

Co-ordinating Assistance...

Emergency welfare here has always been a problem. It's been different persons' problems — for those who see an urgent need for help for a certain family will call a minister, the police, an overworked nurse, or whoever they can think of. Those who have experienced the problem of trying to assist someone have realized how disorganized this as-

sistance is, and this week a first meeting was called to discuss the possible value of a Council of Women. This group would have at their disposal a master list of volunteers willing to assist. The scope could be very small or the scope could grow larger. We hope the project is successful and well-supported.

Serving Who?...

With the approach of the summer vacations we are reminded once again of the difficulties many vacationers experience in trying to arrange C.P.R. rail transportation. We heard of one family who early in the year completed all the reservations necessary for a vacation by rail in Western Canada only to be advised of a substantial increase in the cost after they had completed all their initial arrangements. The C.P.R. in its wisdom has seen fit to substantially reduce service to Western Canada because of the relatively unattractive return from passenger service.

The C.P.R. not too many years ago, when arguing for a slice of the trans-continental air service, in competition with Air Canada, presented a very wonderful picture of what private enterprise

could do to improve the lot of the air traveller. The obvious reluctance of the rail arm of C.P.R. to serve the travelling public causes us, to speculate on what the future holds for the passengers of C.P.R.'s air service. Might it be reasonable to assume C.P.R.'s air passengers will take second place again when the realization comes that it is much more profitable to transport air freight rather than air passengers?

If the C.P.R. feels it cannot serve both its shareholders and the citizens of Canada perhaps it should withdraw its pretense of serving the public, and not make any further attempt to move further into air passenger service, and to become a part of a nationalized transportation complex designed to serve the Canadian public.

Acton's Development Report...

That 1965 was a good year for Acton, and that all the municipal groups here are looking keenly into the future, is proven in the Free Press special section this week. The tabloid-size section, included with all Free Presses this week at no extra charge, has been termed Acton Development Report.

Assurance of wide readership and bulk distribution has prompted the printing of many extra copies.

The presentation of reports included in this special section come about on the suggestion of Mayor Les Doby and clerk-administrator Jack McGeachie with the publication of the annual auditors' statement of 1965. It was felt a further service to the citizens of Acton would be rendered if it would be possible to include with the auditors' report, articles which would explain the function, accomplishments and policies of the various phases of local government.

We are indebted to the chairmen and heads of departments who have enthusiastically supported and encouraged the

publication of this special section. It was felt a business directory of all the various retail and professional services available in Acton would be of benefit to the residents. Subsequently the Chamber of Commerce agreed to and did co-operate in the compilation of the directory on page 15 of this special section. It was not possible to contact each and every businessman so to the best of our ability every business enterprise is included. The Chamber of Commerce did contact as many businesses as possible and many businessmen agreed to reimburse the Chamber for the listing. Any money received from the publication of the directory will be used to provide new flags for the light standards in the business district.

We are sure that a careful reading and digestion of the information in the special report will enable citizens to more fully understand the administration of local government in Acton. Such an understanding will be the accomplishment of our objective.

Future Ontario Water Needs Concern O.W.R.C. Executive

Government officials must give a "lot of thought" to the future water needs of northern Ontario before considering any "wholesale diversions" of water from that part of the province, according to John H. Root, (M.P.P., Wellington-Dufferin), Vice-Chairman of the Ontario Water Resources Commission.

In a speech in the Ontario Legislature, Mr. Root said it would be "very unwise" to make "snap decisions" in regard to water export, before careful studies of the area's water resources and economic potential have been carried out.

The OWRC is beginning an inventory of Ontario's northern water resources, to be made jointly with the Federal Government, and Mr. Root said, it would be several years before the dependable flow of the five main river basins can be determined, since precipitation varies from year to year.

"The development of hydrometric networks to measure streamflow and precipitation is of major importance to the assessment of the resource, and significant expansion of gauging stations for these purposes is planned," Mr. Root said. Elaborating, he said field studies will start in Attawapiskat basin with river survey and hydrologic data crews collecting not only hydrometric data but information on geology, relief, soil, vegetation and water quality, which will assist in the understanding and assessment of the hydrology of the area.

"The Northern waters are important to our province in many ways," Mr. Root said, noting that Ontario Hydro has seven generating stations in operation on the Abitibi and Mattagami Rivers, and that the pulp and paper and mining industries operating in the Arctic Watershed use approximately 236.6 million gallons of water per day.

He said this figure does not include the water used by the employees of these industries, or by the estimated 957,978 who visited the area's 671 tourist establishments last summer.

"The Ontario Water Resources Commission is developing a water and pollution control system for Moosonee to provide proper services for the people who live in that part of the province and the thousands of tourists who are going up to the terminal of the Ontario Northland Railway to Tidewater on James Bay," he added.

