Roy Lindsay, had a good hint, to cut the bottom and top from a plastic bottle to put over your plants when you set them out in the garden.

Mrs. Wesley Masales informed the members a 5c stamp from Ottawa showing the new Maple Leaf Flag was to be issued on June 30. A conference for Tweedsmuir History and Public Relations was to be held at the O.A.C. on May 5-6.

Mrs. George Hargrave gave a demonstration on Block Printing for curtains, tablecloths, and placemats. Several of the members are taking it up.

A display will take place at

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This Sunday's

Church Calendar

IMPORTANT LAST WORDS

Our human emotions are touched by the last words of a loved one or friend. Any request or loving gesture is cherished and remembered. For many the first day of the week or month is a memorial for the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. May we again be reminded of His last words to us, "This do in remembrance."

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor, Alan G. Silvester, B. Th.
Phone 853-2595
Y.M.C.A.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 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 14th, 1965
9.45 a.m.—Church School.
9.45 a.m.—Minister's Membership Class for Young People.
11.00 a.m.—Public Worship. Sermon theme, "The Faith that Builds Up", last in a series on "From Doubt into Faith."
7.30 p.m.—Youth Fellowship meeting. Discussion of the Christian Interpretation of Sex conducted by minister.
8.00 p.m.—Church School staff meeting.
Everyone Most Welcome.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 1965
Septuagesima Sunday
9.00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10.30 a.m.—Church School.
10.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
7.30 p.m.—Evening Communion.

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Rev. Wiebe Van Dijk
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 1965
10.00 a.m.—English Service.
2.30 p.m.—Dutch Service.
3.45 p.m.—Sunday School.

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(The United Church of Canada)
The Rev. Dwight T. Engel, B.A., B.D.
Organist:
Mr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 1965
THE CHURCH SCHOOL
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 Adults meet.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 1965
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship. "A General View of the Sermon." (Series on Sermon on the Mount.)
7.00 p.m.—Evening Message. "Christian Service."
Wednesday — Mission Band, 4 o'clock; Prayer meeting at 7.30.
Thursday — Choir practice at 8 p.m.
Friday—B.H.F. Valentine Party. 7 p.m.
Text for the week, "Be not deceived, God is not mocked, whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Galatians 6: 7.

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11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Service and Bible Study.
Thursday, 8 p.m. — Christ's Ambassadors.
Friday, 7 p.m.—Crusaders.

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