

Disappearing Incentives...

A development which disturbed us but has apparently had no effect on anybody else was last week's decision by the Public School Board to approve discontinuing the publication of the annual promotion lists. We can understand the unhappiness caused when a pupil is not promoted and therefore not listed with the balance of his class. We can appreciate the fact the parents are upset when the pupil is not promoted. We can recognize that Acton schools were the last to discontinue the publication of promotion lists in the inspectorate.

What we cannot appreciate is the obvious desire of the inspectorate, the teaching profession and now the board to attempt to insulate the students from one of the realities of life — the fact that competition is the major corner stone of our democratic system of free enterprise.

It is not many years ago that com-

More Flags... More Color...

The color added to Acton during Decoration Day weekend with the addition of new Canadian flags this year was a progressive step. It is hoped the flag program can be expanded to cover all the light standards on Queen, Young, Mill and Main Streets. As well as Canadian flags we would like to see the continued use of the Union Jacks and possibly a few Ontario ensigns and Centennial flags to give variety and add color to the town.

The decoration of the town with flags was initiated some years ago when the committee had a small surplus accumulated from the Decoration Day operating funds. Decoration Day is spon-

A Logical Change...

Proposals for a fixed Easter holiday for school children deserve support. The fixed vacation is scheduled for the end of March each year, rather than wandering anywhere from mid-March to late April.

The proposal is one of several amendments to the Schools' Administration Act introduced in the legislature recently by the Education Minister, William Davis.

The standardization of the holiday period will eliminate the drag that develops when Easter falls late in the year. It will also eliminate the panic that develops when teachers and students return to classes and face a short final term.

Under the amendment the Easter holiday period would begin on the Friday preceding March 21 for a week. At the Easter season schools would be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday. The school year would be extended one day to compensate for the addition of the Easter Monday holiday.



Queen's Park Report

by george a. kerr m.l.a.

There has been a great deal of discussion lately about water pollution. The General Manager of the Ontario Water Resources Commission has criticized persons who pay no attention to the facts of figures or the truth when discussing water pollution, and have stirred up the public to the point of hysteria.

O.W.R.C. submits that Ontario is by far the leader in Canadian pollution control measures, and that pollution originating in Ontario is coming under control. Statements have been made recently that Ontario has done little to combat pollution, that we have not kept pace with our expanding population and industries, that the waters of the Province are deteriorating and that we are on a huge to-boggan slide heading for a sea of septic sewage.

This is simply not true. In the 10 years that O.W.R.C. has been formed 346 projects serving 205 municipalities have been developed at the cost of \$137,500,000. The Elizabeth Gardens, Drury Lane and Skway sewage disposal plants in Burlington are examples of such projects.

The Act dealing with water pollution and pollution control in Ontario is the strongest anywhere, and many plants and industries have been prosecuted for failing to treat their sewage. This week, Stelco of Hamilton, for example, will officially open new flat rolled facilities at their mill and this new expansion has been designed to recapture certain harmful chemicals that have, up to now, been dumped into the bay and this new process will mean that Stelco will not be ejecting any effluent or harmful discharge into the water.

However, there is still much more to be done, and as our Province continues to expand its industrial and manufacturing

plete listings, including the marks attained — not A's, B's or C's, were published for both the public and continuation schools. As a "progressive" step, marks were replaced with the A, B, C system, which was eventually eliminated, along with the publication of high school results. Now the cycle is complete and we have managed to achieve the elimination of another form of competition the pupils face — perhaps even a form of competition or grading the teachers faced as well.

With the erosion of competition from the school students' academic progress we wonder about the life expectancy of the annual school field days, the winter carnival and all the competitive sports we are providing so the children will have something to do to keep them out of mischief. We wonder if the shock of a competitive life they meet the day their formal education is completed might not be too much for them.

sored financially by many local organizations. Over the years the operating surpluses were used to add to the number of flags. With the adoption of the new Canadian flag, a large number of flags were added this year and were arranged for through the Decoration Day Committee and the Chamber of Commerce.

