

Consider loitering by-law . . .

We think that most citizens will agree with council there is a problem of loitering on the streets in the downtown area. We also feel certain there are some citizens who will agree with us that council's passing of an anti-loitering by-law will not cure the problem. The aspect that perhaps bothers us most in the proposed legislation is that while the by-law will be all encompassing, the obvious intention is that it will be selective in its application. It is our contention that any law passed applies to all equally without fear or favor.

Laws passed which are not enforced or enforceable soon are conveniently forgotten, but remain as law. The passing and retention of this type of law lowers

citizens' respect for all law and government.

It is quite possible and most probable that the present problems arising from loitering can be dealt with through enforcement of laws presently on the law books.

The passing of the loitering by-law could eliminate the visiting outside the post office, the after church conversation and the waiting outside stores while one member of the family does the shopping and even post-council meeting discussions.

We hope that the proposed by-law will be very seriously considered before its final passing or we will find that we have created many additional problems in the attempt to eliminate one.

Unicef deserves success . . .

How old must one be to share in the honors of the Nobel Peace Prize? Just old enough and tall enough, it would seem, to be able to reach for a doorbell and ring it on Halloween.

Provided, of course, it is under the auspices of the United Nations Children's Fund, which was granted the lofty award just a year ago for saving children's lives ever since its foundation, on December 11, 1946.

Half a million Canadian boys and girls, from coast to coast, are getting ready to celebrate UNICEF's twentieth anniversary by showing greater enthusiasm than ever before in collecting Halloween pennies, nickels and dimes. In months to come these will be transformed into vital supplies, equipment,

medicines and vaccines for more than 100 under-developed countries around the world.

The "Halloween for UNICEF" program has features to please people of all minds. In keeping with the traditional Halloween spirit of goodwill and generosity, each Actonian can help UNICEF to continue its vital work by participating in the "Halloween for UNICEF" program.

For the youngsters themselves, it is a fine opportunity to combine their traditional fun with a constructive, rewarding activity all their own . . . "the world's greatest effort by children to help children."

Again this year the project is sponsored by the Y's Men, co-operating with the schools.

A safety factor . . .

It is sometimes a little inconvenience to have to stop behind a school bus or when approaching a stopped school bus that is taking on or discharging passengers, but the inconvenience is worthwhile.

It was always with some fear that we used to pass a stopped school bus as we approached from the opposite direction. There was always the possibility of someone darting out. It never happened, but there was always that possibility.

Now vehicles must stop when a school bus has stopped to take on or discharge passengers. There is some concern the law is not generally known, but in our local driving we've not encountered any uncertainty. Vehicles both ways have been stopping.

It is possible the school bus drivers

Busy enough . . .

A recent study shows the average American will have 115 days of leisure in 1966. That statistic is not very shattering if you simply add up the Saturdays and Sundays, then add two weeks holidays.

You could hardly build a case for increased recreational pursuits on that 115 days, since it barely leaves room

for more than Christmas and New Year's to be added.

What is probably more surprising is that the time of the average is not greater since some also have three and four week vacation periods. Then there are many who observe statutory holidays far in excess of Christmas and New Years.

Small frame building built Grange Hall at Ballinafad

(Miss Bea Hillis writes more Ballinafad history.)

On a lot west of, and joining the old hill property in Ballinafad was a small frame hall called the Grange Hall. A Grange Hall is similar to a co-op. This lot was originally part of Mr. Nathaniel Roszell's farm.

I remember going once with my grandfather Joseph Hillis to this hall which was open once a week. One of the main things he wanted was salt. Cattle must have salt; it must have been hard to get 80 years ago. At that time there was a very good store on the north corner of the Fad.

Some time later this Hall closed and stood idle.

When put up for sale, Mr. Ira Roszell bought it. He had a basement dug on the west side of the lot and a stone wall built one story above ground and moved the frame building over and set it on top of this wall. His wife's maiden name was Maggie Walker.

This made two nice rooms on the first floor with a stairs leading to three bedrooms above. This made a very comfortable home about the year 1907.

Before this Mr. Roszell had been working in different places and living in other houses. Members of their family were George, Will, Jamie, Comfort and Wilda. Will has passed away.

The next to occupy this house was Mr. Arthur Hillis and his wife, formerly Liddy Marlatt, Fronie and Pearl. Eliza Ann and William John were married and away.

When Mrs. Hillis passed away; William John took his father to New Liskeard to live in his home.

