

## Look ahead to '67...

As Acton's 53rd annual fall fair entered history last Saturday evening, the most successful event ever held, directors were looking forward and planning for the 54th edition. Already plans are being laid to make next year's Centennial Fair one of the key activities of Acton's Centennial Year program.

Blessed with perfect fall fair weather crowds of spectators swarmed to the park Friday evening and Saturday to take part in the event. With the excellent participation of exhibitors and local participants, the fair program encompassed a growing number of citizens. It is only through the addition of new members to the society and an involvement of wider representation of the population of the community in the program that the full benefit of the experienced and faithful long-time directors and officers can be realized.

One of the greatest assets the fair enjoys is the large and loyal groups of volunteer workers. The Fair is organized in such a manner that there is no overall professional "boss" but only the dedicated group who give freely and voluntarily of their time, effort and interest that each year produces a fair superior to those that preceded. It is to them that all accolades and encouragement are due.

In the planning of next year's Centennial Fair the board will require the assistance of many more local citizens and the help of all local organizations to make the fair a fitting tribute to Canada's birthday. The fair can only be as good as all of us make it. We expect the directors can anticipate every co-operation from every citizen of Acton and district as plans proceed for another record breaking fair in 1967.

## Free Press Editorial Page

### Welcome announcement...

The announcement by Cameron McNab, deputy minister of Highways, as he opened Acton Fall Fair Saturday that some relief can be anticipated by the installation of traffic signals at the Mill and Main Street corner was welcome news.

The approval of the installation of traffic lights by the department will relieve the congestion, and the indecision that every driver experiences each time he approaches the intersection.

The suggestion that an extensive rebuilding of Highways 7 and 25 in the Acton area will be soon announced is encouraging. With any improvement of Highway 25 north of Acton we can anticipate greater communication with that part of Ontario north of Acton. With its location at the junction of two important highways, once again Acton's strategic location in Ontario's golden horseshoe becomes evident.

### Join the parade...

The announcement that the report of Commissioner Tom Plunkett on municipal government in Halton and Peel will be released to the public September 29 is welcome news. When the study was first undertaken it was suggested the report would be issued in mid-August. It is encouraging that its publication is hardly late at all.

It may be anticipated far-reaching changes in municipal government will be recommended. It can also be hoped, but not necessarily expected that any implementation of the proposals can be accomplished. The biggest and perhaps only obstacle to the implementation of recommendations to improve municipal government will come from the two-bit, small-time, local politicians, satisfied with the status quo, the remuneration, the dubious honor, who is unable to move with the rapid pace of progress in Ontario.

It will be shown, as time progresses, that the taxpayers are prepared to accept

regional government if it can be demonstrated an improvement in efficiency and cost. The foot dragging will come from the politicians who have to wait until the parade is well underway before they can join in at the rear to lead it.

### Briefs

The sickly character in drama who is trying to "find himself" never seems to think of finding himself some work to do.

Having examined pictures of the latest styles, a local resident is looking around to see who wears them in real life.

Disputes over schools rouse the passions of many who haven't been inside a school building in 25 years.

For a commodity said to be shaky, the dollar nevertheless maintains a high velocity.

A really fancy sandwich is one which has to be eaten with knife, fork and bib.



## Harley to Halton

by Harry Harley M.P.

The House of Commons has been debating the large Transportation Bill before sending it to Committee for detailed study. This Bill proposes to gradually remove the subsidies of the freight operations of the railways and make these operations self paying with no debts to be paid by the taxpayers of Canada. It should allow the railways to make their rates competitive with other types of transport. The Bill will also create a Transport Board to oversee the regulation of all types of transportation in Canada to replace the many individual boards now regulating the various forms of transportation. It was finally carried and sent to Committee without formal vote being called only an "on division" being called out to express token opposition to the Bill without forcing an actual vote.

Parliament then moved on to a debate on inflation with an opening statement by the Minister of Finance the Honorable Mitchell Sharp. The Minister described two major problems in Canada today —

(1) Education of the growing labor force.

(2) Prevention of excessive costs and prices.

