

Changing faces in places...

Health programs under the direction of Dr. Archie F. Bull, the Medical Officer of Health for Halton for the past 14 years, have advanced considerably...

We'll miss Dr. Bull in his role as county Medical Officer of Health, but would certainly wish him every success in his new position with the Ontario Department of Health.

While we're on the subject of county-personnel changes, we would be remiss if we didn't also note the advance of years has also brought on the retirement this year of Ford Rogers as county assessor and Roy Smith as county engineer.

The changes come, too, at a time when complete areas of government are under review and those who are following will have new challenges to face and new growth to contend with.

Statistics can produce the best proof of success in reducing communicable diseases and implementing control measures as they were made available. The Salk vaccine program that slashed incidence of polio throughout the county was organized through the Health Unit.

Dr. Bull has filled his position well as an administrator and as a personable and communicative individual. The growth and expansion of the Health Unit in line with a rapidly expanding county was ably carried out.

Let the Christmas dream grow...

Bethlehem — a name often heard at this season — conjures up for most of us quiet beauty under a deep star-studded sky. In reality, the ancient town is more like a fortress than the setting for an idyll.

The church above it is very old; it dates back to Constantine in 330 A.D. The present door, starkly simple and very low, was so built in the time of the Crusades to keep rampaging horsemen from riding in to massacre the worshippers.

porary American has pointed out, "the glory of the Christian faith lies in its ability to work when forces are hostile to it."

Time, and again, wise and privileged men, who have found in the Babe their purpose and their peace; and poor and oppressed men who have found in Him their hope, have changed history.

The Tolpuddle martyrs (Methodist lay-preachers) who died for the right of workers to organize, have left us a legacy of enlightened labor legislation. Martin Luther King and the murdered Civil Rights champions are teaching us, however slowly, that black or white, we are irrevocably bound together.

May the Christmas song put courage in us all. —Contributed.

The angel strains were not heralds of Utopia; they were a thrust of light into darkness, and He whose birth we celebrate, found the road from Bethlehem to Calvary both short and bitter.

Automobiles are going to cost more, but not enough more to improve the traffic situation.

Among the financial mysteries is how some accumulate all the money others have to borrow.



Harley to Halton

by Harry Harley M.P.

The House of Commons has spent one day on the Resolution proposing the guaranteed annual minimal income for our senior citizens. It is expected this will be debated next week.

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Each old age security beneficiary entitled to an income supplement will receive one monthly cheque combining the basic flat rate pension with the supplement. In the case of married recipients, each spouse will receive a cheque, as is the practice under old age security at the present time.

It is proposed that the payments for this income supplement will be financed from the old age security fund. The tax measures required in connection with these expenditures will be dealt with by the Minister of Finance in his Mini-Budget in the very near future.

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It is proposed that the guaranteed income supplement program take effect in January 1967. Early in the new year application forms will be sent to all recipients of old age security. Those who qualify will receive monthly supplements retroactive to the month of January.



Now that winter's here...

Christmas Beauty...

Home decorations seem to be more attractive than ever this year. Added to the lights and figures which go up each year are even more special decorations this Christmas season.

As usual, the Beardmore gates are worth a special trip to see. The subdivisions are solidly aglow with colored lights.

There is no Chamber of Commerce competition this year for best decorated house, but this certainly hasn't stopped anyone.

The decorated main streets, an annual Chamber-town project, tie the town's decorations together just like ribbon ties a parcel, and the town tree at the old post office twinkles right in the centre of it all.

Editorial Notes...

It is always pleasant to hear words of appreciation and since our last issue the many favorable comments on our new method of printing have certainly been appreciated.

It seems not to occur to indigent countries that Uncle Sam got rich through hard work.

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Sugar and Spice

by Bill Smiley

We've been talking about it for a long time. It would mean a major upheaval in the family. But it's two against one, and this is a democracy.

Today I applied for an exchange teaching job, for one year, in the United Kingdom. I must be out of my mind, but I did.

Daughter Kim is all for it. With the adventurous spirit of the young, and their complete lack of participation in all the work involved, she glows at the prospect.

After all, England is the land of the Beatles, the Rolling Stones and the highest mini-skirts.

England, as the song says, swings like a pendulum do. That's for Kimbo. She'd like nothing better than to spend a year abroad.

No, what she'd like to pick up in England is a Carnaby St. wardrobe and a Liverpool accent, so that she could knock the local kids dead when she comes home. The "mod" look of Carnaby is bad enough, but the dialect of the Liverpudlian is surely the ugliest in the world, outside the pure Hottentot.

What she doesn't picture, and I haven't the heart to tell her, is the truth. If the deal goes through, a year from now she'll be wading through the fog in Little Muddling, or climbing the cliffs on the Isle of Mull, complete with rubber boots, raincoat and sou-wester, approximately 3,000 social miles from the England and London's West End.

