

## Youth at the top ...

For Canada's Centennial year Halton County Councillors named one of the youngest wardens ever to occupy the senior position. This is a direct contradiction of the frequent references that only those who are senior enough to have retired are able to take positions of leadership in this form of government.

At 35 Bill Coulter has already accumulated seven years of municipal and council experience that fitted him to tackle the position of Warden. The unanimous election indicated, too, the respect he has earned in some of the

county's toughest committee positions.

We like to see youthful participants in municipal politics. It can be a real testing ground but the vigor and optimism that youth can bring to government is certainly needed. Too often such work and responsibility is left to older individuals while youthful potential candidates shrug off the contribution they can and should be making.

We wish Warden Coulter every success in his senior post in Canada's Centennial year, and in a year in which many far-reaching decisions must be made by the local administration.

## Guidelines for a meeting ...

A new year has now advanced through the barrage of inaugural meetings that adorn a municipal calendar, and it may fairly be assumed that local government business is back on the rails again.

When you study the municipal calendar you might be surprised at the number of boards and commissions that are actually involved in the conduct of local government. Each group meets on a regular basis for specific business and to formulate policies affecting a particular specialty.

Every year we cover umpteen meetings as a reporter-observer and each year we grow more concerned about the amount of time—valuable time, that is uselessly squandered.

Decision-making doesn't always come easily. Issues are not always clearly defined in black and white terms. Those grey areas have a tendency to fog even the most penetrating minds.

If anyone asked (and no one has) for our guidelines (they're popular things now too) on presiding and participating in meetings we'd offer the following:

Start the meeting on time. If there isn't a quorum you're beat but make sure the late comers don't get off too lightly. One of the worst offenders in this is the County Council which consistently started 15 to 30 minutes late last year.

Avoid conversational tangents. The subject at hand may remind you of another instance, not exactly the same, but interesting. Spare the meeting your experience. Maybe it will fit again at a later meeting.

Think before you speak. Not many are capable of translating thoughts into clearly understood phrases without some prior thought. Don't rush in with poorly constructed ideas. Nothing kills good ideas faster than muddled communication.

Say what you think. It won't win you any popularity contest and it may cost you the next election or appointment, but your thoughts are the reason for your appointment. Parroting someone else's doesn't hold much of a future in terms of personal satisfaction.

Do your homework. If you are to add anything to your group you'll have to give it between-meetings thought time. Read the minutes of the last meeting when you get a copy, check for unsettled issues, plan areas for reform or improvement. If you are a crisis-to-crisis member of a board or commission you are not contributing to the elimination of problems before they develop.

Avoid selfish personal vendettas. Nothing looks worse than seizing an opportunity to overemphasize your own problems while sitting back when the problems of others are considered. You are there to serve all the people, not just yourself.

Speak of a policy rather than an individual. It is not necessary to abuse another member or another individual in opposing a plan. Nothing is gained and much is lost if discussion deteriorates to personalities rather than policies.

Above all, remember your responsibility to those who named or elected you. It would be impossible to achieve if every citizen was required to express an opinion on every topic. Realizing this, they have entrusted you with a power and thus a responsibility. Don't forget it.

If you make a mistake, admit it. No one is perfect but you'll gain a lot more understanding by admitting an error than trying to pass the buck or refusing to acknowledge it.

There are probably a dozen other points worth mentioning but if you've already thought of them your thoughts are in the right direction. Let's keep local government business on the rails by evidencing an ability to pilot it on the main line.



NEWLY INVESTED CUBS admire the Canadian flag at the Scout Hall Tuesday evening. Left to right are Ronnie Grant, Edwin Cripps, Glenn Lee and

Gerard VanOpstal. District Commissioner Norman Hubert from Georgetown was present for the investiture ceremony.



## Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley

Wouldn't it be fun if we could conjure up from their neglected graves Sir John A. and the other Fathers of Confederation, and take them on a tour of the nation they tied together 100 years ago with string and sealings-wax?

Would they think they had builded well? Would they swell with pride over the nation that has emerged? Would they look with awe on what has been accomplished? Or would they cry, as with one voice, "Lemme outa here! What have you done to our glorious Dominion?"

The physical changes in those 100 tiny decades, a flea-bite in the human span, would surely impress them. The cast towers of steel and concrete in our cities; the ribbons of road and rail that span the continent; the St. Lawrence Seaway.

And surely they would be thrilled by the vast technological leap made since they stood together for that stiff portrait in Charlottetown. They would be dazzled by the simple facts of electric light and power, flight by jet-liner, radio, television, the telephone, the automobile, oil-heating, air-conditioning, and a thousand other things we take for granted.

