

Summer's First...

Monday is Victoria Day and the celebration of our present Queen's birthday, just in case you may be as confused as we become with other designations like Commonwealth Day and Empire Day.

Initially the celebration was on the 24th of May and many school children now grown to adulthood can remember the rhymes that stressed the need for a holiday "or we'll all run away".

It all began in 1845 when the legislature of the Province of Canada (now Ontario and Quebec) declared the anniversary of Queen Victoria's birth, May 24, to be a holiday. Ever since that year a special day in commemoration of a good queen has been observed annually in Canada.

Over the years, Victoria Day has reminded Canadians not only of a respected monarch but of the whole astonishing period known as the Victorian age. Here was a time of achievement in trade, commerce, science, art, invention and exploration. Among the vital developments were the laying of the Atlantic cable,

construction of the Suez Canal, discovery of the Northwest Passage, exploration of Africa, together with development of the modern railroad, steamships, photography, telegraphy, electric lights, rotary printing press, telephone, phonograph, the sewing machine and the automobile.

Since 1953 the federal government has established Victoria Day as being on the Monday "immediately preceding May 25". This change had the advantage of providing a long holiday weekend for Canadians.

A proclamation on January 31, 1957, by the Canadian Parliament, has added significance to Victoria Day. This first Monday "immediately preceding May 25" was also fixed for the celebration in Canada of the birthday of Queen Elizabeth II.

So it is that over the past years a relatively simple birthday has grown into the observance of two special and related days devoted to the honoring of Queen Victoria and the reigning sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II.

Free Press Back Issues

20 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 16, 1946.
Several improvements are being made at the park this week preparatory to a big summer of activity. The hard ball diamond has been levelled. Some low spots have been filled in. Several loads of filling material have been put on the diamond. The softball diamond, nearer the park entrance is also having attention. The race track has been widened, the turns have been made easier and banked and the stretches made with ample width to make it the finest track in this section. It is planned to have a race meeting in June and races are being considered again for the fair. The grader is at work and the lawn mower was busy clipping the grass.

About 100 members of the Y's Men's Clubs from this district assembled in the Y.M.C.A. for the Central Ontario District Conclave. Mr. Dick Bean, district governor, was in charge. Ted Force welcomed the visitors. The ladies' Auxiliary served a delightful banquet which maintained their culinary reputation. Reeve Charles Kirkness welcomed everyone on behalf of the municipality. Felix Harrison led in a singing. Mrs. W. M. Gandy presided at the piano. On behalf of the Y.M.C.A. Board, president Wes Wolfe extended a welcome. Guest speaker Ralph Albright was introduced by Dick Doty and thanked by R. R. Parker.

The Ile de France brought back two more Acton servicemen. They are Pte. J. L. Cripps, R.C.A.S.C., R.R. 2 Acton and Capt. Johnnie Gray of the Auxiliary Services. Capt. Gray joined the Y.M.C.A. War Services in June 1942. He was general secretary of the Y board and during his absence his wife carried on the position. Perhaps the radio is to blame for the class of music turned out in a hurry, although one could scarcely picture music getting so bad so fast.

Real Estate and Insurance, Ocean Steamship Tickets, Rent Your Spare Room to Returned Men! E. L. Wright, Realtor and Insurance, Phone 95.

Despite the weather 20 Wolf Cubs had a Jolly Jungle Jamboree. Working over the most unrecognizable sausage were Ted Footitt, Bill McHugh, Grant Withers and Don Anderson.

50 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 18, 1916.
About half the soldiers of Acton platoon who went to Milton on the 8th inst., were home by Saturday or Sunday. They came by autos, by motorcycle, by bicycle, any way to get home.

Mr. J. Victor Coleman will be engaged as an officer of the Y.M.C.A. headquarters at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

All the barrooms at Niagara-on-the-Lake will remain closed indefinitely during army camp, after last year's experience.

Reeve Hynds has received letters from both his sons this week. Bandsman R. J. has had an examination in a French hospital and was declared unfit for further service at the front. He was ordered to England. Pte. George continues in good health. He saw Sergt. Gould and Pte. Thos. Bennett a few days before writing and both were well.

At the annual meeting of the intermediate Epworth League the following officers were elected: president Willie Stewart; first vice-president Hazel Mc Donald; second vice-president Helen Anderson; third vice-president Sabra Nelson; secretary James Matthews; assistant secretary Ruby Jones; pianist Stella McLum.

Rev. R. H. Jones of Kincaidville will commence his pastorate at the Baptist church next Sunday. Mrs. Jones and three baby daughter will arrive this week. The congregation has been without a shepherd since the removal of Mr. Howarth.

