

20 YEARS AGO
Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, March 21, 1946.

Have you created in Acton and a wide district below the town on Saturday afternoon when a large filter bed estimated to contain 25,000,000 gallons of water broke the dam, swept through in a wall of water and took away a second dam and overflowed into the natural drainage facilities. The surge of water was so heavy that it backed up to the municipal water reservoir and pump house and covered the reservoir for a depth of two and a half feet. Water filled the pumping station and covered the motor of the new pump installed last spring, burping out the motor. While a considerable amount of the dirty water got into the system, the stopping of the pump did not allow the quantity that might otherwise have occurred.

Miss Annie Black notified superintendent Charles Wilson about 1:30 p.m. that the water in the tap was discolored. A joint meeting of the Board of Health and Council was held. Bulletins were printed and distributed to every house warning that the water supply was unfit for drinking and cooking purposes. The problem of water for drinking was solved quickly — in fact too quickly for some late sleepers. The fire truck cruised the streets with siren sounding to inform people a truck was on the way with water. Sunday morning was a scene such as Acton has never seen as citizens stood along the street and secured water from milk and cream cans in trucks. The supply was secured at local wells and the wells of the dairies.

The cement bridge on the third line at Dully Varden was destroyed by the flood.

Work started Monday repairing the tannery dam so that tannery disposal would be stopped from going down the stream.

There have been no reports of serious illness or epidemics from the unfortunate experience.

LAC Leslie Doby came back to his wife and family after two years service overseas with the Air Force. Pte. Lloyd McMurdo was another passenger on the lie de France.

50 YEARS AGO
Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, March 23, 1916.

Mrs. Havill, president of the Women's Institute, reports that during the past 13 months Acton Institute has sent clothing and other comforts for Belgian women and children to the value of \$317.

It is not so very long ago since bread was being shipped daily to Acton, now, however, Acton bakers who are exporting bread. Both Messrs. D. C. Russell and Hurford and Chisholm are shipping bread daily to outside points.

The soldiers of D company did not parade to the Baptist church since a number of them had been inoculated and were suffering from the effects.

The estate of the late Walter T. Beardmore, valued at \$2,000,000, has been disposed of by agreement. Mr. Beardmore died intestate.

Birds and flowers and vernal greens will be cordially welcomed. The maple trees are thrilling, their eager juices spilling into many a sugar camp.

Terrible news to friends here was the news of the sudden death of Miss Susan Dunn at Chatham, who was born in Esqueving. The remains were brought to the home of her brother, Mr. John Dunn, Main St. The funeral will be held this morning at ten o'clock, and thence to Dublin cemetery for interment.

Lance Corp. Jack Chapman was home from Toronto for the week-end. Khaki is the popular shade for men's clothes this spring. Attentions have been made during the week by M. E. Collier, Alex. Pasulak, Thos. Scott and Thos. H. Cox.

During the past year Canadian wool has doubled in price. Biglers R. Stewart and K. Peltter were home on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. William McNabb and Cameron visited in Hamilton during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gibbons have returned after spending a few months in Toronto.

Plunkett Hearings . . .

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by the Ontario Water Resources Commission.

Under a revitalized county regional government Mr. Best suggested police, fire, ambulance, main roads, assessment, education, welfare, planning, industrial development and a housing authority should be included.

Under the local government secondary roads, parking, parks and recreation, local planning, water, sewer and hydro services should be retained.

Town of Oakville

Oakville Mayor Maclean Anderson introduced the town's brief, noting it was a composite one with all local groups favoring the broad principles set forth. He noted Oakville had proven a variety of land uses can be accomplished under a single government.

The brief proposed an area bounded on the south west by the Spencer watershed, on the west by the Grand river basin, on the north by the watershed to Georgian Bay and on the east by the present Metropolitan Region Conservation Authority.

Town planner E. Cumming suggested the Oakville plan was based on the area under municipal planning jurisdiction coinciding with the area of municipal administration. It was also suggested the geographic area which accommodates the most practical system of municipal services was more significant than a unit which enjoyed social and economic cohesion.

Watershed Basis
The brief also submitted that the watershed or group of watersheds should provide the basis for a new municipal unit to permit municipalities downstream to participate in the development upstream that could result in pollution.

The inclusion in the proposed unit of extensive agricultural areas "is based not only on the need to control and direct urban expansion, but also on the acknowledgement of a role for continuing and even permanent agricultural uses and the need to afford rural communities some of the benefits of urban taxable resources". Mr. Cumming pointed out.

