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There are those who would scrap the county system of government in the pursuit of the newest fad labelled regional government. Those of us who see, in the county system, a regional government needing only some updating, gained encouragement recently from some common sense expounded by Dr. L. Cumming, to Halton municipal councillors.

"I believe that in county government, properly adapted, we have the answer to this vague thing called regional government," he told the group of municipal officials.

Halton has pioneered new fields of county responsibility and it is this spirit of progressiveness that makes it one of the top ranking counties in the province. Faced with astonishing growth — a 157 per cent increase in population in a 10 year period — the municipal representatives that make up the county council have been keen to cope with the problems.

Some of the deliberations at the monthly meetings are lengthy and sometimes not significant but the direction the county has been following has at least been forward. The fire services in the county are radio-linked as a result of county contributions. Hospitals have been possible in some instances through the introduction of county financing. Plumbing inspection has been carried out on a county basis through the Halton County Health Unit. And there are other services that indicate the growing needs of an expanding area.

The expansion of county government in specialized fields does not mean the abolition of local government. There will always remain certain areas where the local government can operate more efficiently and effectively just as there are areas where growth should not be restricted by boundary lines.

We sincerely hope those entrusted with municipal government will see in the adaptation of the county system new areas for co-operation and collective growth.

A Safe Place for Bicycles

Bicycle safety is essential in a country where so many youngsters are encouraged to have bicycles. To train young people to handle a bicycle safely, and to keep it in top mechanical condition, are just as essential as any safety campaign concerning motor vehicles. Indeed, the need is greater, because the cyclist has much less to protect him if he should be involved in an accident.

Ontario needs to give much more consideration to the whole subject of safe bicycle handling. A bicycle is a good means of conveyance, used correctly. Unfortunately our traffic system does not provide a safe place for cyclists. They certainly cannot operate on the sidewalk. On the road they are a hazard to faster moving vehicular traffic.

In many parts of Europe separate bicycle

paths are built beside roads, where the cyclist can, and must, operate.

There ought to be some established rule about bicycle travel, since so many use them. Perhaps our roads should be wide enough, so that a bicycle lane can be marked out to the right of the motor vehicle lane. Licensing of bicycles might help to control their use on roads where they operate like vehicles, and they must be under control if everybody is to move safely.

Current safety efforts are a big help. But we feel that the right to use a bicycle needs to be established, so that on our roads there is sufficient room for cyclists to operate with safety, yet so that they do not hinder traffic.

Do It Yourself

Finding "sermons in stones and good in every thing" involves something of genius that discloses the highest rather than lowest common denominator for mankind. For some time there circulated with the seriousness of folk-wisdom, a story about a super-literate Negro preacher whose sermons attracted unusual attention. When asked what was his method for producing and delivering them, he reportedly replied:

"First I reads myself full, then I thinks my-

self clear, then I prays myself humble, and then I lets myself go."

It is hard to add anything, except that toward the achievement of a sermon or a sonnet, the building of a cathedral or a skyscraper, the starting of a career or the rounding of a life, the formula ought to give a man or woman just the boost he or she needs.

And when a statement is so complete as to make further comment superfluous, then a commentator's final word can only be: Read it again.

—Powell River News

Another Says

"The county had better face the facts. The desirable improvements in our pensions, hospitals and housing will have to be earned from greater productivity. There will be no manna from heaven."

The primary requirement of this nation is discipline. To give an honest day's work is not only the satisfaction of our manhood, it is our duty to the nation. To cheat and to lie about that day's work is treachery. Management and labour are equally involved.

Ray Carter, British Columbia Minister of Labour, speaking at a Labour Party meeting London, February, 1965

Editorial Page



MARCEL GILLES, shoe manufacturer from Haiti, visited Beardmore and Co. Ltd. plant last week during a business trip. Company sales manager Fred Salt, Mr. Gilles and Ray Eveland, superintendent of sole leather, look at finished leather after it has been embossed.

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Speaking Course

Twelve Halton Junior Farmers have recently completed an Effective Speaking Course. The course was supervised by Harold Thompson, who earlier in the year had attended the Effective Speaking Course at Alton Hills Conservation School.

The members learned how to introduce and thank speakers, present and accept awards and make impromptu speeches. All those who attended the Course found it very worthwhile.

Parents who are afraid to put their feet down usually have children who step on their toes.

The Good Old Days...

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, May 17, 1945.

Chairman J. H. Boulton and Chairman of Sales C. L. Kirkness handed out five more prizes to winners in the Eighth Victory Loan. Winners are Kathleen Finlay, Rena Braida, Garry Walker, George McPherson and A. B. McLean.

