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**ESQUUSING COUNCIL** finally made it! At the start of each year, this newspaper attempts to get inaugural pictures of each council and board in the area. Unfortunately sickness and holidays interfered with Esquusing Township Council having a full slate of members present when the staff photographer attended until now. Seated in front left to right are deputy-reeve Wilfrid Leslie, Reeve George Leslie and clerk K. C. Lindsay. Back row left to right are councillors C. F. "Pat" Patterson, Tom Hill, George Currie and deputy-clerk Delmer French.

## SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley



(Intended for last week)  
This is a time of year — one of a very few — when I feel deeply sorry for high school principals. It's the time when they have to start bidding on livestock in the form of teachers, for next fall.

Let's put you, gentle reader, into the boot of one of these sterling chaps for a few minutes. And let's say you have a staff of 60 at the moment. And let's say you don't know whether you're going to have 1,200 or 1,400 students next September.

Oh, well, so far, only two people have officially resigned. Any school could hire two teachers. Unless, of course, those extra 200 kids show up, which means two or three more. Even so, nothing to it.

Ah, but tarry a moment. You know perfectly well that one possibly had of your teachers, preferably from among the married ladies on the staff, will become pregnant.

You are fully aware that Made-moiselle Tartuffe, of the French department, had an unfortunate affair with young Jablonski, the basketball coach, and that one of them will be leaving.

The grapevine has informed you that Mrs. Billings, the old faithful in the History department, has been hitting the grape pretty regularly since her husband ran off with the waitress.

Everyone knows the English department is rife with strife. Since the unfortunate demise of Mr. Wiley, the department head, in February, of cirrhosis of the liver, four of the English teachers, all equally qualified, have been gunning for the position. No matter

which gets it, all the others will quit in duceagon.

You have just heard that your Home Economics teacher, the one in charge of teaching girls to cook, planned the menu for the monthly meeting of the Unfaithful Wives Club. And everybody came down with food poisoning.

One of your junior science teachers has just blown up \$850 worth of equipment and two students, during an experiment which completely justified your opinion of his knowledge of the subject.

Little Miss Muffett, the geography teacher just out of college, is having discipline problems. You discovered this when you walked past her room and saw two boys hanging out the window. Investigation revealed Miss Muffat hanging upside down, a boy holding each leg. They were testing the wind velocity, they explained, using her hair as a weather-vane.

Monday morning, you heard that the director of your Technical department was in hospital, with third-degree burns, after trying to change a fuse at home. The head of your Maths department, old Gwillimbury, refuses to teach the New Mathematics, or have anything to do with it, because "It's a lot of nonsense".

And on top of this, there are four teachers you'd dearly love to fire because of incompetence, emotionalism, idealism, being too fat or plain laziness.

So you have two resignations, but you might wind up with 42. What to do? If you leave it too

late, all the other principals, like so many dogs after a bone, are in there first, and you wind up with a collection of clots.

If you jump in too early, and start hiring teachers right and left, nobody will resign and you'll wind up with 12 more teachers than the Board will pay for. And no job for yourself.

As a result, quite a few principals these days are treading the thin line of lunacy. They start at shadows. They quail when they see a teacher looking surly.

They stare with unconcealed horror at Mrs. McGillicuddy's swelling waistline. They flinch when a teacher knocks at their door. They pour oil on troubled waters, turn their backs and find that somebody has tossed a match into the mixture.

Hard luck chaps; and good hunting.

# Home Improvement Contest Entry Deadline is May 1st

Directors of the Acton Chamber of Commerce are placing more emphasis on improvement of homes and properties in their "Home and Property Improvement" contest this year. "So take a good look at your home and property, whether you own or rent, and then decide now to do something about it!" officials say.

"Be proud of your property... enter the Chamber of Commerce 'Home and Property Improvement' contest and help make Acton the cleanest and nicest town in the County of Halton."

A total of \$100 in cash awards will be made to those who enter the contest and are judged to have effected the most noticeable improvement to their home and/or property by an independent group of judges.

Entries must be in by the first of May, 1966. Judging will begin September 6, 1966 and winners will be announced at the Acton Fall Fair and in the Free Press issue of September 29, 1966.

Jack Rol, chairman of the agricultural committee, is in charge of the Home Improvement contest this year.

"Spring is the perfect time to improve your home," Mr. Rol points out. "By concerted effort of all home owners, the town will really sparkle. So, get started on those projects you have planned. The time is right for painting, remodeling, cleaning, fixing up."

"When you improve your property, it has the effect of increasing its value far more than it costs. Help yourself and your town and county in this united effort to show prospective industry that the people of this community have exceptional pride and desire when it comes to their homes and their neighborhood."

Everyone is invited to join in the campaign. You'll be surprised at what a change a little elbow-grease will make... and you'll find all the needed spruce-up merchandise and aids now featured at your local merchants advertising in these pages.



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**A RECIPE YOU'LL WANT TO USE AGAIN AND AGAIN!**  
REGAL WALL SATIN truly deserves its reputation as the finest latex wall paint made. It covers almost anything in one coat and flows to a smooth glare-free finish. Insist on REGAL WALL SATIN — it really is the best.

