

Our roving reporters . . .

A small, snowy preview of a giant show was given to about 200 weekly newspaper people in Montreal last Friday, and publisher Dave Dills and his wife came home with folders, sheets of literature, reams of enthusiasm, and even more practical — the dates for the appearance of Acton's Choraliers.

Further inquiry indicated our band, too, has a good chance of acceptance. About 75 per cent of those applying are being accepted by the independent panel of expert judges which meets every few weeks to consider the latest submissions.

We spent all day Friday at the site of Expo, and came away convinced we have to go again, and that Canada's biggest show must be seen by as many as possible. It'll be worth saving for, even if the cost is a lot more than going to the Ex. It's completely different, and it'll only be here once in our lifetime.

It's difficult to believe that those striking buildings, wonderful concerts and shows, those unique amusements and theme pavilions, are actually being constructed in Canada. And the people of Montreal seem delighted and proud.

Free Press Editorial Page

400 amateur groups . . .

During a whole morning of briefings, Clay Spertling, head of the amateur participation section, said the response was "staggering considering no money changes hands". Among the 400 groups accepted already are 100 from the U.S.

He pointed out the programs must be short, as people will soon be anxious to move along to the next Pavilion. Logexpo will give participants priority in accommodation, he said. "These groups deserve a real hand."

Everywhere, officials were insisting that prices will be controlled and the holiday could be reasonably inexpensive. School dormitory beds rent at \$1 a night, and hotel rates are being pegged by government legislation at the rate of some months ago. Those overcharged are to complain. They insist

they can find you accommodation if you write.

The theme pavilions and even commercial pavilions are to be strictly educational with only books for sale, and you could probably spend hours in each, if you were to derive the most of it. For students, it will be hundreds of lessons in one.

Although they have learned much from the New York fair, they feel there must be line-ups. However, they will post, on monitoring screens, the times of waiting at various buildings; you won't walk away over to a popular show to find it filled.

Seats can be reserved right on the grounds. Also, travelling groups of professional entertainers will be summoned to the longest line-ups for a 10 or 15 minute show.

Construction on time . . .

According to the master plan, construction is on schedule. As we drove around the astonishingly constructed buildings, in a driving blizzard, hundreds of workmen continued their tasks. Some were even up windswept scaffolding.

As things were finished they were swathed in plastic sheeting — such as outdoor telephone booths, the wires coiled ready; buildings, painted railing, statues and windbreaks of trees, many of them purchased from near here. The mini-rail cars are all ready for passengers, right on the tracks.

While advance pictures of architect's sketches proved accurate enough, we had no conception of the size of some of these buildings. Britain's is towering, grand; German's light as a feather under open grillwork covered with clear plastic; the United States geodesic dome is a monstrous eight stories high; Russia's is equally impressive. Cuba's building faces big glass eyes and movie screens outward in all directions. Really, they can't be described and have to be seen — yes, even in the worst blizzard of the year.

Greatest surprise to us was "Habitat", the revolutionary concept of urban housing with the roof of one cube-like projection forming the garden of

the apartment above. In pictures it looked weird; in its towering, concrete reality it looked dramatic and indeed successful, with long corridors for the children to play on, and great gulps of air appearing between the zig-zagged structures.

Located all together at various intervals, right across the main roads, are service areas with restaurants, washrooms, phones and stores. All around is refreshing water, with a park at one end where you can relax and even fish.

