

Why the Difference?

The decision to incorporate the name Halton in the two provincial ridings rather than the former designation by towns was a logical and sensible change.

The provincial redistribution of voting pretty well splits Halton in half. This split will not be nearly as serious as the complete fragmentation proposed by the federal redistribution.

The provincial plan basically places Burlington and Nassagaweya with a horizontal strip including Acton in the Halton West riding. Oakville, Milton, Esquesing and Georgetown end up in a vertical split to be known as Halton East.

What continues to amaze us is why the provincial and federal plans of redistribution could not parallel each other. The Federal redistribution places parts of Halton in three ridings, none of which is even close to the areas to be applied provincially. The confusion in the voters' minds that will result, particularly if two elections were called close together, will be difficult to penetrate.

We had understood the provincial and federal action on redistribution was being co-ordinated but if the two proposals applied to Halton are any indication, there could surely have been no co-ordination.

M.P. Harry Harley has indicated he has received little mail on the subject and assumes the federal proposals are acceptable. Maps of the proposal have been as scarce as the proverbial "hen's teeth" and when they appeared they were published in daily newspapers with no specific area follow-ups in the local publications where they might have gained more reasonable attention.

If you can get hold of a map of the federal proposals it will not be difficult to see the complete fragmentation indicated. If you are not interested just forget about it, but if you are interested it seems about time Dr. Harley got some letters or post cards on the subject. Write him in care of the Parliament Buildings. It may not yet be too late.

Canadian Facts?

Reader's Digest, which has been accorded Canadian citizenship so far as magazine publishing is concerned, has produced an almanac that purports, among other things, to deal with Canada, but manages to say that the capital that fell to the British on the Plains of Abraham was Montreal. This may be resented by people who live in Québec, but they may not be as angry as people who live in Toronto, a city and provincial capital that is not mentioned at all.

Ole! From Mexico To Tannery Siding

Beardmore and Co. officials were surprised Wednesday morning to see a Mexican railroad box car on the company railroad siding. It is a rarity to see a box car from Mexico in Canada.

The car will be loaded with hair from hides for delivery in the United States. The Mexican car was probably scheduled for the load of hair in order to have it returned eventually to its original railroad.

The wording on the car is all in Spanish.

This Sunday's Church Calendar

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Founded 1842
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon
Res. 144 Tidey Ave., Ph. 853-1615
SUNDAY, MARCH 6th, 1966
9:45 a.m.—Church School, Adult Class.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, "Through Me To Others."
Mission Band will meet at 11:30.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service, "Christian Tolerance."
(Discussion).
We invite all who have no evening service to share this hour with us.
Monday, 8 p.m.—Mission Circle.
Wednesday—Prayer and Bible Study, 7:30.
Thursday—Choir practice, 7:30.
Friday—B.H.F., 7:00; Explorers, 7:30.
Scripture, "They understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask Him."
Math. 9: 32

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
SUNDAY, MARCH 6th, 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.
Acton 853-1956
Georgetown 877-6665

BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Acton, Ontario
Rev. Wiebe Van Dijk
Phone 853-1535
SUNDAY, MARCH 6th, 1966
10:00 a.m.—English Service.
2:30 p.m.—Dutch Service.
3:45 p.m.—Sunday School.

Slides of Nigeria At Special Service

The World Day of Prayer service at Knox church Sunday evening, presented by the Daughters of Knox, was well attended. Miss Mary Whaley, executive director of Overseas Missions of the W.M.S., spoke and showed slides on Nigeria.

Miss Carol Wharton, Guelph, the local dancing teacher, sang several solos.

Those taking part were Mrs. Howard Coles, Mrs. Cliff Ashley and Mrs. Bill Toth.

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN
Corner Willow and St. Alban's Drive.
Rev. Ritchie McMurray M.A., S.T.B.
Friday, March 4, Ember Day — 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist.
Saturday, March 5, Ember Day — 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist.
SUNDAY, MARCH 6th, 1966
Lent II
9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10:30 a.m.—Church School.
10:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
Guest celebrant and preacher, the Rev. Laughton Binns, curate of St. Christopher's Church, Brampton.
7:30 p.m.—Evensong and Lenten Study Group.

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, MARCH 6th, 1966
9:30 a.m.—Church Membership Class.
9:45 a.m.—Church School Department.
11:00 a.m.—Public Worship. Sermon theme: "The Call to Image God Through Our Occupation."
7:30 p.m.—Youth Fellowship meeting. Everyone Most Welcome

Proceed With Library

Another red herring has been injected into Acton's Centennial Library project.

