

## Procrastinators abound...

The annual province-wide display of procrastination appears on the horizon with the announcement that the sale of automotive licenses is lagging far behind last year's.

Owners are purchasing the plates at an even slower pace than they did a year ago according to the Department of Transport, and that means longer than ever line-ups as the February 28 deadline draws closer.

Not only are the sales down but the number of vehicles to be registered is up by 100,000. Up to January 7 only about 14.4 per cent of the plates had been issued, compared with 15.5 per cent at the same time a year ago.

Probably the line-ups will be starting soon, but the Department seems adamant that there just won't be an extension.

## Free Press Editorial Page

### Litterbugs unite!

Perhaps it sounds dull and commonplace to suggest that one of our Centennial projects be that of outdoor housekeeping, but consider for a moment:

To say that Canada is a beautiful country; that its urban and rural communities, its highways and its byways, its vacation places and its waters have all been blessed by a bountiful nature — to say these things is not to indulge in clichés. It is to acknowledge the truth. Yet, how many of us, through ignorance or indifference, mar the beauty of these riches by the careless way we dispose of our litter?

A campaign to end litter-bugging in Canada could be one of the best of all Centennial Year projects, and it is one in which every man, woman and child could play a full part. It would be a way, too, for parents to impress upon their children that concern for the cleanliness of their environment is one of the basic responsibilities of good citizenship.

Canada is a beautiful land. In 1967 let us each help to make it even more beautiful.

Litterbugs unite against our own thoughtlessness!

### New for Centennial...

Two new features, closely allied to centennial year, begin in the Free Press this week.

Added to our regular 20, 50 and 75 years ago columns will be a 100 years ago column. The Free Press wasn't in existence 100 years ago, but our Milton newspaper has files which provide a wealth of interesting facts about the whole district in those days. (Acton was so insignificant we didn't even have a seat on county council.)

The second innovation is an old photograph on the editorial page — the first of a new series. If you have an interesting old photograph, we would like to borrow it, rephotograph and use it in the new series. It will be returned intact.

We hope you enjoy the two new centennial-year features.



## Harley to Halton

by Harry Harley M.P.

The House of Commons has again begun work on the 1st Session of the 27th Parliament. It is my opinion that the present session will probably last until Easter, which is late in March this year. There may be a short recess and the new 2nd Session will begin almost immediately and carry on until June or July.

The end of this present session will probably deal with the following:

(1) Bill C-231, an Act to Define and Implement a National Transportation Policy for Canada. This deals primarily with the Railway Act and the past week in the House of Commons has been taken up with this matter. The Prairie members of Parliament have been most concerned with rail line abandonments and the rates over the Crosses Nest Pass. With this debate dealing with these matters of so much concern to the Prairies, I expect this Bill will not pass much before the end of the month.

(2) Bill C-243, an Act to Amend the National Defence and Other Acts will deal with the unification of the Armed Forces. This is the most controversial subject on the Order Paper and it is expected that the debate will be "hot and heavy". Much has been written on this subject (including in this column)

and it will be again discussed after the Bill is presented. From the conversations I have had in Halton, the majority favor the unification of the Forces.

(3) The Mini Budget will also be debated for not more than six days, which will deal with only the increase in income tax to pay for the supplementary allowance payable to our senior citizens who qualify for it.

(4) Bill C-261 to establish the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation, which will insure bank and federally incorporated trust company savings, up to a certain maximum. This will insure these savings for Canadian depositors.

(5) It is possible that motions to set up two committees will be made — these will be the Committee on the words for a national anthem "O Canada" and the Committee to recommend changes in the procedures in the House of Commons to promote the more efficient and economical dispatch of the business of the nation.

In addition to this, various small pieces of legislation will probably be dealt with in this session. And as usual of course, emergency legislation may be dealt with if it becomes necessary to do so.



