

Change of Emphasis Needed...

The "debunker" is riding high these days. Everywhere you turn verbal sharpshooters are telling us that Canada has nothing worth celebrating in 1967. Our government is inept, our schools inadequate, our churches worthless and our homes dissolving, so they say. These critics are skillful and they score some direct hits. They also get a ready hearing. There's a sadistic streak in most of us, and we like to watch the other fellow squirm.

No one would deny the need to scrutinize our institutions and our ethics carefully. We must constantly reform and readjust, but it's time to ask where all this destructiveness is taking us.

Much as we may chafe at their limitations, we live by and through these time-tested social groupings. Without them we are homeless and lost. The late Dr. Lothrop Stoddard of Harvard pointed this out clearly. "Civilization is charac-

terized", he wrote, "by political and social organizations composed of individuals capable of sustaining the elaborate complex and handing it on. It will progress just so far as that people has the ability to bear the burden which it entails".

Caustic criticism is easy and interesting but alone, it is unproductive. Nothing could be further from the temper of our founding fathers. They were men of faith — they believed in God, in this country, in themselves — and fortified by that spirit they carved out a nation.

Building workable social structures is a slow, frustrating, unspectacular process — the work of teachers, pastors, administrators, parents. They have a right to ask the attackers for blue-prints and solutions, above all for personal involvement. If they cannot produce the first and are unwilling to dig themselves, let them hold their fire.

Man and Beast...

Admiring some pheasants over the weekend and the keepers mentioned some of the difficulties in raising these timid birds. Apparently they are sometimes inclined to peck each other and if the peck is sufficient to produce blood it's not long before most other birds press the attack on the injured animal.

It all sounded pretty cruel and the blood-thirsty aspects didn't sit too well. As we began to reflect on the superior position of humans we were caught in our thoughts with flashes from the current general election.

Politicians or retired politicians have been writing at a furious rate, it would seem, attacking those in authority or vindicating their own position. One prepared a book on John Diefenbaker that just happened to thrust itself on the market following the announcement of an election.

The most popular writing at the moment is the Affair of the Six which alleges certain deals for support between six members of the Social Credit party and Liberal officials, making possible the formation of a Liberal government.

Canadians now find themselves watching, at the national level, a type of contest that is not only disappointing but very much akin to the

way those pheasants work that we mentioned earlier.

Haltion candidates have managed to avoid this approach and it speaks highly for them. Voters in Haltion have their choice of three excellent men. It is vital as the campaign reaches a peak that every Haltion voter consider well the location of his "X" on November 8. Predictions are that of Haltion's 66,000 eligible voters, a good 20,000 still haven't decided.

Hallowe'en Saturday...

Hallowe'en is a very unorganized affair and the only certainty is the annual date. That certainly vanishes when the date falls as it does this year on Saturday.

By way of establishing some uniformity we've taken it upon ourselves to communicate with the "powers that be" and "decree" that this year Hallowe'en should be celebrated on the Saturday evening, October 30.

That way the skittering ghosts and goblins, hobos and clowns, animals and animated may expect a normal Hallowe'en reception on the Saturday, and Hallowe'en may return to some organized basis.

BALLINAFAD

W.I. Meeting, First Euchre Shower in District's News

Mrs. Robert McEnery was hostess for the October meeting of the W.I. The president opened the meeting with the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. Roll call was answered by "A Man of the Hour and What He is Doing for His Country." Minutes were read followed by business.

Plans were made for a Hallowe'en Party on Saturday night, October 30 in Ballinafad Hall with prizes for costumes. Please bring lunch — no admission.

Mrs. Leo Jameson was appointed delegate to the convention in Guelph on Tuesday and Wednesday. The district convener's report was given by Mrs. Jamieson in the absence of Mrs. A. W. McEnery. Mrs. Jamieson took her

place as citizenship convener and asked for two minute reports, current events by Mrs. Norman Sinclair, motto by Mrs. Jesse McEnery "Teach children to respect their community and the older citizens who made it." Mrs. Jamieson read a very interesting piece on citizenship on an Armenian boy who was sent to Canada and lived at Georgetown. The meeting closed with the Queen and W. Grace. Lunch was served by Mrs. Swindhurst, Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Jamieson.

Mrs. Jesse McEnery and Mrs. Robt. McEnery attended the 2 day W.I. area convention held in Guelph last week.

First Euchre
The first euchre of the season

SAFER TO WORK

Over the past half century, manufacturing and industrial plants in Ontario have become much safer places in which to work. In 1921, for example, temporary disability per 1,000 workers was 31 as compared to 35, 40 years later. Permanent disability per 1,000 workers in 1921 was 52, while 40 years later this had declined to 17.

was held in Ballinafad Hall on Tuesday night when 11 tables were played. Winners were ladies, Mrs. Dunk, Erin, Mrs. Pringle, Georgetown; men, Mr. Frank Cunningham, Erin and Ken Cotton, Orton.

A few friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Cotton on Saturday night to honor Neil Cotton and Donna Darroch on their approaching marriage. They received some lovely gifts.

