

The Line is Forming

In the weeks and months ahead you will be hearing a great deal about the Plunkett Study, a review of local government in Halton and Peel.

Already the line is forming as local politicians plot their way through a maze of administrative and planning problems with the uncertainty of the recommendations hanging over their head. Just what Mr. Plunkett may recommend in terms of government or revision of boundaries and responsibilities is, at the moment, as unknown to him as it is to those who sit in councils and county councils in Halton and Peel.

The concept of regional government will certainly be one of the dominant question marks in the days of this year and certainly until August — the expected completion date of the report in 1966.

Now, added to the list, could be the subject of regional jails. While county councillors express agreement on the principle of a regional jail rather than reconstruction of present antiquated facilities, they are quite unresolved whether such a regional jail should be shared with Peel County

or on the other side with Hamilton and Wentworth.

When plans for the regional review were outlined to the members of county council they were advised to continue with any studies or programs that were already implemented. It is impossible, however, for members to ignore the fact that recommendations, perhaps completely contrary to the thinking of many of them or even beyond their current imagination could be forthcoming in the Plunkett Study, which would outdate and prove wasteful any decision that may currently be undertaken.

Government in the two counties may grind exceedingly slow as only routine matters are dealt with, pending completion of the Plunkett report.

If the recommendations produced by the report are significant and far reaching, citizens can expect some further agonizing months as the local and provincial politicians seek to interpret and implement or reject the proposals with varying degrees of speed and harmony.

Share with Peel?

Construction of a regional jail, shared by Peel County as well as Halton, Wentworth and Hamilton, may be a more sensible solution to the problem facing Halton County Councillors than the one nearly forced through last week.

The walk-out staged by county councillors was a sad commentary on the established democratic process, but it was evidently required to block what the participants considered an unwise decision. While each municipality has only two representatives on the council, the representatives have varying numbers of votes which they cast when a recorded vote is required. The supporters of the plan to push the regional jail ahead with Hamilton and Wentworth had sufficient votes to put the agreement and by-law into the final stages. When a majority of the members walked out, however, the meeting was left without a quorum and could not continue.

Everyone is agreed to the need for construction of a regional jail. There may be some individual doubts about the need for some of the expensive facilities expected to be included in the yet-to-be-planned facility, but all agree on need.

The outstanding point is on the municipalities to be included. The walk-out group feels negotiations initiated last year with Peel and broken off to continue with Hamilton and Wentworth,

should be renewed. It seems apparent there is some hope that Peel County might be included with Halton in the Hamilton-Wentworth project.

While Halton has been held up as the stumbling block in the Hamilton-Wentworth plans to proceed, it was recently reported that Wentworth had not yet given its formal approval to the plan. It seems entirely possible that Halton had been subjected unfairly to tremendous pressure for a decision.

And when you stand far enough back from the whole situation to get a little perspective, you wonder why the county authorizes a regional study of Halton and Peel by Mr. Plunkett and then is pushed into a decision of a regional nature before Mr. Plunkett can make a report. Certainly the need for improved jail facilities is evident, but when you consider the price tag it is not difficult to understand the desire of members to make the most far-reaching decision possible. Prior to delivery of the Plunkett Report they're flying pretty blindly.

A meeting has been arranged for Thursday after the grounds for compromise were explored in an informal meeting Saturday evening. It can only be hoped there is some possibility of getting the balance of county business back on the rails while dealing sanely with the problem of a regional jail.

Editorial Page



WORDS OF ADVICE from nonagenarian C. K. Browne were given to Progressive Conservative candidate Allan M. Masson during his visit to town Tuesday evening. Mr. Browne was among the many visitors who met the candidate at campaign headquarters on Mill Street. Back row left to right are Percy Woods, George Kerr, Provincial M.P. and Robert N. Allan.

Sugar and Spice ...

BY BILL SAILEY

This is a time of year when my heart goes out to city-dwellers. It's a time when rural or small town living is immensely superior to that in the concrete canyons, the abominable apartments, and the sad suburbs of metropolitan areas.

In the city, days end drearily in the fall. There's the long, wearying battle home through traffic, or the draughtily crushed, degrading scramble on public transportation.

The city man arrives home fit for nothing but slumping for the evening before the television set. And what greets him? The old lady, wound up like a steel spring because she hasn't seen a soul she knows all day, there's nothing to look at but that stupid house next door, exactly like their own, and the kids have been giving her a hard time.