Mr. Root reviewed other aspects of the wide OWRC program and remarked that in the nine-year period since the Commission began active operation it had issued approvals for water pollution control and water supply works throughout Ontario estimated to be worth more than one billion dollars (\$1 billion).

In regard to the situation on the Great Lakes, the OWRC Vice-Chairman said investigations and research work are being carried on in cooperation with various Federal Government agencies, with the program receiving a great deal of impetus as a result of a reference from the International Joint Commission.

"We endeavor to establish co-ordinated programs to eliminate overlapping, always keeping in mind that the OWRC's first responsibility is to the people of Ontario," he said.

"The quality of the water in the Great Lakes is of increasing importance as we build pipeline intakes out into the Great Lakes to secure adequate supplies of water for areas in the Province that have not enough water and must depend upon water through pipeline systems."

Slips that pass in the type...

From the Barnesboro, Pa., Star: "Both high school bands will be present to dispense with line music." Church notice from the Parkersburg W.Va., News: "Change Your Wife Through Prayer" will be the sermon subject Sunday." From the Rice Lake, Wis., Chronicle: "Watch out for the pancake supper sponsored by the Milana Ladies Aid."

Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley



Well. If you remember, last week I was explaining how we could improve the high school system. We had thrown out the Lord's Prayer and The Queen, not because we are atheistic or anti-royal, but because both are meaningless in that context.

Then we had the warm-up period—a half-hour of popular music, jokes, news, weather report. This wakes up the children and starts the day, not with a whimper, but with a bang.

Following this would come a solid hour of hard work. We'd switch on the television. For 45 minutes, we'd enjoy the lesson in propaganda from Laurier La-Square, or in charm from Wat Patson, or in mopey and gawk from some cabinet minister, or in double-think from Lesser Person, or in rhetoric from John Diefenderfer in whatever the Department of Education in its ineffable insight had chosen for the day. After the lesson teacher and students would discuss its content and-or try to retain their breakfasts.

It's about 10:30 a.m. now. Time for the Anti-Aggression session. The class presidents would distribute equipment. Every student would be given a block of wood and a mallet or two pieces of tin. For 15 minutes each would pound on his wood or tin until he was cleansed of aggressive tendencies. Only the teacher would be allowed to pound students, and only with a wet towel, to get rid of his aggressive urges.

This would be followed, logically, by 15 minutes of soft music piped into the classrooms, until everybody was completely relaxed. Maybe even asleep. It's 11 a.m.

Then it's everybody, the 1400 kids and the 60-odd teachers, out and around the block. Briskly if winter, sauntering in better weather. English teachers would burble about the beauty of nature. Science teachers would point out Flora and Fauna (the two busy waitresses who dropped out of Grade 11 last year). Math teachers would explain that the shortest distance between two points (a warm classroom and a warm classroom) is a square block.

Time to eat. Everyone is relaxed, refreshed, ravenous. At present, the kids

eat in shifts, stand in long lines, sit at long tables like convicts, gulp their jelly doughnuts, jam and peanut butter sandwiches, and soup (often in that order), and hurtle back to classes.

Under my system there'd be an hour and a half for lunch. There'd be no more than eight at a table. There'd be waiters and waitresses, given this chore as punishment, instead of detention. Lunch would be free: a hot dish, all you could eat.

But how to overcome the overcrowding. Simple. Lunch hour (and a half) would be combined with Learning-Leisure Period. Sociologists want us gloomily to see one of the greatest problems facing mankind is the use of leisure hours, when the work-week has been reduced to about 20 hours.

This period would enable students to develop a hobby. There'd be 10 snooker tables. There'd be curling and figure-skating in the winter. There'd be gardening in good weather. There'd be stamp clubs and writing clubs and flower-arranging clubs and Indian clubs.

In the gym, or outdoors in fine weather, you'd find your most learned savants, strolling like Socrates, ready to question and answer those who really wanted to learn something.

In designated classrooms, there'd be instruction in poker and bridge and chess and darts and sex. There'd be no overcrowding in the cafeteria. I guarantee.

I haven't figured out the afternoon program yet. Personally, I'd send them all home at one o'clock. But their parents deserve something more than that horror, after paying all those taxes. We'd probably spend the afternoon at sports, drama, music, painting, sculpture, pure math and science.

Those who weren't interested in these things would have dormitories provided, where they could stretch out for an hour or two in order to be fresh when their favorite TV program came on at home.

This is just a rough outline, but I think it's high time someone came up with a blueprint that reflects our age, rather than the Victorian.

Harley to Halton

by harry harley m.p.



