

## Cleaning up overhead clutter...

Canada's cleanup of overhead wire clutter continues to gain momentum — despite a setback in Saskatchewan, reports the Financial Post. Saskatchewan Power Corp. has decided underground wiring is a luxury the consumer will have to pay for. David B. Furlong, SPC general manager, says developers wanting underground facilities next year will have to pay the higher cost of burying. Most municipalities and utilities, and a growing number of householders, think the extra cost is justified by improvements in safety, maintenance, long-term costs and aesthetic appeal.

A cross-Canada survey of the progress of underground residential distribution (URD) showed 22 per cent of resi-

dential areas with heavy or completed distribution, 26 per cent "moderate", 36 per cent "slight" and only 16 per cent with no underground installation. Ontario has the highest number of municipalities where underground systems are mandatory. Most new subdivisions have underground wiring. The Atlantic area and Quebec, with the exception of major Quebec cities, are late-starters. British Columbia is another late-starter but the Prairies lead the country in the number of underground installations.

This year Acton initiates its first major underground wiring program in the Lakeview subdivision. It can be hoped that any further subdivisions in Acton will have as one requirement, the provision of all underground services.



## Sugar and Spice

by Bill Smiley

I was reading the other day an interview with a Canadian seaman. He was telling a reporter why he, and so many other sailors are not happy with their lot.

He mentioned a lot of things that seemed petty at first glance: course sheets on the bunks; crowded quarters; not enough showers; cheap soap; scanty recreational facilities.

Not much of the spirit of Drake and Nelson and rounding Cape Horn there? Not much. But then the truth came out. These were only minor irritants, the little concrete manifestations of a deeper discontent.

A sailor's pay is good, comparatively. Most boats feed their crews well. What really gets the sailor down are frustration, boredom, monotony and loneliness. They suffer from the modern malaise of the spirit that affects many segments of our society.

As I read the article, I couldn't help comparing the sailor's job today with that of the 1930's, when I spent a spell on the Great Lakes.

Today he works a 40-hour week, has a basic pay of nearly \$400 a month, and is protected by a tough union. In those days he worked a 50 to 60-hour week, picked up a handsome cheque for \$40 at the end of the month, and could be fired if he even looked unhappy.

And perhaps that's why, if memory serves, the sailor of those days was a pretty happy character. He did a lot of grousing, as sailors have done since Pylades and his crew left Troy, but he also did a lot of horsing around, and took life very unseriously.

Not many were married in those days. They couldn't afford it. They'd blow their 40 bucks on beer and girls and poker in a couple of days, and then it was penny-ante and practical jokes and "makings" for the rest of the month.

Today's sailor is a much glummer individual. He's more likely to be married and have children. He has a mortgage and insurance and income tax and dental bills, like all the other suckers in society.

Theoretically, he's 10 times better off than the deckhand of the 30's. He works a whole lot less and makes a great deal more. He is better fed and quartered. He can watch television. He has 10 months a year from the old hutches and the kids, two months holidays in winter, during which he is paid unemployment insurance.

What's wrong then? Why is he griping, threatening to strike every so often, wishing he had a shore job? It's simple enough. Sailing is deadly dull. For officers and engineers, it's lively enough. They have delicate machinery, decisions, responsibilities, special skills.

But the deck-hand is the Poor Bloody Infantry of the inland seas. His work is often dirty, nearly always monotonous, occasionally dangerous, but hardly ever heroic.

There's no going aloft to reef the mainsail in the teeth of a gale. He's more likely chipping paint. There's no landing at exotic foreign ports, hiring a ricksha and heading for the high spots. He's more likely picking his way across the railway tracks in a dirty dock area, heading for a beer parlour.

He spends most of his waking hours with a crowd just as browned off as he. And they curse and play poker and grouse and watch television and brag about the shore job they could have had. Not much for the soul there.

And he's lonely. Lonely for his family. And maybe he's guilty, knowing it's not a square deal for the wife, bringing up the kids alone.

And he misses the land. The shady streets of the small town, or the heat and excitement of the city. The green of trees and grass and the glimmer of brown young limbs on beaches. The smell of lilacs in June, and burning leaves in October.

There's a little of this in the life of the inland sailor. It's clean and fresh out on the lakes. But one Great Lake looks much like another, one canal like the last one, and every grimy dock area exactly like the one you've just come from.

