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 from the time in 1952 when he took over the position. Announcement of his resignation recently creates a vacancy in the county organization that will be difficult to fill.

Statistics can produce the best proof of success in reducing communicable diseases and implementing control measures as they were made available. The Salk veccine 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.

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. Both have been part of the county organization for many years and their service has spanned years of advancing rates of development.

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. As we wish those who have served, pleasant years in their retirement, we wish their successors well in the days shead.



Bethlehem — a name often heard at this season — conjures up for most of us quiet beauty under a deep starstudded sky. In reality, the ancient town is more like a fortress than the setting for an idyll. High on a plateau, windswept and austere, stands the Church of Nativity in whose cave-grotto, tradition says Christ was born.

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. It is a grim reminder that Saracen and Christian let blood here.

Though these realities of geography and history shatter the tranquil image of the Christmas town, they have a sustaining quality in these days of violence and subconscious, if not overt, fear of the future. It is heartening to remember that the thrilling song, "Peace on earth to men of good-will", rang out first in an occupied country at the tension-filled time of a hated census tak-

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. Yet the voices sang truly. We are not wholly at the mercy of our circumstances. As Dwight Stevenson, a contem-

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. A Woodrow Wilson and a Hammarsk-jold have set our feet, however falteringly, on the road to world government.

In 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. Arthur O'Shaughnessy reminds us: "One man with a dream, at pleasure Shall go forth and conquer a crown And three, with a new song's measure, Can trample an empire down."

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

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. I would like to review this as it is most important. The Bill will guarantee old age pensioners an income of \$1260 a year or \$105 a month each, whether they are married or single. Therefore married pensioners will have a guaranteed income of \$210 a month or \$2520 a year. It is anticipated that 200,000 senior citizens will benefit from this program, and it will cost Canadian taxpavers between 260 and 260 million dollars in 1967.

The program is based on the individual's income and would ask for information that is given on the income tax return. Apart from the information given on the income tax return there will be no checking into a senior citizens financial affairs. This program will gradually disappear as the Canada Pension Plan comes into effect and it is designed to help those who cannot or are not covered under the Canada Pension Plan.

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Under this program, recipients of old age security who have no other income, of the type considered to be income under the income tax act, will receive the full amount. For those who have other income there is a provision for partial payments. This is available to single pensioners who have an annual income, including the flat rate pension, of less than \$1620, and to married pensioners who have a combined income of less than \$2240 annually.

Thus, the income supplement redistributes income in favor of single persons and married couples with income of below \$1620 and \$3240 respectively, rather than over the whole range of incomes as is the case under the existing old age security pension. Under the proposed legislation the income of each spouse is taken to be onehalf of the combined income of the couple in determining the amount of each spouse's supplement. Thus, each spouse receives the same amount of supplement.

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. For persons receiving the flat rate old age security pension, the guaranteed income supplement and the Canada Pension Plan, one cheque for the combined amount will be sent each month.

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.

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. Supplementary payments will be combined with the old age security cheque and we expect that the first cheques including the retroactive supplementary income payments will be sent out with the March old age security cheques. We would hope to have all these retroactive payments connected with the introduction of the program cleared up with the April cheque mail-



Now that winter's here.

anyone.

the centre of it all.

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. Floodlit arrangements are striking.

As usual, the Beardmore gates are

worth a special trip to see.

The subdivisions are solidly aglow

with colored lights. the State of the State

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. As the process becomes more familiar with our staff, further improvements will be noticeable.

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

There is no Chamber of Commerce

The decorated main streets, an an-

competition this year for best decorated

house, but this certainly hasn't stopped

nual 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

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

Sugar and Spice

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. Unless, ofccurse, your wife happens to constitute

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

the minority.

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 pros-

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. Not acquiring a broad education. Never! She looks upon education as small boys do upon washing; the squarest and most useless thing foisted on the young by stupid, loving parents.

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 souwester, approximately 3,000 social miles from the England and London's West End.