The next week, she's been talking to someone who has just spent a year there and was half frozen for 12

months. Or she says flatly, "If you think I'm going to leave my comfortable home, treasured piano students and all my friends, to go and live in some cold, clammy dump among a lot of strangers etc., etc."

Sometimes, she wavers, and asks me what England is really like. The trouble is, I haven't been there for over 20 years. About all I can do is describe some first-rate pubs, and tell her how easy it was to lose your girl in the fog or blackout, unless you clung to her. Somehow, these descriptive gems don't fan her ardor for the trip.

As I said, no one in his right mind wants to spend a year in the U.K. I know I'll come home either riddled with rheumatism or in a wooden box with a sheen of fog on it.

And it isn't sentiment. Admittedly, there are a few old pubs I'd like to re-visit. But they've probably changed into raucous road-houses that serve martinis instead of half-and-half, and the waitresses are insolent pups instead of blushing barmaids who called you "Luv" or "Ducks".

And there are a few old girl friends I'd like to re-visit. But a friend of mine did this last year, taking his wife along. Somehow, he said, there was a lack of rapport. And they were all so old. And even worse, they thought he was old.

And I sure as heck don't want to go and stand on some deserted, dilapidated airfield and think of the old days. Old runways are for the birds, who make much better landings on them than I ever did.

No, what sparks my desire to go away for a year is none of these. It is the thought of spending the whole of Centennial Year in Canada.

Now, I love this land. But the idea of an entire year of having Expo-rammed down my throat, of watching municipalities solemnly snip the ribbons at such sparkling centennial projects as the new public lavatories or the new parking lot, makes me want to throw up.

And what better place to do that than the U.K., where I must admit I have done it before on occasions, after an evening of warm pints of bitter.

20 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Acton Free Press of Thursday, December 3, 1946

Christmas holidays for schools will be 16 days this year.

Mr. Kenneth Henderson, son of Mr. D. M. Henderson, now of Galt has retired from the Bank of Canada to become vice-president and treasurer of Imperial Oil Co.

BORN—Landsborough—At Guelph General Hospital on Friday Nov. 29, to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Landsborough a daughter.

DIED—Black—At his home, 19 Marlband St. Mon. Dec. 12, 1946, George A. Black, husband of the late Alma McCannel and beloved father of Mrs. (Dr.) W. R. Reed (Gladys), Ernest G and Howard M. Black, in his 90th year.

50 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, December 21, 1916

In response to the application of the directors of Acton Fall Fair for a share of the Provincial Fall Fair wet weather insurance Secretary Hynds has received a cheque from the Provincial Treasurer for \$91.25.

After serving two years in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces in defence of King and Country Sgt. W. J. Gould arrived home inviolated last Saturday afternoon.

Many municipalities that have held elections this year have again faced the problem of a small turnout of voters. It seems interest in municipal affairs is something many of us feel isn't necessary. One of the ideas expressed in the Plunkett Report is that larger forms of government of the regional nature, with greater responsibilities, will stimulate interest at the voting level.

The bazaar held in the Parish Hall last week and conducted by the ladies of St. Alban's Church was most successful. The bazaar was largely attended. By the close of the second evening, practically everything was sold.

75 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, December 10, 1891.

Drill shed site sale at the Town Hall Saturday afternoon.

St. Joseph's Fancy Fair opens this afternoon at two o'clock. The program will be continued every day except Sunday until next Tuesday evening, and with the attractive display of fancy and useful articles offered for sale. There will be numerous contests for securing valuable prizes, the music by bands, the concerts by visiting artists and the talking of the Phonograph and the Onigo, the tempting refreshments. Mrs. John McGrail is president of the fair.

Complaints about the street lamps come from nearly every part of town. The majority are worn out and unfit for longer service. They should be renewed with electric light.

Handsome parlor group set, bedroom set, grinding stone, wheelbarrow, scythe, secretary, stove pipes and other articles for sale. — Mrs. S. A. Secord.

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MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH (Georgetown). SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1966. 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Service. 7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.

EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE P.A.O.C. 33 Churchill Road. Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor, 853-2715. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1966. 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Service.

BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH Acton, Ontario. Rev. Wiebe Van Dijk. Phone 853-1585. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1966. 10:00 a.m.—English Service. 2:30 p.m.—Dutch Service. 3:45 p.m.—Sunday School.

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, DECEMBER 18, 1966. CHURCH SCHOOL. Church School—Juniors (up to Gr. 4) at 10 a.m.

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN Corner Willow St. and St. Alban's Drive. Rev. Ritchie McMurray, M.A., S.T.B. Friday, Dec. 16, Ember Day; 10 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH Founded 1842. Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon. Res. 144 Tidey Ave., Ph. 853-1615. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1966. 9:45 a.m.—Church School & Adult Class. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. "The Directed LMC".

Dec. 24, 7 p.m.—Bible School and Sunday School Christmas Program.