Mr. Ira Roszell sold this property about 1911 to Mr. Joseph Swindlehurst; his wife was Phebe Ann Ismond. Their family was Bessie, Tillie, Millie and Alice. All are living except Tillie.

As Mr. Swindlehurst wished to keep a cow and some hens, he had a small barn built near the old hall, it is still there. He and all before him had to carry water from Mr. Peter Ferguson's well at the corner of the Fad. There was a cistern with a pump so all water did not have to be carried. He lived there till the death of his wife some years after the year 1925.

Some time after this Mr. and Mrs. Robinson owned the place but only lived there a few years.

Mr. Mervin Hilliard bought this place in the autumn of 1947 and lived there with his wife, formerly Winnie Reid, and two boys till 1952.

Mr. Thomas Mack bought from Mervin Hilliard in October, 1952. His wife's name was Mary Teeter, she passed away in 1958. Their family — Fred and sister Mrs. Tarzwell. He kept a horse and buggy for a few years, so used the barn.

Many years ago a summer kitchen was put up behind the house and a well drilled there, since Mr. Swindlehurst's time.

Mr. Mack still lives there, October, 1966.

I have known all these people very well except Mr. Robinson.

Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley

As a Canadian, what is your favorite holiday in the year? Think carefully, now. (No objection to Yanks playing the game).

Originally our holidays had religious overtones. Hence, the term holy days: Christmas, Good Friday, Thanksgiving.

Then we developed patriotic — or, if you prefer — political holidays. These include such stirring times as Dominion Day, now better known as The First of July; British Empire and Commonwealth and The Queen's Birthday; Armistice or Remembrance Day.

Finally, we have a few pure pagan holidays tossed in: Labor Day; Civic Holiday and New Year's Day.

Well, let's start at the bottom, and eliminate. Civic Holiday has no significance whatever. It's the day on which everyone gets out of town for the weekend, except the local merchants, who are supposed to get a civic holiday, but spend it working like mad at the service club carnival, raising money for some worthy cause. It isn't even a national holiday. Big-city stores ignore it.

Labor Day, as we all know, far from being a tribute to organized labor, is a day on which nobody does a tap of work, except for getting their kids ready for school, or closing up the cottage.

The next in insignificance is difficult to choose. We have Dominion Day, of course. Once it was a day of horse races, picnics, boat excursions, and speeches in the park which annoyingly, doesn't always fall on a Monday or Friday.

And we have the whatever-it-is Day in May. It used to be Queen Victoria's Birthday. In the morning trees were planted. For the rest of the day, and night, you burned your fingers on fire-crackers and your eyebrows on Roman Candles. I guess what we're supposed to do now is sit around and think of our Commonwealth brother in Zambia and Senegal, or the Queen, whose birthday is in another month or something? What we actually do is open the cottage, or go fishing.



JUNIOR PLOWMEN representing Halton County in the Inter-County Plowing competitions at the International Plowing Match at Seaforth last week were, left to right, coaches Bill Speck of Hornby and Cameron Marshall of Milton, with contestants Bryan Marshall and Larry Pickett of Georgetown. With 20 counties

competing for over \$900 in prize money provided by British American Oil, sponsor of the event, the team placed third and won \$100. The B.A. trophy and \$150 first prize were won by the Ontario county team — Ted Smith of Blackwater and Ron McGuckin of Mount Albert, coached by H. L. Fair of Uxbridge.



Harley to Halton

by harry harley m.p.

The House of Commons has opened again to continue and conclude its legislative work for this Session. The first matter dealt with was the Bank Act which was given second reading and referred to the Committee on Finance for detailed Study. This is in progress now and witnesses will be heard concerning the proposed changes in the banking laws of Canada.

Following this a relatively minor Bill was introduced concerning the provision of feed-growers for use in Eastern Canada and British Columbia. This was met with unexpected resistance not solely because of the contents itself, but because the Opposition did not want to proceed with the next piece of legislation, namely Medicare.

In addition to the above a whole day was spent regarding whether an examination could be made into alleged charges

of tampering with the report of a Navy Admiral by the Minister of National Defence.

It is expected that the next two pieces of legislation will be Medicare which will be implemented in July, 1968 and the Bill which will guarantee a minimum annual income for all those over 65 years of age. It is expected that both these pieces of legislation will take considerable time as they are expected to be debated for long periods and there will undoubtedly be attempts to modify and change some of the contents of the Bill.

Committee work has again become very heavy. The Committee on Birth Control will be reporting its findings very shortly and the committee on Drugs which is beginning its detailed examination of drug companies and their structure also has a heavy schedule.

