Editorial Page

Regional Government...

Acton Council has completed its submission to the Plunkett Needs Study of Halton and Peel. We would like to commend the council on its efforts to attempt to coordinate the thinking of all the various boards and commissions into one coherent presentation. While we don't agree in detail with all the recommendations contained in the submission it is gratifying to note the submission is the distillation of the thinking of local groups. It is practical because it is the thinking of people actually carrying on the municipal government and not by professionals [illegible] had no mention [illegible]

Having observed the [illegible] program and it seems to [illegible] government [illegible] this action [illegible] regional government [illegible]

sites, who prey on the susceptibility of others. There are the fly-by-night con men who arrive to sell everything from home improvements, paved driveways to encyclopedia. Any salesman who knocks on your door with an introductory offer, a demonstration installation or a get-rich scheme is open to suspicion. Any reputable firm selling door to door will stand and encourage a thorough investigation of its services and products. A [illegible] has to be accepted and signed [illegible] considered not to [illegible] men. It's [illegible] rests — a [illegible] help [illegible]

Missed Opportunity...

We noticed this week's coverage of the Ottawa ruckus by Canadian television and couldn't help but wonder how the same story, if it had emanated from Washington, might have been handled by the American networks. Undoubtedly the networks would have been able to clear all other programming so that the proceedings inside the House of Commons would have been available in every living room in the country. We think Canadian TV missed a great opportunity to show the Canadian electors the great dignity and singleness of purpose with which our nation's important business is conducted. CBC, instead of junketing off to Munich, at an as yet undetermined cost, could have stayed at home and had boobs at both ends of the tube.

Then there are the sponsors. We could have interested the brewers and distillers in the program from its sporting aspects; the soap companies could easily tie in on the whiter wash theme; and the headache and upset stomach remedies would have been a natural; somebody else could, undoubtedly, as a public service, emphasize the great cultural aspects involved. Truly we missed a great many fine opportunities to show the Canadian public this latest sideshow put on by our high-priced all-Canadian performers.

—Staff [illegible]

PUBLIC SPEAKING finalists from the Robert Little and M. Z. Bennett public schools comp[illegible] Friday at the R. L. school auditorium. Front row left to right are Diane Bousfield, winner; [illegible] Patterson and Cathy Hinton. Back row left to right are Christine Brunelle, Elaine Johnson, [illegible]olyn Thompson and Debra Slingerland. The winner competes this Friday night in the Halton finals at the R. L. school.

Personal Notes...

Of Actonians Visiting Other Points and of Visitors in Acton Homes

Items for this column are always welcome. Put them in the mail, drop in to the office or stationery store, or phone.

Mrs. Peg [illegible] is in Guelph General Hospital. All wish her a speedy recovery.

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Postmaster Gordon McKeown returned to duties this week after convalescing from an operation nearly a month ago.

Mr. and Mrs. **Fred Dawkins**, 30 Brock St., attended the baptism of Laurie Jane Brush, Sunday in McNabb Street Presbyterian Church, Hamilton. After the [illegible] they enjoyed [illegible] at the home of Laurie [illegible] Mr. and [illegible] Hamilton.

Mrs. C. Nellis Chapter Regent

New officers were installed by Mrs. H. Hinton at the meeting of Lakeside Chapter of the I.O.D.E. last Thursday in the Legion Hall. A cup and saucer was presented to the retiring regent, Mrs. J. Jocque, by Mrs. George Mussell.

Mrs. Nellis, the new regent, reported on the centennial meeting she attended as chapter representative. It was agreed to [illegible] sponsor a student to the seminar at the University of [illegible]erloo.

New officers are hon[illegible] regent Mrs. J. Jocque; re[illegible] C. Nellis; first vice-re[illegible] H. H. Hinton; second [illegible] Mrs. H. Helwig; re[illegible] Mrs. J. Bowd[illegible]

[illegible] Good Skiing...

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[illegible] ladies and so[illegible] care of the vac[illegible] a very good [illegible] with pe[illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible] news that [illegible] of strife, had [illegible] tled and the [illegible] made much [illegible] the people and [illegible] in Christian teaching.

Ten very [illegible] had been carried [illegible] three races seemed [illegible] work in harmony.

Mrs. F. Cole [illegible] work being [illegible] missions [illegible] lifting, in [illegible] will require [illegible] finished [illegible] expert [illegible]

The Good Old Days...

20 YEARS AGO

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

In a recent list of army men decorated for gallant and distinguished overseas service with awards of Mention in Dispatches we noted one from Acton, W.O. Jack H. Alper (R.S.M.). He returned from overseas a few months ago and resumed his position as [illegible] at the Ontario Reformatory near Guelph.

Acton Y.M.C.A. ladies badminton club had a very successful tournament with the Guelph Y.W.C.A., taking 10 out of the 12 matches played. The first victory, 15-0, was won by Miriam Pitchie and Dorothy Morris. The second [illegible] game was won by Eleanor Sale and Dorothy Morris.

The Duke of Devonshire chapter of the I.O.D.E., held its [illegible] at the home of [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] Donald, and present [illegible] [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] put on the [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] [illegible]

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 16, 1916.

Practically every rural and urban municipality was represented in the mammoth procession of 15,000 representatives of 825,562 petitioners for prohibition which marched through Toronto to the Parliament Buildings to present the huge petition to Premier Hurst. The parade was the most successful for reform ever held in the Dominion of Canada.

It is regrettable that many men in Halton opposed the march. Halton's delegation and banner suffered perhaps the hottest attack of the noble. The banner was torn to shreds and the Union Jack and [illegible] Brothers to equal [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]