

## Comprehensive recommendation ...

While the initial reaction to recommendations of the Plunkett Report appeared to be a negative attitude on the part of elected representatives in the southern area, the report was given qualified acceptance in the editorial comment of area newspapers. We feel that the report, given the in depth study it deserves, will form the starting point for fruitful discussion and recommendations. Locally the report is being studied indi-

vidually by councillors and board members before any formal, in-meeting recommendations are made.

It is our expectation that all the local governing bodies will meet and present one comprehensive set of recommendations to the Department of Municipal Affairs by the December 31st deadline. It would be unfortunate if there were a multitude of formal and possibly conflicting reports submitted from each of the municipalities.

## Confidence in future

The announcement in this issue of the conversion of the Free Press from a letterpress to offset production is one that expresses our own confidence in the future of this area. We anticipate, not with relish, the technical problems that will arise with this move. However, we feel confident that with the co-operation and assistance of our staff, the readers and advertisers, the move will be accomplished with a minimum of disruption.

The excellent progress being made on the new library building and the start

made on the new Hydro office and workshop both reinforce our belief that Acton is once again reacting progressively. The decision of council in engaging an architect to determine how the addition of the library area in the Y.M.C.A. building can be incorporated in the municipal offices is a progressive step forward. We feel sure that municipal offices of adequate size and prestige can be incorporated in this location which will serve the needs, certainly until regional government is established and after that time as a local administrative office.

## Free Press Editorial Page

### Editorial notes ...

The announcement this week that Poly Pentco (Canada) Ltd., will establish a manufacturing plant in Acton Industrial Centre is indeed welcome news. We join with all local citizens in welcoming the company to Acton, with the expectation that their establishment in Acton will be beneficial both to the company and to the town.

We couldn't help noticing that some of the cars that perhaps should have attended the Department of Transport safety check were conspicuously absent from the streets during the time the checking equipment was in operation. Perhaps when the safety check returns, arrangements could be made to have compulsory checks later in the evening, when the excuse, "I was at work when it was

open", could not be used. Safety checks are a good project and we commend the local detachment for their efforts in bringing it to Acton.

With the Y.M.C.A. fall and winter programs in full swing we expect the next step will be the installation of ice at the arena — for its winter program. With these two facilities, ready and able to provide excellent spare time activities, the complaint of young people, "there's nothing to do in Acton", is totally invalid.

The two experimental nights of wrestling in Acton arena were an unqualified success. We look forward to this entertainment being included in next summer's activities at the community centre. The injection of the number of outside Acton spectators at these events can be nothing but beneficial to us all.

### Welcome mat is out ...

Announcement of the establishment of the Provincial Agricultural Museum in Halton, adjacent to the Kelso Conservation Area, is good news.

The action was predicted several weeks ago in this newspaper and the necessary negotiations have been known to be under way for some time. The successful completion of those negotiations is a credit to a number of people involved.

The land adjacent to the Kelso Conservation Area, known as the A. R. Service farm, is ideally situated for such a project with its frontage on highway 401 and close to a 401 overpass. The proximity of the facilities of the attractive Kelso Conservation Area adds to the desirability of the site.

The heritage of agriculture in Ontario is significant and Halton has played an important part in the progressiveness of that major provincial industry. The location of the museum in the county highlights that role.

A provincial museum of science and technology, which the province has undertaken as its centennial project, will now be augmented by the provincial museum of agriculture to round out the recognition by the province of science, industry and agriculture.

Hopefully now the province will turn its resources and experience toward developing a major representation of agricultural history that will suitably portray the dramatic changes that have taken

place in this important industry.

It is good news too that the museum will be developed in co-operation with the Steam and Antique Preservers' Association who have been sponsoring the annual Steam-Era in Milton. The growing attraction of this annual show indicates the interest this type of project has for people not only in Ontario but also in neighboring states.

We are pleased to welcome the Provincial Agricultural Museum to this district.

### Briefs

Grim note: The teen-age daredevil who drives too fast never stops to think that his obituary may be only one paragraph long, with no eulogy.

Perhaps nothing would be lost by ending all bomb tests, even underground. By this time everything must be pretty well known.

Were the war on poverty to be waged with the energy put into, say, World War II, it would be over and won in about five years.

The bicycle might come back if they could equip it with racks big enough to carry home four bags of groceries from the supermarket.

A \$3 per ton increase in the price of prime steel sheets doesn't frighten the housewife, who seldom has these items on her shopping list.

## Sugar and Spice

by Bill Smiley

This is a time of year when there should be 24 hours of daylight, when a man should be able to keep going 24 hours a day, and every man should be on a month's vacation.