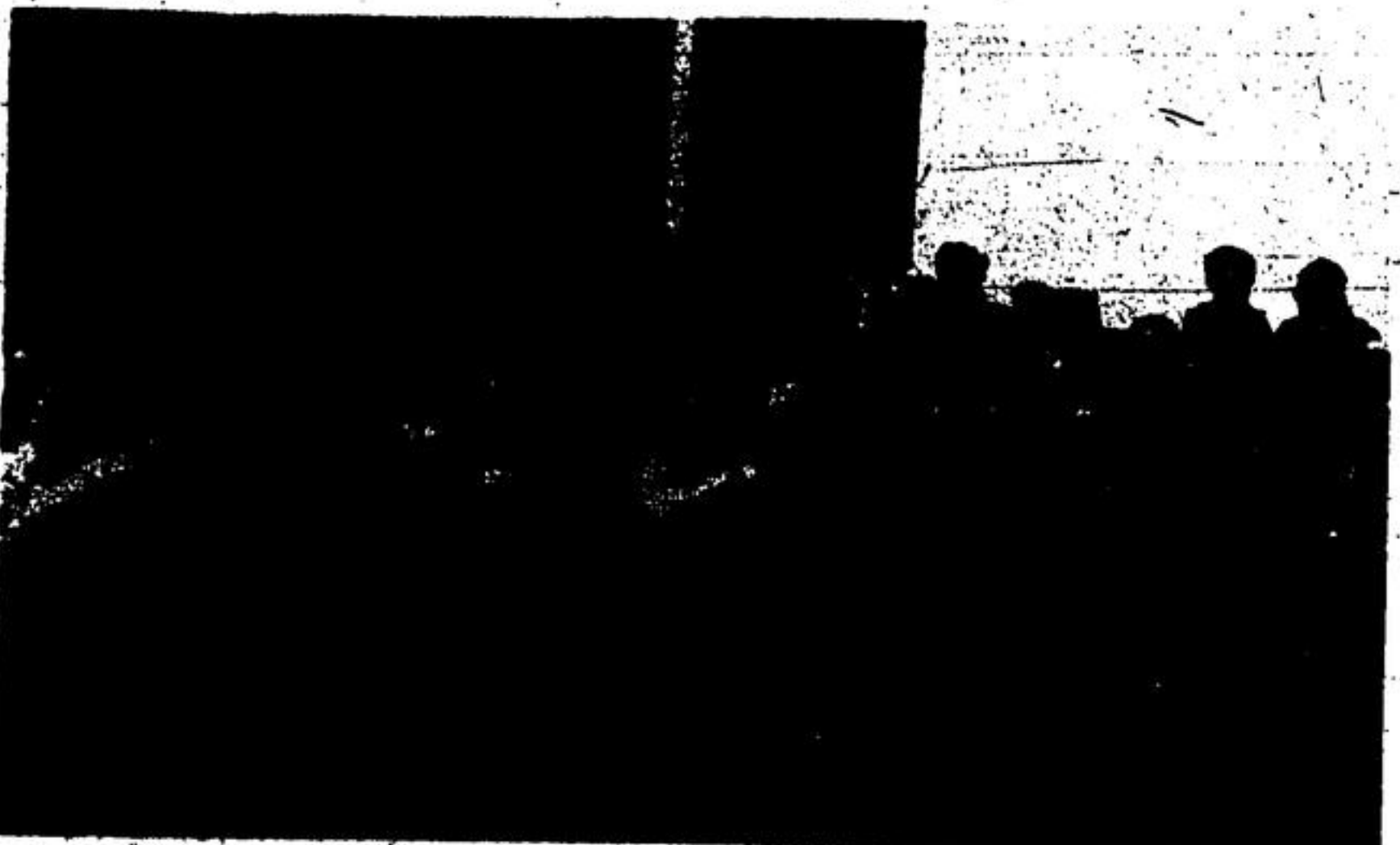
Expo's theme is Man and His World, and we are promised the story of man's progress, aspirations and future. If man's architecture, which is all we saw of the buildings, is an indication of what will be inside the buildings, they will be the most challenging and inspiring displays our country has ever seen.

For six months there will be a host of special events, national days of celebration and the most brilliant season of international entertainment.

Expo '67 will be a world tour right in Canada — and it will be lots of fun, too. As one of the brochures says, "Bring an open mind. No matter how long you stay, your ideas about the world will never be the same again."



Centennial Picture Gallery



FOR CENTENNIAL YEAR, the Free Press will run a series of old photographs. This picture, titled "Miss McNeely's school room December 16, 1898", with no indication of "who's who", was taken by the late A. T. Brown. The Acton druggist was a keen amateur photo-

grapher, and the Free Press has a collection of his old glass negatives. 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.



Harley to Halton

by Harry Harley M.P.

The return of Walter Gordon to the Cabinet as Minister without Portfolio has been an occasion for many newspapers and news media to underline the differences between Mr. Gordon and his successor as Finance Minister, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, in their approaches to foreign investment in Canada. These differences are dwelt upon, exaggerated and are very newsworthy. In addition recently we hear reports of the comments of the Minister of Trade and Commerce, the Honourable Robert Winters, on attracting American money into Canada.

Canadians cannot close their eyes to the problems which exist regarding foreign ownership. These problems will continue to be with us as long as we have to rely on large amounts of imported money which is necessary to develop our country to its full potential. Walter Gordon represents a segment of Canadian thinking and feeling on this subject and his presence in the Cabinet keeps this problem before us and this is necessary.

If Canada is to maintain its political and economic independence it is essential that foreign investment be encouraged on one hand; and at the same time, the complete takeover of Canadian industry by non-Canadian capital must be prevented. As an example, foreign interests now control 46 per cent of Can-

ada's manufacturing industries and over 60 per cent of petroleum and natural gas. Walter Gordon and Mitchell Sharp agree that Canadians must have greater control and ownership of our economy. They do not differ on this point, nor do most Canadians. The area of difference is the means of bringing this about. Both men also recognize the necessity of encouraging foreign investment for many years to come in order to develop Canada properly.