Oakville Manager K. Needham suggested Oakville feels the county system has not met the challenges of this area. He pointed to representation which he felt was unfair since it was not by population. He suggested fewer municipal units in the province would make co-ordination easier.

Power "Eroded"
The municipality proposed by Oakville would have 10 councillors selected on a ward basis, with a mayor elected from the total area. A Board of Education similarly constituted and a Public Utilities Commission of five men were also proposed. He noted the power of the local council was seriously eroded by the introduction of a number of special purpose boards and committees. He suggested there would be no need for a Conservation Authority and this function could be handled by the council.

In questioning on the brief, Mr. Cumming noted it would be necessary to limit expansion of northern communities based on the services now available to them.

The brief has focused on many ideas, which we will have to resolve", the Commissioner noted.

OBITUARY
Lived for 68 Years In Campbellville

A resident of Campbellville for 68 years, and lately of the Halton Centennial Manor, Charlotte Ann Easley died on March 23, after a short illness.

Mrs. Easley was born August 16, 1874, in Kent County, the only child of Thomas and Elizabeth Routledge.

In 1895 she married C. A. 'Bert' Easley, and in that same year they bought a store in Campbellville. The store was later turned into an apartment, and stood as such until it burned down in 1957.

Six Children
Mrs. Easley was the mother of six children: Mrs. E. Bales (Laura) of Guelph; W. B. Easley of Milton; Mrs. N. Bousfield (Marjorie) of Campbellville; Mrs. John Pogue (Anne) of Barrie; Mrs. Jim Pogue of Maple and E. M. Easley of Toronto.

She did many beautiful oil paintings, the majority of them in the 20 years preceding her death.

Funeral service was held on March 25 from the McKersie Funeral Home with Mr. Pevon officiating. Interment was in St. David's Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Campbellville.

Pallbearers were grandsons O. K. Vansickle, V. Bales, J. Bousfield, P. Pogue and T. Pogue; and W. Mahon, husband of granddaughter Verle.

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Bruce Trail

At the opening of the hearings on Thursday David Powell of the Bruce Trail Association called for the preservation of the natural beauty of the Niagara Escarpment. He also asked that unopened road allowances that currently serve as part of the Bruce Trail, be retained by the municipalities.

Federation of Agriculture

Denzil Lawrence, president of the Halton County Federation of Agriculture presented the joint Peel-Halton Federation brief. The brief pointed up the trend in urban growth to overlook the best use of land. It suggested water control should remain with the OWRC, and water conservation and land use should have top priority in the review area.

The Federation pointed out

Information

Information briefs were also submitted to the Commissioner by the Halton County Health Unit, the Halton County Museum Association, the Halton County Personnel Committee and the Halton County Planning Association.

Milton Planning Board

A brief by the Milton Planning Board called for two levels of government and the division of the present county into three areas. It was proposed that taxation should be transferred to the county to level out the location of industry in one community, while the others provide the housing.

Board chairman Murray Kerrihan noted the central Halton area proposed including the full width of Halton from the Lower Base Line to the line between lots 7 and 8 in Esqueving and Nassagaweya was the area currently included in the fire area and high school area.

Breeders Tour Farms in Perth

Halton Holstein Breeders travelled to Perth County on Friday, March 5 on their annual bus trip. Forty-five breeders visited five farms in the Stratford area discussing breeding, feeding and management techniques employed on these farms.

The next highlight for Holstein breeders in Halton is their annual Ladies' Night, to be held this Friday in the Christian Education Centre, St. Paul's United Church, Milton. The guest speaker is the Rev. Findlay Stewart of Kitchener.

The development of the heart lung machine makes possible life saving surgery inside the heart to correct inborn defects reports the Canadian Heart Fund.

Suitable Areas

The brief proposed that a larger share of educational costs should be borne by senior levels of government, and recreation areas should be located in places suitable for that land use.

"If . . . society deems it necessary to preserve good farm land, society must be prepared to take a good look at the problem and be prepared to pay accordingly so the owner of farm land is not financially penalized", the brief concluded.

In subsequent questioning and clarification, Mr. Lawrence noted agricultural land should be preserved, but not at the expense of the individual. He explained if land had a high speculative value it should not be the owner who is penalized by not being permitted to sell, but the land should be retained for agricultural use through some system of compensation.

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