Any person who is interested in assisting in the extension of the flag decoration program can forward any contributions to Ted Pratt at the Bank of Montreal, the C. of C. treasurer.

The extension of the flag project will be a good first step toward the town decoration next year for Centennial.

There have been suggestions the government should not play tic tac toe with religious observances but such a charge seems, indeed, to be stretching the implication. The school holiday period is just that — a holiday period. There is no suggestion whatever that Easter observances like Good Friday and Easter Sunday would be interfered with in any way.

The introduction of a more stable Easter holiday period is a significant change, and Ontario is the first province to accept such a suggestion. There will be complaints about the greater possibility of inclement weather earlier in the March period, but these are hardly major problems.

The proposal for a fixed Easter holiday period will certainly be welcomed by teachers who find students growing duller daily as the winter stretches into a late Easter.

The change seems logical and long overdue.

complex, the fight against pollution will become a never-ending battle. It will be necessary to have the co-operation of municipalities and industry if O.W.R.C. is to win this battle or at least keep pollution under control. We must convince everyone that natural fresh water is one of our most precious possessions. It will also require the co-operation and control of neighboring provinces and states, particularly in respect to the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence. For example, the situation in Montreal and the Detroit-Windsor area is very bad. The bulk of Great Lakes pollution comes from the American side.

Another problem is detergents and chemical fertilizers which enter our streams and rivers as well as sewage systems. This type of effluent is hard to break down and clean. The main reason for algae in our lakes is the phosphates resulting from laundry soap and detergents. The Government is making some headway in convincing soap manufacturers that the polluting ingredients should be eliminated from their products.

There is a distinction between "pollution" and "impairment" which the general public does not appreciate. There are many factors contributing contaminants bit by bit, which result in not really pollution, but impairment. In our major cities we have street run-off, storm water and erosion from raw land under development, to name a few.

Looking to the future, the O.W.R.C. General Manager said "requirements will be increased" when dealing with municipalities and industries in regard to the development of adequate treatment plants and that added emphasis must be given to research in the whole field of water management, including the removal of nutrients, which stimulate algae growth.

Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley

Those Terrible Teens are at it again. Riot in Montreal. Riot in Toronto's Yorkville. Teen-age boys charged with glue-sniffing. Girls nailed with bundle of marijuana. Students picketing everything but the public lavatories.

Searching articles by sociologists point out the obvious: that teenagers are rebellious, resentful of adults, eager to experiment; anxiety-ridden, reckless, sensitive, moody. Any parent knows all that.

"Probing" and "sensitive" TV programs point out some more of the obvious: that teenagers like power (boats, cars, motorbikes; but not lawnmowers); that they like music with a big beat; that they like members of the opposite sex. Anybody who is not blind and deaf knows all that.

What's all the fuss about, then? Is it a lot of overblown sensationalism in the mass media?

I'm no sociologist, but I have been a teenager. I have two of them under my roof, and I teach swarms of them every day, so I have some qualifications, however amateurish, to speak a piece.

Let's try to look at the whole thing coolly. They did inherit a pretty cruddy world. Their freshness and idealism is soured at every turn by the massive march of materialism. Man is aiming at the stars with his feet firmly mired in the mud. And over all hangs the threat of annihilation.

What do they want? They want to sweep away all the old shibboleths and start fresh. They want to be their brother's keeper. They want to communicate. But every way they turn they are confronted by a great passive resistance from a society constructed by adults for the comfort and convenience of adults. Who wouldn't be frustrated?

Students would like to take over the universities. And remembering some of the deplorable professors and ridiculous courses I was subjected to, I don't blame them.

They'd like to have the vote at 18. And this might be a good thing. It would

mean nobody over 25 would dare ruin for public office. In this way we might get rid of vast numbers of the incompetent politicians we now have at every level of government.

They'd like to be able to drink legally at 18 (instead of illegally at 16). This, too, in the long run, might turn out well. The resultant slaughter on the highways might ruin a few insurance companies, but at least it would help control the population explosion we hear so much about.