Think of that fishing. Bass, muskies, pike and rainbow trout, just lying around there drooling, wishing somebody would toss them a lure. With the water so cold, their flesh makes chicken taste like desiccated rubber.

In the bogs the ducks chuckle and in the bush the partridge chortle. Whether it's a bitter morning crouched in a blind, or a stealthy stroll down a sun-filtered wooded road, everything beckons the hunter.

And there's the golf course. A crisp day, the turf like velvet, and all the tourists and women out of the way at last. Nothing to distract. Fat bottoms in Bermuda shorts are replaced by plump black squirrels intent on tilling the larder with acorns.

And everywhere, there's sky as blue as a virgin's veins, blue-black water welcoming, butter-golden sun and blazing bush to delight the eye and uplift the soul.

Every orange-blooded Canadian, from the most venerable of bird watchers to the Grade Four tyke who must make a leaf collection, yearns to be out in the most wonderful country in the world in the most wonderful time of the year, in the most wonderful life that any of us will ever have.

And what are we all doing? We're behaving like typical Canadians. We recognize the beauty, the allure of autumn but we do nothing about it.

If we're youngsters, we go to stupid school. If we're oldsters, we rake the ruddy leaves. Or we worry about the silly storm windows. Or we go to idiotic

meetings to exchange inanities. Or we trudge off to some ridiculous job in order to put food in our mouths and oil in the tank. Just because it's fall and all these asinine activities are back with us.

It's not only unintelligent. It's unfair, unapologetic, unscrupulous, unreligious and unbelievable.

For years I have longed for a holiday in the fall. And for years I have been denied it because of the incredibly insane social structure in this country, which decrees that you have holidays in the summer, or, if you can afford it, an equivalent hot-holiday in winter, down south.

Who wants holidays in the summer? With long evenings and weekends, we can fish, swim, boat to our hearts' content. And with the up-coming four-day work-week, there'll be even more time.

But we're stuck with an archaic system that seems to be tied to the school year. On Labor Day, we all go back to the plough, and spend the most glorious weeks of the year at mundane, monotonous chores.

Not for us the gold and blue of autumn days at our myriad lakes, the wild fire of smudges on the hills, the honk of wild geese flying, the wood fire's warmth on a cool evening.

Now, after Labor Day, we don sober garb and pious mien, crawl back into our huts and begin once again the pretence that life is real and earnest.

It's just as well they're not planning to make me Minister of Education. If they did, there'd be a month's holiday in June, school through July and August (until one p.m. every day) and six week's holiday beginning Labor Day.

Don't worry. It will never happen in this country. It's much too sensible.

### Fall color time



## CENTENNIAL REPORT

1867/1967

by John W. Fisher  
centennial commissioner



For a long time I have been making casual use of the term "birthday party" when talking about our Centennial of Confederation in 1967. Let me warn you: one must be careful!

I haven't heard from the Vikings of course but at least one member of every other race or cultural group which has had pre-Confederation roots in Canada has bent my ear on the subject of the true birth date of Canada. They include English, Scottish, Jewish, Irish, French and American Canadians. They were all here before 1867.

There was a Canada, the argument goes, before Confederation. The fact is, there was more than one.

When in Newfoundland one also contends that John Cabot discovered Canada. In Quebec the view that Jacques Cartier did, draws considerable support. Nova Scotians and New Brunswickers remind us that Champlain came here before he visited Quebec. Canadian Indians, of course, can discount the first two claims.

Most disputes I have heard are good-natured ones. I am happy to say. It is only to a few that I need explain that the

"birthday" celebrations, next year are to mark the 100th anniversary of the Confederation that made Canada a federal state. (The period in history when Canada actually was "born" perhaps can only be discussed with any valid logic by geologists and archaeologists—separately of course.)

When that step was taken in 1867 to make Canada a single federal state, one of the fathers of Confederation said, "we are striving to do peacefully what Holland and Belgium, Austria and Hungary, Denmark and Germany, Russia and Poland, could only accomplish by armed force. Have we not great cause of thankfulness that we have found a better way? Can the pages of history find a parallel?"

In this world there have been a few other federal states formed, without war, since our Confederation of 1867. Some of the modern examples, unfortunately have come apart again.

The birth of our Confederation was an event like no other in history. Confederation has continued successfully for 100 years and the "birthday" is worth celebrating, I'm sure.

## Free Press

## Back Issues

### 20 years ago

Taken from the Issue of The Acton Free Press, October 10, 1946

Acton Fair draws record crowd of 10,000 people and acclaimed 'Best Fair' in its 34 years.