Last Sunday a couple of Pollocks came from Guelph with the ostensible purpose of enticing foreigners to work in the munition factory. To make their offers seductive it is alleged they brought a considerable quantity of liquor. As a result there was a good deal of drunkenness and several rows. Chief Lawson is on their track.

Mr. Wm. Watson of Chill takes first place for early potatoes. The plants are about three inches high.

You may have cleaned up and painted up around home, but how about your cemetery plot?

Russell's Bakery - Bread 8 cents.

75 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 21, 1891.
Few persons are aware of the fact that the next year is one of very significant celebrations. It is the 25th anniversary of Canadian Confederation, the 15th anniversary of the establishment of responsible government in the country and the 100th anniversary of the convocation of the first parliament of Upper and Lower Canada, the 250th anniversary of the founding of Montreal, and the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus.

The grip and her allies seem to be making a concerted attack upon the great ones of the earth. Mr. Gladstone is said to be suffering from influenza. Mr. Blaine is having a very acute attack of indigestion, and both Sir John MacDonald and Mr. Laurier are hors de combat.

The free concert given by Acton Cornet Band was attended by hundreds of our citizens.

A number of fine evergreens were planted in the cemetery Monday.

Mr. James Grant is looking of operating a scheme for the watering of the streets.

Mr. Thomas Strathani has suffered a good deal from injuries he received at Murray's raising last week. He is slowly improving.

Harley to Halton



In the past week the House of Commons has had a varied program and has worked on many different matters. In addition to this it has been a busy week for committee work. Over twenty committees have been set up to consider departmental expenses and various other matters (divorce, car safety, birth control, defence, cost of drugs, etc.).

As committee time is very limited, many committees have to sit at the same time. Most committees require a quorum of 13 members to start their meeting, and difficulties do arise as in some instances members have two or three committees meeting at the same time.

One of the Conservative Members of Parliament from Nicolet-Yamaska (Quebec) has resigned his seat. Apparently this Resling will disappear in redistribution and he resigned to run in the forthcoming Quebec Provincial election as a candidate for the Union Nationale.

Parliament is debating three measures at present. These are (1) a Special Fund for the ARDA Program for the economic and social development of special rural development areas, (2) estimates of the Department of National Revenue, (3) The Reorganization of Government Departments in keeping with the recommendations of the Glassco Commission.

Four other matters have passed (1) Amendments to the Combines Investigation Act. (2) Changes in the National Research Council. (3) The Bretton Woods Agreement concerning international monetary matters.

The fourth matter approved was the Free Trade Automobile Agreement between the United States and Canada. As the sitting member for Halton which is vitally interested in this matter both directly and indirectly, I participated in this debate.

On introduction the automobile agreement was designed to achieve increased production of automobiles and employment in the car industry, and to make car costs in Canada and the United States more equal. I understand that since the Automobile Agreement there are plans for 69 new plants and 136 plants will expand their present facilities in the auto industry, which represents a capital investment of approximately \$735 million dollars.

There have been steady increases in the number of people employed in the

Free Press Editorial Page

Our "New Look"...

This week's "new-look" issue comes to you after weeks of planning and a few days of rather frenzied and sometimes hectic implementation. We hope you'll like it.

It's quite possible everything may not be as we hope it will finally appear but some of the "bugs" that will have inevitably crept into our new format will be ironed out in the weeks to follow.

Changing the format of your local paper is not just an exercise in change itself. The alterations have been made after a great deal of thought, all directed toward making your weekly news package brighter and more readable. The same features are presented with a few exceptions, but the arrangement has been altered.

Actual planning for the changes began many weeks ago and were followed by consultations with artist Don Hayward who then produced the designs for the necessary section headings.

The staff discussions continued as each change was suggested, discarded or adopted in the light of the overall objectives. At this point we have no idea the total number of individual changes that have been made, but as readers study the current issue, many of them will appear, while a few minor alterations may go unnoticed in detail.

Implementing the changes became another major part of the total project. Habits established over years had to be discarded to insure even the smallest

detail blended with the new plan. The change in the width of columns required a complete re-arrangement of spacing materials and many of the other components that are used almost automatically from week to week. The sizes of pictures had to be altered, a whole new set of dimensions had to be committed to memory by the production and editorial staff to insure proper specifications and make-up of pages.

The weekly production of your own local paper involves nearly 40 people as well as an uncounted number of contributors representing a variety of organizations. Throughout this period of change this group has worked closely together to mould the product you are now holding. Far from the often-held view, a weekly newspaper is not produced on a single day. It is written and framed over a full week and it involves a wide variety of activity.