My wife blows hot and cold. One week, when things are particularly obnoxious around here, she's fairly keen. She sees a snug cottage, with vines and a cosy fireplace, shining brass, and an English garden out back. She envisages a jaunt into London every weekend for piano lessons, concerts, lunch and the theatre.

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 tirst-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 revisit. 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 buxem 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 beck don't want to go and stand on some deserted, dilapidated airdrome 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 Exporammed 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 bitters.

Free Press

Back Issues

20 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Acton Free Press of Thursday, December 5, 1946 Christmas holidays for schools will

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. James Coyne executive assistant to the Governor of the Bank, becomes also-securities advisor succeeding Mr. Henderson. Ken Henderson is a native of Acton and spent his boyhood days here.

At the Nassagaweya W.I. Mrs. Mahon, presented Mrs. Arthur Davenport, (a war bride) with a woolen blanket. and a luncheon set.

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 Maitland St. Mon. Dec. 12, 1946, George A. Black, husband of the late Alma Mc-Connel 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 Pall 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 Srgt. W. J. Gould arrived home invalided last Saturday afternoon, Gunner Gould as he was known in the South African War, arrived in Quebec on the 9th inst. He was detained at the barracks at Quebec for several days in order to go before the medical board.

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. We wonder if this is a valid concept? It seems that voting in the newly-constltuted boroughs around Toronto wasn't so overwhelming. Perhaps before local government is enlarged on an unsound assumption, it should be challenged,

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 evenling, 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.

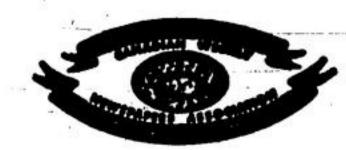
St. Joseph's Fancy Fair opens this afternoon at two o'clock. The program will be continued every day except Suncay until next Tuesday evening, and and with the attractive display of fancy and useful articles offered for sale. There will be numerous contests for securing valuable prizes, the music by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

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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Minister
Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A.
Organist and Choir Master

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1966

9.45 a.m.—Church School for ages 3 to 15. 9.45 a.m.—Teenage Church Membership

Class.
11.00 a.m.—Advent Worship. Sermon

Theme: "The Bethlehem Innkeeper".

Everyone Most Welcome.

MAPLE. AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH (Georgetown)

9.45 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Service.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Service.

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Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Prayer meeting.

Acton 853-1956 Georgetown 677-6665

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10.00 a.m.—Sunday_School for all ages.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship Service.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Service.
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study.
Thursday, 8 p.m.—C.A. Service.
Friday, 6.45 p.m.—Crusaders.

Friday, December 16, 7.30 p.m.—Sunday School Christmas Program.

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10.00 a.m.—English Service.

2.30 p.m.—Dutch Service.

3.45 p.m.—Sunday School.

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

Seniors (Gr. 5 - Gr. 8) at 11.15 a.m.
DIVINE SERVICES

10.00 a.m. — Trinity Church (Nursery service provided.)

service provided.)
11.15 a.m.—Churchill (Churchill Rd. N.)
Sermon Title: "It's all Greek to
Me".

7.00 p.m.—C.G.I.T. Candlelighting Service.

All Welcome

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.

Advent IV DAY, DECEMBER 18, 1966

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1966 9.00 a.m.—Holy Eucnarist.

10.30 a.m.—Church School. 10.30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.

1.30 p.m.—Children's practice for Christmas concert.
7.30 p.m.—Annual Carol and Candle Lighting Service..

Wednesday, Dec. 21 — The Feast of St. Thomas — 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 Life".
7.00 p.m.—Evening Service. "A Christmas Cantata" by our choir.

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Wednesday—Prayer and Bible Study 7.30

Thursday — Choir Practice, 7.30.

Thursday — Explorers at 6.30.

Friday — B.H.F., 7.00 p.m.; carols.

Text: "Neither is these salvation in any other, for there is no other name (but Jesus) whereby we must be saved."

Acts 4:12