

Progressive Development for Future...

Provision of modern living accommodation for elderly people of limited means was the very important subject discussed at last week's meeting of the Acton Development Commission.

- 2. A survey of need (potential tenants) acceptable to Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.
3. Well-located, reasonably-priced land.
4. Local municipal council agreement to rebate property tax...

It is encouraging to learn that the Acton Branch of the Legion had previously discussed a similar program. We are pleased that both the Legion and the Development Commission are conscious of the need for Acton for this type of accommodation...

In our youth-oriented society we have many tax-supported and volunteer organizations contributing to a rich and full life for the younger members. We think the establishment of modern living accommodation for elderly people of limited means and a recognition of the requirements of this rapidly-expanding section of our population are problems which we have not yet recognized in Acton.

Senior citizens, as a group, have different housing requirements than those of other age groups. These special needs must be recognized and planned for, if their accommodation is to be successful, both from the comfort and safety point of view of the residents and from the economic and maintenance point of view of authority providing this housing.

As psychologists are quick to point out, independence is one of the keystones to a healthy mind. By having this accommodation provided, the residents are not only assured of this very important feeling of independence and of their place in the community, but they are obligated to look after themselves and provide the effort necessary to adequately keep their own domicile acceptable.

As long as these elderly persons are occupied, independent and happy, they are less likely to enter fully subsidized and heavily regulated homes for the aged. This accomplishment is not only commendable for the good it does for the people directly involved, but it sets an example to our entire society.

Mr. Ryan of Twin Pines Apartments attended the meeting and outlined the various procedures and some of the problems that would be encountered in the establishment of the project. The local requirements as outlined by Mr. Ryan included:

1. A local co-sponsoring group and continuing supervisory committee.

- 5. Local participation in the Owner-equity financing of approximately 5 per cent of the total capital cost of the project including land. This equity may be in the form of land, cash, or a combination of both.

The Twin Pines Apartment program throughout Ontario is a co-operative effort with local groups and individuals who are prepared to assume some responsibilities of the partnership in order to effect satisfactory end results, both in capital costs and lowest possible end rents. Best results have been obtained to date with Local Advisory Committees sponsored by a specific service club, church or fraternal group, or by the municipality itself.

Mr. Ryan said he attended the meeting and spoke of the project subject to one important qualification, no new projects were being initiated by his group at the present time pending a decision by the Ontario Department of Welfare on an increased grant towards the project.

The Government of Canada through its Crown corporation, Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, provides up to 90 per cent of total cost of construction. This is amortized over 50 years at 5 3/4 per cent.

The Welfare Department, Province of Ontario, provides a grant of \$500 per suite (approximate). This is a capital grant and is not repayable.

As this is a shared program (Federal-Provincial-Municipal) the Municipal Council must provide a tax agreement with the local Twin Pines project of collecting not more than \$25 per suite per year. This must be approved by the Minister of Economics and Development and the Ontario Municipal Board.

The local group, whether Service Club or Council, must provide the balance of the equity required over and above the CMHC mortgage and Provin-

Student reports

Implications of Christianity topic of church conference

Anglican divinity student Laurence G. Duby has written for the Free Press a report on the 14th annual Elgin House-Keswick conference of United Church Men, which he attended last weekend.

I should first like to publicly thank Mr. Bruce Shoemaker of Trinity United Church in Acton for sponsoring me at this conference. It has been a very significant event in my life.

The conference was held, as usual, at the two conference-centres of Keswick on Lake Rosseau and Elgin House on Lake Joseph, in the Muskoka district. They are both ideal settings for such discussion and meditation as were the norms of the conference program.

The theme of the conference was "The Implications of Being a Christian," and the theme speaker for this year was Rev. Earle Gordon of Winnipeg. Mr. Gordon presented three main addresses under the headings of: "Concern," "Identification," and "Where do we go from here?"

The main thesis of his talks was to make formal note of the fact that the one third of the world's population which is well fed and wealthy is both Christian and white, and that the lack of real concern that we show for the other two-thirds reveals how much we believe in the scriptural words of Christ: "If you have done any of these things for the least of these your brothers, you have done them for me." Mr. Gordon was a

very dynamic and sincere speaker, as the theme speakers of the past have also been, according to reports from members of the United Church Men of Acton who have attended conferences in the past.

Rising early in the mornings, at 6:45 to the tune of a frequently-changed bell-ringer, several hundred delegates at each centre had a full day of singing, listening to theme speeches, discussion groups, workshops, meals, worship and fellowship. There was one period on Saturday morning during which the many forms of recreation at the centres were available for the delegates. This period was welcomed by all.

In the discussion groups, made up of about 10 persons each, the themes were discussed and the members became deeply involved with the implications upon those of us who call ourselves Christians.

These groups were also one of the many opportunities for real fellowship, which was the highlight of the conference in my eyes. Some of the topics discussed were:

—What is the difference between the caring of Christians and non-Christians? Is it possible for a man to have a personal relationship with an 'all-powerful' God? —"I couldn't care less" is an expression we often encounter today. What prompts it? —Are we in the Church guilty of the sin of the Priest and Levite—preoccupation with the 'establishment'—while the world cries out in its need?

Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley

We went through a "beach village" last weekend, on our way to visit the grandparents. You know the sort of places: perhaps 35 year-round residents, and once the weather warms, about 10,000 par-bolled foreigners every weekend and all through July and August.

It's not my cup of tea, but such a resort has something. There's a carnival excitement for the teenager. And for family groups and the middle-aged, it means getting away from the city, yet not having to cope with the wild, frightening silence of the real country.

Sun and sand and sky at these places are magnificent. So are some of the bronzed, bikini-clad goddesses wriggling past the penny arcades and shooting galleries.

But it isn't these things that give the beach village its atmosphere. No, it's a compound of other things that makes them fascinating.

There are the wonderful smells: hamburgers frying; stale beer; gasoline fumes; fish; faulty septic tanks.

There are the fresh-air sounds: eight thousand gulls fighting over garbage; the squeal of tires and vroom of exhausts as the punks scatter kids like quail; the whine of powerboats beheading swimmers.

And of course there are the sights. Here the pen falters. Words alone cannot convey the impression of that pink, potbellied man in purple sport shirt, that lavish lady whose slacks match exactly her orange hair.

Nor do the beach villages neglect the sense of touch. There's the stoveshot, sticky asphalt underfoot. There's the cool thrill of bare feet on some kid's dropped popsicle. There's the satisfying crunch underfoot of a half-eaten bag of potato chips.

I'm not knocking these places. They have their own charm, like zoos. At any rate, there we were, heading for this beach village, which lies across our route to granny's. And suddenly they started to batter past us, in pairs, in threes, in gaggle of five or six: the motorcycle gangs. There were at least three different ones, with such names as The Marauders across the backs of their black leather jackets.

cial grant invested as preferred shares in Twin Pines. They may receive up to 5 per cent interest return on this agreement.

Applicants must be nearing 60 years or older and physically and mentally able to take care of themselves.

Minimum is \$750 income annually for individuals and \$900 for couples. Maximum is \$2,700 income (from any source) annually for individuals and \$3,600 for couples.

The Local Advisory Committee is responsible for screening and approving tenants on a non-discriminatory basis having regard for priority for those in greatest need. Waiting lists are usually treated on a first come, first serve basis. Normal tenancy lease requirements are applied at all projects.

Rents vary and are dependent directly on construction costs; cost of land, and degree of municipal tax rebate; existing projects are as low as \$49.00 per

"Oops. Looks like a rough weekend at the beach," says I. My family was enthralled, just watching them fly by, black jackets, cowboy boots, dark glasses.

We stopped in the village to buy something. The invasion was on. They were everywhere. The storekeeper groaned when I mentioned it, "I sure hope they don't start nothin'."

We got a closer look. My wife was appalled. She'd never seen such a collection of females in her life. Greasy hair, dirty clothes and built-in chip on the shoulder. I guess it's difficult to stay dainty on the back of a motorbike, but they did look like a jam of tarts from a Glasgow slum.

The men were equally interesting. You could tell them from the girls because they hadn't taken off their leather jackets to expose every inch of legal flesh.

They were obviously into the beer already, but they weren't having any fun. They weren't relaxed; they were tense. They didn't laugh; they sneered. Big burly brutes, dirty, long-haired. I must admit they gave me a small, cold chill down the back.

Nothing happened. We weren't beaten up or insulted. We drove off, glad we weren't staying there. The next day I heard there'd been quite a rumble at that village.

On our way home, over the same route, we were wondering whether they had left. There didn't seem to be any sign of them. Then we rounded a corner. There was a big crowd in the middle of the road. A policeman waved us by. On the pavement were two bodies, covered with blankets. But you could see the cowboy boots sticking out. A greasy-haired girl crouched, stroking the face of one of the young men lying there.

I don't know whether they were dead. I don't think so, because nobody seemed hysterical, and the cops were calm, even indifferent.

It was rather like watching the last scene of a tragedy, when you'd only seen Act I and then had to leave.

month for the bachelor suite and \$59.00 for the one-bedroom suites.

We appreciate and we are aware many Acton citizens will appreciate the leadership being evidenced by both the Legion and the Development Commission in considering this project. While there may be a temporary hold up, it is safe to assume this type of project will never be completely abandoned by the senior levels of government and any plans made locally now could be implemented as soon as clarification of the provincial capital grant is received.

BRIEF... Listening to a band concert in Acton Park on Sunday, just in front of the water area of Fairy Lake that has been one of the town's natural assets for years, the thought occurred many more improvements could be made to make the park even more pleasant. Perhaps the service clubs would find park beautification an ideal project.

20 years ago

Taken from the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, June 20, 1946. At a meeting of the school board Mr. E. E. Harrop was appointed school attendance officer following the resignation of Mr. J. H. Reid, who has served so faithfully in that office for 25 years.

Last Tuesday Acton and the families welcomed home again two more men returning from overseas service. Sergt. William Elliott has been overseas for five years and Cpl. W. Buchanan has been overseas for some time. Both were passengers on the Aquitania.

