

Perils of Our Time...

Can It Stand the Test?

Acton has been under the protective wing of municipal zoning by-laws, land use maps and official plans for over six years now. The first major overhaul of planning in that

time has been under consideration by the Planning Board. Their recommendations have been circulated to all ratepayers. A second public meeting to hear objections and/or support for the new plan is scheduled for May 27. Every property owner should study the proposed new

regulation, not just from a standpoint of whether it is satisfactory for his own little piece of property, but also to be confident that the plan is the correct planning answer for the prosperity and future of Acton.

Since the first passing of planning regulations there have been many amendments. Amendments are very slow in being processed. It is difficult and time-consuming to make changes after the by-laws are passed. It is important that they be right when they are passed. This is one of the main reasons the proposed planning must be studied very carefully.

This week another hearing is being held on the proposed rezoning of property for Ajax Engineers under the old by-laws. The complexity of red tape in processing this amendment is an excellent example of why very thorough examination should be made of any new by-laws enacted.

We must examine this Ajax amendment not just in regard to how it will affect the immediate neighbors but also how it will affect the town.

Too often a hearing decision is made which satisfies the immediate neighbors but is contrary to intelligent planning and the best interests of the whole town. We think that it is obvious land adjoining the railway should be zoned in-

dustrially and that the Ajax amendment should be granted.

However, we also recognize that the decision will probably be made on the basis of representations made at the public hearings, regardless of how it will affect the whole town.

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(Montreal Star)

Whenever you feel you have it rough, just pause and think of the plight of some of those people really caught up in the snarl of this enlightened 1965. For instance:

The overworked chemists who simply must come up regularly with an all-new formula to make detergent better, Better, BETTER than the one they designed last year.

Those poor souls who never get to smoke anything but Brand X, the one universally condemned by every other brand as inferior.

The children who are so unfairly treated in those classroom tests that they get to use only "the control brand" of toothpaste which just doesn't prevent cavities.

Drivers who aren't interested in having a tiger in their tank, and housekeepers who are frightened at the thought of a tiger in their soap powder.

The Good Old Days...

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, May 18, 1945. Germany Again Takes Defeat Unconditional Surrender Ends over Five Years of War Parades and Services Mark V-E Day in Acton (These articles, of unusual interest, are reprinted elsewhere.)

Mrs. J. Lovell was hostess to the Acton Women's Institute at their May meeting. Mrs. E. L. Davidson presided for the election of officers, resulting as follows: past president, Mrs. Wilkerson; president, Mrs. Lippin; first vice-president, Mrs. Collier; second vice-president, Mrs. Lovell; secretary, Mrs. P. Anderson; branch directors, Mrs. Lantz; Mrs. James Wilds, Mrs. Marchmont; district director, Mrs. Anderson.

For years, Acton citizens have talked about the installation of a sewage system. In many quarters, it is a dire necessity. Council has taken the first steps. On Monday evening, a public meeting will be addressed by Dr. Berry and Mr. Anderson. The town hall should be packed to the doors.

A pleasant evening was spent at Harnockburn school when the Woodville Victory Club held a dance and dance. Mrs. Wilfred Harding won a quilt, which brought the ladies the sum of \$41.50. Proceeds of the evening went to the Acton War Service League and the Hillsburgh Red Cross.

Mrs. Charles Krull, a resident of Galt for 60 years, passed away there. She was born near Acton and her name was Susan Cox.

Anthony Allison passed away in his 89th year. Born in Nassau, he farmed and retired 15 years ago to Edgewood Mills.

William Cecil Millward was chosen the C.C.F. provincial candidate for Halton riding at the convention last week in Milton. "Don't let Drew fool you," speaker George Grube warned.

The R.C.A.F. car in town Tuesday urged everyone by loudspeaker to buy more Victory Bonds.

Items in the latest shipment from Acton Red Cross headquarters were 40 pairs of pyjamas and 60 covers for hot water bottles.

APPRECiate BELTS

An unusual item in the Ontario Safety League's files, is a report of a driver who was saved from drowning by a seat belt. A man who would otherwise have been knocked unconscious when his car rolled over and pitched into a lake, was able to get out of the submerged vehicle. This is hardly typical, but it does illustrate one of the little-realized values of seat belts.

Curbs Next

Engineers, surveyors, construction crews and town workers continue preparing for highway widening along Queen, Young and west on Mill to Wilbur St. Sewer mains and manholes have been installed. Curbs along Young and Mill Sts. are being torn up and widening of the road area has begun.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, May 6, 1915.

The memorial service held in St. Alban's church last Sunday evening in memory of the officers and men of the First Canadian Contingent who fell fighting for the Empire during the Battle of Langemarck was so largely attended the church was inadequate to accommodate the congregation that assembled.