**\$9.35 gal.**

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WE HAVE ALL THE SUPPLIES YOU NEED!

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BUILDINGS NEED REPAIR?  
Then It's Good Business to Make a Scotiabank Loan.

Leaky roofs, peeling paint, sagging walls... Leave them unattended and they just get worse — and more and more expensive to repair. If you have a problem like this now is the time, during the Chamber of Commerce "Home Improvement" campaign, to get your buildings back in shape. Is the cash you need for repairs a problem? Then a Scotiabank Home Improvement Loan is the answer. A Scotiabank Loan can be arranged quickly and easily for repairing buildings and many other worthwhile projects.

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ACTON BRANCH — C. D. ANDERSON, MANAGER

# WIN CASH

**\$100.00 in PRIZES**

ENTER THE SECOND ANNUAL  
**Acton Chamber of Commerce HOME and PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT CONTEST**

Win Attractive CASH AWARDS for IMPROVEMENTS on Your Home, Garden, Yard, Lawn, Etc. in Your TOWN OF ACTON!!

## Clean-Up Paint-Up Fix-Up

MAKE YOUR HOME and PROPERTY the ENVY of YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLETE AND MAIL YOUR CONTEST ENTRY BLANK TODAY!

**Here are the Benefits of a Clean-Up — Fix-Up Paint-Up Campaign...**

- Most of all it protects health.
- It beautifies our town.
- It helps preserve property.
- It eliminates fire hazards.
- It makes a better community for better living.
- It helps attract the folks to our Acton area, new industry, tourists and other visitors to Acton.
- Cleaning, fixing and painting improves the look of everything.

**Start This Weekend - LET'S BE PROUD OF ACTON!**

**RULES FOR THE CONTEST**

- All residents within the boundaries of the Town of Acton are eligible.
- Each Contestant must complete an official Entry Blank clipped from this ad or procured from either of the two banks.
- All entries must be mailed not later than May 1st, 1966.
- Mail Entry Blanks to Contest, P.O. Box 478, Acton, Ontario.
- Properties will be judged on outside appearances only. The decision of the judges will be final.
- Prizes are: 1st \$50 — 2nd \$30 — 3rd \$20 and will be awarded to the winners of the contest at the Acton Fall Fair.
- Chamber of Commerce members are not excluded from this contest.

Clip and Mail to Contest P.O. Box 478

**OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK**

All entries must be on Official Blank and must be mailed to Contest Box No. 478, Acton, and postmarked no later than midnight, May 1st, 1966.

I AM A RESIDENT OF THE TOWN OF ACTON PLEASE ENTER MY PROPERTY IN THE 1966 "HOME AND PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT" CONTEST FOR ACTON.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsored by The Acton Chamber of Commerce

**Here's What You Can Do to Make Acton Pretty...**

- ★ PREVENT FIRES**  
Clean up rubbish, garden plots, get rid of inflammable matter, check wiring, roofs. Acton is low in fire loss, let's keep it so.
- ★ CLEAN UP YOUR YARDS**  
Get the back yard as clean as the front and the front yard cleaner than your neighbor's. Get paper, sticks, metal and all refuse removed. Be sure you have regulation type garbage can.
- ★ PAINT AND REPAIR**  
Get started on repairs you have been planning all winter. See that a new coat of paint protects and beautifies your property.
- ★ GROW A GARDEN**  
Plant a garden for vegetables or for flowers. Set out the needed shrubbery on your lawn... plant now for thrill... for beauty.
- ★ CLEAN VACANT LOTS**  
Vacant lots are eyesores and a menace to your neighborhood. If you have one or live next to one, get it cleaned up... weeds cut and scrap picked up.

## 1887 Farmer's Advocate Reviews Halton Farming

Looking through a box full of miscellaneous articles recently Joe Wickson of R.R. 2, Georgetown came across a rather antique copy of a magazine called "The Farmer's Advocate and Home Magazine". The issue was volume 22, dated October 1887, and was published at London, Ontario by William Weld, editor and publisher.

While many of the news articles in the magazine could have been printed in a modern-day "Advocate" the advertisements told the age of the 78-year-old issue. Horse-drawn steam engines and the newest traction type steam outfits comprise the bulk of the display ads, and there were also pictures of the newest in farming mills, farm wagons, hay presses, straw cutters, cider mills, harrows, pumps and furniture.

In the classified ads, H. L. Ross of Georgetown, "located on the G.T.R. and N.W.R." (Grand Trunk and North West railways) advertised he was importer and breeder for Holstein cattle and kept them for sale at all ages at reasonable prices.

While the magazine covered the national farming scene pretty thoroughly, there was little local interest in it. One report came from a man who toured the vicinity between Hamilton and Oakville and wrote "We have not seen in any part of this or any other country a place to compare with that lying along the lake from Hamilton to Oakville. For beauty of scenery it is unsurpassed; for yield of grain, where culti-



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