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The prime location of Halton in the path of metropolitan "growth" has been the subject of considerable pride to many municipal administrators and citizens.

The difficulty of quoting the specific evidence of its position as one of Ontario's most progressive counties was overcome last week with publication of the Ontario Statistical Review. Counties of the province were listed and ranked under a variety of classifications.

A staffer of this paper took the time and trouble to sort out Halton's story and this is reported in this week's issue.

The story is a dramatic one, based on 1961 census figures that are given now somewhat outdated but nevertheless revealing.

Halton had the greatest growth in population between 1951 and 1961, the highest percentage of people earning over \$4,000 a year, the greatest in per capita disposable income, in the average family income and in motor vehicle registration increases.

Municipalities have had ample indication of the phenomenal growth as they juggle the expanding service requirements and burgeoning debt-ridden debts.

Indications are that retail sales are also up - 205 per cent in the 10 year period. In this growth the county ranks second only to similarly well located Peel County.

The completion of Halton will continue to change. We are now half way through the next

decade and the healthy growth has shown no signs of abating.

Planning for such growth requires farsighted work on the part of municipal and county government. It's wise for citizens to give adequate thought to this important area before elections roll around.

Halton's prime location, and that of Acton's, will induce growth and change we haven't even dreamed of yet. If we are prepared the progress will be beneficial.

Be Water Wise...

The drowning statistical survey published recently by the Canadian Red Cross shows that 1,127 Canadians died by drowning in 1964. The majority of these casualties resulted from boating activities, swimming and falling into water.

Over 25 per cent of the drownings were associated with boating mishaps. Most of these mishaps involved non-powered boats like canoes and rowboats. Over 19 per cent of the drownings occurred while victims were swimming or wading. High on the list was the general category of "falling into water". About 200 Canadians or 17 per cent drowned because they lost their balance while standing, sitting or playing near the edge of a body of water. This total includes some 73 persons who fell into ditches, wells, sloughs, dugouts and other excavations filled with water.

The Red Cross drowning statistics, broken down into age groups, show that 171 victims

were six years of age or under, 155 were between seven and 12, 224 were between 13 and 21, 210 were between 22 and 33, 169 were between 34 and 46 and the ages of the remaining 193 were either unknown or over the age of 46.

It is a tragedy that so many Canadians should die at a moment when they were enjoying themselves. Water recreation is fun and we think more Canadians should participate in it and take advantage of our natural playgrounds. However, there's a right way and a wrong way to enjoy water recreation. The wrong way is to be ignorant of the dangers inherent in it. The right way, as the Red Cross so often tells us, is to be water wise. A person can enjoy water recreation much more fully if he knows about its dangers and knows how to avoid or overcome them.

June 6 to 12 is Red Cross Water Safety Week in Canada. We urge everyone to make

an honest effort to be water wise this summer and make sure the whole family is water wise too.

Our Resources...

Canada's resources constitute the basis for our National wealth. Our nation can remain solvent only as long as our natural resources remain productive. The conservation of our soil, water, forests, fish and wildlife is essential not only to our prosperity, health and happiness, but also to the security and permanency of our National life - yes, even to our very existence.

Canaan with its "milk and honey", Babylon with its boundless wealth, and the world-renowned empire of Cyrus and Hannibal, were great powers only while they possessed abundant resources; these nations perished when their renewable resources became exhausted.

The Good Old Days...

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 31, 1945

Honor won for "Courage and devotion to duty" was given by Acting Officer Erwin H. McKewen last week when he, with 36 other members of the R.C.A.F., was awarded the D.F.C. He is a son of Mrs. Albert McKewen, R.R. 3, Acton. Before enlisting, he was employed at Whitham's Garage. He completed 33 operational bombing trips over enemy territory. Since his discharge he is studying at Queen's University, Kingston.

A brother, Lance-Corporal Gordon McKewen, returned from duty overseas with the Royal Corps of Signals.

Pte. W. Lock returned last Wednesday after being overseas since Dec. 1940. He had been on the continent since D-Day. He lives at Crewson's Corners.

On Friday Pte. N. H. McDonald, 4th Line, was welcomed. He had been a prisoner of War since October. Another brother, Clifford, is still overseas.

Pte. Herbert Price is reported dangerously ill in hospital in England. He has sustained wounds.