At the regular meeting of council on motion of councillors Creighton and Benson the board of directors of the Y.M.C.A. were appointed the committee on physical fitness for the town. This committee met later with Acton Athletic Association to plan a summer program for the park. It is intended to provide playground equipment for the younger children, baseball track and field, volleyball, quits and soccer. Field day will be held at the end of summer. John Gray will be available to supervise.

One of the best-known and highly-respected citizens of Nassagaweya, Matthew Speck, passed away in his 76th year. Basements are excavated for two new homes on Main St. N. Clarence Rognvoldson and A. E. Hulmgren are the owners.

Acton park was the scene of a dash between old rivals Acton and Milton and the county town went down to defeat. Footitt, Masales, Lindsay and Snyder made the difference for Acton.

50 years ago

Taken from the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, June 22, 1916. Why Ruin Your Eyes? The White Light Ray Lamp will give you as bright a light as gas or electricity and as cheap as your ordinary smoky dingy lamp. Special offer.

Push only a Taylor-Forbes lawn mower! From \$4 up. The recital given by the pupils of Miss Lauretta M. Gray, Mus. Bac. in Knox school room was largely attended. The pupils acquitted themselves with credit.

Those who took part were Misses Marguerite Symon, Margaret and Jean Wilson, Jean Kennedy, Olga Moore, Edna Henderson, Marguerite Ryder, Jessie Russell, Elsie and Marguerite Stewart, May Wildgust, Jean Stalker and Anne Atkins and Masters David and Kenneth Henderson, Duff Wilson, Melvin Williams and Willie Stewart.

Mr. Fred T. Hunter made a petition to council bearing the name of the Beardmore tanneries praying that the Daylight Saving scheme be discarded and that standard time be resumed. Mr. Hunter made a strong plea on behalf of the working men in town and of their wives and families at home. He alleged people get up an hour earlier and went to bed no earlier and were consequently not in good condition for the ten hours of work a day required.

James H. Reid said farmers are much inconvenienced and church services are

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 26, 1966. 9:45 a.m.—Church School.

11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship and Celebration of Holy Communion. Homily on "The Christian Passover". Friday, June 24th, 8:30 p.m. — Pre-Communion Preparatory Service. 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 26, 1966. Church School withdraw for summer months.

10:00 a.m.—Divine Service. The Sacrament of Holy Communion. (Nursery during service.) Sermon — "Mandatory Options." Next Sunday — Joint services with Knox in Trinity Church at 10:00 a.m. (Nursery provided during 11 a.m. service).

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH Founded 1842. Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon Res. 144 Tildey Ave., Ph. 853-1615. SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 1966. 9:45 a.m.—Church School, Adult Class.

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, "The Run-away Preacher." 7:00 p.m.—Evening Service, "Who is the Prodigal Son?" Tuesday—Deacons' Meeting. Wednesday—Prayer and Bible Study, 7:30. Thursday—Choir practice, 7:30.

Thought for the Week: "If God be for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31.

mixed up; Councilor Bell thought not ten per cent of the citizens are in favor of it. Mr. Robert Bennett said "It's all right at night but it's no good in the morning." The petition will be further circulated.

Rev. Wilson, just back from the Presbyterian General Assembly in Winnipeg, says the church has had to drop many mission fields due to lack of funds. After spirited debate, a vote was in favor of church union.

75 years ago

Taken from the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, June 15, 1891. The park should soon be in good shape. It is costing a good deal of money. Some thinking citizens say that more than is warranted is being expended on the race course, when it is well known that Acton is not a "racing" town.

Mr. John Arthurs' horse which was so badly injured a month or so ago and was for some time expected to die, has almost entirely recovered and is being driven every day. Mr. J. Lawson V.S. reserves credit for this triumph of veterinary skill.

A gang of telegraph linemen have been at work putting in new poles here the past week. They no doubt did a good job for the telegraph company but such an exhibition of slanting posts and unsightly supports would be hard to imagine. There is certainly nothing aesthetic about the telegraph company.

Rockwood — The Eramosa council has at last decided to patch up the old rotten bridge at Rockwood. If nearly all the members of that body did not owe their existence as such to Rockwood there would be some excuse for the treatment we receive at their hands.

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BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH Acton, Ontario. Rev. Wiebe Van Dijk, Phone 853-1585. SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 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. 3 Church Hill Road. Rev. S. M. Thorman, Pastor, 853-2715. SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 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 III SUNDAY, June 26, 1966. 9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist. 10:30 a.m.—Closing of the Church School for the season. The rector will be celebrating the Holy Eucharist in the parish hall for the students and teachers of the Church School.

10:30 a.m.—Matins conducted by Mr. Laurence Duby. Parents and those interested are invited to inspect the children's projects and to meet their teachers immediately after this service, in the parish hall. During July there will be one service, Matins, with sermon and music at 10 a.m. under the direction of Mr. Laurence Duby.

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH (Georgetown) SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 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 853-1956. Georgetown 877-6666.