Don't knock the sailor. He has his ghosts, just as you and I.



## Pages of the Past

from champion files

### 20 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press on Thursday, July 11, 1946.

One of the biggest and oldest trees in town was taken down on Saturday by Walter Kentner and Fred Stewart. It was a fine old elm on the property of Allan Kirkness on Main St., which had attained a height of 75 feet. Wires had to be cleared and power was off for about an hour.

County council has requested the Lieut. Governor to establish a juvenile court in Halton county and that Magistrate K. M. Langdon be appointed Juvenile Court Judge at a salary of \$200 per annum.

Alfred O. Beardmore for many years president of Beardmore and Co., died at his Walter Road home in Toronto, aged 87 years. He was born in Toronto, educated at Upper Canada College, Switzerland and Osgoode Hall. He was an active poloist till 65.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the United Church maime when Helen Marguerite Spruwl became the bride of Sydney James Fields. Mr. and Mrs. William Fields were their attendants.

A pretty June wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Watson on June 29 when their eldest daughter, Mary Irma was united in marriage to Robert Lloyd McInerney, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. McInerney of Georgetown. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Fosbury on the lawn under an arch of evergreens and flowers. Attendees were Miss Lois Watson and Mr. Lloyd McLean. The bride's table was laid with dishes which belonged to her great grandmother.

Miss Ruby Clark, Miss Margaret McDonald, Miss Mamie Mainprize and Miss Bertha Brown will spend the summer vacation here.

### 50 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press on Thursday, July 13, 1916.

Acton has lost another of her brave boys in the terrible war. Corp. Warren G. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, Willow St., has given his life for his country's cause. He died in action in France and was buried in a nearby military cemetery. The sad news was broken to his parents by kind-hearted neighbors.

Letters came in the morning mail from the field, giving details. Misses Fern and Bertha, and Ernest, who is foreman at the Free Press, were in Oakville at the Epworth League summer school and were accompanied home by Rev. Avison. He was an under-graduate in the third year in the School of Practical Science at the University of Toronto. He was an exemplary young man. A memorial service will be held Sunday.

The Methodist congregation celebrated 40 years in the same edifice last week.

Eight troop trains carrying troops from London to Camp Borden passed through Acton on Sunday. One of the trains stopped for 20 minutes at noon and when they left hundreds of tins of pork and beans littered the tracks.

Miss Nellie Anderson received the highest marks in her form at Guelph Collegiate.

Mr. R. L. Gregory of the New Wonder-land theatre certainly provided his patrons with a rare attraction when he

secured for \$100 a day, "The Battle Cry of Peace". This splendid production had nine reels.

Grave fear is being expressed along the lines of the Canadian Northern Railway on account of the difficulty of obtaining farm labour. Even when times were normal it was always necessary to bring from 25,000 to 30,000 laborers from eastern parts for the harvest season.

### 75 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press on Thursday, July 16, 1891.

Fifteen years ago, the Methodist church, then one of the finest century churches in the conference, was opened here. New carpenters and painters have been busy engaged in restoring its original beauty and re-opening services were held Sunday and Monday.

On Sunday about noon when a number of young men were boating in the west side of Harvey's pond, George Walter, the 16-year-old son of Mr. John Walter, whose farm adjoins the pond, got entangled in the weeds and although an expert swimmer, he could not extricate himself.

He would have drowned had it not been for Mr. Will Stark, who was in a boat. The unfortunate swimmer was by this time totally unconscious and his condition was critical for a time. It was thought this would be a warning against similar desecration of the Sabbath, but within four hours, other farmers' sons were in the pond. The swimming and shouting were had enough, but when it came to running about the fields perfectly nude, the neighbors left it was time to protest.

For some time a couple of youths of this town have been playing the ready (7) game of sneak thief in Rev. R. B. Cook's garden. They wait until he gets to church and then pilfer. For shame, young men.

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## Free Press Editorial Page

### Who will insure the kids?...

Because of the rising accident toll, Canada's auto insurance firms are turning down many requests for insurance from teenage drivers and first-time drivers of any age. The Financial Post comments: Accident rates and losses are so huge in the younger age groups that the companies cannot afford to insure them. Almost two million youngsters will pass their 16th birthday during five years to the end of 1970 — all ready to exercise their apparently inalienable right to drive. Who will insure them against their own inexperience and against the folly of those they meet on the road?