To achieve this, Mr. Gordon would probably like to see legislation to make it more difficult for foreigners to take over Canadian industries, and to assume Canadian control of new industries. Mr. Sharp approaches the same goal by means of giving encouragement to incentives and other legislative means. Both men support the Canadian Development Corporation, which will be set up by the Federal Government to allow Canadians to invest their money to purchase Canadian industries.

This problem has been accentuated this week by the Maracantik Bank appearance before the Finance Committee. They object to a change in the Canadian banking laws which would limit their growth. This bank is completely owned by American interests and the Canadian Government feels this is undesirable.



Sugar and Spice

by Bill Smiley

In recent years, there has been a great deal of criticism of education in this country, from both outside and inside the system. It doesn't take a Ph.D. to realize that a whole lot of it is justified. And I speak as a parent, taxpayer and teacher.

Only by frantic efforts and vast infusions of money have we managed to keep our system a mere couple of decades behind the times.

I know it's easy to indulge in hindsight, but holy old Jupiter, surely there could have been a little foresight somewhere along the line. Look what we have: shortage of buildings, shortage of teachers, shortage of just about everything except pupils. And a vast surplus of them. This didn't happen overnight. They weren't all born last summer. It was all there 20 years ago, perfectly obvious to anyone who could add and multiply. The only people doing any multiplying were the parents.

And the crazy part of it is that we keep urging the kids stay in schools which haven't enough room for the new crop arriving. "Drop-out" has become almost synonymous with "delinquent". It doesn't matter whether they're doing any work, or learning anything, or are just being bored silly. They're told to stay in school until, through sheer old age and the tidal wave pushing from behind, they get a magic piece of paper that will open a golden door to success.

Chiefly to blame are parents. They have my sympathy. Many of them remember the great depression. Many others honestly believe material security means happiness. But far, far too many of them delude themselves.

They insist that Jack, who wants nothing more than to get out of school and become useful and happy as a salesman or a policeman, has the makings of a great surgeon, because he has always got more than 60 marks in science. Or that Jill, a born wife and mother, who wants nothing more than to get married, should struggle through a course in psychology, because she's always been a first-class baby sitter.

Almost equally to blame are the big industries and institutions, from oil companies to banks. They are too lazy, or too cheap, or both, to interview young people and hire them on what they are. It's much easier, and a lot cheaper, just to say, "We don't want anybody unless he has at least a Grade 12 certificate", even if all they want him to do is stick square pegs in round holes.

Another thing vastly wrong with education is the way it is financed. Let's take a couple of examples. Here's an elderly couple on a small, fixed income. After years of struggling they own their own house. They pay \$400 a year in municipal taxes. About half of that is for education, even though they've paid taxes for years to educate their own children or, if childless, somebody else's.

This system makes a mockery of the concept that every child has the same educational opportunities. Don't try to tell me that the kid in a poor bush town in the north has the same facilities, options and quality of teaching as the kid in a rich suburb. He simply does not. Money makes the difference.

And speaking of inequalities, isn't there something quite ridiculous in a country of 20 million having 10 separate and distinct educational systems? Much larger countries have one system, and yet have far more diversity and opportunity within that one than we have with our 10 rigid and separate ones. It is provincialism, literally and figuratively.

Rigidity is another thing that sticks in my craw. We have rigid curriculums, rigid time-tables, rigid divisions of the school year, and anything else rigid that avoids difficulty and keeps the vast, Victorian vehicle shambling along somehow.

You know what? I'm getting a little worked up about this. But you can't keep a good helch down, and I've been developing indigestion over the whole business for some time.

So rather than galloping off in all directions, let's say this is the first of a series of articles on education by a plain, ordinary layman. I'll bet you can hardly wait for next week's thrilling installment.

Briefs

It's hard for a person to get ahead because he has to spend so much effort just avoiding disaster.

The cost of necessities is going up, and the price of luxuries isn't coming down, either.

Texas has another distinction. It's getting to be the world's biggest shooting gallery.

Tradition aside, why shouldn't a bridegroom see the wedding gown beforehand? He wouldn't notice it anyway.

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Back Issues

20 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Acton Free Press, Thursday, January 30, 1947
Reeve Norman Craig of Burlington was chosen Warden of Halton County for 1947 at the inaugural session of County Council last week.

Reeve David D. Gray of Rockwood has been elected Warden of Wellington County by a decisive vote.
Lord Barnby, President of Wool Combing Corp., Acton, was a visitor to the plant here last week and also to the Canadian Wool Co. plant of which he is an official. He has been in Canada for the past month and is expected to visit Acton again before returning to England next month. Mr. Leslie Biggin, President of Canadian Wool Company, is a present in Australia and New Zealand.

It has been a regular old fashioned January thaw with the roads so dirty that if catching bob sleighs was the style, you wouldn't dare miss on any try.