They'd like to be able to nonconform (though they do cling rather fanatically to the ultra-conformity of the teen cult). Well, there's nothing wrong with being a non-conformist. I'd love to grow a beard, if it didn't emerge as a grizzled stubble that makes me look like a Bowery bum on a binge. I'd like to have two mistresses and a pet tiger, but I can't afford it. I'd like to go in bare feet, but I have this terrible seedwart on the ball of my right foot, that hurts like the dickens.

They'd like some direction in their lives, so they say, and blame parents or adults generally. Did you ever try to direct a teenager to get to bed or mow the lawn? RIGHT NOW!

They'd like to be beautiful or handsome. They'd like to be loved and trusted. They'd like to be given responsibility. All these longings prove is that they are human.

You know, things haven't changed that much. When I was 18, I thought my parents well-meaning, but terribly narrow-minded. When I was 21, we used to call claps of 29 in the Air Force, "Pop". When I was 25, people in their late 30's were completely incomprehensible. All they could talk about was furniture and fuel bills, children and chimneys, taxes and teachers. People over 40 were doddering, senile.

Don't try to understand teenagers. Just try to put up with them. They want to fly. We want them to get on the treadmill with the rest of us squirrels. Remember, you too once wanted to fly. Yes, you Mom, who necked in the back seat of a 1935 Ford. And you, Dad, who got drunk when you were 18.

Harley to Halton

by harry harley m.p.



Since our last column the House of Commons has dealt with a great many matters of importance. I am pleased to report that most of these matters are going through in a reasonable length of time and that the House appears to be working well in a spirit of co-operation and effectiveness. I am pleased to report that the final report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission of Ontario has been received and it reflects the changes that were asked for by the Township of Nassagaweya. The Township of Nassagaweya will become part of the Riding of Halton-Wentworth and will continue its tie in this way with the Town of Burlington.

Other matters dealt with in the House of Commons in the past week have been the estimates of Government spending; a Bill to reorganize Government Departments; the Yukon Act; fair wages and hours of the Labour Act; and the appointment of a new Chief Electoral Officer. Four Bills dealing with the Public Service have been referred to a Special Committee which will deal with these in detail and which deal with the rights of civil servants.

It is expected that three main health and welfare measures will be dealt with before the end of June. These are:

- (1) A Health Resources Fund — a fund of 5 hundred million to be spent over the next 15 years for buildings dealing with medical schools, medical research and training of other health personnel.
- (2) Canada Assistance Plan which will bring under one plan all the present shared pensions and in addition provide more financial assistance for the needy.
- (3) A Medicare Bill laying down the four basic principles for the Provinces to qualify for a 50 per cent payment by the Federal Government of Medical expenses. Briefly these four principles are as follows:



LONG-TIME FRIENDS Art Benton, Esq., Township assessment commissioner, and Ford Rogers, Halton County's assessor, greet each other at the Halton County assessors' meeting held in Acton last week. Mr. Rogers will soon be retiring

from the county position and will be succeeded by Bob Beach. Back row left to right are Nassagaweya Township assessment commissioner Calvin McIntyre. Mr. Beach and Nassagaweya Township assessor Mac Anderson.

20 years ago

Taken from the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, June 13, 1946.

Entries made by Robert Kerr of Acton in the Aurora Horse Show on Saturday had outstanding success.

Henry Donovan, aged 69 years, of Moffat, died as a result of injuries he received when he was crushed by a truck while working on the county road north of Hornby.

Discussing the country's labor troubles and strikes, one local cynic came out with the suggestion income tax inspectors should walk off the job and stay off.

One wonders if the program of rehabilitation is as badly needed for the men who fought on the battle fields as it is for the men who are having difficulty adjusting to a peace-time schedule after war-time rates.