He's stuck with it. For the whole evening. That's why so many city chaps have work shops in the basement. It's much simpler to go down cellar and whack off a couple of

fingers in the power saw than listen to Mabel.

Life is quite different for the small town male. He is home from work in minutes. He surveys the ranch, says "Must get those storm windows on one of these days" and goes in to the good fall smelly of cold drinks and hot food.

His wife saw him at breakfast, again at lunch, has had a good matter with the dame next door, and has been out for two hours, taking leaves with the kids. She doesn't need him.

Instead of drifting off to the basement, that small town male announces that this is his bowling night, or he has to go to a meeting of the Conservation and Slaughter Club, and where's a clean shirt. And that's all there is to it.

While her city counterpart squats in front of TV, gnawing her nails and wondering why she didn't marry good old George, who has a big dairy farm now, the small town gal

collects the kids and goes out to burn leaves.

There is nothing more romantic than the back streets of a small town in the drizzle of a fall evening. Piles of leaves spurt orange flame. White smoke eddies. Neighbors call out, lean on rakes. Women, kerchiefed like gypsies, heap the dry leaves high on the fire. Kids avoid the subject of bedtime, dash about the fire like nimble gnomes.

Or perhaps the whole family goes to a bowl supper. What, in city living, can compare to this finest of rural functions? A crisp fall evening, a drive to the church hall through a Halloween landscape, an appetite like an alligator, and that first wild whiff of turkey and dressing that makes you knees buckle and the juices flow free in your checks.

But it's on weekends that my

The Good Old Days...

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Oct. 25, 1945.

It was most astounding to see the fine collection of clothing assembled from Acton and district last week in answer to the appeal for good used clothing for Europeans. The council chamber, the committee room opposite and the main hall were jammed with boxes. The shipment was taken to the station by truck Thursday and weighed two and a half tons. In view of the fact community sales have been held for three years and the systematic collection of the past year has been carried on for four years, the amount might be considered marvellous.

Cpl. Stanley Joe, who spent nearly three years overseas, returned on the Ile de France. Cpl. Percy Nicholls served nearly three years overseas. Other men from Acton and district scheduled to arrive on the Ile de France this week are Pte. H. R. Lambert, Sergt. Ted Clifford, Pte. C. D. McDonald of R. R. 4, Acton; Pte. W. Crofts and Sgmn. W. H. Barber, both of R. R. 1, Acton.

A gathering in the town hall opened the Ninth Victory Loan. The Boys' Band, under C. W. Mason, played for half an hour. Sgt. Ted Hansen at the piano, Charles Kirkness led in community singing. Mrs. Cameron Leshman sang, accompanied by Miss Ethel Franklin.

The audience then met a group of 30 servicemen, most of them just back from overseas service. The audience gave hearty applause and broke into "For They are Jolly Good Fellows".

Introduced were Hector Lambert R.C.A.F., Sergt. Matt Tyler, Gunner O. Pitman, Corp. J. J. Jaque, John Nicol, Bat. S.M., Sergt. Tom Nicol, Sergt. Lyle Cripps, Percy Elliott, Trooper Bill Carmichael, F.O. Ron Langford, Corp. Bob O'Hara, Corp. Harry Otterbein, Sergt. Kanis, Gunner Ford, Trooper M. McMillan, John McHugh, Bruce Parveter, Harold Robinson, Gerry Parveter, Harold DeForest, C.P.O. Vern Wheeler, Hamilton, Peal, Cpl. C. Rognvaldson, Major Alan Buchanan, Ralph Aylsworth, Ted Hansen, Bill Finlay.

50 YEARS AGO

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

The banquet for the men of the Protestant churches in town this evening is expected to draw the churches closer together. About 150 will attend.

Last week, the Acton High School Literary Society assembled for the annual election. The following officers were elected: honorary president, Principal W. H. Stewart; president, Harold Mowat; vice-president, Jean Wilson; secretary, George Agnew; address, Alice O'Brien; reporter, Harold Reed; current events reporter, Charlie McLeod; class representatives: form I, Kipling Puffer; form II, Barbara Plank; form III, Virena Masales.

Rain or no rain, it seems Halton is bound to remain "dry". Reports from those who attended the big gathering of men, vets, and women too, at Milton on Monday indicate a firm determination to banish the booze from our snug little county.

Twenty-three years ago last May, the Canada Temperance Act came into force in Halton and remained for six years, and it is freely asserted that more drunkenness was seen in Acton in one week after repeal than in the whole six years. Now the Act, with new features, is to be brought forward again.