But how would they feel about the country they created after the fancy wrapping came off the toys? After they had seen the Toronto City Hall and had flown across the country in a few hours, and plunged into the bowels of a modern mine, and gone up in a chair-lift at Jasper, and faced annihilation in a Montreal cab, and groped for their drink in a gloomy cocktail lounge?

Behind the glittering playthings, would they really find much change in the country? Not at this time of year, anyway. It would still be a shambling geographical monster, buried in white, tail turned to the north wind. Only a sprinkling of lights, a few curls of smoke, and a few ants crawling about would suggest it was not straight out of the ice ages.

And if Sir John A. and his fellows lifted that familiar blanket of white and peered under it, would they be surprised and delighted by what they saw? Would they perceive a mature, virile, independent

people proudly proving that the 20th century belongs to Canada?

One look would reveal a material prosperity and comfort beyond their dreams. But it would show that a lot of other things they were familiar with had not changed or improved in 100 years. Fear of the U.S., corruption in high places, French and English Canadians wrangling, dirty fighting at Ottawa, the taxpayers being bribed with their own money, the rich getting richer and the poor getting children; a familiar world to The Fathers.

But the sorrow might change to horror when they looked beyond the familiar things and saw that the healthy-looking body was riddled with disease. The pollution of air and water would make them furious. The soaring rate of divorce, drug addiction, homosexuality, alcoholism would appall them. The number of dead on the highways each year would sicken them. The power of huge monopolies would frighten them. And the apathy of the average, well-fed Canadian would disgust them.

No, we'd have to divert their attention quickly, and turn it to other things that would dazzle them. Perhaps they'd be impressed by some of our great cultural traditions, developed since their time. Like the Grey Cup Game, when the punks and the drunks take over. Or Hockey Night in Canada, one of our great national customs, when this entire, sprawling nation is linked together into a warm, friendly group of idiots, rising as one man to fetch another beer when the commercial comes on.

Maybe they'd enjoy a tour of one of our new atomic energy plants? But I wonder what they'd think of the pictures of Hiroshima?

We could tell them what we did in the two great wars. But one look at the tax bill for defense would give them apoplexy.

And so it would go. Personally, I think that after the initial novelty wore off, Sir John A. and The Fathers, more in sorrow than in anger, would return to where they came from, without ever taking a look back.

## Special stamp commemorates Queen's '67 visit to Canada

Postmaster General Jean-Pierre Cote today announced the Canada Post Office will release a special stamp to commemorate a Centennial Year Royal Visit to Canada by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, and other members of the Royal Family.

Mr. Cote also indicated it has been decided to revise the issue date for the forthcoming Expo 67 stamp. Originally scheduled for April 26, 1967, the date has been changed to April 28, to coincide with the opening to the World Fair in Montreal.

The Royal Visit stamp, of the five-cent denomination and scheduled for June 30, 1967, will increase to eight the number of commemorative designs to be produced during Centennial Year. The revised program for 1967 consists of:

Centennial stamp, January 11; Expo 67, April 28; 50th anniversary of women's franchise, May 24; Royal visit, June 30; Pan-American Games, July 18; 50th anniversary of Canadian Press, August 31; centennial of Toronto as capital of the Province of Ontario, September 20; Christmas stamps (5c and 3c), October 11.

The current announcements do not affect the Special Centennial Year Souvenir Box being made available as part of the Post Office Centennial Year celebration.

A complete set of the newly designed regular issues ranging from 1c to \$1.00 are to be embedded in the box lid. Face value of the stamps will be the only cost to the purchaser. February 8 is scheduled as the date of release for the 12 new regular issue designs.

## 20 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, January 14, 1947.

Micro Plastics Limited, Acton's youngest industry, has added another unit to the factory. The new extruding machine is being set up alongside the first machine put in the plant.

The inaugural meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission for 1947 was held on Monday evening. Commissioners C. M. Hansen and J. R. MacArthur and Reeve F. J. McCutcheon were present. The usual declaration of office was subscribed to.

The brick work on Mr. Mac Symon's new residence on West Bower Avenue is well underway.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Women's Association of the United Church was held at the home of Mrs. Earl Lambert with the president, Mrs. L. Agar presiding. The devotional period was taken by Mrs. R. L. Johnston. The group system will again be organized. Mrs. Lambert, assisted by Mrs. Thetford and Mrs. Harris, served lunch.

Friends will be pleased to learn that Mr. Les Hotchen has improved in health and was able to return from Toronto hospital last week.