Mr. W. A. Storey, president of the well-known glove manufacturing firm of W. H. Storey and Son Ltd., which has been doing a large business throughout the dominion for nearly half a century, has disposed of his interest in the business to Messrs. H. Y. Arnold and Sons of Georgetown.

The business will be continued under the company name of W. H. Storey and Son Ltd. Mr. Arnold has been in business in Canada for more than twenty-five years - ten or twelve in Acton and thirteen in Georgetown, and he and his sons are well qualified to continue the Storey Glove Works here with the success that has characterized it through its long history.

A cablegram received by Mrs. Ballantine on Wednesday states that Major Ballantine is doing well and is at Shoemakers hospital. Acton men who were wounded at Langemarck were James Robertson, "Happy" Riley and Private David Douglas.

A military sextette of the 34th Regiment, Guelph, gave a patriotic entertainment for the Epworth League of the Methodist church on Tuesday evening. This soldierly aggregation presented a program of character quite military, yet withal novel, interesting, amusing and instructive.

The sextette included Sgt. McGowan, Sgt. Jack Grindley, Pte. John P. P., Pte. J. Chapman, Bugler J. L. Moore and Mrs. Olds, choirmaster of Paisley Memorial church.

Born - Goodlove: In Fort William, on Wednesday, April 28, to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Goodlove, a daughter.

Born - Morell: In Acton, on Monday, April 12, to Mr. and Mrs. Seveine Morell, twin daughters.

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Editorial Page



TWIN SISTERS Ona and Olive Marshall had their eyes on a huge chocolate cake at the M. Z. Bennett Home and School Association bake sale Saturday at the school. Unfortunately the closest the girls came to enjoying the cake was to sniff it as Mrs. C. Bannon promptly sold it to a waiting customer. The bake sale was quite a success with patrons arriving early and cleaning out the stock in short order.

Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL EARLEY

There are certain ancient and honorable rituals in our society which help to give our lives a certain continuity. Many of them are geared to the seasons: spring cleaning; summer flu; the burning of the leaves, getting stoned out of your skull on New Year's Eve.

One of the most sacred of these, for some of us, is Opening Day of the trout season.

Slap of a beaver tail; chuckle of running water; splatter of wild duck taking off from swamp; feel of the sun on face; mist of green spreading through bare bones of branches; honest stench of worms on hands; flavor at noon of big bologna sandwich with hot mustard; these are the things which quicken the senses, cleanse the body of its winter stupor, remind one that God is still in His heaven.

And these are some of the reasons I have never missed the rite, whether the mortgage is due, or my wife is having a baby, or I have a date with Sophia Loren.

And I hope to do so until the day when they have to carry me to a quiet spot in the stream and leave me there in my wheelchair, to watch the black water swirl around the white rock, the yellow sun pick up the golden gravel of the stream-bottom.

Each year the ritual is the same. And each year it is different. There is the year when you

fall off a log in the first three minutes, and squish and squelch yourself through the rest of the day, a sodden mess, wet fags, wet matches, soaked sandwiches.

And there is the year when you hit the stream at the crack of dawn, fish with all your skill until sunset, and come home with two speckled trout eight inches long. And there is the year when you go out at 7:30 a.m., just to toss a line for old times sake, and have caught your limit before work-time at 9 a.m.

And there's the year when your bait-can falls from your belt into a torrent, and you snap the tip off your rod, and put a hole in your new waders, and get back to the car to find a flat tire, and get home to find your wife calling the police, because it's four hours after sundown.

But this year topped them all. It was complicated. Our high school music director, with incredible lack of foresight, had scheduled an exchange concert with a city school, for that very day. Fine. But it turned out we had to have some of the visiting youngsters for dinner. As my wife is away every Saturday, for music lessons with the kids, this meant I was cook.

Normally, I'd have welcomed a chance to display my culinary skill. In fact, I had the menu planned. Beef stew simmered in beer, followed by a sour cream soufflé, roast chestnuts and pep-

erminit lifesavers as dessert. Then I realized it was Opening Day.

I was aghast. Wanted to be a good host but damned if I was going to miss the rites of spring. Then it struck me. Why not give these city kids, pampered for years on steaks and chicken, a real north-country dinner - speckled trout, lovingly fried in butter? They'd never forget it.

With a light heart, I hit for the trout stream on Opening Day. Everything was perfect. It was a fine day, and I knew there were at least 47 big speckles in there, just waiting to hit that butter.

Got home at 4:30 p.m. with two six-inch chub and a 14-inch sucker. Went to the fish market. They had nothing but some fairly large whitefish, which somehow didn't look like speckled trout. Called all my friends. They had either been skunked, like me, or stated flatly, "The heck with you, Smiley, we're putting on a big speckled trout dinner for those visiting musicians; feeding four of them." Bought two pounds of hamburger.