Excerpts from letters from the two sons of Reeve and Mrs. Hynd, from Belgium: "I think the day of reckoning for Old Fitz is about here... when we get the word to advance, we'll go through him like a hurricane... we just came out of the trenches for six days' rest and God knows we need it... we saw a lively fight between an English plane and a German... We had over a week of steady rain while in the trenches. If you could see us covered from head to foot in mud, you wouldn't know us. I have some pieces of shells and shrapnel to send home..."

The fine new residence of Mr. James Symon, Willow St., is nearing completion. Acton Women's Institute shipped last week three barrels of canned fruit to Shorncliffe, England, for use in the Canadian hospital there. There were 120 quarts carefully packed by Mr. George Soper, merchant, and valued at \$60.

4-H Meet

The fourth meeting of the Scotch Block Lassies West was held in the Ligny Hall. It was opened with the 4-H pledge and roll call which was a pattern of iteration and how to make it.

The new leader of the group is Mrs. VanRijn and she led in instruction on how to staystitch and how to transfer the pattern markings to the material.

A light lunch of cookies and soft drinks was served before the final notes were given.

Postponed

A power interruption scheduled for certain areas throughout town last Saturday didn't occur. Poor weather conditions prevented hydro linemen from proceeding with a line-building program along Church Street but the men were able to make minor repairs in some sections with the power turned on.

4-H Girls

Saturday the fourth meeting of the Scotch Block Lassies East 4-H Club was held with 13 members present at Ligny Hall. The meeting was opened with the 4-H pledge and each girl answered roll call which was "one alteration which I must make to my pattern".

The members were shown how to staystitch and apply facing. After a short coffee break, notes were given on how to transfer pattern markings to the material and how to staystitch. For practical work each girl cut her material.

Remembrance Day Service Scheduled for November 7

Remembrance Day in Acton this year will be observed Sunday, November 7. Mayor Les Duly in a proclamation this week asks everyone to observe this day throughout Acton and district.

Legionnaires, Legion Ladies Auxiliary, representatives from various organizations, Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies will form up at the Legion Hall at 10.30 a.m. and parade to the cen-

taph where a brief service will be held and wreaths placed in honor of the dead servicemen killed in two World Wars.

Following this, a church service will be held in Trinity United Church at 11.15 a.m.

Halton's annual plowing match will be held at the Eighth Line Howard Tarzwell farm this Saturday.

POEM - VERSE 4

But when I went to Him and stood face to face,
And listened awhile to His story of grace,
How He suffered for sinners, and put away sin,
I heartily, thankfully welcomed Him in.

(to be continued)

This Sunday's Church Calendar

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Founded 1842
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon
Res. 144 Tudey Ave., Ph. 853-1615
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31st, 1965
Standard Time
9:45 a.m.—Church School, Adult Class.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, "Putting Christ First."
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service, Laymen's Service. Guest speaker, Mr. George McMillan of Brantford. Local men taking part. All are welcome.
Wednesday—Prayer and Bible Study, 7:30.
Thursday—Choir practice, 7:30.
Fridays—B.H.F.-B.Y. at 7; Explorers at 7:30.
Text: "Men ought always to pray and not to faint." Luke 18: 1.

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
(Georgetown)
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31st, 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, 877-6665

BETHLE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Acton, Ontario.
Rev. Wjebbe Van Dijk
Phone 853-1585.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31st, 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 Churchill Road
Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor
853-2715
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31st, 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.

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 31st, 1965.
9:45 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Public Worship of God. "Laymen's Sunday" service. Guest soloist, Mr. Norman Elliott, Arthur.
8:00 p.m.—Adult Study and Discussion group.
(Supervised Nursery for babies and tots during entire service and Junior Congregation for children 3 to 7 years, during sermon.)
Everyone Most Welcome

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 31st, 1965.
10:00 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service.
9:30 a.m.—Grades 4 - 8.
9:30 a.m.—Nursery to Grade 3.
SERVICES OF WORSHIP
9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.—Confirmation Class.
7:30 p.m.—Young People meet.
All Cordially Invited

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 31st, 1965.
Trinity XX
9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10:30 a.m.—Matins and Litany. "Dedicating of Guides" and Brownies' new flag.
7:30 p.m.—Young People are holding a Masquerade Halloween party.
Monday, November 1—All-Saints' Day—10 a.m., Holy Eucharist.
Tuesday, November 2—Commemoration of all those who died in the Parish during the past year—10 a.m., Holy Eucharist.

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