In Canada over some years consumer prices have risen 14 per cent on the average yearly, while earnings in the same period have risen 4 per cent. At the present economic situation is unstable and cannot continue. We must moderate our pace. It was pointed out that we cannot expect to have at this time the same living standards as the United States. Management, workers and government must

cooperate to make our position stable. Price and wage control is unworkable except in war time. The Minister said that in these should be 4 percent to 5 per cent the wage increase must be balanced by increased productivity — the increase per year. Lately the wage increases have been in excess of this but we must eventually return to this. Industry must be encouraged to reduce prices to consumer, as well as increase wages and profit, as productivity increases. Labor demands should be realistic.

The budget of 1966 was anti-inflationary but did not go far enough. We must encourage savings and in the near future the Government will introduce special Centennial savings bonds. The planned deficit in the last Budget was \$150 million but with necessary increases to come in, more money for our senior citizens (this must be done and the Government is committed to it) our war veterans and our Armed Services, this deficit would increase to probably \$300 million. To counteract this the Government will reduce government spending by discontinuing the winter built housing bonus, eliminating the acceleration deductions for research, deferring the scholarship program, deferring Medicare for one year and postponement of other government programs. The warning is given that if these measures do not curb inflation, the next step may be increased taxes; interestingly enough, President Johnson has just announced similar measures for the control of inflation in the United States.



## Sugar and Spice

by Bill Smiley

This month, my wife and I will observe, with the customary stunned incredulity, our 20th wedding anniversary. It's a long time to live with a strange woman. Especially when she becomes stranger every year.

At time of writing, I don't know just what form the celebration will take. A fatted calf wouldn't be appropriate. Besides, we don't have a fatted calf, only a prodigal son. None of our mortgages are anywhere near the burning stage, for the occasion. And we are definitely not going to celebrate the event by starting a new family. But I'll think of something.

A friend of mine has an old dog. He's a boxer, about 11 years of age. My friend sometimes, when he feels like being depressed, begins figuring out how much the mut has cost him over the years. It's now running about \$1,400.

I develop a flutter in my left eyelid and a twitch in my cheek every time I flirt with the thought of what that woman has cost me in the last two decades. Take my word, it's over \$1,400.

The first couple of years weren't so bad. I was a veteran, going to university, and our total income was \$80 a month. We didn't save much, but we staggered through, with the help of vacation jobs. When the first baby arrived, we were in clover, as the government jumped our allowances to an opulent \$88.

After graduation, life became rosier. I reeled into the weekly newspaper business, with a take-home pay of \$35 a week. But the Old Girl managed to squander every cent of it. She blew it on food and furniture and similar tripperies and trills.

About six years later, when I was up to \$50 a week, and could see with satisfaction the possibility of building up a nice little estate, she sabotaged me again. Said we needed a car. And we've never been out of debt since.

From there on, it was down hill all the way. She began thinking money grew on me, and as the income mounted slowly, the debts mounted swiftly. It was "Gimme, gimme, gimme" all the way.

We'd been married only about 10 years when she began agitating for a house. The cosy little two rooms, with shared bath, weren't good enough any more. Oh no. Not for her. Just because a lot of other fool people lives in houses, we had to. And I was fool enough, or weak enough, to go along with it.

Eventually, I reached that plateau of success which had once seemed only a dream — \$100 a week. Do you think that satisfied her? Not on your navel. She kept right on huffing money in all directions. Out went the scrubboard and in came one of those big, white washing machines. Out went the ice-box and in came that other big thing that makes ice cubes. Out went the nice quiet carpet sweeper and in came one of those belching, swollen vacuum things.

By this time, it was too late to put a finger in the dyke. Besides, I needed all my fingers for counting up our payments. No, the only solution was nose to the grindstone and turn the wheel faster. I once had a huge, hooked Roman nose. You should see it now. Eskimo size.

Now, I don't want you to get the wrong idea. Don't think for a moment that my partner of 20 years is extravagant. She's never once pressed for a Cadillac. She doesn't own any mink, not even earmuffs. She hasn't whined for a trip to Europe. (That little trip to Vancouver this summer was merely a soft mother's heart. She had to see her first-born.)