The January meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. was held at the home of Mrs. James Symon with the regent, Mrs. Matthews presiding. During the program, Mrs. Wolfe read the article from the Christmas issue of Echoes written by Dr. Charlotte Whitton. Mrs. Barr occupied the chair in charge of nominations for the officers for 1947-48. The nomination committee was chosen as follows: Mrs. Malinprize, Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Whitham.

## 50 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, January 11, 1917.

The colors for the 164th Halton and Dufferin Battalion C.E.F., which have been subscribed for by the ladies of the two counties, are completed, and the ceremony of consecration and presentation will take place at Hamilton on Friday, the 19th inst. at 2.30 o'clock, the presentation being made by ladies selected to represent the two counties.

The first meeting of Acton Women's Institute for the year was held last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George Havill, president.

The members-elect of the municipal council met on Monday morning at 11 o'clock for organization. All were present and took their declaration of office as follows: Reeve, George Hynds; councillors, C. E. Bailey, W. R. Kenney, W. H. Smith and D. A. Henderson.

Halton County Council 1917 (five new members out of 13 elected): Burlington, Reeve G. H. Nicholson; Acton, Reeve George Hynds; Georgetown, Reeve H. H. Heartwell; Milton, Reeve J. F. Little.

## Free Press / Church Notices

**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, JANUARY 22, 1967  
10.00 a.m.—Junior School (to Gr. 4).  
11.15 a.m.—Senior School (Gr. 5 to Gr. 8).

**SERVICES**  
10.00 a.m.—Trinity Church Acton. (Nursery provided.)  
11.15 a.m.—Churchill Church (Churchill Rd. N.).  
Sermon Subject: "When Virtue is a Sin".  
8.00 p.m.—Adult Class. "How the Church Grew Up."  
All Welcome

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 1967  
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School. Special feature by Rev. W. H. Moody, P.A.O.C. Sunday School director for Western Ontario.  
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.  
Rev. W. H. Moody speaker at both services.  
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study.  
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.  
Friday, 6.45 p.m.—Crusaders.

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 1967  
Septuagesima  
9.00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.  
10.30 a.m.—Church School.  
10.30 a.m.—Matins. Guest Speaker: The Rev. Edward B. G. Heaven, Assistant to the Dean of Graduate Studies, McMaster University, Hamilton.

The week of Jan. 18-25 is annually devoted to Prayer for Christian Unity. The congregation of St. Alban's are asked to observe the intentions of each day printed in the church bulletin.

Oakville, Reeve A. S. Forster, Deputy Reeve Stanley Dymek, Trafalgar, Reeve C. H. Turner, Deputy Reeve W. H. Mordey, Nassagaweya, Reeve Alex Joe, Deputy Reeve Joseph Standish.

## 75 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, January 14, 1892.

Dr. Webster, Reeve of Esquesing, well known for many years as a lover of good horses, has settled down to the actualities of domestic life and has taken in a partner to share his joys and sorrows. On Wednesday evening 6th inst. he was united in marriage to Miss Bella Gollop of Norval in the Church of England. After the ceremony, a short reception was held at the parental home.

Messrs. W. H. Storey and Son are putting a new corrugated iron ceiling in the basement of the factory.

One of the busiest men in town during the cold snap was Mr. H. Grindell, whose ability in steam-fitting had ample opportunity of being proven. Steam pipes required his attention in several quarters and he worked all night at Mr. Storey's boiler when it went wrong last week.

Messrs. James Brown, James Cobban, George Hynds, A. Ford and Robert Brown were the delegates from Acton and vicinity to the Conservative Convention at Milton on Tuesday.

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 1967  
9.45 a.m.—Church School and Adult Class.  
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship. "God's Man, God's Work."  
7.00 p.m.—Evening Service. "Stocking Stuffers."  
Tuesday, Jan. 24—Annual Meeting. Supper 6.30, meeting 7.30. All Welcome.  
Wednesday—Prayer and Bible Study 7.30  
Thursday—Explorers at 6.30  
Thursday—Choir Practice, 7.30  
Friday—B.H.F., at 7.00 p.m.  
Text: "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name (but Jesus) whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12

**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, JANUARY 22, 1967  
9.45 a.m.—Church School for ages 3 to 15.  
9.45 a.m.—Church Membership Class for Teenagers.  
11.00 a.m.—Divine Worship. Sermon Theme: "God in The Narrow Places."  
7.30 p.m.—Youth Fellowship meeting.  
Saturday, Jan. 28, all day—Young People's Winter Conference in Knox Church, Milton.  
Everyone Most Welcome.

**BETH-EL**  
**CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
Acton, Ontario

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 1967  
10.00 a.m.—English Service.  
2.30 p.m.—Dutch Service.  
3.45 p.m.—Sunday School.

**MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
(Georgetown)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 1967  
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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