

A Compulsory Test...

Since the first horseless carriage appeared over 60,000,000 people have been killed or maimed by the automobile in the United States. That's about one third of the general population of the U.S.A. and three times the total population of Canada. The slaughter goes on at a rate of over 40,000 fatalities yearly.

Here in Halton, figures compiled on fatalities over the past four years by Crown Attorney P. K. McWilliams, show the fatalities in a year from motor vehicle accidents have not exceeded 32 but the causes do bear further study. In a letter to this newspaper, appearing in this issue, Mr. McWilliams points out that in 1964 11 of the 22 persons killed were drivers and of those 72.7 per cent had been drinking.

The 1964 percentage of drivers who died after drinking was up considerably from the 33 per cent of the previous year.

Mr. McWilliams uses the figures to support his argument that blood alcohol tests should be made compulsory for all drivers involved in fatal

motor vehicle accidents. In this suggestion we agree.

For too long the drinking driver has been protected from the certainty of discovery by this scientific test. Under present legislation a driver can refuse to take a blood test. In support of this policy arguments are advanced that the liberty of an individual is jeopardized. We suggest, however, that the drinking driver has already seriously impaired the freedom of other motorists and pedestrians when he gets behind the wheel of a car. While the driver may safely navigate past a number of motorists he needs only to fail to cope with a momentary emergency, through his impaired ability, to take the lives of others or his own.

A compulsory blood test for drivers involved in fatal accidents is simply in keeping with the modern scientific developments that make detection more accurate. It might serve too, as a greater deterrent for the individual who still considers his ability unhindered after drinking.

Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL BAILEY

That aging infant terrible, Pierre Berton, has churned out another book. With the encouragement of the Anglican Church, he took what was supposed to be a long, hard look at contemporary Christianity.

According to the critical reviews, the result, entitled *The Comfortable Few*, turned out to be a short, soft look.

For years I have envied Berton for a number of reasons: his facility with words; his TV interviews with gorgeous dolls; his colossal girth; his big fat income. Every time the big fuddozzoo scores another coup, I get the green sickness.

But this is different. My jealousy is complicated by sheer hurt. If the Anglicans wanted somebody to write a book about them, why did they turn to a back-slid Anglican like Berton, when they had a front-slid Anglican, me, available.

Like most converted Anglicans, I was hauled, kicking and struggling, into the fold, on secular grounds. My wife was an Anglican.

At first she used to shame me into accompanying her to church a couple of times a year. Then the outfit fastened its tentacles to the kids and first thing I knew I was going to Bible class pageants and Sunday school picnics.

The pressure increased. "Wouldn't it be lovely," she speculated with that phoney wistfulness that makes you want to run for the nearest exit, "if you could be confirmed at the same time as your little son?"

I dug in my heels. I refused to join in the general confession, because I could hear my mother, with her solid Methodist background, groaning in her grave every time we came to that bit about believing in the holy catholic church. I would

not kneel, but just sort of crunched down, like my Ulster Presbyterian father.

To cut the conflict short, I was confirmed at the same time as my son, and, frankly, I must admit that once the last rung was pulled from under my feet, I've enjoyed every minute of it.

Now I can mumble the general confession and the creed with the best of them. And I take a certain childish pride in kneeling, straight-backed, through the long communion service, when all about me — other people my age are groaning and reverting anxiously to a squat, a crouch, or a mere bending of the head. Sometimes my family has to lift me back into the pew and massage my knees so that I can come up for the next hymn, but it's worth it.

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Another thing I like about Anglican services is the prayers. I don't think I could ever go back to those interminable, home-made prayers in which the preacher acts as though God had nothing better to do on a busy Sunday morning than listen to him display his eloquence and endurance. At least, in the Anglican ritual, you can craftily flip over the page and be reassured that there are only two more paragraphs of the thing.

Last, and I hesitate to say this, I like being an Anglican because of the snob in me. Anglicans, if pressed (up against a wall with a knife at their throats), will admit that some other faiths have certain merits. But underneath, they know that a good Anglican is a couple of jumps nearer heaven than a good R.C. or Methodist or Baptist or Presbyterian.

In this way, they are exactly like good R.C.s, Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians. But it's heartening to those who lack confidence.