No she's not demanding. She'll wear a dress as often as twice. She's perfectly willing to be seen in a year-old car, month-old shoes or last week's coat. She didn't even want her children to go to private schools. Just have their teeth straightened and take music lessons at \$13 a whack.

And I bear no malice. I'm like the guy in the cartoon, a big business success, who told the interviewer, "Everything I have, I owe to the sheer greed of my wife."

It's been a great honor and privilege to spend 20 years wrapped around a lovely lady's finger. I wouldn't feel comfortable in any other posture. So, happy whaddya-call-it, darling.



"A LOTTA BULL", think David and Steven Lasby as they admire their grandfather's grand champion which won the E. Braida

and Son trophy at the fair. Charles Lasby and Son, copped quite a number of ribbons during the Saturday judging.

## CENTENNIAL REPORT

by John W. Fisher  
centennial commissioner

1867/1967

Youth travel programs and cultural exchange visits between communities and ethnic groups are organized and financed by the Centennial Commission to help promote communication and understanding between Canadians separated by our country's great distances.

The idea behind such programs, of course, is that 1967 is a good time for everyone to get to know Canada better and to learn more about its peoples, its varied geography and history. But government programs, as in most other cases, act merely as catalysts. The idea will become a complete success only if Canadians, motivated from within themselves and on their own initiative, get on the move in '67 to see more of Canada and to learn more about it.

Many of us don't take the opportunity to do a little amateur research on Canada even at short distances. I met a middle-aged man, for example, who lived most of his life 90 miles from Niagara Falls and had never seen that great wonder of the world, even though he had toured the United Kingdom and half of Europe during the last war.

For the affluent, a trip across Canada could well replace a European holiday, with savings to boot. (Though the distance is as great, the fare is less.) For those of us who can't afford such a trip next year we need only choose a travel radius of one or two hundred miles, to fit in the pocketbook, and pick an interesting

spot we've never visited before.

We have no shortage of fascinating communities, historic sites and natural wonders to be seen. I'll wager that many Nova Scotians and other Maritimers have not yet visited the old French Fortress of Louisbourg, now being restored on Cape Breton Island, whose history on the mere printed page stirs excitement and wonder.

How many B.C. mainlanders have really explored the beauties of Vancouver Island and met the interesting personalities who live around the island ports and towns?

I imagine I could pick anyone at random on the main street of any Ontario town and find that he had not explored untraveled paths around the tobacco country and old Loyalist communities along Lake Erie's north shore, the old German Canadian settlements in the Kitchener area and studied the Huron museum on Georgian Bay. If I were Albertan I would see those Japanese Gardens, Lethbridge's own Centennial project, and perhaps meet some of the enthusiastic Japanese Canadians who were right behind that community effort.

Lots of people in La Belle Province have neither yet roamed the narrow streets of the old town of Quebec nor taken a motor trip through the wild country around the end of the Gaspé.

Let's make Centennial Year the time for a real Canadian holiday — with a purpose; to know more about our country and our countrymen.

## Free Press

## Back Issues

20 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, September 19, 1946.

Tomorrow Mr. and Mrs. George Chapman mark their sixtieth wedding anniversary at their home on Main St. and will be at home to friends. They were married in Sunnidale in Simcoe county in 1886 and came to Acton in 1898. Mr. Chapman was until retirement a faithful employee of Beardmore and Co. One son, Mr. John Chapman and one daughter Madge, reside in Acton.

Present at the council meeting to discuss plans for servicemen's recognition day were Johnny Gray, R. Bean, C. L. Landsborough, George Musselle, F. Dawkins.

Overcoats for night policemen were ordered. They are surplus stock of navy issue now being sold at \$18 each.

Another old-established business changed hands when Mr. A. B. McLean disposed of his barber business to Mr. Fred Ross of Toronto. Mr. McLean has been in business for 40 years and some of us young chaps recall having our first barber shop cut from him. He purchased the business of the late H. H. Warden, which was then in the frame building on the site of the B. D. Rachlin store. Then he moved to a building which stood between the present Bank of Nova Scotia and Baxter's drug store. Many friends will wish him many happy years to enjoy more leisure.

