

Get More Industry...

One of the favorite topics of conversation in many communities in Ontario is "How do we get more industry?" There appears to be a general impression that the acquisition by any community of a large new industry is going to be the cure for all municipal economic ills.

Action in its effort to attract new industry is beset by the same problems that beset many Ontario communities. It was felt, not without some satisfaction, that municipally-owned, serviced industrial land could attract new industry to Acton. A strong and active Development Commission was appointed. The commission set to work with high expectations but results have been disappointing. Apparently this program is less than is required to attract "new industry".

We see a meeting, was held in Mount Forest recently which representatives of 35 municipalities attended. The decision of the meeting was that the federal government's designated area program is unfair, discriminatory and killing industrial growth in areas not designated under the program. The delegates agreed their municipalities had no chance of obtaining new industries when industry could go to other nearby centres designated by the government and receive cash grants on construction of new buildings or additions to existing facilities and also receive tax concessions. Under the program 81 areas in Canada were designated by the federal government where industry can qualify for these grants and tax concessions.

At the meeting various municipalities described the difficulties which they have encountered. In Smiths Falls a five million dollar industry was lost to Collingwood and in Mount Forest an industry was "signed, sealed and delivered", but the firm decided to withdraw and build in a designated area because of the financial advantages offered by the program.

Designated areas are supposedly determined on the basis of high unemployment, or statistics from local Employment Services offices and low average income. The designated areas program was launched in 1963 when 35 areas across Canada, including seven in Ontario, were designated. In 1964 the Area Development Incentives Act was passed and last year the program was expanded to include 81 designated areas. The decision of the Mount Forest meeting was to apply for status as designated area in an area covering almost 2,000 square miles.

When the program was launched in 1963 there was a certain stigma attached which did not please most of the municipalities designated. Since that time there has, we are sure, been a change of heart until we have reached the point today where municipalities are willing, even eager, to be designated depressed areas.

Since there is nothing to lose and obviously much to be gained as evidenced by recent industrial activity in the Collingwood-Midland area, we think Acton, too, should apply for recognition as what is politely called a designated area. We must not consider it a depressed area, which was without doubt the original intent of the federal government in 1963. It's much more palatable to be "designated" as is the Collingwood-Midland area.

We feel that Acton's best approach to industrial growth is to take any money there is for industrial promotion and promote ourselves into a designated area status. There will then be no need to buy industrial land, to service it, to produce multi-color brochures, to hire industrial commissioners or launch a high-powered sales

program. Instead of burying \$50,000 in water and sewer services in the municipally owned industrial land, we can probably "buy" the designated status. After that all we will have to do is sit back and beat off the "poor" industries which don't have any appeal to us, with a big stick.

Underground Wiring

Action council displayed some wisdom in investigating the feasibility of installing underground wiring in the balance of Lakeview Sub-division. The aesthetic qualities of such an underground system are very desirable. However, the additional cost in such a program in Lakeview does not appear to us to be feasible when we consider the installations that have already been made in this area. It would appear to us to be only logical to continue the new installation as an addition to those already installed lines. To change horses in mid-stream does not seem too wise because it will end up as a patch work of overhead and underground systems. We do think Council would be wise to insist on underground wiring in any new subdivision which may come before it in the future when aesthetic considerations can be considered in the light of the whole project.

Maintain Standards

We were pleased to learn the Public School Board is considering the implementation of a Remedial Reading program and the teaching of Oral French in the Acton schools. There appeared to be some hesitation in making a commitment to institute the programs, French in particular, because they might not be available in surrounding schools and therefore continuity in High School might not be maintained. It is our opinion both programs should be started in Acton without delay. Acton schools have always had high academic standards and a display of leadership in instituting both these programs is in line with a progressive curriculum.

Plan for Present

We were rather disturbed with the realization that Planning Board has on its books a resolution which does not allow the board to consider any further applications for zone changes until the new official plan is approved. We realize the new plan has been under consideration for three years and held up for one year at a cost to the taxpayers of \$1,200 but we cannot understand how the board can refuse to consider present applications and any that may be forthcoming until final O.M.B. and/or Department of Municipal Affairs approval is received. The possibility that the new plan may not receive approval until the town has indicated its future plans for sewage plant additions or replacement could stunt Acton's growth irreparably.

We are in favor of planning in principle, for it is only through planning can we expect an orderly, sound and intelligent growth. In our interpretation, however, there is not only the Utopia we expect to create at some date in the future; there is also the requirement that we proceed through the present to reach that far off and glittering future. If planning is so wrapped up in bureaucratic red tape we can not live with it today, all is for naught and we should immediately change our way of thinking, our planning by-laws and our official plans.

Editorial Page



QUANTITIES OF GOODIES went on sale Monday afternoon at the M. Z. Bennett school when teacher Mrs. Bert Benton and her class of Grade 3 and 4 pupils staged a bake sale with proceeds of \$50.38 going to the Junior Red Cross. Left to right are Steven Brunelle, Cathy Welton, Bryan Robinson and Sharon Gillespie admiring some of the baking while Mrs. Benton watches.

Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL SMILEY

In last week's column, I mentioned that son Hugh had failed to keep a Saturday rendezvous with Kim and me. He was supposed to meet us and come home for a weekend of skiing. When he didn't show up, we didn't worry, thinking he'd become involved elsewhere. He was.

Tuesday night following the Senior Tutor of his college phoned long distance. Was Hugh at home, ill? Nobody in his residence had seen him since Friday night. He'd missed a test in Psychology.

How would you go about telling your wife that her first-born is missing? It would have been easier to inform her that I had cancer and three months to live.

There's nothing more fun, on a night in mid-winter, than sitting around with your wife wondering whether your son has eloped, has been kidnapped, has become a junkie, is on a drunk, or is lying dead in a ditch.

Thus speculating, we took turns. She'd be white with apprehension. I'd be red with rage. Then we'd turn red and white, simultaneously, she with anger, I with fear.

And while we were thus engaged, do you know where he was? Wining and dining, playing a Steinway grand piano, in a swank apartment on Park Avenue New York City.

Next night I phoned his room mate. Yep, Mr. Smiley, he'd had a card from Hugh. From Greenwich village. Having a ball. Next stop, Baltimore.

This threw the whole family (Kim was in on it too, bustling with excitement) into one of the finest frenzies of rage and relief we've ever enjoyed.

Suddenly, I had one of those rare flashes of insight which make people who don't know me think I'm a genius. "Baltimore!" I cried. "Ah-ha Baltimore!"

I reminded the Old Girl that she has a cousin studying at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore. She said I was crazy, he wouldn't dare go there, and if he had, Cousin Pat would have phoned.

I insisted. She called, got Cousin Pat in jig time. My wife didn't want to sound like a complete moron and ask if Hugh was there. So she asked, gaily, "How is the boy?" (They'd had a baby boy a few months previously.)

Cousin Pat retorted, "Yours or mine?" And the Baltimore Oriole, as he is now known in the family was in the net. Almost.

He came on the line. "Hi, Mom. How are you?" Gay as an oriole. Innocent as a novice nun. When his mother was able to talk, she told him, for 20 minutes, how she was, and what he was. Finally, Kim and I wrestled the telephone from her, and I spent 45 seconds

telling him to be home by the weekend.

He'd caught the urge to travel late Friday night. Struck off at 3 a.m., in ski jacket and jeans. Hitch-hiked. Caught rides with university students, Negro ladies, hillbillies.

Arrived New York with 20 cents. Went to coffee house to keep warm. Ordered coffee. Waiter said, "Sixty-five cents." Hugh said, "I've only got 20." Waiter took it. Read French novel and talked to junkies, students and assorted characters all night.

Sold pint of blood in Times Square for \$5. Ate. Later phoned gentleman musician he'd met in his summer job on cruise boat who had foolishly said, "Any time you're in New York, look me up." This chap and his wife met the ski-jacketed bum in jeans with warmth, fed him, enjoyed a musical evening together, gave him sleeping quarters, and sent him on his way with \$15 cash.

Hitch-hiked to Baltimore. Had pleasant evening with Cousin Pat and wife Stephanie. Immediate plans to head for Florida and visit with friends of ours. Then it with friends of ours, then meander to New Orleans, where he



The Good Old Days...

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Feb. 14, 1946.

Lance Corporal Newton E. Hurst returned from overseas of the Queen Elizabeth after serving overseas two years and nine months. He was through the France, Belgium, Holland and Germany campaigns.

Pte. R. J. Braida was a passenger on the Aquatania. With the Canadian Army for three years, he was overseas for a year.

Pte. Emerson Patrick was three years overseas in France and Belgium. He is the last of three brothers to return from the services.

Sgt. Gordon P. Cook arrived on the Scythia after joining the army in 1940. He has been overseas with the 15th Ambulance Company for three and a half years.

Booster Night was something new in Acton arena and 1,100 or so enjoyed the evening. Hockey stars from the Maple Leafs, Syl Apps and Turk Broda, acted as referees for the games including that of a group of bantam boys under the direction of G. W. McKenzie.

The audience had seen all the groups when there was a grand parade of nearly a hundred hockey players in uniform. Color was there and when the Boys' Band was taken into the picture, it was a real night for the Acton boys. Mr. Stanley Hall, M.P., congratulated the sponsors.

The Lorenzo hockey team of Buffalo played the Tanners in the feature event. Norm Morton, centre star of the Tanners, faced off with his eight-year-old son, Acton players in the 5-5 tie game were Woods and Masters, goal; Riddall and Bavlis, defense; I. Marzo, centre; C. Lindsay, left; E. Marzo, right; alternates, Millar, Brandon, Gibbons, Barden, Townsley, N. Morton, R. Morton, Goy and Kentner.

Bobby Anderson, former Army cook, hockey player and baseball catcher, was in charge of the meal served both teams and guests in the Legion. President Fred Davkins presided as toastmaster for addresses made by J. F. Royston, Reeve C. Kirkness, F. J. Schmalz, V. B. Rumley, Ralph Gillespie, Ray Mason, Sunny Townsley and G. A. Dills.