## Centennial Picture Gallery



FOR CENTENNIAL YEAR, the Free Press will run a series of old photographs taken in Acton and district. Some, like the one above, will have come our way by chance. It is only identified by "Fairy Lake 1902". We would be glad

to hear from anyone who can identify the bathing beauties. Have you an old, turn-of-the-century picture to share? Please drop it in; we will rephotograph it for our collection and return it intact.



JOLLY OLD MR. SNOWMAN is enjoying these wintry days just as much as the rest of us. His hat is not so new, his nose feels like a pine cone, his mouth

acts like an airplane propeller and his neckerchief isn't very warm one, but he's having fun just the same.

—Photo by W. Merle Gumbay



## Sugar and Spice

by Bill Smiley

I'd like to tidy up a lot of loose ends this week, if you don't mind. First of all, thanks for the warm and personal notes about the column, and the good wishes to the Smileys. They came from all over the continent.

Many of you will be getting your Christmas cards at Easter or possibly in July. My wife lost her list of addresses.

We had a refreshingly different New Year's Eve this year. Went to a skating party on the bay. We even took skates. But, fortunately, we had to make a couple of calls before we got there, and when we did, the skaters were pooped. I expressed great indignation before allowing someone to set me down before the fireplace with a small potion of herb tea.

But it was a great party. Just as we arrived, a pretty young woman hustled in from outside, clutching her pants and various other things. She'd been out on a Ski-doo on the ice, and they'd gone through. She was quite annoyed. Last time I'd seen her, she was eight months pregnant. This time she was almost in shock. She said she'd like to meet me under normal circumstances.

Another feature of the party appealed to me. Instead of the usual maudlin rendition of Auld Lang Syne, followed by a round of sloppy kisses, we all stood at attention and sang a maudlin version of O Canada.

Speaking of centennial year, some readers may have noticed a rather sardonic attitude toward this great national occasion, in my last couple of columns. Please excuse it. I don't really feel that way. It's a sort of backlash. For years I've been trying to tell people how great Canada is and could be.

Kim had her first teenage party over the holidays. She invited 18 and 27 showed up. That's the way they operate nowadays. She was adamant about her parents staying out of the way. We did, with hidden horror.

But when it came time for the food, she came to us, hissing furiously, "Aren't you even going to cook the hamburgers?" And we spent the next two hours feeling much like a couple of short-order cooks brought in for the evening to do the catering.

The music was turned up so loud I was sure the cops would raid us. Kids kept wandering into the kitchen and demanding flatly: "Got any cold pop?" But it was finally over. We checked the living room. Not a burn on the piano. Only one hamburger, with all the trimmings, upset on the rug. So we're going to let her have another party. Twenty-two years from now, for her daughter.

Son Hugh brought us a special Christmas present this year. The announcement that he was quitting school. Oh, well, you can't win them all. But it doesn't make the goose go down any better, even though you assure him that he's cooked his own and has to lie in it, or whatever the saying is.

Nephew Paul of Laval U. appeared out of nowhere, as college boys do. Father wants him to be a doctor. He wants to be a beachcomber. And he's lost his boots and his feet were soaking. That kid has lost his shoes or boots, over 18 years, in South America, the West Indies, Holland and Cape Breton Island. But he never loses his good spirits, bless him.

Gordon Sinclair, columnist and TV personality, and I have little in common. He's rich. I'm not. He's shrewd and crude, pugnacious and pontifical, astute and asinine. I was about to say I'm not, but on second thought won't. But we are as one on the need for a holiday in February. Did you see him tackle the Prime Minister on that recently? I've been shouting this theme for years.

It's the greatest centennial gift Mr. Pearson could give this nation. By mid-February, everyone in this country is so frayed and flogged that it's amazing there aren't suicides and axe-murders galore. I don't care what they call it. But let's have the nearest Monday to Valentine's Day as a national holiday.

### Briefs

The Viet Cong, it is said, are coming to believe their own propaganda, a mistake cynical Westerners never make.