POEM — Verse 3

There's a Man in the story I know very well,
I have known Him for years and His goodness can tell,
One day in His mercy He knocked at my door,
And seeking admission, knocked many times o'er,
(to be continued)

This Sunday's Church Calendar

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Founded 1842
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon
Res. 144 Tidy Ave., Ph. 853-1615
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24th, 1965
Anniversary Services
9:45 a.m.—Church School, Adult Class.
Morning and Evening — See Special Notice
Wednesday — Mission Band, 4 o'clock.
Wednesday — Prayer and Bible Study, 7:30.
Thursday—Choir practice, 7:30.
Text: "It is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment." Heb. 9: 27.

MAPE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
(Georgetown)
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24th, 1965
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer meeting.
Acton 853-1956
Georgetown 877-4665

ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE P.A.O.C.
33 Churchill Road
Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor
853-2715
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24th, 1965
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Service and Bible Study.
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.
Friday, 7 p.m.—Crusaders.
Coming again, Rev. A. J. Turvey, D.D., Th.B., Th.M., of Detroit, Mich., outstanding Bible lecturer and author. Hear this dynamic voice on Bible prophecy Oct. 24 thru Nov. 7.

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN
Corner Willow and St. Alban's Drive
Rev. Ritchie McMurray
M.A., S.T.B.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24th, 1965
Trinity XIX
9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10:30 a.m.—Mattins.
Guest speaker, Mr. E. Sewell, rector of All Saints, Erin.
10:30 a.m.—Church School.
7:30 p.m.—Young People's.
Thursday, October 28, Feast of Saints Simon and Jude — 10 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.

TRINITY CHURCH
(The United Church of Canada)
Minister
The Rev. Dwight I. Engel, B.A., B.D.
Organist:
Mr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24th, 1965
CHURCH SCHOOL
9:30 a.m.—Grades 4 - 8.
11:00 a.m.—Nursery to Grade 3.
SERVICES OF WORSHIP
9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.—Confirmation Class.
All Cordially Invited

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, OCTOBER 24th, 1965
9:45 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship.
Sermon theme, "What is Protestantism?" The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered.
7:30 p.m.—Youth Fellowship meeting. Discussion led by the minister.
(Supervised Nursery for babies and tots during entire service and Junior Congregation for children 3 to 7 years; during sermon.)
Everyone Most Welcome

BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Acton, Ontario.
Rev. Wiebe Van Dijk
Phone 853-1585
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24th, 1965
10:00 a.m.—English Service.
2:30 p.m.—Dutch Service.
3:45 p.m.—Sunday School.

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Editorial Page



LEATHERCRAFT ITEMS for sale at the arts and crafts exhibit at the Riviera. Photo by Peter Jones
Shown by Georgetown Arts and Crafts Association member Mrs. H. Bessie of Acton to one of the hundreds of visitors, Mrs. Ritchie McMurray of Acton. Other local exhibitors Saturday were Mrs. W. J. Beatty, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. N. Hoey, Clarice Rognvaldson and daughters Janet and Nancy.

Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL SMITH

My daughter is furious with me. Again. She's at that age, 14, when daughters have very little difficulty in becoming engaged with their fathers. This occurs, of course, only on days when they're not sure as a bond at their mothers.

She has good reasons, of course. She claims I'm crabby in the morning and grouchy at night. This is because I'm always bolting up the stairs to tell her to get a move on, in the morning, and bolting up the stairs telling her to get her light off, at night.

She calls me an old croak when I refuse to play badminton with her, because of my burrits. And when I do play, and beat her, she is like all women. She accuses me of cheating or playing like a big bully.

She goes livid with rage when I try to help her through some situation I know will be tough. "What do you think I am, Dad, a child?" But she grows purple with passion when I remind her that she's not an infant and can just keep on looking for her lost gym suit and I don't care if her P.E. teacher does kill her and she can play basketball in her underwear, for all I care.

She boils with bellicosity when she wants help with her home work and I remind her that she thinks I'm stupid and she'd better do it herself.

When I play the heavy, lax, then, morbid, and conventional, she calls me, in dis-

gust, an "old poke." When I get gay and kick up my heels and become the life of the party, she is miffed and makes cracks about my lack of dignity.

In fact, about the only time we seem to be on our old boss of true buddies is when she's trying to wheedle some money from me. Then her true sweetness and my innate generosity shine through and we get along beautifully. Until I remind her that she's to be in at 11 p.m., even if it is Friday night.

Oh, well, that's about standard these days, for a healthy father-daughter relationship. But this week she went off like a sky rocket. I decided to use a portrait of Kim in my English teaching. It was painted, and extremely well done, by Jean Hay, whose daughter Princess and Kim were bosom pals then, about age nine.

I took the painting to school, held it up for three minutes for the class, then told the students to describe the impression it made on them. Results were interesting.

Quote: "He wasn't very old, perhaps about 16th, but the eyes were those of an old, tired man. An overworked man."

Quote: "I think that this child is a bedraggled orphan, wishing for parents to love and care for him."
Quote: "Years of privy of fat business could almost be seen

dropping down the boy's rusty cheeks."