You know, there are times when my love for my wife is overwhelming. When I arrived at the house at 5:30, she was grilling steaks in the oven.

Report from Queen's Park

By George Kerr, Halton M.L.A.

Last week the Provincial Attorney General, Arthur Wishart, O.C., introduced amendments to the Police Act. The main amendments include a requirement that municipalities having a population of 15,000 or more must have a police commission. This means that Oakville and Burlington will now have to set up a board of Commissioners of Police to govern their respective forces. Such a Board is made up of three people, the Mayor or Reeve, a County Court Judge or Magistrate and a third person to be appointed by the Attorney General. In reality, the third person is recommended by the local council.

This move was suggested by the Ontario Police Commission in its report. It is supported by nearly all of the Police Chiefs in the province and most of the Mayors and Reeves. The main reason, of course, is to remove any political influence on our police forces and their administration.

Other main amendments to the Act include the power of neighboring municipalities to amal-

gamate their forces to increase protection and efficiency. It is also provided that municipalities having populations of 2,000 people or less need not have a force and such towns and villages will be policed by the O.P.P.

When these amendments are passed by the Legislature, a Police Chief would be liable for civil damages incurred by a police in the performance of his duties, under the master-servant concept in law, and this liability would be transferred to the municipalities. Towns and cities will, of course, have necessary liability insurance to protect them from such civil actions. The Act goes even further by allowing Councils to pay damages awarded against the policeman for acts committed outside the scope of his employment.

The Department is taking steps to enlarge the facilities of the Ontario Police College so that every recruit and constable in the province will eventually have proper training. The reference I made to the permissive legislation for amalgamation of police forces may eventually become

mandatory unless certain municipalities voluntarily take steps to improve their forces by forming larger units.

Other provisions include the extension of the police intercommunication system in Ontario which is considered the finest and only system of its type in the world today. This system facilitates the apprehension of accused persons and by covering the province with such a system, a fast accurate intercommunication, will help to bring the province to the highest degree of police efficiency. Finally an important amendment to the Police Act provides that municipal forces under a board may form a Committee from their ranks with the Chief as chairman to negotiate annual budgets and requirements with the Council. If, for example, the council does not accept the estimates of its police force, the Board will then negotiate the matter and make a final ruling.

At present in Burlington, Oakville, Milton and Georgetown, a Committee of Council has this responsibility.

THE WORD OF GOD

This Sunday's Church Calendar

God the Creator has many ways of speaking to us. His creatures; by the beauty of nature, by the grandeur of the mountains, but chiefly through His Word, the Bible. This tells of His Son, the last and final revelation to man.

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, MAY 16th, 1965
9:45 a.m.—Church School.
9:45 a.m.—Minister's Teen-Age Bible Class.
11:00 a.m.—Public Worship of God. Sermon theme, "The Detection of Differences..." (Nurses for babies and toddlers during service and Junior Congregation during sermon.)
Everyone Most Welcome

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
(formerly Evangel Baptist Church)
SUNDAY, MAY 16th, 1965
Bus leaves Y.M.C.A. at 9:15 a.m. Calling at Limehouse 9:30 a.m. For information call Acton 853-1956 Georgetown 877-6665


BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Acton, Ontario.
Rev. Wiebe Van Dijk
Phone 853-1845
SUNDAY, MAY 16th, 1965
10:00 a.m.—English Service.
2:30 p.m.—Dutch Service.
3:45 p.m.—Sunday School.

ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
P.A.O.C.
33 Churchhill Road
Rev. S. M. Thomson, Pastor
853-2715
SUNDAY, MAY 16th, 1965
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Evangelistic Service.
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Service and Bible Study.
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ's Ambassadors.
Friday, 7 p.m.—Crusaders.
1 Cor. 15: 20 — But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept.

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, MAY 16th, 1965
DIVINE SERVICES
9:30 and 11 a.m.
THE CHURCH SCHOOL
9:30 a.m.—Grade 5 and higher.
11:00 a.m.—4 years to Grade 4.

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Founded 1842
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon
Res. 144 Tudey Ave., Ph. 853-1615.
SUNDAY, MAY 16th, 1965
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. "The Gideon Message."
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service. "Sowing the Seed."
Tuesday, the Deacons meet at 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Prayer and Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, choir practice, 8 p.m.
Friday, B.I.F.E. at 7 p.m.
Text: "My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and for sake not the law of thy mother." Prov. 1: 8

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR
ANGLICAN
Corner Willow and St. Alban's Drive
Rev. Ritchie McMurray
M.A., S.T.B.
SUNDAY, MAY 16th, 1965
9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10:30 a.m.—Choral Eucharist and Church School.

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