Campbellville — Friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. William Malton gathered at Christie Hall on Wednesday evening to honor them on their recent marriage.

75 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Acton Free Press, Thursday, January 28, 1892.
The nomination of candidates to contest the by-election in this county took place at Milton last Thursday.

Mayor Dice is returning officer and at 2 p.m. announced that he had received two nominations, viz: David Henderson, banker, Acton, and John D. McGregor, farmer, Trafalgar. There were no others and a poll was duly demanded, and the election will be held today.

The proclamation calling for the despatch of business on Thursday, February 25 was issued Saturday. The belief prevails in the departments that an effort will be made to get through the business of the country by the Queen's birthday. It is hardly likely that the Government will have much legislation of an important character.

The thermometer registered 10 degrees below zero Tuesday night. It was down to 20 degrees below the Tuesday before.

The Mount Forest Representative was seven years old last week. By close attention to business Mr. J. A. Lambert, the wideawake publisher, has made the Representative a welcome weekly visitor to many homes.

50 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Acton Free Press, Thursday, January 25, 1917.

In his speech at the address in the House of Commons on Monday, Sir Robert Borden, Premier, gave the interesting statements as to Canada's contribution to the prosecution of the war that 434,526 persons of the manhood of Canada have enrolled themselves for service.

Rev. and Mrs. C. H. E. Smith, Mrs. A. L. Wynant, Mrs. R. L. Whitman, Mrs. H. S. Holmes, Mrs. A. Bishop, Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Weir, Mrs. Goldham, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Decker, the Misses Dobbie, Chapman, Wilds, Agnew, Johnstone, Cooper, Smith and Mrs. John Watson. Pie. Geo. H. Lantz of the 58th Battalion, a member of the third contingent of overseas forces from Halton, arrived home from the war on Monday morning. A fine reception was accorded this returned soldier hero last night. He was presented with a gold watch.

Mr. Harold Wiles finds the space devoted to his ice cream department is too limited for his growing business and to secure larger space has decided to clear out his 5c, 10c, and 15c stock at cost. When this is disposed of the entire premises will be devoted to ice cream and confectionery.

100 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Canadian Champion, Milton, February 7, 1867.

The new building erected by the congregation of the United Presbyterian Church of Esqueving will be opened for public worship on Sunday, February 10. The morning service will be conducted by Rev. James McGill of Stamford, commencing at 11 a.m. The evening service will be conducted by Rev. John Hogg of Port Hope, beginning at 6.30 p.m. Collection will follow each service. Monday evening a public meeting will be held in connection with the opening of the church. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. Robert Adson, Galt; Rev. J. B. Wilson, London; Rev. John Robertson Walton; Rev. James Mitchell, Rev. John Hogg and Rev. James McGill. The building committee will submit their report to the congregation and an address and testimonial will be presented to Mr. Robert Shortreed.

An effort is being made to procure a skating rink in Oakville in aid of which project some Oakville youths will stage an Amateur Minstrel Show, which will, no doubt be well attended. We hope that Oakvillians will succeed in establishing the luxury of a skating rink in their fair town.

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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, FEBRUARY 5, 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: "Controlled Birth".
8.00 p.m.—Adult Class. "Why the Church is Split."
All Welcome

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, FEBRUARY 5, 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: "Meeting The Test Now."
2.30 p.m.—Young People's Council meeting in Burns Church, Erin.
Everyone Most Welcome.

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

(Georgetown)
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 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 877-6665

EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1967

10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.—Missionary Rally. Speaker: Missionary Miss June Deacon of Kisumu, East Africa.
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study.
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.
Friday, 6.45 p.m.—Crusaders.

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Founded 1842
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gasson
Res. 144 Tidey Ave., Ph. 853-1615

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1967

9.45 a.m.—Church School and Adult Class.
11.15 a.m.—Morning Worship. "Reflections"—Evening Service. "Talks on India." Mr. Fawcett Eaton speaker.
Monday, February 6—Mission Circle.
Tuesday, February 7—Baptist Men—Brampton.
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

BETH-EL

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Acton, Ontario.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 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

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, FEBRUARY 5, 1967

Quinquagesima
9.00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10.30 a.m.—Church School.
10.30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist. Address: The Reverend E. Harrison's Book "A Church Without God".
ASH WEDNESDAY
The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at the following hours for the convenience of the parish:
10.00 a.m.—For shift workers and housewives.
11.00 a.m.—Mothers with small children.
4.30 p.m.—For all School Children.
7.15 p.m.—For those having other engagements this evening.
8.00 p.m.—Choral Eucharist for all parishioners.
The afternoon and evening services will be celebrated by the Rev. Eric Mills, the new rector of St. George's Church, Georgetown, who will also be conducting the Wednesday evening services during Lent.