The past week in the House of Commons has been devoted to matters of spending estimates, and the debate on the re-organization of six government departments.

It has been pointed out that with ever increasing government business, the Cabinet has been gradually increasing and is now up to 26 Ministers. It is quite likely that sometime in the near future we will see a division in the Cabinet with a junior and senior level.

There has been some misunderstanding regarding "O Canada" which will be proposed as our National Anthem, probably in this session of Parliament. The Government has the following notice on the Order Paper.

"That the Government be authorized to take such steps as may be necessary to provide that "O Canada" shall be the National Anthem of Canada while "God, Save the Queen" shall be the Royal Anthem in Canada."

The Government has not given any notice as to when they will proceed with this. In addition to this a Private Member has a Private Bill on the Order Paper — Bill C54 — an Act to provide for a Canadian National Anthem. As a Private Bill this will be debated for one hour only, unless the Government gives official time, which is unlikely.

It is very unlikely that this will pass the House of Commons in that time as there will be a great deal of debate, not on the principle of "O Canada" as our National Anthem, but on the words to be used. It appears obvious that "O Canada"

is accepted by the majority of Canadians as our National Anthem. It is the form it is to take that will give rise to debate and discussion in the commons.

I am sure that most people are aware that the English version and the French version differ greatly in their words. The French version, translated into English is as follows:

O Canada! Our Fatherland, our own, Thy brow is crowned with glory and renown! For thine arm that knows how to raise the sword Knows how to uphold the Cross! Thy valor is a glowing word On history's page across!

—Refrain— Honor and Faith, like sentries stand, To guard our liberties, our land, our land! To guard our liberties, our land, our land! 'Neath the eyes of God, by mountain, lake and stream We Canadians dwell wrap in a golden dream Our land, we know, below the skies Is fairest of the earth, By heroes' deeds and martyrs' sighs Raising our flag proudly on high, 'Twas blessed at its birth; We swear, for it that we will live and die O Canada! for thee we'll live and die.

It is my personal feeling that this is a good matter to refer to a Special Committee of the House of Commons to determine what the words of "O Canada" should be. I myself feel that the words should be identical in both English and French.

Five important questions...

You'll be asked five simple questions compared to 50 or so you may have been asked in 1961, when the census-taker comes knocking at your door on Wednesday, June 1 or shortly after. It is designed to be a relatively painless and quick quiz.

Name, relationship to head of house, sex, age and marital status. To these may be added a sixth question — whether you own or rent your dwelling. That's the lineup of questions.

June 1 has been picked by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, which masterminds the census, as the best time to catch us at home. Most haven't left for vacation, the weather may be expected to be reasonably reasonable, and farmers will have sown most of their crops.

This will be the second five-year census (the first was in 1956) and historically the 300th census since Intendant Jean Talon went out personally and counted souls in French Canada in 1666. He recorded 3,215 and his questions didn't differ too much from those you'll be answering in June: age, sex, accommodation and "conjugal condition."

Reason for a five-year census? We're growing so fast and moving around so

much it's the only way we can keep up with what's happening. (Says a DBS spokesman, "The changes taking place are fantastic.")

The June census count will cost \$8 million, involve hiring 1,600 census commissioners and 30,000 enumerators. They'll work under the direction of eight regional DBS offices.

If you refuse to answer the enumerator's questions, it's on pain of fine or imprisonment. But there's really no reason to hold back, nothing in all bureaucracy can match census information for secrecy. Not even the RCMP have access to it, let alone the tax people. But, inevitably, a few women will write in afterwards: "My age is really 47 and not 41 as I told the enumerator in front of my husband (or boy friend) who thinks..."

How accurate is the census? DBS confidently hopes it will be well within one percent, which would mean missing 200,000 in a 20 million count.

The statisticians predict the usual excellent co-operation they get from Canadians for the '66 count. "Why not?" one asked. "The information is needed to run the country. We pretty well live by statistics anyway."

20 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Free Press of Thursday, May 30, 1946.

Mayors, Reeves, Councillors, members of the school boards and the municipal officials from Acton, Milton and Georgetown, Nassagaweya and Esquimes assembled at the court house in Milton to receive information on the forming of school areas in the northern part of Halton county. Reeve Chas. Kirkness of Acton presided. The plan entails radical changes.

Teachers for the public school staff were engaged, Miss J. Shortill at \$1,200, Miss Elizabeth Brydon at \$1,250, and Miss Dora Hansen at \$1,200. The resignation of Miss Jean Barber from the staff of the continuation school was received.

In the softball picture Ben's Bank-house Boys (Rachlin's to you) defeated Force Electric, Friday night Canadian Wool versus Baxters.

Contracts have been let for a super highway from Toronto to Barrie.