Samples of service rings shown by Mr. H. H. Hinton were approved and ordered purchased for presentation. The compacts shown by B. D. Rachlin were ordered. The number of presentations now numbers 250.

50 years ago

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

The annual field day of games and sports was held at the school grounds last Friday. The pupils of both high and public schools participated and there were a number of guests.

Winners of races were Clarence Henderson, Harold Wildgust, Lucy Goldham, Oliver Precious, Wilrose Reid, Willie Little, Thelma Strasser, Mary Stewart, Calvin Wilson, Harold Reid, Marie Mowat, Jean Barber, David Henderson, Johnnie Robertson, Edna Henderson, Jessie Anderson, Fred Warren, Wil Robertson, Alice James, Elsie Lappin, Elsie Stewart, Sabra Nelson, Bessie Woodhall, Stella McLam, boys' three-legged, Robert Stewart and Donald Kennedy; Jack Bristow and Kenneth Martin; girls' three-legged, Alice James and Margaret McNabb; Elsie Lappin and Ethel Starkman; peanut race, Claude Precious, Dobbie Lappin; Mary Simiolko, Jessie Morton, boys' walking race, Robert Stewart, Donald Kennedy; girls' walking race, Madge Rothwell, Nellie Hall; boy's backward race, Robert Stewart, Fred Warren, boys' sack race, Willie Hoffman, Angus Kennedy; boys' apple race, Robert Stewart, Jimmie Ross; boys' shoe race, Sidney Smith, Jack Bristow; wheelbarrow race, Robert Stewart and Telford Kenney; Sidney Smith and Jack Bristow; lady visitors' race, Mrs. Waller, Mrs. Stewart; teachers' race, Miss Wilson, Miss Fleury.

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## Church Notices

**TRINITY CHURCH**  
(The United Church of Canada)  
Ministry: Rev. Dwight I. Engel, B.A., B.D.  
Organist: Mr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1966  
CHURCH SCHOOL

10:00 a.m.—Nursery Class to Grade 4.  
11:15 a.m.—Grade 5 to Grade 8.

**SERVICES OF WORSHIP**  
10:00 a.m.—Trinity United.  
11:15 a.m.—Churchill (3rd Line).  
Sermon — "I believe in..." (A look at the creed's authority).  
Nursery provided.  
8:00 p.m.—Teen age members of the congregation meet at the Manse (29 Bower).

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1966  
9:45 a.m.—Church School, Adult Class.

**RALLY DAY SERVICE**  
Parents, come and hear your child take part.  
10:30 a.m.—Morning Service.  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service. "Temple and Synagogue."

Wednesday — Prayer and Bible Study 7:30.  
Thursday — Choir, 7:30.  
Friday — B.H.F., 7:00.

All visitors welcome to our services.  
Doctrines we preach and believe: The Virgin Birth, The Deity of Christ, His Bodily Resurrection, The Second Coming.

**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, SEPTEMBER 25, 1966  
9:45 a.m.—Church School for ages 3 to 15.  
11:00 a.m.—Sermon Theme: "Beliefs That Give Us Courage."  
Sunday, October 2 — Fall Celebration of Holy Communion at 11 a.m.  
Everyone most welcome.

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 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**  
ANGLICAN  
Corner Willow and St. Alban's Drive  
Rev. Ritchie McMurray, M.A., S.T.B.

Trinity XVI  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1966  
9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.  
10:30 a.m.—Church School.  
10:30 a.m.—Matins.

**EMBER DAYS**  
Friday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
Saturday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

**EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE**  
P.A.O.C. 31 Church Hill Road  
Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor, 853-2715

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1966  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Service.  
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.  
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study  
Thursday, 8 p.m.—C.A. Service.  
September 16 to 23—Max Solbrekken — salvation healing "Crusade" — prayer for the sick, lame, blind, and deaf (no charge).  
Every night—Sept. 18 to 23—8 p.m.

**MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
(Georgetown)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 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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