This newspaper is a locally designed and locally oriented product. Events in far off places, or on the national or provincial scene are noted only as they affect this area. It is only on this basis we can give thorough coverage to the activities that take place in our specific section.

With our new look, none of these principles have changed. It is our hope the hundreds of readers who look to this paper for this kind of information and the dozens of advertisers who find it the best messenger of their product information will continue to extend a weekly welcome.



Queen's Park Report

by george a. kerr m.l.a.

A most important Bill to the farmers of Ontario has been introduced in the Provincial Legislature by the Hon. William A. Stewart. It is to provide for Crop Insurance and for protection against total or near total crop loss. This has become more necessary than ever before because of freak storms, severe drought or excessive rainfall in recent years.

The Government of Ontario has provided assistance during these periods in the form of transportation subsidies for hay, bank guarantees, co-operation with the Department of Energy and Resources Management in the construction of farm ponds and during the past year, coupons for the purchase of livestock feed with extensions of utilization of the coupons, the last one being to May 31 of this year. In addition, guaranteed interest-free bank loans to a maximum of \$1,000 have been made available to farmers for the purchase of seed and fertilizer in the case of those farmers who have suffered 25 per cent or more crop loss. All of these programs have been very well received and have been of considerable help to the farmer-producer.

However, an adequate crop insurance program is also needed. The proposed program will provide coverage up to 80 per cent of the normal production of a particular crop. Protection is offered against such perils as drought, excessive rainfall, excessive moisture, flood, frost, hail, winter kill, wind, disease and other pests.

Participation in the plan will be volun-

tary, but it will apply on a province-wide basis. A farmer will not be compelled to insure all crops grown on his farm. He may decide to insure only one particular crop and this will be quite permissible under the proposed policy.

The insurance will apply to all normal crops such as oats, wheat, potatoes and tomatoes, etc., as well as to forage crops such as corn, hay and pasture, because over 70 per cent of Ontario's agricultural revenue is derived from the sale of livestock and livestock products and it is essential that crop insurance be provided for such forage crops.

If the Legislature receives the approval of the Legislature and also some co-operation from the Federal Government, we will move as quickly as possible to bring the plan into operation with the intention that it will be applicable to some crops, at least in the Spring of 1967.

Crop insurance can offer many advantages to the producer:

1. It can insure a satisfactory return of his investment in his crop, regardless of adverse weather conditions or other hazards;
2. It can enhance his credit position;
3. It can, if the farmer so wishes, remove the need for diversification as a hedge against crop failures or losses with one crop. This could encourage greater specialization.

This Bill is the most important piece of long-range agricultural legislation that has come forward this session.

Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley



It seems to me that, despite the inroads made by easy communications and transportation, the ancient mistrust between rural dweller and city dweller is still very much alive. Each feels that the other is out to skin him at the first opportunity. Each expresses it in scorn for the other's way of life.

"I wouldn't live in the siddy if ya pinne the whole lousy mess on a silver platter," snorts your smalltown neighbor.

This statement, echoed from coast to coast, is usually followed by a bitter diatribe against "city living". High rents, crippling taxes, heavy traffic, smog and unrefinedness come under the gun. Cost of living draws comments like, "Costs ya a buck every time ya blow yer nose."

And what does the smug suburbanite think of the country? "Ya I KNOW it's nice in the summer up north there, but waddaya do all WINTER in that dump?" There's no use pointing out that you do exactly what he does: work, play, bring up your family, try to pay your bills, and get so soon old, so late smart.

On most matters, I take a stand. But in the denunciation of the other fellow's mode of life, I take two stands.

The first is gentle agreement with my smalltown friends. I go along with the belligerent arguments that the city is no place to live; that I'd hate to battle that traffic everyday, that living is cheaper in a smaller centre; that our air is a lot cleaner; that it's wonderful to live within five minutes of fishing, curling, golf and friends.

And when I'm listening to some old buddy who lives in the city and loves it, I nod sagely when he declares the city is an exciting place to live; that it's wonderful to take in all the shows and concerts; that it's grand to go out for an exotic meal in a fascinating place, with gogo girls and stuff; that the small town doesn't provide the same cultural opportunities for your kids.

Privately I chuckle at both points of view. Both are full of contradictions.

The city fellow claims there's no privacy in a small town. Every old biddy in town knows your business. The small town chap explodes, "Privacy! How can you have privacy in the city when you're stuffed into a crowded apartment building, or living on a two-hour lot beside people you don't like who have horrible kids?"