Free Press

Back Issues

-20 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 17, 1946.

After a lapse of about seven years inter-school sports meets were held again throughout the county last week. Acton high school had the pleasure of holding the first one in the home town park, welcoming two outside competitors, Georgetown and Erin. Champions and runners up were Acton 188 points, Georgetown 120 points, Erin 43 points.

On Friday evening last the Acton Athletic Association entertained 1,250 members of the Acton Branch. The occasion was marked by the presentation of leather windbreakers to members of the team. The presentation was made at the Beardmore and Co. Cafeteria by Mr. W. J. Beatty, Mr. Fred Dawkins, president of A.A.A. helped with the presentations.

Then new hold-up alarm system which has been devised by the Bank of Montreal in conjunction with a protective agency has already been installed in our Acton Branch. William H. Clayton, Manager of the Acton branch has expressed his satisfaction at the peace of mind which the new protective arrangement affords.

One of the happier events of the new school term is field day which was held in the park last week.

The champions in the Junior Class were Jacqueline Chew and Playford Lehman; the Intermediate Class, Joan Coles and Melbourne Blow; and the Senior Class, Joan Somerville and Lorne Arbie.

Born:
Goy — at Guelph General Hospital on Saturday, October 12, 1946, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Goy, a son.
Thomson — Mr. and Mrs. H. Thomson, R.R. 2 Acton, wish to announce the birth of their son at the Guelph Street Nursing Home, Acton, on Sunday, October 13, 1946, Donald Kenneth.

50 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 19, 1916.

The people of Acton have spoken very decisively in favor of securing additional factories for the town. A proposal was put before the electors on Monday — that of voting on a by-law to provide means for securing the Reliance Shoe Company of Toronto, for Acton.

A meeting of the directors of the Fall Fair with President Havill presiding, listened to the treasurer George Hynds give his report. The total receipts were \$1,290.12, the expenditures \$1,288.02, balance \$2.10. There is still \$750 in the reserve fund.

Margarine is coming into use much more generally in Europe since the war made prices of butter prohibitive. Margarine is now made chiefly of oils pressed from nuts and seeds, the soy bean and cotton seed among them, together with a blend of pasteurized skim milk. It is for the protection of dairymen that the use of any artificial butter is forbidden in Canada.

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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 XX
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1966
9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10:30 a.m.—Church School.
10:30 a.m.—Matins

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 23, 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.)
Sermon Subject: "Who's minding the store?" The second sermon in a series about Anglican-United Church Institutions.
Through the week: The Trinity Coffee House Monday and Wednesday evenings 8 to 10 p.m.; Thursday after school 4 to 6 p.m.

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1966
12th ANNIVERSARY SERVICES
9:45 a.m.—Church School, Adult Class.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship "God's Exclusive"
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service "When the Storms Cry Out". Rev. Wade Jumper B.D., Th.M.
(For Anniversary Services see additional advertisement.)

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.

At the meeting of the Women's Institute at the town hall on Friday afternoon Mrs. (Dr.) McNiven gave a very interesting and inspiring address on "The time of the greatest happiness in Life." The course of life from childhood to old age was described in its various epochs, the striking features in each period being faithfully impressed.

100 years ago in the rural area

The long talked-of ploughing match between Esquesing and Nassagaweya has at last taken place. The match took place last Friday on the farm of Alexander Brown of Acton. The day and the ground were all that could be desired. About 400 of the yeomen of the townships were present, and manifested a warm interest in the proceedings of the day. Thirty-six champions intent on sustaining the honor of their respective townships, took part in the match. It was, we believe, the verdict of everyone competent to judge, that each and all did well, many excellent and that not a few were hard to beat. The judges were Wm. Benjamin of Guelph, J. Drinkwater of Chinguacousy, Hartley of Alloua, W. C. Beaty of Trafalgar and William Robertson of Erin. Prizes amounted to \$149.

The Brampton Monarch calls upon John White, M.P.P., to prove he isn't a Fenian. Wouldn't it be more logical if the stupid Monarch proves it first?

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 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 23, 1966
9:45 a.m.—Church School for ages 3 to 15.
9:45 a.m.—Teenage Church Membership Class.
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship, Annual Autumn Laymen's Service. Guest Speaker and Legion Choralists—leading praise.
7:30 p.m.—Youth Fellowship meeting.
Everyone most welcome.

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1966
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Service.
7:00 p.m.—Featuring the Singing Byskal Family from Toronto. Mr. E. Byskal guest speaker.
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 23, 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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