Released of the wartime restrictions which had interfered with its usual fine program and back again in the arena with its double attractions, the fair officers and directors were determined to leave no stone unturned to again put Acton Fair into leadership.

Those in Grade VIII winning a prize at the Fair, were: Jean Wilds, Margaret Spitzer, Dick Wood, Freida Harris, Ronna Papillon, Joy Romph, Betty Allan, Jean Holmes, June Brown, Ronnie Cripps, Lillian Mitchell, Joan Waterhouse. Best dressed doll: Betty Lawson, Lila Ranney. Child's apron, Ina Harding. Pillow cases, Ina Harding.

Wednesday evening last week a public meeting was held in Rockwood Town Hall to discuss sports and recreation, and an organization known as the Rockwood Community Club was formed. Possibility of a skating and hockey rink was among the projects discussed.

Mr. Len Guild was elected president, with Jack Oakes as vice-president and Miss Thelma Ross as secretary and Mr. George Ballinger, treasurer.

A report from Ottawa says that "Canada may balance its budget for the first time since 1930."

### 50 years ago

Taken from the Issue of The Acton Free Press of Thursday, October 12, 1916

It is reported the 164th Battalion is to march from Camp Borden to their winter quarters in Hamilton some time this month. The 750 officers and men will stop each night at one of the towns enroute. Reeve Hynds attended the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I.O.D.E. to confer with the ladies. A committee was appointed and it was planned that each of the churches would provide a hot supper and lodging for the night.

Mr. Archibald M. McPherson, son of the late Archibald McPherson, Acton and Miss Jennie Moore Allan, daughter of Mr. John Allan, third line, Erin, were joined in the bonds of holy wedlock at Knox Church, Manse on Wednesday evening, 4th October. Rev. J. C. Wilson conducted the ceremony.

**BORN** — Garden — In Acton, on Sunday, September 24th, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson H. Garden, a daughter — Anna Clare.

**MARRIED** — ANDERSON-HUSBAND On Wednesday, October 4, 1916, at the home of the bride's parents, Acton, by Rev. J. C. Wilson, B.A., Bessie Blair, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Husband to Harold Ross Anderson, only son of the late Donald R. Anderson, Lindsay and Mrs. Anderson, Toronto.

**MACMURCHY - MATTHEWS** — At the home of the bride's mother, Toronto, on October 9, 1916, by Rev. George W. Barker of Guelph, Dr. John MacMurchy, of Kearney, son of Duncan MacMurchy, Erin, to Myrtle Blair, daughter of Mrs. Lewis G. Matthews.

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## Church Notices

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

Trinity XIX  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1966

9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.  
10:30 a.m.—Church School.  
10:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.

Tuesday, October 18—Feast of St. Luke  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist.

**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, OCTOBER 16, 1966

**CHURCH SCHOOL**  
Church School—Juniors (up to Gr. 4)  
at 10 a.m.

Seniors (Gr. 5 - Gr. 8) at 11:15 a.m.

**SERVICES OF WORSHIP**

10:00 a.m.—Trinity United. Nursery provided.

11:15 a.m.—Churchill (Churchill Rd. N.)

**ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Founded 1842

Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon  
Res. 144 Tidey Ave., Ph. 853-1615

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1966

9:45 a.m.—Church School, Adult Class.

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. "The Character of the Church".

7:00 p.m.—Evening Service. Baptist Men's Service. Speaker: Mr. Haliday Stainton, Toronto.

Tuesday — Association Annual Meeting, Hillsburg.

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.

**BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**

Acton, Ontario.  
Rev. Wiebe Van Dijk. Phone 853-1585

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1966

10:00 a.m.—English Service.

2:30 p.m.—Dutch Service.

3:45 p.m.—Sunday School.

**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, OCTOBER 16, 1966

9:45 a.m.—Church School for ages 3 to 15.

9:45 a.m.—Teenage Church Membership Class.

11:00 a.m.—Public/Worship. Sermon Theme: "It Runs In The Family." Sacrament of Christian Baptism.

7:30 p.m.—Youth Fellowship meeting. Everyone most welcome.

**EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNAACLE**

P.A.O.C. 33 Churchill Road

Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor, 853-2715

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1966

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Service.

7:00 p.m.—Mr. William Feltham of Acton will minister and testify how that after being an epileptic for 17 years was divinely healed of God.

Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study

Thursday, 8 p.m.—C.A. Service.

Friday, 6:45 p.m.—Crusaders.

**MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
(Georgetown)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 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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