A memorial service was held at Everton Church for Gordon Mack, who died in action.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Davenport, of Nassagaweya were honored by 125 at Brookville Hall on their 25th wedding anniversary.

A group of citizens whose property borders the park attended council meeting. They felt they should not pay any of the cost of the fence around the park. Council felt they should pay a portion.

138 attended the blood donor clinic. The numbers are down everywhere since the cessation of hostilities in Europe.

Monday is election day. Candidates are Stanley Hall P.C., Mrs. Mary Pettit Liberal and W. C. Millward C.C.F.

The Boys' Band will hold a Luncheon in the park. The committee in charge consists of R. Bean, S. Lorne, C. Heard, G. Kalbfleisch, W. Clayton, E. Lambert and W. Benson.

Knox church 100th anniversary Sunday Miss Isobel Anderson has compiled a book.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, June 3, 1918.

It is reported that the damage from frost last week is less than we thought.

Messrs. James Barden and Son, Hillsburgh, are removing their business to Acton and will occupy the premises where Hill's tin and stove depot were formerly located.

Mr. Briery of Toronto has succeeded Mr. C. Patterson as pastor of the congregational church, Churchhill.

Mr. Morris Saxe has purchased the rough cast building at the corner of Mill Street and Frederick Street from Harry Russell at Preston.

The big house on the Duncan Keith farm on the second line, Esquimaux, belonging to the dep't receiver, was destroyed by fire on Saturday last. The house had been occupied by a number of foreigners working on the new county road. They left too much fire in the cook stove after dinner.

Mr. C. Hoare of Clinton visited Acton on Monday to call upon such of the early residents as were acquainted with his father, the late Thomas Hoare, who had left Acton about 50 years ago.

Miss Spierman, the official catalogue of the Library Department, left on Tuesday after spending two weeks in the work of recataloguing the 3,500 volumes in the Acton library and instructing Miss Coleman, the librarian, in the Dewey Decimal System.

Mr. Herbert Copeland of Chingachous Township has purchased a 50 acre farm from Mr. Robert Cole being lot 27 of the eighth concession of Esquimaux.

Married - Cooper - Smith: At the Baptist church, on Wednesday, June 2, by the Rev. Howard George E. Cooper of Bowmanville to Evba, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith, Acton.

Died - Swackhamer: At the home of his brother, David Swackhamer, Limehouse, on May 29, Wilbur Swackhamer, age 78 years.

Gold Medallist

George W. Robinson of Campbellville, a graduate of the Diploma Course at the Ontario Agricultural College, University of Guelph, was the winner of the Student Council Gold Medal for the most outstanding student in his class. The presentation was made by Ross Stevenson, president of the O.A.C. Students' Administrative Council, at the recent graduation ceremonies.

Name Magistrate

John D. Ord, Georgetown, has been named a magistrate for the province of Ontario, according to the Ontario Gazette. He was appointed an acting magistrate a couple of years ago and has been carrying out those duties in various parts of the province.

Editorial Page



GRADE NINE GIRLS modelled spring and summer casuals at the high school Fashion Show Friday afternoon in the auditorium. Included are Jenny Doornbos, Charlene Gough, Moira Parker, Donna Williams, Cathy Gervais, Heather McGeachie, Britta Larsen and Sharon Britton.

Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL BAILEY

I'll be 45 this week. It's one of those rather decisive birth days, like 13, and 21, and 30. Only 10 years before I'll be middle-aged. A good time to sum up.

One thing that strikes me is the amount of junk a fellow can collect in such a brief span. I came into the world without a stitch or a nickel. And in only four and a half decades, I have acquired a number of stitches, about 400 nickels, a house with two mortgages, a car with 12 payments to go, two teenagers to put through university, and a wife currently talking up the glories of an automatic dish washer.

Not to mention a houseful of furniture that's all due to be replaced, a basement full of empty bottles, a tool shed full of rusty tools and broken bicycles, and an attic full of black squirrels.

But I have no complaints about life. I was the runt of the litter in our family, and grew into a magnificent physical specimen, towering five foot eight on hot days, and tipping the scales at a strapping 138 in my winter overcoat.

And what a beating that megare machine has taken in 45 years! I've been sea-sick and air-sick and love-sick. I've rolled over in a car, crashed-landed in an aircraft, and smashed into a steel bridge at top speed on a bike. I've been beaten into unconsciousness by a gang of Ger-

mans, and hit with everything from a telephone to a plate of roast beef by my wife. Yet there's hardly a scratch on me. Outwardly.