The institute members from Acton who attended the district annual in Burlington last Wednesday were Mrs. James Wilds, Mrs. Geo. Lazenby, Mrs. Fred Anderson of Acton, Mrs. Geo. Somerville, Mrs. D. Barber, Mrs. A. Near, Mrs. G. Robertson, Mrs. N. Anderson and Miss M. Somerville of Dublin.

Next week is National Clothing Collection week. Donations may be left at the town hall.

A hearty welcome was extended to those who had served in the armed services and their families by the members of Church Hill United Church and the Red Cross workers. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Molozzi were also present, whose son George did not return. Pte. Ward Hamilton expressed the thanks of the guests. Rev. A. O. W. Foreman acted as chairman. Taking part in the program were Chas. Landsborough, Mr. Caldwell, George Musselle, Miss Margaret Somerville, Miss Blanche McKinnon, Ted Hansen, Mrs. G. F. Aitken, Mrs. Bruce, Mr. Johnson, Archie Kerr, Edmund Watson, Miss Joyce Fowler.

50 years ago

Taken from the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, June 15, 1916.

Councillor Anderson's new saw mill is ready for the season's cut, but has been delayed for several weeks owing to the non-arrival of a new electric motor.

A strange disease has attacked the draft horses in the stable at Beardmore tannery. One fine animal died last week. The tennis court on the Methodist church lawn are affording pleasure to the young folks daily. The new wire screen backstops are quite an improvement.

Guelph is having a mix-up in the new daylight saving time scheme. Some are observing it and some are not, causing two sets of meals in some homes. Isn't it high time the Bower Ave. roadway was improved? The pool of standing water near the corner of Elgin St. is a menace to health.

In a letter from the front to his mother Pte. Bill Alger wrote: "We are in the worst place on the line. We stand in shell holes in water up to our knees with bombs in our hands waiting for the Germans to come over. They come over pretty often at night. If you show anything above the parapet a bullet comes over. They 'chev the rag' a lot and we shoot at them to keep quiet."

The Canadian Press Association met at the new Technical School, Toronto. This school with its comprehensive equipment of mechanical and scientific machinery is revolutionizing the young life of Toronto, and indeed of the province.

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 19, 1966
9:45 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship, Sermon
Theme: "Love's Retainers."
Sunday, June 26th, 11:00 a.m.—Summer Celebration of Holy Communion.
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 19, 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.
(Nursery provided during 11 a.m. service).

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 1966
9:45 a.m.—Church School, Adult Class
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. "He That Dwelleth."
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service. "What's The Hurry."
Wednesday—Prayer and Bible Study, 7:30.
Thursday—Choir practice, 7:30.
Saturday—Our Sunday School Picnic
Text: "Look unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith."
Feb. 12:2

75 years ago

Taken from the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, June 18, 1891.

The street sprinkler seems to fail to connect these days. Several of our citizens attended the laying of the corner stone at Victoria College, Queen's Park, Toronto. Mr. Peter McIsaac was riding from a field at the home of his father when the horse threw him against a lumber pile. His right arm was broken and he will take a rest from the hayting this year. This year's program for the celebration of Dominion Day is the best ever. Laboring men are so scarce that when a vessel arrives at Burlington and requires help, the reeve, constable and other prominent gentlemen take a hand. A Punch and Judy show struck Rockwood Monday but the local people showed their good sense by refraining from patronizing it to any serious extent. Canada's new Premier is the Hon. J. J. C. Abbott. The mantle of the dead chief, Sir John McDonald, has fallen on the Conservative leader of the Senate. He is regarded as eminently safe and reliable.

R. B. Jernyn — Advertisement — There's no need of roasting yourself in wool when you can get a challenge to suit your taste for 10 cents and for 12½ cents we have Satens in cornflower blue and other late shades. We have a new shipment of Challies, De aines, Satens and Zephyrs.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 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 Churchill Road
Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor, 853-2715

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 1966
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Service.
7:00 p.m.—Evangelist Service.
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study.
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.

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

Trinity II
SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 1966
9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m.—Church School
10:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
(Georgetown)
SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 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.
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