The companies need better machinery for reviewing insurance turn-downs and spreading the higher risks throughout the industry. They need new premium scales for each age group under 25 to soak the accident-prone. But the present impasse on the insurance front also

makes it plain. The Financial Post points out, that the standards for issuing licenses and policing drivers will have to be raised. That piece of paper is a permit to drive with a sense of responsibility, not a license to kill.

While recognizing that insurance companies are, not infallible and have a responsibility to provide insurance coverage for all drivers, we fail to see how government can take over auto insurance and operate any more beneficially than the private insurers. The build up of a bureaucracy that follows government intervention in any field would provide another great nesting ground for mediocracy.

To think that insurance would be "cheaper" under government operation, is just wishful thinking. It might be subsidized but it won't be any cheaper.

### Hands off...

Senator Frank Moss of Utah has before the U.S. Senate a resolution that the matter of northward flowing rivers in Canada be referred to the International Joint Commission.

This, the Financial Post comments, is clearly an attempt to change existing international law and bring Canada's purely national waters under "international" jurisdiction. It could be lightly dismissed as just another in a series of American moves to remedy its water supply problems with Canadian water, if it were not for some unsettling remarks made during the last federal election.

The Prime Minister stated then that water could be as important an export as wheat and "we'll be discussing this

with the U.S. which is very anxious to work out arrangements by which some of our water resources are moved down south." What did the PM mean and where does he stand on the issue of selling water versus developing water resources for our own use?

Water, once diverted from Canada must be controlled and control will in practice always be exercised by the user. That, the Financial Post states, means U.S. control.

Nobody questions the sale of surplus wheat to Russia, apparently because: 1. we have more wheat over and above our requirements than we know what to do with; and, 2. it's money. Perhaps we had better find out quickly whether there is more water than we know what to do with, too.

## Queen's Park Report

by George A. Kerr M.L.A.

The 1966 session of the Provincial Legislature completed its business last week. It was a six month session, the longest in its history. I think it was probably the most productive in the way of legislation and new programs.

By way of example, the House approved about 194 government bills plus a number of private bills from municipalities in Ontario. Some of the important legislation is as follows:

- Medical Services Insurance Act (Medicare)
- Amendments to Highway Traffic Act re negligence, insurance and safety features and checks for motor vehicles.
- Licensing and regulating of nursing homes.
- New Department of Financial and Commercial Affairs.
- Important amendments to The Labour Relations Act.
- The Securities Act which contained 149 sections.
- New Metro Toronto Bill.
- Act to establish a Consumer Protection Bureau.
- Air pollution Control Act.
- Commuter Services Act 1965.
- New Child Welfare Act and Act to Revise the Homes for Retarded Children.
- Act to Amend the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System Act (OMERS — pension plan).
- Legal Aid.
- Act to Promote Ambulance Services and improve their standards.
- Act to amend the Conservation Authorities Act.
- Act to provide for Protection of Buyers of Consumer Goods and for the Fair Disclosure of Cost of Credit.
- Act to deal with amalgamation of municipalities and regional development and government.

New Milk Marketing Act.

Bill to provide educational loans to School Boards and Municipalities for financing school construction.

As mentioned, these are some of the main Bills that we considered during the past six months. Unfortunately, we also had to increase the sales tax from three per cent to five per cent and also increase taxes on liquor, gasoline and tobacco.

Ontario still is competitive as far as other provinces are concerned in tax levies and in some cases, such as Quebec, we are less. However, there does not seem to be any other solution if we are to provide the schools, highways, hospitals, police, courts, universities, etc., as well as the facilities dealing with labor, agriculture, water resources, lands and forests, welfare, municipalities, etc. We must have the revenue. The important thing is to make sure that the money we raise is spent and allocated properly.

One of the problems of a Provincial Government is the sources of revenue available to it. They are not sufficient as our duties and spheres of administration are extending and becoming more expensive. For example, the Provincial budget for education for this year is as much as the total Provincial budget of 1963.