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HELP TO THE BEAT! Leonard Van der Polder on the electric guitar and Joe Petric tickling the wires on the piano accordion kept the overflow crowd at the Robert Little school auditorium entertained between numbers at the school opera Tuesday and Wednesday evening.

Next Blood Clinic Quota 250 Bottles Industries Co-Operate to Reach Goal

The Canadian Red Cross Society Blood Transfusion Service began operation in Canada in 1947, and in Ontario in 1949. Every hospital in Ontario has received its complete blood supply from this service since May 1959.

Acton citizens in the past have taken a vital part in this program down through the years and particularly so in "war time" before the present Blood Transfusion Service was inaugurated.

For the past several years Acton citizens have contributed an average of 82 bottles of blood per year. A town the size of Acton, with a population of 4,500, should produce approximately 250 bottles of blood per clinic and would be visited twice a year. However, such has not been the case, and Acton Blood Donor Committee believes that Acton can do its share in meeting the needs of the hospitals for whole blood transfusions. Cooperation and support is needed if the program in Acton is to be successful.

It might be of interest to know that someone somewhere in Canada is receiving a blood transfusion every 53 seconds. To meet this need over 825,000 bottles of blood were collected in 1964. For the hospitals in Ontario alone, 45,000 bottles of blood will have to be collected in 1965.

For the March 26 Blood Donor Clinic, industries of Acton will help meet the quota of 250 bottles of blood. This is to be a combined industrial clinic.

A luncheon on March 11 will last for one hour and fifteen minutes, at which a representative of the Canadian Red Cross Society, Blood Transfusion Service will be on hand to speak and possibly show a film on the value and use of blood.

Our Readers Write

MAPLE LEAF FLAG
February 25, 1965

Your editorial "New Flag Files" is, in my opinion, a cynical, reactionary, arbitrary, peevish and gratuitous disparagement of the Maple Leaf Flag.

It would seem that you personally dislike and hardly approve of the new flag.

You state quite truthfully, "A lot of people don't like the new flag." A lot of people may sneer at it, and those responsible for it, "A lot of people will be bored by it and others will be indignant about it."

But, conversely, you have neatly avoided all mention of the many millions of Canadians who unequivocally and without reservation, approve of the Maple Leaf Flag and who delight in the fact that it officially exists and they high from flag poles everywhere in this nation!

No doubt the new flag is a bitter pill for a great many Canadians to swallow, and there are those who must psychologically throw up at the sight of it. But the Red Ensign with its contentious and colonial Union Jack ensconced in one corner, is

equally an abhorrence to other Canadians.

The result is that now Canada has a new flag, one distinctly Canadian. A flag that, I believe, is desired and approved by a majority of the Canadian people.

Joseph Hurst,
48 Mill St., Acton

Editor's Note: In reviewing phrases of the editorial, the writer seems to have overlooked another phrase: "And we join with millions of others in saluting it as a symbol of this Canada, adopted by our Parliament."

Rev. R. Armstrong Holy Week Speaker

Preacher for Holy Week services here will be a former Kew minister, Rev. Robert Armstrong of Liskin Church, Hamilton.

There will be three services, on Palm Sunday night, Tuesday and Thursday, March 11, 13 and 15, all in the United Church.

Organists and choirs will change each evening. Letters will be sent soon to various groups inviting them to attend together.

The Good Old Days...

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, March 1, 1945.

And this is March. It can't be long now. Easter Sunday is only a month from today.

At the 34th annual meeting of the Boy Scouts Association in Toronto last week, Mr. George Mason, Acton, was elected a member of the Executive Committee.

A splendid crowd attended and enjoyed the concert presented last Friday evening by Knox Church Choir. Those participating in the program included the choir plus Fred Salt, Charles Landborough and Rudolph Spielvogel. After the concert, the Ladies' Aid of the church served a supper to the choir and their friends.

Maybe he's been frost bitten since, but a robin, that first harbinger of spring, was reported on Monday to be in Acton. It was customs officer William Middleton who sighted the first robin here this year. Perhaps you recall the Monday's annual something of spring in the atmosphere and it may have been the lure for the first red breast to venture out. We'll all hope he was just the forerunner of spring.