The bowling greens and tennis courts opened with a concert by the boys' band.

50 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Free Press of Thursday, June 1, 1916.

King George's birthday falls on June 3, but following the example of his father, the late King Edward, the present king requests that the birthday of his beloved grandfather be observed instead.

James H. Hill, railroad builder, capitalist, and most widely known figure of the Canadian and American north-west, died at his residence at St. Paul, Minn., on Monday as the result of blood poisoning. Mr. Hill was born in Eramosa Township near Rockwood in 1838. He was educated at Rockwood Academy and went west when about 20.

The lawn bowlers are enjoying themselves on the green.

The concert in the town hall under the auspices of the 16th Battalion was an immense success in every way. The Messrs. Mason, musicians of unusual ability, gave several numbers. Mr. L. C. Price and Mr. Cockburn sang. The welcome to the soldiers was most hearty and everyone enjoyed seeing their drills.

A deputation composed of Messrs. C. C. Speight, Torrance Boardman and D. C. Russell waited on council to present a petition largely supported, that Daylight Saving Time be adopted. Mr. Henderson said that although other Ontario towns had not as yet taken the step Acton could take the lead in the matter. The petition was granted but council was not unanimous. The revee cast the deciding vote and said "We'll give it a try, anyway."

75 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Free Press of Thursday, June 4, 1891.

Our citizens generally are pleased to see that council have the removal of the

Free Press Church Notices

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, JUNE 5th, 1966 9:45 a.m.—Church School.

11:00 a.m.—"General Assembly Sunday" Worship. Sermon Theme: "Close-Up Impressions of the 92nd Assembly." 3:00 p.m.—Community Decoration Service at Fairview Cemetery. 4:00 p.m.—8th Annual Conventicle at Glen Mhor Camp. Everyone Most Welcome

TRINITY CHURCH (The United Church of Canada) Minister: Rev. Dwight I. Engel, B.A., B.D. Organist: Mr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5th, 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. and 11:00 a.m.—O. M. Brewster, M.D., Guest Speaker. (Nursery provided during 11 a.m. service).

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH Founded 1842 Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon Res. 144 Tides Ave., Ph. 853-1615

SUNDAY, JUNE 5th, 1966 9:45 a.m.—Church School, Adult Class 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. "No Vision—People Perish." 7:00 p.m.—Evening Service. "Forever With the Lord."

Monday, June 6—Mission Circle, 8 p.m. Wednesday—Prayer and Bible Study, 7:30. Thursday—Choir practice, 7:30. Text of the Week: "Look on the fields, they are white and ready to harvest." John 4:35.

Drill Shed to the park underway, but the building has now traversed two blocks and seven or eight trees have been taken up on Bower Ave. — replanted of course, but it is a question of whether they will live. One of the most beautiful maples in town, planted 17 years ago, has been cut down. Could the council expect to perpetrate such an outrage on our streets without an outcry?

Results of monthly examinations of pupils include the names: James Towell, Elsie Quittner, Maggie Warwick, Nettie Cobban, Roy McIntosh, Artie Moore, Eddie Moore, Fennel Smith, Mary Taylor, Nellie Holmes, Jessie Harvey, Edwin Francis, Maude Ryder, Jacob Bauer, Eva Matthews, Mary Towell, Jennie Smith, John Moore, May Prentice, Minnie Harding, Tommy Henderson, Mabel Rae, Clara Cobban, Eva Perryman, Nellie Lowry, Lottie Ebbage, Edith Thomas. Teachers J. K. Cleveland, Cassie McPhail.

Saturday Mr. Stafford Zimmerman passed away. He was among those who first settled in Acton having come here with his father between 50 and 60 years ago. His father operated a tannery on Main St.

An effort is being made in Ottawa to establish a golf in Canada.

Thirty thousand people assembled in Queen's Park to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Ridgeway.

The Guild of Lady Drivers in London according to a report, has issued an indignant protest aimed at long-haired young male operators whose bad driving habits reflect on women when they are not recognized as men. The report does not say whether the English ladies want the youths to reform, or get a haircut.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 5th, 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. Thomas, Pastor, 853-2715

SUNDAY, JUNE 5th, 1966 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Service. 3:00 p.m.—Decorative Day Parade and Service. 7:00 p.m.—Evangelist Service. Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study. Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors. Crusaders closes for the season with a Crusader hike Saturday afternoon. No service Friday night.

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN Corner Willow and St. Alban's Drive Rev. Ritchie McMurphy, M.A., S.T.B.

First of the Holy Trinity SUNDAY, JUNE 5th, 1966 9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist. 10:30 a.m.—Church School. 10:40 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH (Georgetown)

SUNDAY, JUNE 5th, 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