It is hoped that future Federal-Provincial tax conferences will solve this dilemma. At present the Ontario Government has two big problems that must be solved: Labor injunctions and certain milk producers' complaints of low prices. The question of injunctions is now under consideration by both the Department of Labour and the Attorney General. The solution to the milk producer's problems rests with co-operation between Ottawa, Quebec and Ontario regarding floor prices, subsidies and milk distribution generally. I hope that both of these major matters will be ironed out before too long.



YOUNGSTERS ENJOY FUN AND GAMES

and there's plenty of both at the two summer playgrounds sponsored by the Acton Recreation Committee. Special events nearly every day maintain peak interest and interested leaders make

every game worthwhile. Miss Playground '66, Barbara McNabb, centre, is shown with her two assistants, first runner-up Susan Nicolak, left, and second runner-up Cathy Ashley, right.



## Harley to Halton

by Harry Harley M.P.

The majority of this last week has been spent debating the Canada Assistance Plan and references to the Croll Report. This Assistance Plan has now received sound reading and has been approved in principle and awaits detailed clause-by-clause examination.

The Bank Act revisions have been introduced in general terms only. The changes to be introduced of a general nature are as follows:

- No bank is to hold more than 10 per cent of the stock of any Canadian corporation.
- Interlocking bank directorates (same people acting as directors for different banks) will be controlled.
- Agreements on interest on loans between banks will be prohibited and will be controlled by the Restrictive Trade Practices Commission.
- The present interest rate ceiling will eventually be removed. The timing and extent of this is unknown at this stage, however, it has been suggested that loans below \$25,000 will continue to have an interest ceiling and loans above this amount would have no ceiling.

- Banks to reveal publicly their inner reserves.
- A federal-provincial conference is to be called on customer credit.
- Deposit insurance will be introduced to insure deposits of bank and trust company customers, so that in the event of a failure of a bank or trust company, the customers' deposits are guaranteed safe.
- Banks to be allowed to make loans on mortgages.
- A reduction of cash reserve necessary for banks to allow them to compete more actively with other institutions for loans and deposits.

It is expected that the Bank Act changes will receive first reading before the summer recess and that the Bill will be made public. It may be considered by those interested in these matters. In the Fall it will be referred to the Banking and Finance Committee which will hold public hearings on this matter, and the interested parties will present their views before the Bill is returned to Parliament for consideration. It may be that the Committee will recommend changes in the Bill as a result of these meetings, before Parliament passes it as law.

## Free Press Church Notices

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(The United Church of Canada)  
Minister: Rev. Dwight I. Engel, B.A., B.D.  
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**KNOX CHURCH, ACTON**  
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D., Minister  
Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A., Organist and Choir Master

**COMBINED SUMMER SERVICES**  
At Trinity Church  
SUNDAY, JULY 17th, 1966 — at 10:00 a.m.  
Preacher: Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie.  
Theme: "Treasure in Earthen Vessels."  
Church School withdrawn at both churches for the summer months.

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

**SUNDAY, JULY 17, 1966**  
9:45 a.m. — Church School, Adult Class.  
11:00 a.m. — Morning Worship. "Nobody Needs to be Nobody."  
There will be no evening services during July and August.  
Wednesday—Prayer and Bible Study, 7:30.  
No Thursday Choir Practice for July.  
All visitors welcome to our services.  
Doctrines we preach and believe: The Virgin Birth, The Deity of Christ, His Bodily Resurrection, The Second Coming.

**EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE**  
P.A.O.C. 33 Churchill Road  
Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor, 853-2715

**SUNDAY, JULY 17, 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, July 14 — Christ Ambassadors cancelled in favor of Braeside Camp.

**BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
Acton, Ontario.  
Rev. Wiebe Van Dijk. Phone 853-1585

**SUNDAY, JULY 17, 1966**  
10:00 a.m. — English Service.  
2:30 p.m. — Dutch Service.  
3:45 p.m. — Sunday School.

**THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR**  
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Corner Willow and St. Alban's Drive  
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Trinity VI  
**SUNDAY, JULY 17, 1966**  
10 a.m. under the direction of Mr. Laurence Duby, B.A.  
During July there will be one service, Matins, with sermon and music at 10 a.m. under the direction of Mr. Laurence Duby, B.A.

**MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
(Georgetown).

**SUNDAY, JULY 17, 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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