What the individual wants is an economical guidepost showing him the way to Easy Street.

They'll have trouble distinguishing between those going somewhere to start riots and those just going to demand their rights.

A small question is how "friendly" a friendly village remains after it has been plastered by "friendly" bombs.

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## Back Issues

### 20 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Acton Free Press, Thursday, January 23rd, 1947.

The Wartime Housing project was informally discussed by Council and clauses of agreement were examined. The clerk was instructed to make inquiry regarding land available for these houses.

Reeve and Mrs. Arthur Swackhamer, Erin, were guests at a family gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dirk Van Goozen, John and Mary, Acton, on the occasion of their fortieth wedding anniversary. All the members of their family were present for this event.

Friday night last the Acton Model Aeroplane Club held its regular weekly meeting in the Town Hall. The election of officers was held and the following members chosen to pilot the club through 1947: president, Wes Fountain; vice-president, Harold Smith; secretary, Les Doby; treasurer, Fred Turner.

The inaugural meeting of Esqueping Township Council was held at 11 o'clock on Monday. After subscribing to the oath of office, the members took their seats. G. E. Cleave, Reeve; George Currie, Deputy Reeve; George Leslie, H. Craig Reid and Wilfred Bird, Councillors.

### 50 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Acton Free Press, Thursday, January 18, 1917.

The regular meeting of the Acton High School Literary Society was held last Friday for the purpose of electing new officers. The elections resulted as follows:

Honorary President, Mrs. J. S. Coleman; President, Roy Brown; Vice-President, Marguerite Stewart; Secretary, Stella McLean; Editress, Olive Mowat; Sporting Editor, Adam Orr; Current Events Reporter, Herbert Ritchie; Reporter, Gladys McLaughlin; Critic, Lettie Scott; 1st Form Rep., Jessie Mowat; 2nd Form Rep., Delene Gibbens; 3rd Form Rep., George Agnew. The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

The following newly elected Council subscribed to the declarations of qualification and office for the Township of Nassagaweya. M. J. Carton, Reeve; J. Moffat, D. R. Hutchinson, Amos Norrish and Frank Sayers Councillors. W. J. Akins, Assessor; Wm. McPhail, Collector; Thomas Moore and Wallace Lasby, Auditors.

Mr. R. L. Whitman, who has been the manager of the Merchants Bank here since Mr. McLean was transferred to Watford last spring, has been notified to proceed to Driffield to take the management of the branch in that town next week.

Mr. A. J. Murray has moved from his farm on the second line, Erin, to the farm he recently purchased from Mrs. Malcolm McDougall.

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## 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 29, 1967**  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
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: "A Newer Elder."  
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 29, 1967**  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.  
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 29, 1967**  
Sexagesima  
9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.  
10:30 a.m.—Church School.  
10:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 30**  
7:00 p.m.—Annual Vestry.  
8:00 p.m.—The Holy Eucharist commemorating the Conversion of St. Paul.  
8:30 p.m.—Refreshments.  
9:00 p.m.—The Vestry.

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

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 1967**  
9:45 a.m.—Church School and Adult Class.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. "The Taking of Oaths."  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service. "Just A Bit Different."  
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.  
TIME CHANGE — Sunday, February 5.  
Morning Worship 11:15.  
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 29, 1967**  
9:45 a.m.—Church School for ages 3 to 15.  
9:45 a.m.—Church Membership Class For Teenagers withdrawn.  
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship. Sermon Theme: "The Severity of Jesus."  
Wednesday, February 1, at 8 p.m.—Annual Congregational Meeting.  
Everyone Most Welcome.

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

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 1967**  
10:00 a.m.—English Service.  
11:10 a.m.—Sunday School.  
2:30 p.m.—Alternating Dutch and English Service.  
Saturday — Bible Classes, 10-12:30 a.m.  
Everyone Welcome

**MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
(Georgetown)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 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.  
Acton 853-1956 Georgetown 877-6645