This time the suggestion has been made that a downtown store be rented on a long-term lease and the library be located at the Mill-Main corner. It is our opinion that such a move would not be in the best interests of Acton. We feel there has been enough delay already and if we are to have a new library to mark Canada's first one-hundred years it's time to stop hunting for obstacles and excuses.

There is no doubt in our minds that a separate building to house Acton's library facilities is long overdue. There is also no doubt in our minds that a library operated to meet the requirements of our citizens is going to cost money to build and operate. The only way open to meet the cost of construction and operation is through municipal funds. When the project was first suggested we felt the capital cost of the building could be raised through public subscription. This approach has not proven feasible and now the only way open is through municipal financing.

The recent St. John report on the quality of libraries in Ontario should come as no shock to the people of Acton. For too many years, the library in Acton has subsisted on the leftovers of municipal funds. It is apparent that provincial grants to libraries will be increased. It is also apparent that Acton will not benefit from any grant increases until minimum standards of the Acton library service are improved.

If council is going to meet the requirements of Acton residents for improved library service, the time for action is now without any more red herrings drawn into the discussions.

Ontario Opts Out

The announcement of the Ontario Medical Services Insurance plan and its multitude of benefits is being proclaimed through comic strips in the newspapers and "show biz" personalities on the air waves. It leaves us cold. No place in all the glossy bunk emanating from Queen's Park is any suggestion of increased funds for medical research. It is ridiculous that in our affluent society with our cradle to the grave "social security" research funds are raised through seal and door-to-door financial campaigns.

We do not want to minimize or belittle the work of, and accomplishments of, such fine groups and campaigns as the Cancer Society, the Heart Foundation, the Easter and Christmas seal campaigns or the March of Dimes, but we do have some concern that medical research is dependent on voluntary contributions.

It is our opinion that this research is too important to be limited through another Ontario government "voluntary" plan.

Jersey Leaders

Jersey class leaders for January 1966 had two district herds among the winners.
In the senior two-year-old class Starcrest Commando Betty, a daughter of Marlou Commando Milestone, bred and owned by A. Neilson Stark, Georgetown, had the highest record. Commencing at two year 206 days, in 305 days, she produced 11,285 lbs. Milk, 541 lbs. fat, 4.79%, a Silver Medal record.

The word salary comes from "salarium" meaning salt money, since Roman soldiers received part of their pay in salt.

THIS BOOK — THE BIBLE

There are no songs compared to the songs of Zion, no orations equal to those of the prophets, and no politics equal to those of the Scriptures teach us.

—John Milton

ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNAACLE
P.A.O.C.
33 Churchill Road
Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor
853-2715
SUNDAY, MARCH 6th, 1966
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.
March 19 at 8 p.m.—"Hooked on Dope, Finds Hope". Come, see and hear David Callado, former \$50 per day dope addict, tell the facts of gang life in New York. Don't forget this interdenominational rally, Acton High School auditorium, March 19 at 8 p.m.

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, MARCH 6th, 1966
9:30 a.m.—Early Service.
11:00 a.m.—Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Confirmation Class.

Editorial Page



TALENTED YOUNGSTERS from kindergarten class at the M. Z. Bennett school wore gay hats made in class as they performed on stage Thursday last week during "Music Night". Pelkie Kim Livermore is surrounded by Gordon Bruce, Janice Ellerby who sang a solo, and John Gordon. The high school auditorium was packed for the program.

Sugar and Spice ...

BY BILL SMILEY

George is the Custodial Superintendent at our illiterate factory. (It used to be called head janitor.) I congratulated him the other day. His wife had "done well", as we say, in a music theory exam.

He shook his head. He swore. Then, "It'd drive you up the wall. If I ever get married again, it won't be to a musician."

There isn't much chance of the former, as he's a grandfurther. But I was deeply in sympathy with his conclusion.

It was obvious that George had had to help his wife prepare for her exam. It was on the history of music. They ask you questions like, "What instrument did Eli Schwartzkopf play in the Brandenburg Symphony Orchestra on April eleventh, 1801, when Napoleon Bonaparte was staying in the city overnight, with his second wife, on the way to the battle of Austerlitz?"

But this isn't the worst of it. A chap can stand a couple of weeks of helping his wife memorize such great universal truths, and weather it.

What really gets him on his knees is putting up with the old lady as the exams draw near. Kids go through examinations with a baah!

But middle-aged ladies don't, especially when they haven't written an exam in years.

About three weeks before the exam, they begin to neglect family, house and themselves. A week later, they become nervous. In the final week, they have moved from high C to hysteria. On the day of the exam, it takes tears, tea, tranquilizers, and sometimes a good shot of brandy, before they can be pushed into the examination hall, where they sit twitching like old fighter pilots, until the papers are given out.