The loyalty meeting of Knox Young People's Society was held on February 27. Bill Mainprize read the Scripture and Gladys Price led in prayer. Babe Russell read a paper, "What makes a success of Christian life?"

Pre. John Albert Irwin, who was wounded in France in August, and has now been invalided home, arrived in Acton on Monday. He sustained a bullet wound in the right thigh. He has been overseas for more than two years.

Pre. Frank Holmes has also returned home after two years overseas. He was wounded at Boulogne and lost the sight of one eye.

Establishment of a township school area in Eramosa Township was given final approval when the township council gave third reading to a by-law setting up the school area.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Feb. 25, 1915.

Mr. William Frank and family, who have spent the last year in town, are returning to their farm in Nassagaweya this week.

The fine new Wondersland Theatre was opened on Wednesday evening to the delight of a crowded house. The enterprise of Mr. R. L. Gregory in determining to have modern and commodious premises and the readiness of Mr. Fred Secord to undertake to provide such a building have borne fruit.

Last Thursday evening, the Young People's Guild of Boston church paid a fraternal visit to the young people of Knox church. On Monday evening, Georgetown Fourth League visited the Acton League.

The 14th Legislature of Ontario opened last week with a new Lieutenant Governor, a new Premier, a new speaker, three new ministers in the cabinet and 31 new members on the legislative benches.

Arthur Denham of Lowville was killed by a falling tree while working in the bush on the farm of George Richardson at Lowville.

R. L. Hemstreet has been reappointed assessor of Milton at a salary of \$100.

It is easily demonstrated these days that at the times when the pavements are needed most, they are in wretched condition. Some have been two or three inches under water this week.

Rarely is such a full week of mild and sunny weather in February experienced as we have had during the past week. The mild weather and the unusual amount of snow are now showing where there is defective drainage on the streets. Pavements have been flooded in many places.

Horse buyers were in Milton on Tuesday and secured eight remounts for cavalry and artillery purposes for service abroad. The prices paid ranged from \$168 to \$175.

Start Practices

Practices began Saturday morning for the Acton Skating Club carnival, slated for April 10. The enthusiastic young teachers, Linda Brandt and Sharron Bradley, are putting a carnival together themselves for the first time, although they have taken part in many. They're assembling music, having it taped, dovetailing appearances of groups, inviting guests and seeing that costumes are borrowed or made.

It takes years to build a forest. Fire can tear it down in minutes. Be careful with fire in the forest.

Second Square Dance Held Saturday Night

The second evening of square dancing saw seven couples from Kitchener as guests. Mr. and Mrs. Harris Roe belong to club in Kitchener, and their friends came down to encourage the new group.

The dance was again to records in the Robert Little school auditorium Saturday night with six squares dancing. Mr. Roe again acted as caller. There was instruction for beginners.

Another square dance will be held the end of March.

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This Sunday's Church Calendar

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

(Formerly Evangel Baptist Church)

SUNDAY, MARCH 7th, 1965

Bus leaves Y.M.C.A. at 9:15 a.m. Calling at Limehouse 9:30 a.m.

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The First Sunday in Lent SUNDAY, MARCH 7th, 1965

9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10:30 a.m.—Church School.
10:30 a.m.—Choral Eucharist.
7:30 p.m.—Spaid Evensong.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

7:30 p.m.—Evening Communion.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 7th, 1965

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. "What is Eucharist?"

7:00 p.m.—Evening Service. Cancelled for World Day of Prayer service by Daughters of Knox at 7:30 in Knox Church.

Wednesday is Prayer and Bible Study at 7:30.

Thursday—Choir practice, 8 p.m. Friday is B.H.F. at 7 p.m.

Text for the week: "Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, as we are." (John 17: 11)

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Women's World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 5, at 2:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7th, 1965

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. 7:00 p.m.—Special W.M.C. 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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SUNDAY, MARCH 7th, 1965

9:45 a.m.—Church School.

9:45 a.m.—Minister's Church Membership Class for Young People.

11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship. Sermon theme: "Something Greater" (Part 2). (C.G.I.T. care for babies and toddlers during service.)

7:30 p.m.—Daughters of Knox World Day of Prayer Service. Guest speaker—Mrs. A. T. Moore, Campbellville. Guest soloist, Mayor Duby. Everyone Most Welcome.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 7th, 1965

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