Returned home with \$7.88, cash. Disgusted with parents' attitude. After all, he'd sent us a card from New York. (We got it the day before he arrived home.)

He's back at school, but there's still one thing bothering us. Kim can hardly wait to get started on her first trip.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Feb. 17, 1916.

Mrs. E. J. Hassard will receive on Tuesday, 8th March, afternoon and evening, and afterward on the first Wednesday of each month.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Littley and children left last week for England. Mr. Littley will take a position in a munitions factory.

Miss Delena Hayward is home from Toronto for a week or two prior to the busy millinery season.

Ad—You cannot get greater efficiency or more luxurious comfort than in this McLaughlin seven passenger, six cylinder touring car "par excellence". Solid mahogany instrument board with recess for speedometer and clock; tonneau light; two extra seats of the disappearing type; canopy; one-man imported English top, fitted with natural wood bows and nickel-plated split irons; new type curtains that open with the doors! (This car had no top.) F.O.B. Oshawa \$2,150.

About 60 farmers assembled at the Beardmore stock farm to attend a two day short course in stock farming. Farmers were advised to go more into dairying. The dual purpose cow was referred to but distinctive breeds were recommended for dairying and raising of beef.

A large number of friends of Wilfred Britton assembled at S.S. 9, Massagway school and presented him with a wrist watch and razor. He has enlisted in the battery at Guelph.

The following have donned the khaki since last Thursday—Joseph Laycock, James Loutett, Ernest Perryman, E. B. McKinnon, C. E. Herrington, A. Rudman, Fred Creamore, Kipling Puffer.

"The Men in Action" is the platoon song of D' Company, 164th Battalion. Since the beginning of the war, 125 have enlisted from Acton.

Messrs. Arthur Harvey and Dan Ritchie left on Monday to take an officers' training course in Toronto.

Robert Hynds writes from France: I am now in hospital, formerly a factory. It's a fine country for raising ducks. Congratulations, father, on again being elected reeve.

What is believed to be an incendiary fire was started in the Commons reading room of the House of Commons, destroying this beautiful building with the loss of five lives. Mr. D. Henderson, M.P., writes home that with a fellow member, he was able to leave the burning chamber safely.

Tipperrary Girls present "Betsy Baker", clean, refined comedy in two acts, town hall, 25c and 35c. Three acts of vaudeville between acts.

This Sunday's Church Calendar

WISDOM OF THE WORLD

There are souls in this world which have the gift of finding joy everywhere, and leaving it behind them when they go. — Faber

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, FEBRUARY 20th, 1966

9:45 a.m.—Church School

11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship, Sermon No. 5 in series, "Crisis Experiences—The Crisis of Vocation."

1:30 p.m.—Minister and Youth Fellowship members leave for afternoon and evening youth gathering at St. Paul's United Church, Milton.

Next Sunday, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.—First Session of Minister's Lenten Young People's church membership class.

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, FEBRUARY 20th, 1966

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.

Biblical Personalities, "The Mad King"

6:15 p.m.—Young People meet to travel to Streetsville.

Wednesday, February 23, 8:30 p.m.—Meeting with men of St. Alban's for discussion of Union principles.

THE CHURCH OF

ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR—

ANGLICAN

Corner Willow and St. Alban's Drive

Rev. Ritchie McMurray, M.A., S.T.B.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, 1966

9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.—Church School, 10:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd

Ash Wednesday

8:45 a.m.—Holy Eucharist for school children.

11:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist, 7:30 p.m.—Holy Eucharist, 8:00 p.m.—Holy Eucharist, 8:30 p.m.—Men of B.A.C. meet at Trinity United for discussion of Union principles.

Thursday, February 24, St. Matthias—10 a.m., Holy Eucharist.

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Founded 1842

Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon

Res. 144 Tideo Ave., Ph. 853-1615

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, 1966

9:45 a.m.—Church School, Adult Class.

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, "Chosen in Him."

7:00 p.m.—Evening Service, "My Shepherd."

We invite all who have no evening service to share this hour with us.

Wednesday—Prayer and Bible Study, 7:30.

Thursday—Choir practice, 7:30.

Friday—B.H.F. 7; Explorers 7:30.

Text for week: "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." James 4: 17.

ACTON PENTECOSTAL

TABERNAACLE

P.A.O.C.

33 Churchill Road

Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor

853-2715

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, 1966

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.

11:00 a.m.—International Missionary Evangelist, Rev. Robert Argue will speak in Acton Pentecostal Tabernacle. You are invited to attend this outstanding service.

7:00 p.m.—Local Pentecostal W.M.C. Ladies will be taking charge of this service. Interesting topics interspersed with special music will be the highlight of the service.

Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Service and Bible Study.

Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.

Friday, 7 p.m.—Crusaders.

MAPLE AVENUE

BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, 1966

(Georgetown)

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, 11:00 a.m.—Morning Service, 7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.

Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer meeting.

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BETH-EL

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Acton, Ontario.

Rev. Wiebe Van Dijk, Phone 853-1585

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, 1966

10:00 a.m.—English Service, 2:30 p.m.—Dutch Service, 3:45 p.m.—Sunday School.

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