I've broken fingers and toes and nose (three times). I've had hemorrhoids and hangovers. I've had my scalp laid open by a hockey stick and a horseshoe. I've had measles and mumps and TB, scarlet fever and beriberi and pink eye and dysentery.

And yet, amazingly, the old carcass presses on. Sight and hearing are sound as a bell, though smelling is gone completely. Appetite is unimpaired, and the old stomach can handle anything but broken glass. Hair and teeth are thinning and have changed color, but are still original models.

Endurance isn't what it used to be. I couldn't run 200 yards at top speed if the devil himself were after me, with a red-hot pitchfork. But he rarely chases us. Sunday School teachers, so why worry?

I can still swim a few hundred yards, and tramp a trout stream of golf course half a dozen miles a day. I can still sit up all night and argue about politics or women or religion.

I can still get excited about an idea or a song or a poem or a play. I can still thrill to the sight of a beautiful girl, or a big fish, or a full moon, or a bluebird, or a bonfire.

I enjoy loafing and hard work, chess and dry martinis, thunderstorms and trees, good movies and little children, old friends and new clothes, though not necessarily in those combinations.

Not bad for an old chap, eh? Please don't think I'm bragging. What I'm doing is singing a psalm of thanksgiving for my own good luck, and a note of consolation for you birds who are creeping up on 45.

A lot of people burble, "If I could only live it over, knowing what I do now." Not me. I wouldn't trade my childhood, romantic, shy, imaginative, for any I've seen since. The thrill of sports as a teenager; falling in love; half a dozen times; first job on a steamboat; university and ideas and new friends; air force and kicks as a fighter pilot; prison camp and hunger and good talk; marriage and kids; weekly newspaper editor; high school teacher. And be hanged if a fellow didn't offer me an interesting new job just last week.

No sir. I've had a good run. And I'm going to keep right on running. When I'm 85, I want to be known in the nursing home as, "That old devil, Smiley, who pinches your bottom every time you walk past his wheelchair."

MEMORIALS

We are reminded from time to time that there are those milestones in life that demand our attention. This week we are again reminded of the sacrifice made by so many that our heritage of freedom might be preserved to us.

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 Choir Master

General Assembly
SUNDAY, JUNE 6th, 1965
9:45 a.m.—Church School Department.
9:45 a.m.—Minister's Teen - Age Bible Class.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Sermon by a Commissioner to General Assembly.
3:00 p.m.—Decorative Day Service for Community at Fairview Cemetery.
4:00 p.m.—7th Annual Glen Mohr Conventicle on Lake Simcoe.
Everyone Most Welcome

VIMINY CHURCH
(The United Church of Canada)
The Rev. Dwight I. Engel, B.A., B.D., Organist.
Mr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.
SUNDAY, JUNE 6th, 1965
9:30 a.m.—Worship
11:30 a.m.—Decorative Day Service at Cemetery
3:00 p.m.—Decorative Day Service at Cemetery
7:00 p.m.—Worship Hour

ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE P.A.O.C.
33 Churchill Road
Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor
853-2715

SUNDAY, JUNE 6th, 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.

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
(Formerly Evangel Baptist Church)
SUNDAY, JUNE 6th, 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
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BETH-EL CHRISTIAN IMPROVED CHURCH
Acton, Ontario.
Rev. Wiebe Van Dijk
Phone 853-1585

SUNDAY, JUNE 6th, 1965
10:00 a.m.—English Service.
3:30 p.m.—Dutch Service.
3:45 p.m.—Sunday School.

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Founded 1842
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon
Res. 144 Tidy Ave., Ph. 853-1615

SUNDAY, JUNE 6th, 1965
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. "The Two Ordinances."
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service. "Looking Unto Jesus."
Mission Circle, Monday, June 7, at Harris, Milton.
Wednesday is Prayer and Bible Study, 7:30.
Thursday, choir at 7:30.
"Choose you this day whom you will serve; as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."
Joshua 24: 15

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN
Corner Willow and St. Alban's Drive

Rev. Ritchie McMurray
M.A., S.T.B.
Worship
SUNDAY, JUNE 6th, 1965
9:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10:30 a.m.—Church School.

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