Action boys are gradually getting back and this week Pie John Chisholm was welcomed. Badly burned, he had been in hospital in England.

Little Barbara Ware, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Ware, had a narrow escape from drowning in Fairy Lake. She was playing with the two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George Mason at their home when she rolled down the terrace and into the water.

Little Jane Mason, of the same age, realized the danger and told Mrs. Mason without hesitation. Mrs. Mason waded into the pond and rescued the then unconscious child. The water was above Mrs. Mason's shoulders.

A well attended meeting in the town hall secured anxious to have a sewerage system here.

The official federal nominations for Halton county took place in Milton. Carlyle C. Brown was the first speaker. Mr. Floyd Dingle spoke in place of Mr. Allan Nicholson, who had in attendance. Mr. Hughes Cleaver was the final speaker.

A crowd that packed the Gayety theatre to the doors last night attended the Liberal meeting when Mrs. Mary S. Pettit and Hughes Cleaver, Liberal candidates were the speakers. Liberal committee rooms have been opened at the home of Mrs. W. G. Collier.

Flowers were called to Mrs. W. Landborough from Holland in Mother's Day from her son, Cpl. Edwin Landborough. Mrs. George Woods received flowers called by her son, Pte. Herb Woods.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, May 26, 1915.

University examination results show that three more of our boys were successful in the year's work. John A. McMurchy gets his fourth-year in Medicine; Earl Garvin and James Lawson get their final year in the College of Pharmacy.

Miss Annie M. Oran, nurse, sailed from Montreal for the front this week.

Reeve Hynds received word on Monday that his son Robert had sailed from Montreal on Saturday. He is a member of the band of the 20th Battalion.

The officers elected for the current year of Acton Women's Institute are: president, Mrs. G. (Dy) Gray, second vice-president, Mrs. J. Holmes, secretary, treasurer Mrs. W. D. Smith. From the Observer's Column: "When our new tarred and coated streets are ready for use, we will be even more apt than ever to be run over by autos, cycles and rubber-tired buggies gliding along a smooth highway."

April's showers were few, but May's have been numerous.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McDougall, second line were sadly bereft when their little daughter Jean died very suddenly when taken ill with rheumatic fever.

Married Jackson Colban. At the home of Dr. A. C. Elliott, brother-in-law of the bride, Edmonton, Alberta, on Wednesday, May 12, 1915. Niven M. Jackson of Calgary, Alberta, and Clara J. Colban, daughter of the late I. Colban, Acton.

Died: Rice. On Thursday, May 13, 1915, Lewis Rice of Esquimaux aged 44 years.

Died: McDougall. In Esquimaux, near Acton, on Monday, May 17, 1915, Jean only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McDougall in her ninth year.

Teachers are standing on the school term and pupils are beginning to look forward to the summer vacation days ahead.

Walking Along Highway 25

Today people living in the mechanized age are hesitant to walk any great distance. Years ago, it was customary to walk miles.

The late Mrs. John Sprawl was snapped by a cameraman in 1910 as she walked along No. 25 Highway (then called the "back road") in those years) to a new wood church. The trek was made from what is now the Lorne Mullen farm (then known as the Sprawl homestead) to Manswood church. The return trip entailed around 11 miles and this was made each Sunday.

At the time this photo was taken Mrs. Sprawl (the former Jane Cummings) was at age 82 and still "going strong" in 1910. She and her husband lived on the homestead in a log cabin which has since been replaced by the present Mullen brick house.

In 1910, the photo mounted on a postcard was sent by Mrs. Jim Bowman of Manswood to her son Henry who was on a harvest excursion in Saskatchewan. The postcard has been well preserved and was lent to the Free Press for the purpose of rephotographing and reproduction in this week's issue.

In case anyone is wondering how the buggy wheel happens to be in the photo, the unknown photographer wasn't walking — he was enjoying a buggy ride when he stopped to take the photo.

The area where the picture was taken is reported to be in the Sprawl district near the present home of Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Gordon.



Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL BAILEY

Among adults, although few would admit it, there is a great deal of jealousy of today's teenagers.

This is revealed by the adult's oppressed wish that kids in their teens could act like them; by their reaction to any hint of change in the rules for their children and especially by their endless prating about how soft a time the youngsters have now, and how hard it was in their day.

To hear most adults talk, you'd think they'd never had any fun at all, when they were kids, or ever done anything foolish. There's a steady stream of poppycock about how far they walked to school through the snow; how scanty were their wardrobes; how early they had to be in at night; how hard their parents worked them; how good their marks were in school.