I don't know the details, but I suspect George went through something like the above, and I echo his sentiments—loud and clear. If I ever get married again, I want a girl who thinks a sweet potato is about the finest musical instrument that ever hit the market.

Do you know what a baah is? Well, that's what music has been in my life, for the past decade.

Oh, I know. Every family has its little problem, its skeleton in the reception room; its dirt under the wall-to-wall; Drinking, health, poverty, divorce, insanity, stupidity, delinquents. With our family, it's music.

People think I am carried away by emotion when I start to sob at a symphony concert. They're right. But it's not the beauty of the music that makes me break down. It's the trouble it has caused, and money it has cost in the last 10 years.

I used to love music, in a simple, joyous, uncomplicated way. I used to whistle while I worked and walked. Everything from Greensleeves, through Eine Kleine Nachtmusik to Porgy and Bess. By ear. I liked Stardust and Stravinsky and I'll Be Down to Get You in a Taxi, Honey.

Then the kids started taking piano lessons. And I started trying to look intelligent when people talked about sonatas and concertos and scherzos and dynamics and all that (you should pardon the expression) jazz.

We fight about the left hand each other about the kids not practising. We go into tantrums about recitals and festivals.

Ten years and more than

The Good Old Days...

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, Feb. 28, 1946.
Gen. A. W. Sinclair arrived home on the Queen Elizabeth after being overseas three years. Completing nearly six years in the Army in World War I and a veteran of the First World War, Gen. P. Kerney came home to Acton last Thursday. He was a passenger on the Queen Elizabeth and served five years overseas. He was with the Canadians in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. While overseas he was married and he expects to be joined in Acton soon by his wife and baby.

Now the ladies have their nylons again. Highway travel in the district this year has been remarkable in that there has not been a single day traffic was completely stalled.

On Saturday afternoon Mrs. J. Smith and Pat saw a full grown deer near their home on Christy St. It was ambling toward the new houses being built by Beardmore and Co. in this section.

Acton's oldest resident was called to her reward Saturday last in the person of Mrs. Robert Price. Mary Ann Harding was born in Trafalgar 95 years ago, coming to the sixth line, Esquesing, as a child of six. Surviving are son Harding Price, daughter Mrs. Angus McEachern, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services at St. John's church, Rockwood, were well attended when a former pastor, Rev. E. Brillinger, was present in connection with the dedication of the Honor Roll bearing 16 names of the parish. Two of those mentioned were killed in action, Donald Titt and George Ware.

Balfin Farm Forum met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith with an attendance of 28. Everyone handed in a question to be answered by someone else. E. W. Shortill was convener, Mrs. Smith and Robt. McEnery had charge of the program.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 2, 1916
A successful social aid of St. Joseph's Church was held at the home of Mr. Peter Gibbons, check line, Thursday. A number of the soldiers of Acton platoon attended.

Mrs. Louie Matthews, Toronto, has sold the cox cottage on Frederick St., where she resided for so many years, to Mrs. Priscilla Talbot, mother of Mrs. Ambrose McCann.

Mr. Walter Fryer has leased the Michael Kaley farm and takes possession this week.

Acton platoon trekked out to the residence of Mr. Nelson McLaughlin in Nassagaweya. Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin entertained the men to dinner and treated them with great hospitality. It was quite a unique celebration of Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin's crystal wedding anniversary.

Miss Nora Kenney, of Guelph Hospital Training School, spent a few days at her home here.

Mr. Harold Nicklin, C.E., who has been working on the waterworks at The Pax, Man., the past year is now at Saskatoon.

The minimum fine for not reporting a contagious disease is \$25.

Letter from Billy Gould in the trenches in Belgium: I hope to have the pleasure again tomorrow of sending a few complimentary acorns to the Huns. The weather is still punk; it is raining and you can imagine the mud. The rubber boots you sent arrived. The first time I've had warm and dry feet since I arrived in this blooming country. I have had parcels from the Acton Red Cross Society and the Sole Leather Tannery. Would write often but I am a busy man with 44 men under me. I would like to be home, but never for a moment am I sorry that I enlisted at the beginning.

The big guns are firing again. They shake our hut every time they fire. I think Fritz must have got up feeling cranky.

Real Estate Board Shows Most Progress

Two local real estate brokers, Sydney K. Lamb and A. Alec Johnson, were among the happy members of the Orangeville and District Real Estate Board, who learned the board had won top honors at the 44th annual convention in Toronto two weeks ago. Competing against 43 other Ontario boards, the Orangeville board placed first for showing the greatest annual progress in board achievement during 1965. Mr. Lamb is currently president; during the time the award was given for, he served as vice-president.

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