Quote: "It is a picture that leaves the viewer with a feeling of deep concern."

Quote: "His large, sad eyes, which dominated his thin, dirty little face, told his story better than a thousand words."

Quote: "His ears drooped like a dog's, when it knows it has done something wrong and will be punished."

Quote: "I got the impression that he was very sad and lonely, perhaps an orphan who had gone without food for some time."

Just a sample. Titles were such as: The Boy, The Lost Orphan. One imaginative lad called it The Last Jew and suggested the child was waiting to go off to the gas ovens.

What young lady of 14, who is dabbling with lipstick, wears a brassiere, and has been out on a date, wants her name bandied about the school as an old, tired man, an orphan, a sad dog, a dirty face, a rusty cheeks. And worst of all, a boy. Ninety per cent of them thought she was a boy.

Maybe she had some excuse, after all. For coming home from school, those brown eyes like boiling chocolate, with "DAD! I could murder you!"

The Good Old Days...

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Oct. 18, 1945.

Work of excavating cellars for five houses was commenced this week by Beardmore and Co. when a power shovel was put to work. The construction is a continuation of Guelph St. and a fine building site. This year the company erected a new residence on Crescent Street to ascertain the type of house desired and the construction best suited.

Acton Boys' Band, under the leadership of Mr. Charles W. Mason, gave another fine concert in the town hall Sunday evening. Featured on the program was a rhapsodic solo by Julian Zajan and a concert duet by George Elliott and Jimmie Spruiell. Acton has every reason to be proud of this band and great credit is due Bandmaster Charles Mason.

Richard Bean of Acton was elected central district governor for Y's Men's Clubs at their convention in Guelph on the weekend.

The oldest established church in Acton, the Baptist Church, marked its 100th anniversary when Rev. Iceland Gregory was guest speaker.

Lakeside Chapter of the IOOE met at the home of Mrs. Gordon Currie with Mrs. M. S. Salk in charge. Mrs. G. R. S. Salk gave a paper on Canadian Arts and Crafts. Mrs. J. W. Wolfe showed a very interesting exhibit of handicrafts including weaving, knitting, painting, pottery and others.

Mr. Jack Reid, president of Micro Plastics, has purchased a farm and he and Mrs. Reid will soon take up residence there. Mr. A. Long, production manager, and Mrs. Long have also secured residence in Acton.

EAC I. R. McKersie received his discharge this week from the RCAC at Debert, Nova Scotia.

Capt. Johnny Gray has been appointed brigade sports secretary for the Third Division of the Canadian Army of Occupation in Germany.

New litter beds are being constructed on the farm formerly owned by Mr. George Somerville.

Walls are nearly completed for the new building for Micro Plastics on east Bowler Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. McLam are now comfortably settled in their enlarged residence on Main St.

Be sure your lamp is a Royal Rosalite oil gives best results. Sold by James Symon.

New Wonderland Theatre — Mary Pickford in "Such a Little Queen" Friday, "The Spy Fate," a military drama, Monday, episode II of "The Exploits of Elsie" Wednesday. Coming — a Charlie Chaplin comedy.

The Rogues with David Clayton Thomas are beginning a Canadian tour next week starting in Ottawa. David will be appearing on such shows as AGoGo 66, Hullabaloo, and Shindig this year, and the Rogues are frequently headliners at the Friars AGoGo nightclub in Toronto.

On October 30, Village AGoGo will be featuring the "Shaynes," and another big success is anticipated.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Oct. 21, 1915.

Corp. John L. Moore of the Bugle Band of the 34th Battalion, now in London, was presented with an envelope containing \$14.00 from the Hipworth League for purchase of an article he would most cherish as a memento of the group. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Ayson, spoke a few earnest words and Miss Bennett, president, tendered him the gift.

William Wells and Andrew Alker enlisted this week.

The front page of the Free Press 50 years ago did not contain Acton news. It had ads, a short story, a poem, a little world news. This week we see another instalment in the history of Acton, written by James Warren of Walkerton, and a "most teaching description" by Rudyard Kipling of the ruined cathedral at Rheims.

The seventieth anniversary services at the Methodist Church were very successful. It seemed very fitting that Rev. C. D. Draper, who was so largely instrumental in successfully effecting extensive improvements, should be the preacher of the day. The presence of Miss Bertie Smith, home from Toronto, was greatly appreciated.

The agricultural emphasis in an livestock North America is being drained of her horses, cattle and provisions needed in Europe.

The Sons of England Benefit Society held an enjoyable social in honor of Sgt. Coles. Songs were given by Mrs. S. Barnes, S. George, J. Smith, J. Holloway, J. Nutter, J. P. Scarrow, F. Tyler and V. Tunton.

Rockwood has already sent 20 men to the war.

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Erin-A-Go-Go For Teenagers

Close to 400 energetic teenagers attended the opening of the new season of Village AGoGo, in Erin on October 16th. Many of the spectators commented that the show featured "David Clayton Thomas and the Rogues" was "nothing short of fabulous."

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