The smalltown fellow raves about the mythical "rat race" in the city. And goes out and roams around in service clubs and fraternal organizations and athletic clubs and church groups at a rate no city rat could stand for a month.

The miles multiply. The city stands for culture. And in a city of a million, there are a half empty concerts play to small crowds, good restaurants go broke, a few hundred attend art exhibitions.

The small town stands for recreation and good living. And in a small town, one-tenth of two per cent of the population is revelling in that fishing, hunting and so on that's at the front door. The rest are doing what the city folk do: drink, chase women or men, or sit around watching the slop on the motion machine.

When we drive to the city, as we do almost every Saturday for the daughter's music lesson, the whole business is brought into perspective for me, on the unlikely site of a four lane highway.

Down to the city on one stream, pour thousands of smalltown folk going in for a day to shop, take in a show, suck up some last culture.

Up from the city, in the other stream, pour the thousands of people going north for the skiing or the fishing or the swimming or the scenery.

They don't even have to catch other. If it's so great at home, why don't they stay there?

And do you know what they say when they get home after the weekend? "Boy, it's nice to be home. It was a great week-end, but I sure wouldn't wanna live in the city country." Please underline the right word.

Free Press Letters to the editor

PUBLICITY AIDS MUSIC FESTIVAL
Dear Sirs,
I have been asked by members of the Halton Music Festival Association to thank your newspaper for the excellent publicity accorded the Association this past year and indeed, since its inception in 1958.
Your newspaper coverage and pictures have been much appreciated by all the people who have worked to keep the

Halton County Music Festival Association operating year after year. In fact, we realize it has been one of the factors that has enabled the Festivals to continue over such an extended period of time when our society has undergone so many changes.
Again thanking you, I am
Yours sincerely,
Eileen Martin (Mrs. D. E.),
Secretary Treasurer,
Halton Music Festival Association.

Free Press Church Notices

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA - KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D., Minister.
Mr. E. A. Hansen, BA Organist and Choir Master.
SUNDAY, MAY 22nd, 1966
9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Public Worship
Sermon Theme: "The Dwelling Place of Wonder"
Everyone Most Welcome

BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Acton, Ontario.
Rev. Wiebe Van Dijk, Phone 853-1585
SUNDAY, MAY 22nd, 1966
10:00 a.m. English Service
2:30 p.m. Dutch Service
3:45 p.m. Sunday School

EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
P.A.O.C. 33 Church Hill Road
Rev. S. M. Thomson, Pastor, 853-2715
SUNDAY, MAY 22nd, 1966
10:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service.
7:00 p.m. Garden Service

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Founded 1842
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Cameron
Rev. Bill Eberts, Jr., Ph. 853-1515
SUNDAY, MAY 22nd, 1966
7:45 a.m. Church School, Adult Class
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship - Thon
Shall Not Kill
7:00 p.m. Evening Service - The District Organmen will be on, guests this evening. Message: Assurance of Salvation.

TRINITY CHURCH (The United Church of Canada)
Minister: Rev. Dwight F. Engel, B.A., B.D.
Organist: Mr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.
SUNDAY, MAY 22nd, 1966
CHURCH SCHOOL
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.
Sermon theme: Can Religion Survive Success?

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR - ANGLICAN
Cowan Wilcox and St. Alban's Drive
Rev. Ritchie McMurray, M.A., S.T.B.
The Sundays after Ascension
SUNDAY, MAY 22nd, 1966
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. Church School
10:30 a.m. - Matins

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH (Georgetown)
SUNDAY, MAY 22nd, 1966
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 853-1950 Georgetown 877-6665

Quote of the week . . .
"There's no limit to the good a man can do, if he doesn't care who gets the credit."

THE ACTON FREE PRESS
Business and Editorial Office
PHONE 653-2010

Published by the
Dills Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd.
David H. Dills, Managing Editor
Copyright 1966

Founded in 1855 and published every Friday at 59 Wilton St., Acton, Ont. Total circulation at the time of publication: 35,000. (C.N.S.A. and O.N.S.A. Advertising rates on request. Subscriptions: Home delivery \$4.50 per year in Canada. \$7.00 in all countries other than Canada. Single copies 15¢. Audited circulation: Class Mail Post Office Registration: Acton, Ontario. All advertising copy and notices should be accompanied by the original and be received by the printer not later than 48 hours before the date of publication. No responsibility is assumed for return of unsolicited copy. Advertising is accepted for mailing at special rate of postage provided for in the Regulations of the Post Office. All advertising is subject to space availability. Advertising is hereby offered to be sold and may be withdrawn at any time.