There's a modicum of truth in all of this, of course, because life was a lot more simple and frugal a quarter-century ago but with the passing of time the morsel of truth becomes a bit of malarky. Personally, I think we had a lot less to cope with, socially and psychologically, if not physically, than today's teenagers.

But this attitude received a jolt this week, when my son announced that he had nailed down a summer job. It was difficult to keep my upper lip both still and buttoned, when I compared his first real job with mine.

There are parallels. Both of us got the job at age 17, and both jobs were on the upper Great Lakes boats. There the parallel ends.

For instance, I hitch-hiked 400 miles, with \$2.50 cash, to meet my boat. He will be driven three miles, by his father, to catch his.

And the hours aren't quite the same. I worked the graveyard shift, midnight to noon, seven days a week. He'll work a couple of hours morning and afternoon, about three hours in the evening, and have a day and a half off each week.

That's all right. I don't bear a grudge. Nobody should have to work like a dog. But there's a slight difference in the pay. I pulled down \$30 a month, even on the 11-day months. A dollar a day and keep. My son will be knocking off just over nine times as much.

However, that's OK. Wages have gone up a lot. Why should he work for peanuts? I must admit, though, that I was a little disturbed by the difference in our duties.

I scrubbed floors, cleaned out lavatories, polished brass and sorted dirty linen. In spare moments I helped sling out the gangplank, or made the officers' beds. My kid will organize shuffleboard games, play the piano for sing-songs and run a movie projector. In spare moments, he will chat to nice old ladies.

That's fine. No hard feelings. We can't all be aristocrats in our first job. But what about work? I wore a scuffy old smock, covered with brass buttons. He'll wear a snappy blue uniform, covered with brass buttons.

And what about this? My official title was Night Porter. His is Entertainment Steward. I ate with the deckhands and firemen. He'll eat in the diningroom. I slept with seven other scullions in a stall large enough for one Shetland pony. He'll share a cabin with one other softy of the Sixties.

I was forbidden, on pain of keelhauling and 16 years in the hulks, to have anything to do with the passengers, except mop up after them. The kid, in the captain's own words, "will have the girls following you all over the boat."

Oh well. No use being bitter. The good old days of the Depression, when you knew you were a slave, but were happy to be a working slave, are gone forever.

However, I can't help hoping the kid will get good and seakick all over that uniform, the first time he hits a roll in Lake Superior. At least, we'd have that much in common in our first summer jobs.

STOP, LOOK, LISTEN

Another holiday weekend and we have received the warning from many sources as to highway travel. It is good advice — doubly so on the highway of life; STOP, consider all God has done, LOOK to the cross for what He has provided, and LISTEN to His words of love and forgiveness.

LOOK AND LIVE

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Founded 1842
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon
Res. 144 Tudey Ave., Ph. 853-1615
SUNDAY, MAY 23rd, 1965
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
"Christian and Persecution"
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service
(The Orangemen are our guests). "Resurrection is Central."
Wednesday is Prayer and Bible Study, 7:30
Friday the B.I.L.L. meets at 7:00 p.m.
Text: "If the watchman blow not the trumpet and the people be not warned, then their blood will I require at the watchman's hand." Ezek. 33:6

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(formerly Evangel Baptist Church)
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SUNDAY, MAY 23rd, 1965
10:00 a.m.—English Service.
2:30 p.m.—Dutch Service.
3:45 p.m.—Sunday School.

This Sunday's Church Calendar

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D., Minister
Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A. Organist and Chorus Master
SUNDAY, MAY 23rd, 1965
9:45 a.m.—Church School
9:45 a.m.—Minister's Teen-Age Bible Class.
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship. Service will be conducted by members of The Gideons International, with Mr. Stuart Burnham of Guelph preaching.
7:30 p.m.—Youth Fellowship meeting postponed till May 30.
Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, May 25 and 26—House-to-house canvass of congregation on behalf of "Church Renovation Fund."
Everyone Most Welcome

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR

ANGELICAN
Corner Willow and St. Alban's Drive
Rev. Ritchie McMurray M.A., S.T.B.
SUNDAY, MAY 23rd, 1965
9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10:30 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Church School.

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P.A.O.C.
33 Churchhill Road
Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor
853-2715
SUNDAY, MAY 23rd, 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 23rd, 1965
DIVINE SERVICES
9:30 and 11 a.m.
THE CHURCH SCHOOL
9:30 a.m.—Grade 5 and higher.
11:00 a.m.—1 years to Grade 4.

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